

WELLS FAMILY GENEALOGY

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For reference, see *A History of the Old Town of Stratford and the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, 1639–1886*, Part 2, pages 1325–1330, available online at https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/16252/images/dvm_LocHist004201-00804-1?src=&backlabel=Return&pId=1376

1. Robert Wellys was taxed at Whichford, County Warwick, England, in 1523. Perhaps the father of at least two of the following children, order of births unknown:

2. i. Thomas Welles, died 1558.

ii. Walter Welles, of Tredington and Tidmington, County Worcester, England, died between 1 December 1577, the date of his will, and 9 December 1577; unmarried, apparently died without children.

iii. William Welles, perhaps a brother of Thomas and Walter, who was taxed at Whichford in 1542, and perhaps the father of some of the children whose baptisms are recorded on the early pages of the Whichford registers.

2. Thomas Welles, born Whichford, County Warwick, England, 2 January 1512, buried there 30 August 1558; probably the Thomas Welles who was taxed at Whichford in 1542; administration on his estate was granted, 8 October 1558, to his brother Walter Welles of Tredington, County Worcester, for the benefit of his children, Robert and Ann, until one of them should attain the age of 21 years; **married**, County Warwick, 28 October 1535, Elizabeth Bryan, born Whichford, 1516, buried there, 11 January 1553; at least two children.

Children of Thomas Welles and Elizabeth Bryan:

i. Ann Welles, under 21 years of age on 8 October 1558.

3. ii. Robert Welles, born of Stourton who was baptized 6 November 1540.

3. Robert Welles, probably the Robert Welles of Stourton, County Warwick, England, son of Thomas, who was baptized 6 November 1540, under age 21 on 8 October 1558, died Stourton, 24 September 1617; **married** Alice Hunt, born Stourton (Essex, Lancashire?), England, 1543, died Stourton, 5 July 1615; at least two children.

Children of Robert Welles and Alice Hunt:

i. Robert Welles, born Burmington, Warwickshire, England, 1576, died Whichford, Warwickshire, England, between 10 June 1627, when his will was dated, and 7 February 1628, when it was proved by his brother Thomas, one of the executors;

married Joan Tymms, born Stourton, Warwickshire, England, 1580, died Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut, 23 May 1627; five children named in their father's will.

Children of Robert Welles and Joan Tymms:

- i. John Welles, under 21 in 1627; at least two children, his eldest, Robert, about 18 years old in 1648, and a younger son, Richard.
- ii. Samuel Welles, under 18 in 1627.
- iii. Hannah Welles, under 18 in 1627.
- iv. Mary Welles, under 18 in 1627; died 30 August 1659 at Wethersfield, Connecticut; **married** John Robbins, the Wethersfield settler.
- v. Hester Welles, under 18 in 1627.

4. ii. Thomas Welles, born about 10 July 1594 in Tiddington, Whichford, Warwickshire, England; died 14 January 1660 at Saybrook, Connecticut; Governor of Connecticut.

4. Thomas Welles, born Warwickshire, within the civil parish of Stratford-upon-Avon, England, 10 July 1594; died 14 January 1660 at Wethersfield, Hartford County, Connecticut; a non-conformist and in the service of Lord Saye & Sele as private secretary. He came to America with his wife Alice in the spring of 1636; settled in Hartford, Connecticut; the only person in Connecticut's history to hold all four top offices: governor, deputy governor, treasurer, and secretary: he was magistrate from 1637 to 1660; Deputy Governor in 1654, 1656, 1657, 1659–1660; Governor 1655 and 1658. **First marriage** at St. Peter's Church, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, England, 28 September 1615, to Alice Tomes, born Long Marston, then in Gloucestershire (now in Warwickshire) about 1593, daughter of John Tomes and Ellen (Gunne) Phelps, died about 1640 in Hartford, Connecticut; eight children. **Second marriage**, Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1646 to Elizabeth (Deming) Foote, born Colchester, Colchester Borough, Essex, England, 4 October 1595; died Wethersfield, 28 July 1683, sister of John Deming and widow of Nathaniel Foote, both of Wethersfield; no issue.

Colonial Governor. He obtained a place in United States History by being the only person in the history of Connecticut to hold the offices of governor, deputy governor, treasurer, and secretary. He was elected first to the office of treasurer of the Colony of Connecticut in 1639, from 1640 to 1648 to the office of secretary, in 1655 held the office of governor, and in the years of 1654, 1656, and 1657 was deputy governor. As secretary, he transcribed into the official colony records on January 14, 1638 the Fundamental Orders, which is considered Connecticut's first constitution. As the Magistrate, he sat on the panel over the witchcraft trials of Mary Johnson, John Carrington and his wife Joan, and Lydia Gilbert. Born in England, the main reason for coming to America was freedom of worship. In England, he **married** Alice Tome, and the couple had three sons and several daughters. After his first wife died, he **married** a widow,

Elizabeth (Deming) Foote. Elizabeth had seven children by her first husband and none by Welles. Although his grave site was originally located at Wetherfield, Connecticut, some sources state his remains were removed to the Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground. Whichever, the grave is now unmarked, but his name is on the Founders of Hartford Monument in the Ancient Burying Ground as a cenotaph (Find a Grave).

