FRED W. WELLS

February 11, 1881-March 9, 1946

In the lifetime of Fred W. Wells, real estate development, industry, and farming provided him with a varied scope of interests. Born in 1881, he resided in Shelburne Falls and Greenfield for his 65 years.

His wish to aid local residents is indicated in his will by the following:

1) monetary awards to individuals for the purpose of aiding them to obtain an education,
2) contributions to organizations that support the sick or aged by providing home, nursing, medicine or hospital care,
3) grants to agricultural groups organized primarily for the advancement of agriculture.

Associated with the early founding of local industry, Mr. Wells was connected with his father in F.E. Wells & Son Co. which was absorbed by Greenfield Tap & Die in 1916. Later, in association with his father, he founded the Wells Tool Company on Hope Street in Greenfield and became its president. In addition, he and his father operated a large fruit farm in Shelburne.

Mr. Wells was also active in the community as a clerk of the All Souls Unitarian Church, a trustee of the Franklin Savings Institution and Stoneleigh-Prospect Hill School (now Stoneleigh-Burnham School), and a member of the Republican Lodge of Masons.

His will is an unusual, self-written testament which will benefit many area residents for years to come.

The FRED W. WELLS SCHOLARSHIPS



Prepared by the Trustees of the Fred W. Wells Trust

PURPOSE OF THE TRUST

This trust fund was established in 1946 under the will of Fred W. Wells with the Pioneer National Bank-Franklin as a trustee. His will directed that a portion of the income from the fund be used for the purpose of aiding boys and girls to obtain a higher education.

ELIGIBILITY

Any resident of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Conway, Deerfield, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, Northfield, Rowe and Shelburne who has resided or whose parents have resided in any of said towns for not less than two years prior to the date of application shall be eligible.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The will states that anyone seeking to "obtain an education in agricultural or mechanical subjects to better fit them for such work, or for one of the regularly recognized professions" may apply.

The actual awards will be made by an independent scholarship committee whose members have been requested to consider, among other factors, the applicant's scholastic ability, need, character, leadership ability, integrity, and participation in work and/or extra-curricular activities. Awards made shall be contingent upon the applicant's acceptance into an accredited college, university, technical, mechanical or agricultural institution, either as an undergraduate or graduate student.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awards shall not be over $5,000 in any one year or over a total of $20,000 for any student. An applicant may receive scholarship awards during several years of his/her education. However, this will not be automatic. The student will be required to re-apply each year for consideration and include new recommendations and a current transcript.

APPLICATION FORMS

Scholarship application forms can be obtained from high school guidance offices, Greenfield Community College, local town clerks' offices and from

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