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Preparations Underway for 2007 SGS International Reunion

Story By SGS President Jim Seeley

Theme: Our Immigrant Ancestors

Here is a tentative, overall schedule for the 2007 SGS International Reunion at the Crowne Plaza Cromwell Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, Conn. 06416 (near historic Wethersfield, Conn.).

Thursday Sept. 13

- 10 a.m. Board Meeting
- 1 p.m. Opening Session, Introductions, Announcements
- 6 p.m. Dinner at the Hotel with an after-dinner speaker
Topic: "History of Old Wethersfield"

Friday 14 September

Morning and afternoon - Local tours (Wethersfield by bus and the Burying Ground walking tour), or individual meetings & review documents in the hospitality room, or (for those not taking the local tours) self guided tours of Wethersfield and surrounding points of historical interest.

- 3 p.m. Meeting of Area Coordinators in the Hospitality Room (Room Crown 3).
- 6 p.m. Dinner at the Hotel with an after-dinner speaker.

Saturday 15 September

- 9 a.m. SGS Business meeting (elections)
- 1 p.m. Member Presentations
- 3:30 p.m. (tentative) Meeting of the new Board of Directors
- 6 p.m. Dinner at the Hotel, install the new Board of Directors (after-dinner speaker or a presentation)

Sunday 16 September

- Noon Farewell lunch at the hotel.
- 7 p.m. Meeting at the hotel with those taking the tour of Robert and Obadiah's New England.

We have contracted with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, Conn. to host the reunion. This is the same facility that hosted the 1992 SGS Reunion when the Crowne Plaza was named the Radisson Hotel, so it has pleasant memories for many of us. Call the hotel at 860-635-2000 or toll free at 800-308-4589 for reservations.

Please register early using the form in this Newsletter. Also make your hotel reservations early, identifying yourself from the Seeley Genealogical Society, to obtain the rate of \$99.00 plus tax per night for two



people. Reservations must be made by Aug. 17, 2007.

Speakers: Fred Hart, Jr., our immigrant Obadiah Seeley researcher and advisor to our research committee, has agreed to be a guest speaker. Noted genealogist Jerome Anderson, formerly a researcher with the New England Historic Genealogical Society, has agreed to speak. An invitation has also been extended to one of the founders of SGS.

We would like presentations by members not in the Robert or Obadiah Seeley line in keeping with our reunion theme. I also look forward to renewing friendships with Canadian Seeley's particularly from the eastern part of the country and I invite presentations from one or more of our Canadian members. Please contact me before March 31, 2007.

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Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy, history or biography; amateur or professional. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, SGS counts among its family those with surnames spelled a variety of ways such as: Seeley, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seele, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

\$8 per year, \$15 two years, \$21 three years, or \$30 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$100. (Dues are in U.S. dollars and the membership year runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31)

Pay all dues to:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2007 Cromwell, Conn. Please advise the editor if your branch or family have plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Society or the editors, nor are the Society or its editors responsible for errors of fact or opinion. Proved errors will be corrected.

President's Report

When you submit a query to Linda Crocker, our Query Editor, or when you submit information to John Seely (for the Ancestor File Index), or to the Seelye Research Center for filing, please, please list the SGS number of your ancestor when known (SGS numbers are assigned in the Three SGS Publications for Robert and Obadiah Seeley descendants). You wouldn't believe how much time that saves us to process your information!

As you may have noticed in the November 2006 SGS Newsletter, on page 16, a pamphlet *The Seelye Research Center Filing System* is now for sale for \$10. This 20-page pamphlet lists all the documents, and their location, that are filed in the SRC (Seelye Research Center) in Abilene, Kan. The Seelye Research Center Librarian, Pamela Turner and her team of volunteers will visit the SRC about once per year and file documents you have submitted and update the pamphlet. The SRC Filing Team will be meeting in Abilene in mid-May. If you have items to be filed there, please send them as soon as possible.