Children of Thomas Welles and Alice Tomes:

- i. Ann Welles, born about 1619, died before 19 October 1680; **first marriage**, 14 April 1646, to Thomas Thompson, died 20 April 1655, a deputy to the General Court in 1650 and a constable in 1653; **second marriage** to Anthony Hawkins, who was later one of the patentees of the Connecticut Charter.
- 5. ii. John Welles**, born Warwickshire, 1622, died Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 7 August 1659; **married** Elizabeth Bourne at Stratford, Connecticut; six children, one also named John, **married** Mary Hollister, daughter of Lt. John Hollister and Joanna Treat, daughter of Richard Treat.
- iii. Robert Welles, born about 1624.
- iv. Thomas Welles, Jr., born about 1627, died 1668 at Hartford; **married** Hannah Pantry, widow of John Pantry of Hartford, died 6 August 1683; six children.

Children of Thomas Welles and Hannah Pantry:

- i. Rebecca Welles, born May 1655, died 25 February 1717; **married**, 18 August 1680, to Captain James Judson, born Stratford, Connecticut, 24 April 1650, died Stratford, 25 February 1721; a large land owner and farmer, one of the most important men in the civil and military life of Stratford, a representative to the General Assembly of Connecticut from 1698 to 1719, 30 sessions in all; Ensign of the Train-Band, Lt. of Dragoon 1690. and on committee for the War of 1704 and 1705, committee to procure masts for the British fleet; nine children, four sons and five daughters in part Hannah Judson Lewis (1681–1756), Sarah Judson Chauncey 1683–1745), James Judson (1686–1755), Phebe Judson Lewis (1691–1753), David Judson (1693–1761).
- ii. Thomas Welles, born October 1657, died before 8 November 1695; **married**, with children.
- iii. Sarah Welles, born April 1659; **married** 7 November 1678 at Hartford to John Bidwell, Jr.
- iv. Ichabod Welles, born November 1660; appointed commissary of the Expedition of 1693 and sheriff of the Colony in 1701; **married** 4 September 1684 at Hartford to Sarah Way.

- v. Samuel Welles, born October 1662; **married**, with children.
- vi. Jonathan Welles, born September 1664, died before 31 October 1687; unmarried; there was litigation over his estate between his oldest brother and his other brothers and sisters.
- vii. Joseph Welles, born April 1667, died before 13 June 1698, when an inventory of his estate was taken; **married** Elizabeth.
- v. Samuel Welles, Captain, born Essex, about 1630, died 15 July 1675 in Connecticut; **first marriage**, before 1660, to Elizabeth Hollister, daughter of John Hollister of Wethersfield, Connecticut, six children; **second marriage** to Hannah Lamberton, daughter of George Lamberton; she survived him and remarried Lieut. Col. John Allyn, secretary of the Colony.

Children of Samuel Welles and Elizabeth Hollister:

- i. Samuel Welles, Captain, born 13 April 1660, died 28 August 1731; from him descended Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy in the administrations of Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, 1861–1869; **married** 20 June 1683 to Ruth Rice, daughter of Edmund Rice of Marlborough, Massachusetts.
- ii. Thomas Welles, Captain, born 29 July 1662, died 7 December 1711; **first marriage**, 7 January 1696 or 1697, at Wethersfield, to Thankful Root, daughter of John Root of Northampton, Massachusetts; **second marriage**, 17 May 1705, at Wethersfield, to Jerusha Treat, daughter of Lieut. James Treat.
- iii. Sarah Welles, born 29 September 1664, died 29 June 1694; **first marriage**, 4 December 1683, to Ephraim Hawley of Stratford; **second marriage** to Augur Tomlinson of Stratford.
- iv. Mary Welles, born 23 November 1666, died 18 February 1715; **married** Samuel Hale, his second wife.
- v. Ann Welles, born 1668, died 1739 at Wethersfield; **first marriage**, 19 July 1687, to Captain James Steele of Wethersfield; **second marriage**, 20 November 1718, to James Judson of Stratford, his second wife.
- vi. Elizabeth Welles, born 1670, died before 6 May 1746; **married** 4 April 1692 to Daniel Shelton of Stratford.
- vi. Sarah Welles, born Essex, about 1632, died 11 December 1698; **married** Captain John Chester.

vii. Mary Welles, born Essex, about 1634, died before 1659.

viii. Joseph Welles, born Hartford, about 1637.

5. John Welles, Sr., born Warwickshire, 1622, died Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, 7 August 1659; landed with his father at Saybrook, then went to Hartford 1636, and to Stratford 1645; freeman at Hartford, 20 April 1645, deputy from Stratford 1656, 1657, and 1659, magistrate 1658; **married** Elizabeth Bourne (who came to New England with Henry Tomlinson and Ellen, later wife of Arthur Bostwick) at Stratford; seven children; she survived him and remarried, 19 March 1662 or 1663, to John Willcoxson (or Wilcockson).

