

# Henry H. Wells

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**Branch:** Army

**Rank:** Staff Sargent

**Years of Service:** 1898

**Locations of Service:** Puerto Rico



Henry H Wells Was born January 25, 1877. He left Yale University to join the Ninth Volunteer Signal Corps after the sinking of the Battleship Maine. He served as a Staff Sargent for the Ninth Volunteer Signal Corps in Puerto Rico during the Spanish American War. He was brought up in an atmosphere of military law, provided by his father.

When he returned home, he graduated from Yale and continued on to graduate from The New York Law School. Mr Wells was Mayor of the Village of Brewster from 1935 to 1947 and always wore his Spanish American War uniform for parades. He served on the Selective Service Board for over 25 years. He took it upon himself to see all the men off, giving them newspapers and candy, even after he left the board. He thought it was very important to be there for that moment in the lives of these young men.

Mr. Wells donated the land for Wells Park and for some of the Brewster Schools. He passed away on August 19, 1978 at the age of 101 and is buried in the Milltown Rural Cemetery.