One of my objectives as SGS President has been to "document" the Seeley Genealogical Society. Actually, this was started before my tenure began. Files already at the SRC to document SGS include the Treasurer's files, minutes of SGS executive board and general membership meetings, a history of SGS (by Dan Seelye), documenting the SGS Reunions (via the reunion souvenir books), and the SRC Filing System pamphlet. If you have Treasurer's files (before or since Bill Thresher) or meeting minutes, please identify and send them to the SRC for filing. If you have recommendations regarding this initiative, let me know. I plan to recommend to the Executive Board for the 2007-2009 term that either the Secretary or one of the two Directors (without portfolio) take responsibility for continuing this initiative. I believe the files will become more interesting and useful to the membership as the years and decades flow beneath the keel. I believe we've only "nibbled" at completing and sustaining this objective. Much remains to be done.

Shortly after the November newsletter went to press, I completed negotiations with the Crowne Plaza hotel in Cromwell, Conn. to host the SGS reunion from Sept. 13-16, 2007 (Thursday-Sunday). A reunion registration form is in this newsletter. I strongly encourage you to register early and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. **Hotel reservations must be made by Aug. 17, 2007** in order to get the group rate. **Call 1-800-308-4589 or 1-860-635-2000 and identify yourself as from the Seeley Genealogical Society...**and don't forget, a bus tour of immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England will depart from the hotel on Monday, Sept. 17 following the reunion. Let Kathie Olsen know if you are interested in this New England tour.

Our nominating committee is making good progress in selecting executive board nominees for vote by the membership for the 2007-2009 term. I encourage all members to volunteer. However, if you have a full time job, and you are considering volunteering for an executive board position, I encourage you to contact me so I can tell you about how much time you may need to spend as an SGS officer. Some positions require much more time than others.

We need to invigorate the work of our area coordinators. Area coordinators have two responsibilities. First, under the direction of the SGS chief genealogist, they assist with answering queries using their knowledge of and familiarity with genealogical resources in their areas. Second, under the coordination of the membership chairperson, they assist with recruiting new SGS members from their areas. I plan to schedule a working session during the September 2007 reunion in Wethersfield, Conn. of area coordinators. The purpose of the working session will be to develop new ideas for making their positions more effective. All area coordinators are encouraged to attend. Any member interested in working as a member of this group, or who has ideas on making the positions more effective are requested to let



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Registration Form – 2007 SGS Reunion in Cromwell, Conn. September 13-16, 2007

Name	Seeley Line	SGS Mbr? LIFE?	Address	E-Mail

LODGING: Call the **Crowne Plaza Cromwell** hotel at **1-800-308-4589** or **1-860-635-2000** for reservations no later than Aug. 17, 2007 to get the group rate of \$99 per night plus tax. Mention Seeley Genealogical Society. Specify handicap room if needed. For cost of meeting room purposes, please enter the number of room nights between Sept. 12-17 you will use. _____ room nights.

REGISTRATION FEE: _____ # registering X \$20 per person = \$ _____
(Helps pay for name badge, registration folder, guest speakers, and meeting room expenses.)

MEALS: _____ # for Thursday(9/13/07) evening X \$25 (____ # Veg.) = \$ _____
 _____ # for Friday evening X \$25 (____ # Veg.) = \$ _____
 _____ # for Saturday evening X \$25 (____ # Veg.) = \$ _____
 _____ # for Sunday Farewell Breakfast X \$16 = \$ _____

Menus are: Thursday – Chicken Francaise Friday – Baked Scrod
Saturday – London Broil Sunday – a “plated” breakfast.

- For each evening specify number preferring the alternate vegetarian meal.
 - We'll assume the remaining number prefer the main course.
 - Evening meals include salad or fruit cup, rolls, chef's choice of starch, vegetable of the day, dessert, tea and coffee.
- SGS must guarantee number of meals no later than Friday, Sept. 7, 2007.**

TOURS: _____ # for Friday a.m. bus tour of Old Wethersfield X \$25 = \$ _____
 _____ # for Friday p.m. burying ground walking tour X \$3 = \$ _____
 TOTAL = \$ _____

Make check payable to SGS and return to Jim Seeley with this registration form.

The Friday a.m. tour bus will accommodate wheel chair users. It will tour Old Wethersfield with a Wethersfield Historical Society guide. The bus will depart from the hotel about 9 a.m. and return to the hotel at about 11:30 a.m. It will stop at the Robert Seeley home site, the engraved stone commemorating the ten adventurers, and the old warehouse museum on the waterfront.