John, eldest son of Gov. Thomas Welles, and his wife, Alice Tomes, came with his parents to New England at about 15 years of age and removed to Hartford. He was made a freeman in the Conn. General Court on April 10, 1645. In 1647, he **married** Elizabeth Bourne. His father gave him half of his lands and house at Farmington, but he sold them to John Thompson, and removed to Stratford before April 1652. He was deputy to the General Court in Hartford 1656–1657. While his father was Governor, he was elected Magistrate of the General court. He served his community by proving wills, taking inventories and distributing estates in Stratford. On April 20, 1659, he witnessed the signature of the sachem, Tautannimo, to a land deed. He died late that year since his will was written October 19, 1659. They were the parents of seven known children, Sarah (Welles) Thompson, Capt. John Welles, Deacon Thomas Welles, Capt. Robert Welles, Temperance (Welles) Pitman, Sgt. Samuel Welles (Find a Grave)

Children of John Welles, Sr. and Elizabeth Bourne:

6. i. John Welles, Jr., born about 1648, died 23 or 24 March 1713–1714; **married** Mary Hollister; eight children.

ii. Thomas Welles, Deacon, born about 1651, died 7 January 1720; **married** Elizabeth.

iii. Robert Welles, Captain, born 1651, died 22 June 1714; **first marriage**, 9 June 1675, at Wethersfield, to Elizabeth Goodrich, daughter of Ensign William Goodrich; **second marriage**, 13 October 1698, at Boston, to Mary Stoddard.

iv. Temperance Welles, born 1654, died after 1728; **married**, 29 November 1681, at Stratford, to Jonathan Pittman.

v. Samuel Welles, Sergeant, born 1656 at Stratfield, Connecticut, died 1729; **married** twice (perhaps three times), **second marriage** to Abigail.

vi. Sarah Welles, born 28 September 1658, died 23 March 1730; **married** Ambrose Thompson I of Stratford, born 1 January 1652, died 7 September 1742.

vii. Mary Welles, born 29 August 1659; **married** Joseph Booth.

6. John Welles, Jr., born 1648, died 23 March 1713–1714; **married** Mary Hollister, daughter of John Hollister and Joana Treat; eight children.

Children of John Welles, Jr., and Mary Hollister:

i. Mary Welles, born 29 November 1670; **married** Jeremiah Judson, Jr.

ii. Sarah Welles, born 2 January 1673–1674.

iii. John Welles, born 1675–1676, died 19 February 1734; **married** Mary Judson, daughter of Isaac Judson.

iv. Comfort Welles, died 1 January 1717; **married** Abel Birdsey, son of John Birdsey.

v. Joseph Welles, born 21 June 1679, died 21 January 1765; **married** Sarah Preston.

vi. Elizabeth Welles, **married** Joseph Curtiss, Jr.

vii. Robert Welles, born September 1688, died 1785; **married** Eunice Curtiss, daughter of Captain Joseph Curtiss.

7. viii. Thomas Welles, Sr., born 1690, will dated 8 December 1777; **married** 19 August 1710, to Sarah Stiles; nine children.

7. Thomas Welles, Sr., Deacon, born 1690, will dated 8 December 1777; **married** 19 August 1710, Sarah Stiles, daughter of Ephriam Stiles, died 1754; nine children.

i. Bathsheba Welles, born 30 August 1711, died 1720.

ii. Ephraim Welles, born 7 November 1712.

iii. Comfort Welles, born 15 September 1714.

iv. Sarah Welles, born Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut, 28 June 1715, died New Milford, Litchfield, Connecticut, 6 March 1806; **married** David Beardsley, son of Ephraim Ebenezer Beardsley, born Stratford, Fairfield, Connecticut, 28 April 1712, died New Preston, Litchfield, Connecticut, 15 April 1782; at least one child, Sarah Beardsley, born 1740, died 7 September 1806.

v. Thomas Welles, born 20 August 1717.

vi. Gideon Welles, born 12 November 1719, died 1805.

vii. Daniel Welles, born 9 May 1722, died 1791.

viii. Gurdon Welles, born 3 February 1724.

ix. Hezekiah Wells, born 12 July 1732, died Litchfield, Connecticut, 1769; **married** Elizabeth (“Betty”) Nichols, daughter of Theophilus Nichols; three children.

Children of Hezekiah Wells and Elizabeth Nichols:

i. Philip Wells, born November 1753.

ii. Agur Wells, Sr., born Stratford, Connecticut, 11 November 1756, died Stratford, 9 June 1813; **married**, 2 February 1780, Mary (“Molly”) Pixlee (daughter of William Pixlee and Bette Judson), born Stratford, 8 March 1760, died Saratoga, New York, 1830; ten children.

Children of Agur Wells and Mary Pixlee:

i. Williams Wells, born 1 August 1781.

ii. David Wadsworth Wells, born Stratford, Connecticut, 18 January 1783, died Jeffersonville, Indiana. 27 June 1864; **married** Sarah Ann “Sally” Hill, born about 1808, died Fairland, Indiana, 10 December 1888; twelve children listed on Ancestry.com.

iii. Nichols Wells, born 30 June 1785.

iv. Betsy Wells, born 9 November 1786; **married**, about 1808, Lewis Thompson; at least one child.

Child of Betsy Wells and Lewis Thompson:

i. David Thompson of Huntington, Connecticut.

v. Molly Wells, born 3 November 1788.

vi. Agur Wells, Jr., born 9 September 1790.

vii. Elisha Wells

viii. Hezekiah Wells

ix. Catherine Wells

x. Cornelia Wells

iii. Gloriana Wells, born September 1756.

8. Thomas Welles, Jr., born Stratford, Connecticut, 20 August 1718, died Stratford, 23 September 1791, “In Memory of Mr. Thomas Wells who departed this life Sep^{tr}. 23^d 1791 In the 74th Year Of His Age”; **married** 1742, Sarah Laborie (or Laboree), born Stratford, 4 May 1720, died Stratford, 28 June 1763; both buried Old Congregational Burying Ground, Stratford; five children.

