

Bible of the Gideon Wells Family

*Bible was in the possession of Audra C. (Anderson) Denny –
Later owned by her granddaughter, Audrey June (Denny) Lambert.*

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Record of the family of Gideon Wells born sometime in the year of our Lord 1805 and died 12 June 1868 and Alizabeth "Elizabeth" (Rinchelow) Wells born 4 October 1812 and d. 13 March 1881. They were married 10 November 1831 on Thursday.

The following was written in the Lewis Monroe Anderson Family Bible:



Byrd & Lucrecia Matelia "Creese" (Henley) Wells. She was the daughter of Aden Henley who lived in the Hopewell Community, of Tennessee.

William Bryd Wells was born February 21st, 1844 in Monroe County, Kentucky, in which place he lived until he was grown. He joined the Missionary Baptist Church about December 1865. He was married to Lucrecia "Creese" Henley on the 30th day of April, 1868. Made two crops in Monroe County on the widow Groams farm, thence moved to his own farm Tracy Barren County, Kentucky where he made two crops more, thence moved to Putnam County, Tennessee in the month of October A.D. 1872; on the place he purched of C.M. Shanks and on the 18th of December 1876, he moved to the Moses Whitehead place. Where he now lives (1879) He also moved out to his new house (Smellage place) on the 22 day of December 1898.

(C. M.) Craven Michael Shanks is the brother-in-law, husband of Nancy Catherine Hendley. Smellage place is now the Smellage Cemetery, Boma, TN. At the end of the Civil War an early Upper Cumberland resident with the colorful name of Jephthah Smellage donated 1.3 acres for public burial. Mr. Smellage was charging a \$1.00 a piece for a cemetery plot and had a free burial section with no reservations. In early 1865, a Henley baby, named Margaret Elizabeth Henley, became the first person buried there. In March of the same year, the donator of the land himself died and was buried, soon to be followed by his wife Eleanor. The couple was, incidentally, the grandparents of John B. Smellage. The cemetery is maintained by Ted Huddleston.

Monroe County, KY is on the TN line due north of Dekalb and Putnam Counties.

Barren County is northwest and bordering Monroe Co, KY and Glasgow is the central and main town.

1880 census for Civil District of Putnam County, TN shows Byrd Wells, parents born in KY and Lucrecia Matelia (Hendley) his wife. Lucrecia's father was born in

GA and her mother in TN. The 1880 census shows that they lived in the 11th Civil District of Putnam Co., TN. Listed with them is the daughters of McDonald Wallace & Juliann "Julia" Ann Henley: Matilda & Nancy Wallace. Raised by Lucretia Matelia "Creese"(Henley) & William Byrd Wells, because their mother died shortly after her birth and their father died when Matilda was four years old.

They lived in Buffalo Valley on Indian Creek and up the hill on the same road as Virgil Timothy & Audra Camilla (Anderson) Denny. This road is where Matelia first saw and met Lewis Monroe Anderson her future husband as a child. His mother Micheal Elizabeth (Alexander) Anderson was bringing him to town to have a suit of clothes made for him. William Byrd Wells taught school and Matilda was schooled at home due to her weak heart she couldn't attend school some of the time.

Gideon Wells Bible

Children of Gideon & Alizabeth "Elizabeth" (Rinchelow) Wells

1st page:

Mary Jane Wells was born November the 14th in the year of our Lord 1832 on Wednesday

Nancy Ann Wells was born December the 10 in the year of our Lord 1834 on Wednesday

Gideon Wells and his wife Elizabeth Wells had a son born on the 23 day of March in the year of our Lord 1837 by the name of Alesuirus

Adaline Francis was born February the 7 – 1840 on a Friday

2nd page:

Alizabeth Wells was born October 4 in the year of our Lord 1812

Sarah Wells was born August the 3 in the year of our Lord 1854 on Thursday

William B. Wells was born February 21 in the year of our Lord 1844

Alesuirus Wells deceased February the 18 in the year of our Lord 1863

Gideon Wells deceased this life June the 12th the year of our Lord 1868

Elizabeth C Wells departed this life March the 13th in the year of our Lord 1881
The mother of eight children two dead six living.