The Friday afternoon walking tour of the Old Wethersfield burying ground will start at about 1 p.m. with a guide from the Wethersfield Historical Society. Transportation to/from the burying ground in Old Wethersfield (about 4 miles from the hotel) is up to each individual. Carpools/rides can be arranged during the opening session on Thursday afternoon for those who didn't drive. We hope to be able to identify the names and ancestor lines of the Seeleys buried there.

Mail Check (payable to SGS) and this registration form to:
James R. Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society
108 Westridge Drive
Churchville, VA 24421

Please register early to give Jim time to prepare name tags, meal tickets, and registration folders.

Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England Trip

Story by SGS Vice-President Kathie Olsen

I am in contact with a company that arranges bus tours in New England. Look for the May Newsletter to contain details about the trip. I hope you'll be able to join us!

Tentative Itinerary

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007

7:00 pm Meeting

Monday, Sept. 17, 2007

8:00 am Depart for Wethersfield, Conn.
Robert Seeley Home lot
Wethersfield Town Green
Rock Monument

Drive to Watertown, Mass.

Church with model of Arabella
Saltonstall Monument

Stay over in Plymouth Mass. area

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007

Plimouth Plantation

Stay over in Plymouth Mass. area

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007

Narragansett War Monument (1677)
Nathaniel killed, RI

Stonington, CT for lunch

Mystic Seaport

Stay over in -----, Conn.

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007

Saybrook Fort Monument

Connecticut River Museum

New Haven Historical Society Museum

New Haven Town Green

Robert Seeley Home Lot

Fairfield Pequot War Monument (1637)

Robert injured

Stay over in -----, Conn.

Friday, Sept. 21, 2007

Stamford, Conn.

Hoyt Barnum House

Historical Society

Obadiah Seeley home lot

Bedford, NY – founded by sons of Obadiah

Town Green

Cemetery

Quintessential "New England"

Return to -----, Conn.

Why I'm Attending the 2007 SGS International Reunion

Pam Turner - SRC Librarian

"The 2005 Abilene reunion was my first SGS reunion. I was only there because I was the driver for my mother and aunt, who are both long-time SGS members. I thought I would feel out of place; I was not a member and I knew little about genealogy (outside of the occasional graveyard visit), but I was wrong. It was fun! It was interesting! It made me want to do research! If you have never attended a reunion, please do yourself a favor and go. It will be one of the few times you will meet complete strangers and feel like family, because you are. You will also feel at home because everyone else there understands 'the bug' and has the same fever you do. Going to a reunion lets you meet others who may or may not further your research, but it'll definitely expand your family (you never knew you had so many cousins!). And probably the best reason to go to a reunion: Seeley's, of any spelling, are just plain fun to be around. I'm still the driver, but this time I am looking forward to going to the reunion in Connecticut; you should too!"

Marshall Seelye - SGS Director & Past President

"I have not missed any reunions since Evelyn and I attended our first in 1986. That's eight very enjoyable get-togethers. I have met many 'cousins' and made many friends. Evelyn and I enjoyed the travel to places that we might otherwise not have seen. I am very much looking forward to attending my ninth in Connecticut this fall accompanied by my son Martin."

Notes From Membership Chairman Ramon Hall

Reminder – Membership runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 of the following year. The address label of your newsletter contains the month/year when your dues are paid to. For example, 08/07 means dues are paid up to Aug. 31, 2007.

To save costs, SGS does not send out a bill for dues. See page two of each issue for the membership dues structure. We lost 32 members in 2006. Letters were sent by both the membership chairman and the president to encourage those dropped to rejoin.

If you know of someone who might benefit from membership in SGS, either tell them about us, or provide the membership chairman with their contact data. Also, remember, SGS life memberships make great gifts!

There were no new LIFE Members this quarter. However, below is a list of NEW Members:

Cate Burke 45 Menlo Pl Rochester, NY 14620	Steve Seely 1159 Long Pond Rd Rochester, NY 14626
David & Evelyn Daffron 1818 Wayhaven Dr West Plains, MO 65775	Steve & Gail Seely 911 Maiden Ln Greece, NY 14615
Margaret Seely Flynn 2118 Grahm Dr Santa Rosa, CA 95404	Roger T & Linda Seelye 16565 Finch Rd Marcellus, MI 49067
Pat Seely 931 N Greece Rd Greece, NY 14626	Dean A & Judith Winston 280 Summit Ave Warsaw, NY 14569

Notes of Interest for Internet Researchers

Story By SGS Webmaster Chris Havnar

We are working on getting all the obits that had been delivered to the Seelye Research Center at the reunion in 2003 up on the website – with updates for new Seeley/Seely/Seelye obits that I have been able to find. I should complete the obits from the 2003 obits binder by November 2006.