Children of Thomas Welles, Jr., and Sarah Laborie:

- i. Bathsheba Welles, born Stratford, Connecticut, 4 October 1744, died Stratford, 12 February 1814; **married** Abijah Thompson, born Stratford, 1738, died Stratford, 5 October 1799; both buried Old Congregational Burying Ground, Stratford.
- ii. James Welles, born Stratford, Connecticut, 13 April 1748, died Stratford, 2 August 1827
- iii. Thomas Welles, born Stratford, Connecticut, 28 March 1752, died Shirley, Warwickshire, England, 1 February 1826; joined in **marriage** by the Rev. Nath. Taylor, 11 January 1780, Anna Grant (late relict of Amos Northrop), born Litchfield, Connecticut, 11 September 1751, died New Milford, Connecticut, 1 June 1840. At least four children.

Children of Thomas Welles and Anna Grant

- i. Anna Welles, born 19 November 1780, died 6 June 1848; **married** Solomon Bostwick, born New Milford, Connecticut, 12 June 1774, died New Milford, 7 July 1855; at least two children, Benjamin Earl (1804-1887) and William (1820-1901).
 - ii. Polly Welles, born New Milford, Connecticut, 16 March 1784, died New Milford, Connecticut, 27 September 1877; **married** Epaphras Wadsworth Bull, born Hartford, Connecticut, 7 January 1779, died Cleveland, Ohio, 6 October 1812.
 - iii. Lois Welles, born 3 March 1786, died 22 December 1857
 - iv. Thomas Welles, born 2 June 1790, died 16 July 1860
 - iv. Sarah Welles, born Stratford, Connecticut, 2 November 1754, died Connecticut, 1 October 1829.
- 9. v. Elias Welles**, born Stratford, Connecticut, 30 November 1756, died Stratford, 19 January 1826

9. Elias Welles, Sr., born Stratford, Connecticut, 30 November 1756, died Stratford, 19 January 1826, buried Old Congregational Burying Ground, Stratford; served as a corporal in the

4th Brigade of Connecticut Militia in Captain Nathaniel Wheeler's company (his father-in-law), under Col. Ichabod Lewis's regiment, in the New York Campaign (see "Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution"); **married** Peninah Joannah Wheeler, born Stratford, Connecticut, 1 March 1756, died Stratford, 25 July 1833, aged 77 years (Moses Wheeler of the fifth generation behind Peninah Wheeler was the first keeper of the ferry between Stratford and Milford on the river then called Potatuck, now called Housatonic). At least six children.

Children of Elias Welles, Sr, and Peninah Joannah Wheeler:

- i. Bathsheba Welles, born 14 October 1782
- ii. Urania Welles, born Stratford, 15 November 1784, died Stratford, 28 December 1866.
- iii. Sally Rachel Welles, born Stratford, 10 February 1787. Stratford,
- iv. John Welles, born Stratford, 6 October 1789, died Stratford, 4 November 1857.

10. v. Elias Welles, Jr., born Stratford, 19 October 1793, died Stratford, April 1887.

- vi. Lewis Wheeler Welles, born Stratford, 19 January 1796, died Stratford, 14 October 1869.

10. Elias Welles, Jr., born Stratford, Connecticut, 19 October 1793; died Stratford, Connecticut, April 1887; **married** Maria Patterson, born Connecticut, 12 December 1792, died Stratford, Connecticut, 12 January 1872; daughter of Captain) Samuel Patterson (a commissioned officer under George Washington during the Revolutionary War; his tombstone in Stratford Connecticut Cemetery reads: "In memory of Captain Samuel Patterson, a soldier and patriot in the Revolution of 1776. Erected by his children's children who are honored by, and grateful for, his life and service. He was born in 1743 and died in 1822. Also to his wife, Elizabeth Rowland, born in 1747, died in 1813") and Elizabeth Rowland; granddaughter of William Patterson; great granddaughter of Andrew Patterson of Hamilton, Scotland, who, with Robert McEwen and ten others, embarked on 5 September 1685 aboard the *Henry & Francis* for Perth Amboy, New Jersey, arriving there on 18 December 1685; fought in the battle at Bothwell Bridge; fled from severities of administration against covenanters; went on foot from Perth Amboy to Stratford, Connecticut, reaching there on 18 February 1686, feeling confident of greater security in Connecticut than in East Jersey.

Children of Elias Welles, Jr. and Maria Patterson:

- 11. i. Lewis Wheeler Welles,** born Stratford, Connecticut, 14 January 1817, died Baltimore, 8 November 1879 (date of burial permit, 8 November 1879) at Baltimore; **married** 3 September 1840, 3:00 p.m., at St. John's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, to Affa Maria Gray, born 27 August 1810 at Boston, died 7 December 1884 (date of burial

permit, 8 December 1884) at Baltimore; both buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L); six children.

- ii. Emily Peninah Welles, born Stratford, 24 February 1819, died Stratford, 4 May 1900; **married** 3 July 1849, Orville Curtis of Stratford, Connecticut, born about 1825, a carriage maker; two children.

