

# THE PICAYUNE'S Genealogical Department

## QUERIES.

(87) Wells—Hule—Calvit—An effort is being made to connect Samuel Wells, emigrant to South Carolina and Louisiana, with the New England Wells families. The notes given below are furnished by a descendant, very advanced in years, of Samuel Wells. There are numerous other descendants living in Rapides Parish and in other portions of the South. If erroneous statements are made here corrections and criticisms are invited.

Three Wells brothers emigrated to America from Ireland, landing in South Carolina. One went to New England, one remained in South Carolina and one, Samuel, came to Louisiana.

He married Dorcas Hule, of South Carolina, and they had ten children. The Hule family, said to be of Dutch descent, came overland from South Carolina to Louisiana.

The eldest son of Samuel Wells and Dorcas Hule was Samuel Levi, born June 26, 1764. He married Mary Elizabeth Calvit. Samuel Levi Wells was a delegate from Rapides Parish to the convention in New Orleans which framed the State Constitution in 1811.

The children of Samuel Levi Wells were: Governor James Madison Wells, Montfort Wells, Thomas Jefferson Wells, all of Rapides Parish; Mary Wells, who married Dr. Henry Libbey, surgeon in the United States Army, and Elizabeth Wells, who married Smith Gordon; Henrietta Wells, born Aug. 30, 1778, a daughter of Samuel (1) Wells and Dorcas Hule, married Alexander Fulton. Alexander Fulton associated with Judge William Miller, purchased 40,000 acres of land from the Cherokee and Choctaw Indians in Rapides Parish and the town of Alexandria was named in honor of Alexander Fulton.

Editha Wells, born July 16, 1781, daughter of Samuel (1) Wells and Dorcas Hule, married Jan. 1, 1800, Polycarpe La Mothe, who was born in 1775, and was the second son of Marquis La Mothe, French exile.

There were other children of Samuel (1) Wells and Dorcas Hule.

Governor James Madison Wells said that his great grandfather was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. An extract recently taken from the college register says "Wells ( ) entrance not recorded, B. A. 1638." The first name is not given.

In 1640 a Wells was lord chancellor of Ireland. Some of the family have reason to think that he was the same who took his degree at Trinity College.

Some of the present members of the Wells family in Rapides Parish bear the name Montfort.

This name occurs also, I think, in the New England Wells' records.

Below is given an extract from "History of the Welles Family in England and Normandy, With Descendants in the United States," by Albert Welles, president of American College of Heraldry and Historical Register of New York.

"With the powerful family of De Montfort, who were foremost in many reigns, the mind of the historian is brought into interesting relations. This was not the family patronym and in such examination we are led to believe that as much transmigration occurred among names as among parties and events.

The name of this family was "Evereux" in Normandy, and the Wells-borne Montforts of England returned to this identical name and are known in the full relationship to the first Simon De Montfort, earl of Leicester.

"Eulle" or "Welles," bore the same arms, with slight variations, and bears analogy to the discerning eye. The name ramifies in many directions and among many different families: Welles, Millburn, Washbourn (afterwards Washington), D'Evereux, etc.

The ancestor of the Wells family was named Evereux or Eulle (spring or water) in Normandy.

Richard De Welles, or Eulle, took the name of Welles in England.

## Who's Who and their Forebears

The following quotation is from "Ancestry and Descendants of Colonel Daniel Wells (1760-1815) of Greenfield, Mass.," by Samuel Calvin Wells: "All who have endeavored to trace the Welles genealogy agree in the statement that the founder of this family in England was Robert De Eulle, one of the Norman lords who came over with the Conqueror, and whose name appears on the Roll of Battle Abbey as R. De Eulles."

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(88) Wells—Norton-Severance. There are known to be many descendants of the Welles family living in the South. One of these has recently spent two weeks at the Congressional Library at Washington searching the records of this family. In case she has anything of interest "Z," it will appear in this department at an early date, as she has most courteously put it at our disposal. L. F.

(89) Dashiell—Nelson. I should much like to see more published about the Dashiell and Nelson families, and should also like a description of the coats-of-arms of these families. J. M. N.

## ANSWERS.

(\*20.) Hotchkiss—Pardee—Answer to Query No. 31. Joshua Hotchkiss, who married Mary Pardee in 1877, was son of Samuel Hotchkiss and Elizabeth Cleverly. He was born Sept. 16, 1851, and was one of six sons whose names I will give in order of birth:

1. John married — Chesterton.
2. Samuel, born 1846, married Sarah Tallmadge and died in 1705, at East Haven, Conn.
3. James, 4. Joshua, born Sept. 16, 1851, and lived in New Haven.
5. Thomas, born in 1854, married Sarah Wilmet in 1877 and died in 1711.
6. David, born in 1857, married Esther Sperry in 1883 and died in 1712.