I would ask if members see a Seeley/Seely/Seelye/etc. obit in their local paper, please send the verbiage and the attribution (name of the paper/date/page#/etc.) to us at webmaster@seeley-society.net.

Also: the following documents have been uploaded to the SGS Web Site:

- 2006 Research on Immigrant Obadiah Seeley
- Intro to the 2006 Stott Research Report on Obadiah Seeley
- Stott Research Outline on Obadiah Seeley
- Retyped Research Report on Obadiah Seeley
- Obits for, Arthur M. Seely, Floyd W. Seely, Frances S. Seely, Linda Kathleen Seely, and Mable E. Seeley
- Transcribed, proofed Los Angeles City Directory Transcriptions from 1890 & 1910
- Biographies of Francis W. Seeley and Ira O. Seeley From the "History of Wabasha County" compiled by Dr. L. H. Bunnell, Published 1884 by H.H. Hill, Chicago
- Biographies of Alvane Cary Seely, M.D. and Seth W. Seelye From Joseph Gaston, "The Centennial History of Oregon, 1811 - 1912", S. J. Clarke Publishing Co.; Chicago; 1912
- Biographies on Edwin R. Seely and E.J. Seely from "Portrait and Biographical Record of the Willamette Valley, Oregon" [A compilation of work by a number of writers; Published by Chapman Publishing Co., 1903].
- Oregon Vital Records have been updated on the SGS web site to add 1955 death certificates and some delayed birth certificates

Big Changes at FamilySearch.org

The Desert Morning News reports that there are several big changes in store for the FamilySearch.org web site, a service of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints'.

The article by Carrie A. Moore (<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,650194998,00.html>) says new online tools will allow novices to more easily find family records, then add such things as images, photos and timelines to the records.

The article discusses the concern for accuracy of allowing people to simply add information, but according to the church's family history department, "if someone disagrees with your account of it, there will be an opportunity to put additional information or opinions there." In the article, Moore says, "Users will have their own login, allowing them to add information about living people to their family tree if they so choose, though that

information will not be available for others to view in order to maintain privacy."

Ridgefield Conn. Obituaries

Volunteers at the Ridgefield, Connecticut Library compiled an extensive index of obituaries and death notices that appear in extant issues of the Ridgefield Press from its beginning in 1875 through 1999. The index can be found at <http://www.acorn-online.net/acornonline/obits/obindex.htm>

The index includes the last name of the obit subject, the first name, the date of birth, the date of the issue of The Press containing the obituary.

The library can supply copies of most obituaries. Fees are:

- \$2 for fairly modern obituaries (after 1927 through 1980; 1989 to present)
- \$5 for pre-1927 obituaries, which require printing from microfilm readers at the library. Also, because obituaries between 1981 and 1988 are available only on microfilm and must be reprinted at the library, the charge is \$5 each for the time involved.

Always include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your request. Mail requests to Obituary Reprints, Ridgefield Press, Box 1019, Ridgefield, Conn. 06877. Make checks payable to Jack Sanders.

Please note: Because this work is done as time

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President's Report

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me know, copy to Chief Genealogist Dian Little and Membership Chairperson Ray Hall. Contact data is on page 15. Please send me suggested agenda items for this working session.

Start thinking about items you would like to display in the hospitality room and preparing them for the September 2007 SGS International Reunion. There will be tables set up for this purpose.

I am in the sixth and last year of my three-term tenure as SGS president. One of my concerns is that I may have committed to doing something for a member, and I haven't done it, and I've forgotten all about it! If that pertains to something you asked of me, please send me an e-mail, a letter, or call me.

Jim Seeley

New SGS Lapel Pins Available

SGS lapel pins with the new SGS logo are available for \$5.00 each. These 5-color pins depict the SGS logo as approved by the logo committee a couple of years ago. Order the new pins from Jim Seeley (address on page 15) and make checks payable to SGS.