Children of Emily Peninah Welles and Orville Curtis:

- i. Emma Louise Curtis, born 7 August 1851, **married** 1 January 1872, Alfred Augustus Blakeman; at least three children, Robert Sylvester Blakeman, Fredrick Orville Blakeman, and Alfred Augustus Blakeman.
- ii. Robert Welles Curtis, born 19 April 1853, died Stratford, 11 May 1925; **married** Elizabeth Mills, born 1849, died Stratford, 28 June 1900, following a long illness; three daughters, Constance, Winifred, and Grace.
- iii. Thomas Welles, born Stratford, 7 December 1820, died Stratford, 19 March 1832.
- iv. Seymour Welles, born Stratford, 9 July (?) 1822, died Stratford, 20 April 1827.
- v. Albert Welles, born Stratford, 22 June 1824, died Stratford, 24 August 1825.
- vi. Seymour Welles II, born Stratford, 2 October 1829, died Stratford, 15 June 1918; **married** 22 February 1849, Mary (Maria) Curtis (not Margherita Hale of Stratford), daughter of Silas and Marie Curtis, born 14 September 1832, died 29 July 1904; at least ten children.

Children of Seymour Welles II and Mary (Maria) Curtis:

- i. Maria Welles, born Stratford, before 1850.
- ii. Ida Maria Welles, born Stratford, 14 July 1850, died 21 September 1931.
- iii. Madelaine Welles, born Stratford, 23 May 1852, died 14 January 1934; **married** John Elias Holmes, born Stratford, 27 May 1849, died Stratford, 17 September 1917; three children, Harold Chapman Holmes, Margherita Madeline Holmes, and John Wendell Holmes.
- iv. Charles Henry (Willmot?) Welles, born Stratford, 6 April 1854; **married** Martha Bigelow, born August 1859, died 3 June 1919; four children, Olive D. Welles, Ruth Rae Welles, Myra Chrisine Welles, and Charles Ralph Welles.
- v. Carrie May Welles, born Stratford, 16 September 1856, died Stratford, 21 January 1860.

- vi. Frederik Thomas Welles, born Stratford, 28 February 1858.
- vii. Nellie Welles, born Stratford, about 1861; single living at home in 1880.
- viii. Ellen Patterson Welles, born Stratford, 31 January 1862, died 15 July 1889; **married** Frank Jelliffe, born about 1855, died 14 March 1887.
- ix. John Elias Welles, born Stratford, 12 July 1869, died Stratford, 3 December 1890.
- x. Seymour Welles, Jr., born Stratford, 11 July 1872, died 24 August 1960; **married** Clara A., born Connecticut, about 1885; four children, Gladys Welles, Natalie Smith Welles, John F. Welles, and Frederick C. Wells.

11. Lewis Wheeler Wells, born Stratford, Connecticut, 14 January 1817, died Baltimore, Maryland, 8 November 1879 (date of burial permit, 8 November 1879); listed in the 1850 Federal Census as a bookkeeper; **married** 3 September 1840 at St. John's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, to Affa Maria Gray (daughter of Edward Powers Gray, born Boston 31 July 1822, died Manhattan, New York, 6 March 1902, and Maria Louisa Clark, born Thorold, Welland, Ontario, Canada, 1 April 1834), born 27 August 1810 at Boston, died 6:30 A.M., 7 December 1884 (date of burial permit, 8 December 1884) at Baltimore; both buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L); five children (see **Gray Family Genealogy**).

Children of Lewis Wheeler Wells and Affa Maria Gray:

- i. Lewis Gray Wells, born Columbus, Georgia, 17 June 1841, died Madison, Wisconsin (buried Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky), 20 August 1913; **first marriage**, 14 April 1866, in Flushing, Long Island, New York, Mary Ellen Wetmore, daughter of Chauncey and Rebecca (Hubbard) Wetmore, born 29 March 1834 at Middletown, Connecticut, died 16 April 1874 at Baltimore, buried at Middletown; five children. **Second marriage**, 4 November 1879, in Louisville, Kentucky, Eliza Jane Leech, born Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 28 January 1847, died Atlanta, Georgia, 22 March 1925, two sons, James Leech Wells (1881–1954) and Thomas Francis Wells (1883–1912).

Children by first wife, Lewis Gray Wells and Mary Ellen Wetmore:

- i. Hubert Wetmore Wells, born Madison, Wisconsin, 29 December 1866; died Chevy Chase, Maryland, 19 August 1949; graduate of Yale University, 1889; member of the occult secret society "Skull & Bones"; **married** 25 December 1890, in New York City, to Lucy Colton (born Middletown, Connecticut, 31 August 1865; died Meriden, Connecticut, 14 January 1952), daughter of Rev. Henry Martyn Colton (born 1826, died 1872) and Lucy Tuttle (born 1824, died 1897), born; three children.

Children of Hubert Wetmore Wells and Lucy Colton:

- i. Colton Wetmore Wells, born Wetsville, Connecticut, 6 August 1891; died New York City, 27 April 1894.
- ii. Margaret Colton Wells, born 5 October 1893, at New York City.
- iii. John Colton Wells, born Waltham, Massachusetts, 23 November 1896; died Essex County, New York, 7 September 1929; **married** Marion Ellen Danforth, born 1895, died 1964; two children.

