

MAILING LIST

We have a family mailing list of 179 families. We'd like to update this with everyone's kids and grandkids. Please include birthdays, marriages, etc. So far, of the descendents of the 11 children of Hilary & Sarah Wells, we have regular contact with 9 lines, but we only have representatives from 3 lines who plan to attend the reunion. We'd love to get reacquainted with descendents of the other lines. We have no contact with anyone descended from Samuel W. Wells and Lula Francis Sutton. Does anyone know someone in this lineage? Please send your information by mail to the Gazette address or for those of you online to Wellsgazette@aol.com. We can send any of you who are interested the list, or email it to you. It will also be available at the reunion.

OTHER LODGING CHOICES:

SAN JOSE LODGE 520-432-5761 All rooms left have 2 Queen beds for \$85 per night. They charge \$10 more for each additional person and/or pets. They do have a small restaurant.

COPPER QUEEN HOTEL 520-432-2216

We couldn't get any discount on rates here because of the hotel's popularity. Their rates start at \$115 and range up to \$150 per night. But it is such a famous old landmark, with incredibly good food in their restaurant, you might just want to go ahead and stay here.

SHADY DELL RV PARK 520-432-3567

If you want a unique experience, stay in one of these 11 renovated 1940's-1950's Airstreams trailers. The park has been written up in Arizona Highways, Washington Post, Frommer's Budget Guide and Bon Appetit and the rates are budget: ranging from \$40 to \$95 or stay in the 38' beached yacht for \$125 per night. The photos of the interiors look charming—but small!

BED & BREAKFASTS

There are a number of charming Bed & Breakfasts but some are all ready full for that weekend. You can get information online on Bisbee's webpage:

http://www.bisbearizona.com/www/features/lodging_detail.php

If you don't get a reservation soon the rooms will be gone. But you would still be able to get rooms in Douglas or Sierra Vista, each town is only 20 minutes away.

The only caution we've heard were 2 negative ratings of Castle Rock B&B.

WE NEED A HEAD COUNT FOR MEALS

So please let us know even if you don't need a room



Submitted by Grandmother Dottie Wells Sutherland:

The marriage of Shannon Lee Erkes & Michael Wells Sutherland was the first wedding in our family in years so we found it an especially joyful event. The whole summer was focused on the wedding and it was a lovely ceremony, held November 14, 2004. The couple honeymooned in Puerta Vallarta before returning home to Denver, CO. Parents are David & Jean Erkes & Michael & Lynda Sutherland

Volunteers

Urgently Needed!

We need help both before and during the reunion. There are so many details to cover: a registration system, name badges [color-coded for the different family lines], overseeing caterers and helping at the banquet tables, individual photos of attendees and hopefully a group photo—perhaps at the picnic. We'd like several photographers so there's good coverage at all the events to be used for future Gazettes and put online so everyone can have copies of whichever photos they like. We're getting a family website set up and would really appreciate anyone with knowledge, current information, genealogy, etc. to help. We don't want to duplicate research that's already been done. Jeremy Farrell is setting up the site and can be reached at Jeremy@ihdesk.com. Mar Chaudoin is the Slaughter Ranch Picnic Coordinator and can be reached at mar@paradisevalley.com.

PRICE OF ADMISSION:

We invite every family to bring a story, perhaps some old family tale their grandparents related that has been passed down through the years, something from the pioneer days? We'll assemble them all and put them on the family web page and/or in future Gazettes for everyone to enjoy. Don't worry about the quality of writing, we'll work with you to expand, edit, etc.