Samuel (1) Hotchkiss, the father of these men, came from Essex, England, in 1641, and settled in New Haven. He died in 1663.

(From the vital statistics of New Haven and the "History of Wallingford and Meriden, Conn.") L. F.

(\*21.) Conley—Hughes—Answer for L. F. Note 11. Congalagh must be the Conly you ask for. Conly is one of the collateral branches of the Dalcaas, descendants of Cormac-Cas, the second son of Oillioil-Olum, of the race of Hobor, in Munster. The Dalcaas were men of Tipperary, Americk and Clara. The Kellehers are also a collateral branch.

Connloo, another spelling; Conalls; Colconnell, or the country of Plugh-MacHugh, in Wicklow, Leinster.

("Journals of Memorials of the Dead," Ponsonby & Gibbs, Dublin.)

The name of the genealogical magazine you wish is "Journal of Cork Historical and Archaeology Society."

Guy & Co., Cork, 70 St. Patrick Street.

MacIugh is a branch of the Hy-brunes, of Connaught.

Eocha the Twelfth, or Eocha Moy-veaghon, or Eochaidh-Muightheadhoin, was monarch of Ireland 885 A.D. From his eldest son, Brian, king of Connaught, descend the Ul Brians, or the Hy-Brunes.

No doubt there are Hughes in Wales. The Milesian Celts were in that country, but none of them was likely to go to Ulster from Wales.

In 1691 occurred the third confiscation of lands and in about 1700 all who could emigrate. Twenty thousand men joined other armies.

The O'Nells are descended from Eoghan, son of Niall the Great, monarch of Ireland, of the race of Hereman of Leinster. The O'Nells of Ulster are in three families:

- First—Dungannon of Tyrone.
- Second—Clanbeboy of Antrim.

Third—Fews of Armagh. Clanbeboy was Clan Hughboy or Clan Hugue Boy.

The Hughes of Armagh are probably connected with the above. L. E. K.

(\*22) Hodgson—A correspondent wishes information as to the ancestry of the Hodgson family. The following, which is transcribed by Gerald Fothergill, of New Wandsworth, London, and communicated by the committee on English research, may be of interest to her, and serve as a clew to further information. In the ship Free Mason, sailing from the port of London in June, 1774, was one Thomas Hodgson, gentleman, aged 39, with his wife, aged 40, and one child. He came to Philadelphia to settle. L. F.

## NOTES.

(18) 1. Poiret—Le Kintreck—Andre Claude Baptiste Poiret, Chevalier De Brie, officer in the army of France, stationed at Fort Casaskia and Fort Chartres, of Illinois, married Francoise Le Kintreck in St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans.

Their eldest child Anne Marie was born Jan. 1, 1774. Their second child, Francoise, married Don Juan Filhol in Opelousas, La., in 1782. Don Juan Filhol was appointed by the Spanish king as commandante of upper Louisiana and was probably founder of Monroe, La.

2. De Brie—Le Kintreck—La Mothe—Another daughter of Chevalier De Brie and Francoise Le Kintreck, was Jeannette, born April 6, 1752, baptized at Casaskia. Godfather was M. Janvier, royal engineer; godmother was Miss Bustel.

This Jeannette Poiret married Marquits La Mothe, French exile. Four children were born to them; Jacques, the eldest son, died, unmarried, in early manhood. Next, there were two daughters, then Polycarpe, their youngest son, born Jan. 1, 1775, the same night his father, Marquis La Mothe, died. After the death of the father an effort was made by his heirs to recover the French spoliation claim, an attorney coming from France for that purpose.

Jeannette (Polvet) La Mothe married as second husband Dr. Ennemond Meullion, a distinguished surgeon, who was a personal friend of Talleyrand, the statesman.

Dr. Meullion and wife lived in Rapides Parish on a large cotton plantation, where six children were born to them.

In 1803 Dr. Meullion was appointed commandante for the king of Spain at the post of Rapides, and was afterwards appointed civil commandante of this post by the governor general of the Province of Louisiana.

Francoise Le Kintreck, the wife of Chevalier De Brie, died in 1757. In 1758 he married Marie Magdelaine Voiret at Fort Chartres.

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(19) Contributors to this department must not be surprised if they do not receive immediate answers to their queries.

All answers are published as soon as they are received.

In many instances much time and exchange of letters is needed to obtain a single fact. Often original records must be examined and frequently these records are not indexed or carefully filed or in a decent state of preservation.

Some times letters sent to other genealogists working on the same or allied families elicit no reply, although it must be said for the fraternity that this is a rare occurrence, as the true antiquarian is almost always anxious to impart what knowledge he has, and more often than not spends hours of his valuable time helping strangers simply for the good of the cause.

Because of his interest in his own families of others, and there is within families of others, and there is within him the ever increasing desire to add some permanent fact to the historical data of his country.