The primary difference between the old and new logo is that the new logo shows a ship of the type that might have carried immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley to the New World in the 1600s. The old SGS logo showed a clipper ship of the 1800s vintage

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permits, it may take several weeks to fulfill your request. If you have questions,

Massachusetts death records

A free index of some Massachusetts death records is now available online through the state archives web site <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/vitalrecordssearch/VitalRecordsSearch.aspx>

Researchers can search by first and last names, year, city, and/or town. The search engine also allows researchers to specify a start year and end year for the search. The search will provide you with index data needed to obtain a copy of the original records through the Massachusetts State Archives.

Missouri Death Records

Some Missouri death records are now online at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/#search>

Death certificates contain valuable information for family historians and researchers. The Missouri Death Certificate Database, containing death records created after 1910 and over 50 years old, makes that information available online through a searchable index that links to a digitized image of the original death certificate.

The index can be searched by first name and last name, county, and by year and month. Once a name is selected, a digitized image of the original certificate can be retrieved.

This is an ongoing project and additional records will be added as they are transcribed and imaged. If the image of the certificate is not yet available researchers can request a photocopy of the certificate by contacting the archives reference desk. For death certificates less than 50 years old please contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records.

The service has proven to be wildly popular and the staff has gotten somewhat overwhelmed with the response. However they are taking steps to reduce the wait time for ordered records. If you have questions or comments about these records, visit the Web site or contact the Missouri State Archives at archref@sos.mo.gov.

National Grave Registration

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) National Grave Registration database is now online at <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/>

It is an ongoing project designed to locate the final resting places of all Union Civil War Veterans, and enter that information into the national graves registration database. This undertaking is rather large and needs as many interested people to assist as possible.

As with any project such as this, considerable fieldwork will be needed to obtain the information that will eventually be placed into the national database. Individuals who wish to assist the SUVCW may obtain a grave registration packet (consisting of a set of instructions, list of abbreviations and a graves registration form) at the above web site. Each completed form will

represent one Union soldier's grave. Upon completion of the form, it can then be mailed to the national grave registration officer for inclusion in the national database. Those wishing to register a large number of grave sites, should contact the national graves registration officer for assistance. Updated or additional information for Civil War veterans previously registered should be marked "UPDATE" and sent to the national graves registration officer.

NGS Conference and Family History Fair

Registration is now open for the NGS Conference and Family History Fair, to be held May 16-19, 2007 in Richmond, Virginia.

To register go to the following link: <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/registration.cfm>

The 2007 conference promises to be one of the best yet. With more than 100 educational sessions on all aspects of genealogical research, workshops and networking social events, there is something for the beginner to the most advanced genealogical researcher. For a complete program listing please visit http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007/conf_program.cfm

For further information about NGS and the genealogical services they offer, check out their website at <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>.

FGS/NEHGS October 2006 Conference

Many of the sessions of the Federation of Genealogical Societies/New England Historic Genealogical Society Conference, held in Boston, MA in October 2006 were recorded digitally. They are now available for download at www.lulu.com/fgs2006. Individual sessions cost \$1.99 each. Packages of multiple sessions are also available at a discounted rate.

Youngest in Obadiah's 12th Generation?

William H. Seeley sent along the below note. He says, "My lineage is: (2) Obadiah, (3) Obadiah, (4) Obadiah, (5) John, (6) Gideon, (7) Isaac, (8) George, (9) Henry, (10) William H., (11) (me) William H. Jr., and (12) - my three sons, ages in 2006, are William H. III 39, James 34, and John 10.

"Isaac Seely was born in 1768 and he died in 1850. Isaac's son George was born in 1799. George's son Henry was born in 1852. Henry's son William H. (my father) was born in 1879. I was born in 1938. **Is my son John (10 years old) the youngest in his generation?"**

Seems William has a family history of large age-gaps between father and son. If anyone knows of a 12th generation (Obadiah) Seeley younger than 10 year-old John Seeley, please let SGS President Jim Seeley know (see contact data on page 15).