3rd page:

William Byrd was born February the 21 in the year of our Lord 1844 on Wednesday

Rachael Louis Wells was born April the 10 in the year of our Lord 1846 on a Friday

Alesuirus Wells was born on the 23rd of March in the year of our Lord 1837

Adaline Frances Wells was born on the February 7 in the year of our Lord 1840

Martha Wells was born in the March in the year of our Lord 1851 on Tuesday

W B Wells was born February 21st A.D. 1844

...Lucretia Matelia "Creese" Henley – b. 13 September 1839 –

d. 7 June 1915 – *Naomi B. (Jared) Thompson died the same day.*

**See Obituary for Lucretia (Henley) Wells & Naomi B. (Jared) Thompson.*

d/o Thomas Aden "Ade" (Andrew M.) Sutton & Elizabeth Jane "Betsy" Gentry md 30 April 1868, Monroe Co., KY, William Byrd Wells –

b. 21 February 1844, KY – d. 31 January 1914 – *Died of Heart Dropsy* s/o Gideon Wells (1805 – 12 June 1868) & Alizabeth (Rinchelow) Wells (4 October 1812 – 13 March 1881). They were md 10 November 1831.

Lucretia was a seamstress and William Byrd was a teacher.

They had no children of their own but raised three orphan children two daughters of McDonald Wallace & Juliann "Julia" Ann Henley.

They took good care of Malitda Isabelle Wallace, w/o Lewis Monroe Anderson;

William Garfield Gentry – s/o Matilda Elizabeth Hendley who md William Gentry;

and Nancy Josephine "Josie" Wallace w/o Silas Foster "Sil" Maddux.

William Byrd Wells came to Putnam Co., TN in ca. 1872, where he purchased a farm from Craven Shanks, Nancy (Shanks) Hendley's husband Byrd Wells

**See obituary for Lucretia (Henley) Wells.*



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born November the 14th
in the year of our Lord
On Wednesday 1832

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December the 10th in the year
of our Lord — 1834
On Wednesday

Jedediah May and his wife
Elizabeth Weller had a son
born on the 20th day of
March in the year of our
Lord 1837. By the name
of Adeline on Thursday

Adeline Frances
was born February
the 7th — 1840 on Friday

of the year of our Lord
This was the day of the
in the year of our Lord
1851. Was Wednesday
Rachel Louise Wells of the
born April the 10 in the
year of our Lord 1846

Abner Wells was
born on the 23rd of
in the year of our
Lord 1837

Adeline Frances Wells
was born on the 7th of
7/18 in the year of our
Lord 1841

Partha Wells was
born on the 1st of
in the year of our Lord
On Tuesday 1851

W B Wells was born
Feb 21 A.D. 1844

Elizabeth Wells
born in August
the 3rd in the year
of our Lord 1854
William B Wells films
the 27 in the pen of our
Lord 1861

Shorees Wells Deceased
February the 18th in the
year of our Lord 1863
Gideon Wells Deceased
this life June 19th in
the year of our Lord 1868.

Elizabeth L. Wells
Departed this life
March 13th A.D. 1891.
The Mother of eight
children two dead and
six living.

Postcard to William Byrd Wells
Addressed to:
Mr. W. B. Wells
Silver Point, TN
Postmarked: 6 June 1909
From: Hebron Lawrence of Tompkinsville, KY

“Dear Uncle & Aunt, I have just been nominated as candidate for next co. atty by a very large majority. Mabel is not well. Hope to see you all here with us this fall.”

Lovingly, Hebron Lawrence

Postcard in the possession by Louis Huston Gill, s/o Preston & Addie (Anderson) Gill. He found this post card in Malitda Isabelle Wallace's smokehouse. Malitda Isbelle Wallace md Lewis Monroe Anderson. The postcard was found in 1935. Hebron Lawrence is a son of a sister to William Byrd Wells. This card shows that Wm. Byrd Wells was in contact with his relatives in KY.



*See Chapter 7 & Descendants of John Barnett Wells.