Children of John Colton Wells and Marion Ellen Danforth:

- i. John Colton Wells, Jr., born New York, 29 November 1924, died Beverly, Massachusetts, 19 July 2004; **married** Judith Bucknam, born 1934, died 2007.
 - ii. Douglas Bateman Wells, born Rochester, New York, 19 April 1927; died Chatham, Massachusetts, 10 March 2009.
- ii. Philip Patterson Wells, born Grand Rapids, Michigan, 5 February 1868; died Connecticut, 12 March 1929; graduated from Yale, A.B., 1889, Ph.D., 1900; studied law at Yale and at Columbia University, Washington, D. C, and admitted to the bar in 1893; librarian and instructor at Yale Law School for several years, and chief law officer for the U.S. Forestry Service, 1907–1910, counsel National Conservation Association, 1910–1911, chief law officer U.S. Reclamation Service (Department of the Interior), 1911–1913; edited a twenty-volume collection of literature for children, known as *Young Folk's Library*, published by Collier's of New York; edited E. J. Payne's *History of European Colonies*; translated from the French and edited Alfred Debeales's *History of South America*; these latter volumes being in a series known as the History of Nations; he has also contributed to magazines, encyclopedias, etc., articles on history, law, conservation of natural resources, and bibliography; **married** 22 May 1893, at New Haven, Connecticut, to Eleanor Duncan Munger, born 2 February 1868, daughter of Rev. Theodore Thorton Munger (born 1830, died 1910) and Elizabeth Kingsman Duncan (born 1842, died 1886); two children.

Children of Philip Patterson Wells and Eleanor Duncan Munger:

- i. Lewis Gray Wells II, born 9 June 1896 at New Haven, died East Greenbush, New York, 20 July 1976; **married** Vera J. Wilcox, born 19 January 1896, died Middletown, Connecticut. September 1981

ii. Elizabeth Wells

iii. Ernest Hubbard Wells, born 12 June 1870 at Baltimore; unmarried.

iv. Chauncey Wetmore Wells, born 24 May 1872 at Baltimore; **married** 8 September 1897 to Mary Prescott of Burlington, New Jersey; no children.

v. Mary Eleanor Wells, born 5 January 1874 at Baltimore, died 28 June 1874 (date of burial permit, 29 June 1874) at Baltimore, buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L).

Children by second wife, Lewis Gray Wells and Eliza J. Leech:

i. James Leech Wells, born 30 May 1881 at Louisville, Kentucky; **married** in Atlanta, Georgia.

ii. Thomas Francis Wells, born 27 September 1883 at Louisville, Kentucky.

ii. Ellen Maria Wells, born 22 April 1844 at Columbus, Georgia, died 23 November 1905 (date of burial permit, 25 November 1905) at Baltimore, buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L); unmarried, no issue.

iii. Florence Augusta Wells, born 11 November 1845 in Columbus, Georgia, died 20 March 1877 (age 31 years, 4 months, 6 days; burial permit no. 22987, dated 21 March 1877; cause of death “caseous phthisis,” i.e., consumption, aka tuberculosis, aggravated by exhaustion, according to death certificate) at the home of her parents at 222 Lanvale St., Baltimore (second daughter of Lewis Wheeler Wells and Affa Maria Gray of Baltimore) following a prolong illness (two years according to death certificate), buried with them at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L, headstone badly eroded, barely readable when visited on 22 May 2019); funeral on Thursday afternoon, 22 March 1877, at Grace Church, corner of Park and Monument streets, “friends of the family are invited” (*Baltimore Sun*, 22 March 1877, page 2); **married**, 14 June 1866, 8:00 a.m., in Baltimore, to Charles Francis Pietsch, born 6 October 1844 at Baltimore, died 7 May 1920 at Chicago; buried at Graceland Cemetery; three children (**see Pietsch Family Genealogy**).

Children of Florence Augusta Wells and Charles Francis Pietsch:

i. Frank Hesing Pietsch, born 21 May 1867 at Chicago, died by suicide on 2 February 1939 at Chicago; chiefly a salesman of cars and trucks; **first marriage**, 3 September 1889, to Florence Talbot Rogers of Appleton, Wisconsin, born Denver, Colorado, 25 January 1864, died Asheville, North Carolina, 21 May 1931; divorced (her parents, Henry James Rogers, born 3 September 1833, and Crimora (Cremora) Kehler Rogers, born 14

June 1837, both buried in the Pietsch lot at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago), no children; **second marriage** to Myra, operatic ambitions, no children; **third marriage** to Marion, some 40 years younger, his widow after suicide from health and employment worries, she later moved to San Francisco to open a gift shop, no children.

- ii. Theodore Wells Pietsch, born 2 October 1868 at Chicago, died 1 January 1930 at Baltimore; a prominent architect; **married**, 7 November 1911, Gertrude Carroll Zell (“Gom”), born 2 May 1888, died 5 May 1968 at Pipersville, Pennsylvania.

Children of Theodore Wells Pietsch and Gertrude Carroll Zell:

- i. Theodore W. Pietsch, Jr., born 23 September 1912, at Baltimore, died at Everett, Washington, 24 August 1993; **married**, 24 June 1938, at Detroit, Michigan, Louise Mary Shamlan, born 1 December 1914 at Watertown, Massachusetts, died 15 January 1987, at Seal Beach, California (see **Pietsch, Bagdikian, and Shamlan Family Genealogies**).
- ii. John Oliver Carroll Pietsch, born 21 July 1914, at Baltimore, died 15 December 1986 at Birmingham, Michigan; **married**, 23 November 1940, to Mary Louise (“Aunt Mary Lou”) Dillon, born Winnetka, Illinois, 2 January 1916, died Lawrence, Kansas, 20 September 2003 (see **Pietsch Family Genealogy**).
- iii. Robert Brooke Pietsch, born 28 April 1923, at Baltimore; **first marriage**, 30 August 1947, to Elizabeth (“Aunt Betsy”) Osborne Hill of Rochester, New York, born 18 January 1922, died 1 December 1973; **second marriage**, 8 October 1977, Elise Murray (Elise was previously married to an Englishman, Hubert Murray, with whom she had three sons, John, Michael, and Philippe: as of December 2001, John lives in Cumbria, England; Michael lives outside of London; Philippe, now Philippe Murray-Pietsch, is Robert Brooke’s legally adopted son; Elise lived many years in England and had a British passport) (see **Pietsch Family Genealogy**).
- iii. Walter Gray Pietsch, born 27 January 1875 at Chicago, died there on 14 December 1938 of cancer and pneumonia at Alexian Brothers Hospital; attended various Chicago schools, then graduated from Cornell in 1896, Alpha Delta Phi, track star at the half-mile run, played violin; was involved with various Chicago businesses, first in newspapers with Boyce’s *Blade & Ledger* and the *Chicago Chronicle*, then advertising agencies; at the time of his death he was President of Gale & Pietsch, Inc.; moved from Chicago to Evanston in early August 1908 (“Mr. and Mrs.

Walter Gray Pietsch have taken a house in Evanston”; *Chicago Daily Tribune*, 2 August 1908, p. G5); at the time of his death, he lived at 619 Dartmouth Place, Evanston, after having owned five homes. **Married**, 19 June 1901, at Evanston, to Amy Randolph Lake, born 24 January 1874, died 27 September 1923 after a two-year illness; three children, two sons and a daughter.

Children of Walter Gray Pietsch and Amy Randolph Lake:

- i. Walter Randolph Pietsch, born 29 November 1902 at Chicago, died 22 August 1974 at Pinellas, Florida; educated in Evanston, Illinois, schools, attended Shattuck Military Academy, Faribault, Minnesota, and Cornell University; as of 1966, lived in retirement at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. **First marriage**, June 1925, Marian Van Campen of Elmira, New York, divorced in 1929 (Marian Van Campen Pietsch remarried in about 1932, is Mrs. C. Linsley Quaintance of New York, New York); **second marriage**, 1929, Carolyn Newbegin of Brooklyn, New York, divorced in 1939 (Carolyn Newbegin Pietsch remarried in 1965, is Mrs. Donald Whiley Todd of Seattle, Washington); **third marriage**, 1939, Mrs. Ann Suter of Chicago’s Club Alabam, divorced three months later; **fourth marriage**, about 1940, Mrs. Dagney Scully of Winnetka, Illinois (she had a daughter by first marriage), divorced about 1948; **fifth marriage**, Mrs. Mary de Sibour in Las Vegas, Nevada, a native of Virginia with two children by first marriage (see **Pietsch Family Genealogy**).
- ii. Richard Francis Pietsch, born 3 August 1904 at Chicago, died 21 October 2001; educated at Evanston schools, Asheville School, North Carolina, and at Cornell; like his father and brother, a member of Alpha Delta Phi; lived at Evanston from 1907 to 1942, where he did chiefly advertising agency work in nearby Chicago; in 1942 moved to Crozet, Virginia, where he bought a farm and became an orchardist, then a salesman throughout Virginia of fire and safety equipment; was living as of 1966 near Crozet, Virginia, address: Bonnie Brook Farm, Crozet. **Married**, 20 June 1936 at Evanston, Virginia Bayless Knight of Evanston, born 12 January 1914, died December 1983, daughter of Augustus Knight. Two children (see **Pietsch Family Genealogy**).

“Richard Francis Pietsch, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2001, at Westminster Canterbury in Charlottesville. He was born in Chicago Aug. 3, 1904, the son of Walter Gray and Amy Lake Pietsch. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Knight Pietsch; a brother, Walter Randolph Pietsch; and a sister, Mary Wells Seehausen. Mr. Pietsch was a graduate of Asheville School and

Cornell University, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. In 1942 he moved with his family to Crozet and began a career in orcharding and sales. Prior to his move to Virginia he worked in Chicago in advertising. He was a loyal supporter of the arts as well as Western Albemarle Rescue Squad and Crozet lions Club. He is survived by two children in Crozet: a daughter, Bonnie P. Mitchell and her husband Charles; a son, Richard L. Pietsch M.D. and his wife Dee; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his longtime friend and companion, Mrs. Lucy LeGrand. Graveside services will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Ivy Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Richard L Pietsch tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Western Albemarle Rescue Squad; Recording for the Blind; or the S.R.C.A. Hill and Wood is in charge of arrangements." *The Greenville News*, Greenville, South Carolina, 23 October 2001.

iii. Mary Wells ("Polly") Pietsch, born 16 October 1908 in Evanston, died 8 January 1983, of pancreatic cancer, in Manatee, Florida; educated at Evanston public schools, and at Roycemore School, Evanston, Fairmont School, Washington, D.C., Wallcourt School, Aurora-on-Cayuga, New York (co-run by aunt, Mrs. Florence Rogers Pietsch), Bradford Academy, Haverhill, Massachusetts, and Northwestern University, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority; her main hobby was golf. **Married**, 5 March 1938 at the Evanston home of aunt, Mrs. Roger Foote (Margaret Lake), to Howard C. Seehausen of Chicago, a Northwestern University graduate; in 1966 they were living at Palatine, Illinois. Two children (see **Pietsch Family Genealogy**).

iv. Emma Louisa Wells, born 7 January 1848 at Baltimore, died 9 September 1914 (date of burial permit, 11 September 1914), buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L); unmarried, no issue.

v. Lucy Emily Wells, born Savannah, Georgia, 26 July 1853, died Baltimore, 4 November 1931; **married** Baltimore, 25 October 1883, Walter Jones (son of David Andrew Jones and Catherine Ann Watkins), born Baltimore, 29 August 1852, died Baltimore, 4 July 1924; in 1929, she was living at 917 Eutaw, Apt. 6; both buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery, Pikesville, Baltimore; five children.