Meet the New Seelye Research Center Librarian

Story by SRC Librarian Pamela Turner

I accepted the position of Seelye Research Center Librarian in November. Some of the areas I'll be overseeing are the SRC Filing System Pamphlet, training new team members on the library, and ensuring new items to the library are filed appropriately. I will be going to Abilene in May, along with the SRC filing system team, to help bring the filing up to date. At that time, we'll be discussing the best way to index members "research files" and incorporate them into the SRC Filing System Pamphlet. I would ask all members who have submitted items that are listed in the SRC Filing System Pamphlet to please verify that the information listed is correct, and if anything is wrong to let me know. Also, if you know of items with different location numbers that should be filed together, please let me know what they are. I would like to make sure all documents pertaining to each other are filed together.

SGS President Jim Seeley and I have also come up with a submittal form to be used when sending items to the library. This will help the filing team to insure that your item will be correctly listed. You can obtain the form by contacting either me, or Jim Seeley (see contact data on page 15). If that will not work for you, please include a cover sheet with your submission.

The coversheet should include as much information as you know to help describe the submission. Please identify your ancestor's relationship to the Seventh Generation name and SGS number in the Seventh Generation Families Publication of the Seeley Genealogical Society, if known. If this submittal pertains

to an item already on file, please list that SRC document's identification number. If you are submitting a number of documents, please provide an index or list of the documents.

The cover sheet should also include:

1. Date:
2. Submitter's Full Name (Include Maiden and Marriage Name) (Please Print):
3. Submitter's Postal Address:
4. Submitter's E-Mail Address:
5. Name of Ancestor or Subject's Name (Your oldest known ancestor. Include dates of birth/death if known):
6. Ancestor's SGS Number (if known):
7. Brief Description of Submittal
(Example: Descendants of John F. Seely, SGS#3678, Eighth Generation Descendant of Obadiah Seeley):
8. Related SRC Document Identification Number (The SRC Document ID Number can be obtained from the "SRC Filing System Pamphlet". To receive an electronic .pdf or print version of the pamphlet, contact Jim Seeley at jrseeley@adelphia.net or 108 Westridge Drive, Churchville, VA 24421):
9. Have you provided this ancestor information to Ancestor Files Chairman John Seely?
10. Mail this form to: Seelye Research Center
PO Box 337, 1105 N. Buckeye
Abilene, KS 67410

Please, be sure to always include known SGS numbers.

What's New in SGS Queries

Story By Linda Crocker, SGS Query Editor

Unfortunately my computer died Dec. 1. I'm back in operation but I lost some of my query correspondence. So I need your help: If you've sent in a query that hasn't been answered — I'm not ignoring you, the computer gremlins simply ate your note. Please contact me again with unanswered queries and accept my apologies.

I also want to take this opportunity to enlist your help for those who have been stumped in their research. I don't seem to be getting much feedback on queries and no new "Brick Walls." Why not dig out some of your files and send me your "Brick Wall" or maybe do some research to help with a query, especially if you live near one of the locations mentioned? I can find a lot on the internet but only if someone has transcribed the information and posted it. Lots of other tidbits are still out there waiting to be discovered (and published in our newsletter).

New SGS Member Dr. Patricia Hill asked SGS to help identify who Seeley Lake, Colo. and Seeley Lake, Mont. were named after and how the namesakes fit into the Seeley lines.

I was able to find that Seeley Lake, Colo. was

named after Joseph S. Seely, SGS# 4159, 8th generation descendant in the Obadiah line. The "Portrait and Biographical Record of Denver and Vicinity" is cited as one of the sources for information on Joseph Seely (#1891), father of Joseph S., in our Seventh Generation Families, Obadiah section, page 103. The line to Obadiah is Sylvanus (6), Sylvanus (5), Eliphalet (4), Jonas (3), and Obadiah.

Seeley Lake Montana was named after Jasper B Seely, son of Nathaniel R Seelye (SGS #2653) an 8th generation descendant in the Robert line. Nathaniel's line to immigrant Robert Seeley is Horace (7), Nathaniel (6), Justus (5), John (4), Benjamin (3), Nathaniel (2), and Robert.

For those who would like additional information on these Seeley ancestors, please consult the three SGS publications available in book form or on the SGS CDROM. Ordering information is on page 16.



Research Quest to New York & Pennsylvania

Story by SGS Vice-President Kathie Olsen & SGS Chief Genealogist Dian Little

In September, 2006, Dian Little, Chief Genealogist, and Kathie Olsen, 1st Vice President, went on a research quest to see if we could find additional information on Amos Bennett and his wife, Anna Duncan.

Amos and Anna are the parents of Mehitable Bennett, wife of Justus Azel Seelye, (SGS #836). Both Dian and Kathie descend from this couple. Not much is known about Amos and Anna except the names and two places of residence. This is certainly not new research, people have been looking for more information for many years but we thought it might be worthwhile to go to the places where they really lived.

Dian and Kathie stayed in a ski resort in the Endless Mountains of Pennsylvania about half way between the two known residences, Orange County, N.Y. and Asylum Township, Bradford County, Penn.

We started our quest in Goshen, Orange County, N.Y. We started by going to the Goshen New York Historical Society. We also visited the Orange County Genealogical Society. We located the tax assessments of Amos Bennett in Orange County in 1775 and 1779. We looked through church records but found no evidence that Amos and Anna Bennett were members of any of the local congregations. There also was no evidence that Amos participated in any Revolutionary War activities. There is another Amos Bennett in another location who was an active participant but they were in two different locations at the same time. We believe that Amos and Anna probably lived in one place in Orange County but that place changed place names over the years; therefore, we found them in Goshen, then Warwick, then Florida. District 8, where they lived, was the southwestern portion of the present town of Warwick, the neighborhood of Mt. Eve, Amity to Pine Island to the New Jersey line.

We started the next day at Dingman's Ferry, Penn. the site of a bridge which was closed for maintenance but once the site of a ferry which crossed the Delaware River in the 1700s. After walking around the site, we took an alternate route to another bridge, when we came upon a sign, "Wyoming-Minisink Path -- Here an important Indian trail connecting the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers ascended Indian Point to Powwow Hill. The path was used by Delaware Indians in their migration to the Wyoming Valley, and later by Connecticut settlers -- Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission."

We were so excited because we realized that our ancestors likely took this path from the Minisink area of New York to the Susquehanna River area of Pennsylvania where they next settled. We visited Warwick Library and searched records there. Dian had previously found records of Amos Bennett's purchases from a local tavern in 1773-4. Unfortunately, we found no birth records for them or their children and no marriage record.

Since they were in Orange County in 1779 for the tax assessments, we don't believe the Bennett family was in

Kathie Olsen (left) and Dian Little (right) took a trip together last fall exploring New York and Pennsylvania in search of information about the parents of their common ancestor Justus Azel Seelye (SGS #836).



the Wyoming Valley for the massacre of 1778. There is family lore that a little girl came out onto the porch and was rescued by being dragged back in; however, our study of the Wyoming massacre leads us to believe they were not in the area at the time. Historians researching the area of present-day Bradford County do not agree on the time of the Bennett family arrival, but it was probably between 1782 and 1785. We believe if they had come earlier, it would have been noted in the record. This area was known as Luzerne, Penn. at this time. They do agree that Amos Bennett and his family did settle in an area, now in Asylum Township, Bradford County, Penn. on a small creek known as Bennett's Creek, across from Standing Stone Village, which fed into the Susquehanna River. He built a tub-mill at the falls. Amos Bennett was a cooper. Several of the Bennett children later settled in the Sugar Creek area further up the Susquehanna River.

In Towanda, Bradford County, Penn., we spent time in the Towanda Historical Society and museum. Visiting the Azilum Settlement, we saw tubs like Amos would have made. Using old maps, we were able to locate Bennett's Creek and the falls, water going over slate terraces.

Using Joyce Tice's listings of Bradford County cemeteries we found the Richard Benjamin Family Cemetery (Martha Bennett Benjamin was the oldest daughter of Amos and Anna.) overlooking the Bennett Creek site. There are many headstones that are not inscribed. Both Dian and Kathie felt strongly that Amos and Anna who died in 1813 and 1815 were buried there. We were also able to locate the Sugar Creek Cemetery (also known as the Pail Factory Cemetery) where many other Bennett's were buried.

Mehitable Bennett and Justus Azel Seelye (SGS #836) were married in 1800 probably in Asylum Township, Bradford County, Penn. He was living at the time in Tioga Point (now Athens), Penn. further up the Susquehanna River. He also was a cooper. Perhaps he came to work with her father, Amos.