Children of Lucy Emily Wells and Walter Jones:

i. Florence Wells Jones, born 17 September 1884 at Baltimore, died 15 March 1973; for a number of years she worked as a stenographer for the Board of Motion Picture Censors, and was well known in Baltimore; **married** 10

April 1937 to Rev. Kensey Johns Hammond, born 26 June 1858, died 2 August 1937, only three months after marriage (**married** previously to Caroline Webster Machen, born 1867, died 1926, with whom he had one child, Lewis Machen Hammond, born 1906, died 1982); no children.

- ii. Mary Watkins Jones, born 28 February 1886, died 22 July 1886 (date of burial permit, 23 July 1886) at Baltimore, buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L).
- iii. Helen Gray Jones, born 29 March 1888, died 31 May 1974; **married** 30 April 1913, Earl Roy Ostrander, Sr. (son of Charles Henry Ostrander and Juliet Antoinette (“Nettie”) Broadwell of Clinton County, New York), born New York, 14 October 1879 , died 13 January 1945; five children.

Children of Helen Gray Jones and Earle Roy Ostrander, Sr.:

- i. Charles Walter Ostrander, born 15 July 1914 at Baltimore, died 16 April 1979; **married** 14 June 1947, Hazel Jane Simon, born 28 September 1917; three children.
- ii. Helen Louise (Aunt Weezie”) Ostrander, born 21 August 1918 at Baltimore; **married** 20 June 1980, John Alexander Hilleary, born 26 May 1913, died 18 December 1989.
- iii. Dorothy Broadwell Ostrander, born 27 September 1920 at Baltimore, died Baltimore, 17 May 1992; **first marriage**, 7 June 1941, Robert Henry DeShong, Sr., born Harrisonville, Pennsylvania, 8 June 1916, died Baltimore, 2 September 1964, three children; **second marriage**, 4 October 1965, Frederick B. Stueber, born 31 January 1920, one child, Mary Catherine Stueber.

Children of Dorothy Broadwell Ostrander and Robert Henry DeShong:

- i. Robert Henry DeShong, Jr., born 22 May 1942; **married** Shirley Woodell, born 4 July 1944.
- ii. Dorothy Elizabeth DeShong, born 23 October 1943; **first marriage**, Edward P. Graber Jr., born 16 September 1943; **second marriage**, 23 July 1977, Everett G. Runkles, born 16 November 1934, died 28 June 2020; two children with second husband, both by adoption
- iv. Philip Gray Ostrander, Sr., born 10 July 1922 at Baltimore, **married** 11 August 1946, Doris Mae O’Malley, born 28 January 1926; two Children, Philip Gray Ostrander, Jr., and Linda Ann Ostrander.

- v. Earl Roy Ostrander, Jr., born 14 April 1927 at Baltimore, died Baltimore, 23 January 2005; **married** 19 June 1948, Elizabeth Leleka, born 1 April 1927; three children, Earl Richard Ostrander, Joyce Karen Ostrander, and Helen Louise Ostrander.

- iv. Percy Watkins Jones, born 30 September 1889 in Baltimore, died Baltimore, 25 August 1979, buries in Druid Ridge Cemetery, Pikesville, Maryland, section Maple Slope, lot 339, gr 3; **married** 27 April 1915 Helen Gray Burall, born 15 December 1890 in Baltimore, died 18 November 1979 in Hendersonville, North Carolina; separated in the 1930s, divorced in the early 1940s while he was working on the Manhattan Project at the Los Alamos Laboratory in Los Angeles; a reunion in 1969 or 1970 brought him out to California for a final visit; two children.

Children of Percy Watkins Jones and Helen Gray Burall:

- i. Carol Windsor Jones, born Baltimore, 22 December 1916, died Baltimore, 13 November 1996; **married** 19 September 1941, John Wallace Clubb; lived in El Monte, California; two children.
 - i. Judith Windsor Clubb, born 9 December 1944; **first marriage**, Orange, California, 27 June 1981, divorced; **second marriage**, Roger Earl Doebke, born 1 July 1939; one child, Julie Ann Free, born 31 December 1963.
 - ii. Linda Suzanne Clubb, born 20 July 1948; **married** Wallace E. Smith; one child, Jennifer Erin Smith, born 18 February 1973.

- ii. Betty Gray Jones, born 29 March 1920; **married** 2 October 1948, Roger Orin McVey; lived in Glen Ellyn, Illinois; two daughters.
 - i. Lauren McVey, born 15 January 1954.
 - ii. Barrie McVey, born 18 December 1959.

- v. Affa Louise Jones, born 21 March 1893 at Baltimore, died 23 August 1893 (date of burial permit, 24 August 1893), buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore (Lot 86, Area L).