It was a great trip. We really didn't find anything new. However, we feel that we did get some important new insights. Since we never could find any evidence of religious or military affiliation, we wonder if perhaps Amos and Anna were Quakers who originally came from Rhode Island but did not settle in Connecticut because of discrimination. Our future research will begin with this premise. It was really fun to be where Amos and Anna had been!

Meet Your Board of Directors

Editor's Note: It's been my true pleasure to work with the hard-working (and fun) volunteers of the SGS Board of Directors as the editor of the SGS Newsletter. I look forward to continuing to work with them in the future. I thought you would like to get to know them a little better as well, so I'm including biographies in this and future issues of the Newsletter.



Terry Tietjens -- Director Seelye Research Center

Born in Downs, Kan. a small north central town, Terry grew up in Douglas County near Lawrence, Kan. He claims he was just a hard working farm boy. But he and his family always made time to learn about the history of Kansas. Favorite trips were Fort Leavenworth, Fort Scott, Council Grove, and the Historic Society in Topeka. Because music was important to his mother, Terry attended three colleges in Kansas and became a music teacher in northeast Kansas and southeast Nebraska for nine years. In 1970, while attending graduate school at Emporia State University, Terry fell in love with a special "old" house in Abilene. Because of his interest in Kansas history, he made every effort to meet the ladies that lived at the Seelye Mansion. Even though it took many years to actually get in the front door, Terry knew owning the beautiful old home would be in his future. In 1982, Helen and Marion Seelye let him purchase their home including all of the contents, and they stayed to be his Grandmothers. Since then, Terry has also taken a leading role in the preservation of Kansas history with a number of preservation and restoration projects including Kirby House, Heritage Shopp, the old Presbyterian Church (now the Tietjens Center for the Performing Arts), and Old Abilene Town. Terry has been a member of the Governor's Council on Travel and Tourism for the State of Kansas, a member of the Abilene Heritage Commission, co-founder of Historic Homes of Abilene, a member of the Abilene Kiwanis Club and a past President, and a member of the Abilene Municipal Band.

John R. Seely -- Ancestor Files Chairman

John Robert Seely was born in 1922 in Kewanee, Ill. He entered USC's School of Engineering in 1940 and was called into the U.S. Army in March 1941. His duty assignments included Ft. Monroe, Va. where he met his future wife, Maurine Brevoort. After the war, John returned to classes at USC. In 1948 John was elected to membership in ETA KAPPA NU, an honorary Electrical Engineering Society. He and Maureen were married in 1950 and later had three children. Since 1978, John and Maurine were avid genealogy enthusiasts and in 1983 began using a computer to store their family research. John and Maurine attended the 1983 SGS Reunion held in Denver, Colo. and John was elected 1st VP, Membership. John held this post until 1995 when Ramon Hall was elected to the position. John has been the SGS database coordinator, adding data to the Ancestor File Index taken from submitter's work sheets and other sources. John served twelve years as Registrar for his Sons of the American Revolution Chapter as well as President for three years. John has proven descent from 16 RW ancestors. He also is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants through Stephen Hopkins. John holds an amateur radio license (W6OCV) which is also his car license ID in California. Genealogy, SGS and writing poems are John's major interests today.



Dr. Ken McCrea -- Seeley DNA Lineage Project Manager

Kenneth D. McCrea, Ph.D. was born and raised in Connecticut, and now lives in Lancaster County, Penn. Ken received a B.S. in Biology from Bucknell University in 1975, and a Ph.D. in Ecology from Purdue University in 1981. He is President of McCrea Research, Inc., an environmental consulting firm. An active genealogical researcher since 1980, he has extensive research experience including 13 trips to the LDS genealogy library in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the author of the GermanNames computer program for mapping German telephone lists (GermanNames.com) and two books, Pennsylvania Land Applications, Volume 1: East Side Applications 1765-1769 and Volume 2: New Purchase Applications 1769-1773. He is the Past President of the Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America and is currently the president of the Reamstown (Penn.) Historical Society and Museum. Further information on Ken's books can be found on the web site AncestorLand.com.

Ken's earliest identified Seeley ancestor is John Seeley (1751-1825) who lived in Monmouth Co., N.J. DNA testing has shown that he is a descendant of Robert & Nathaniel Seeley. It is an interesting coincidence that Ken was born in New Haven, Conn. over 300 years after his ancestor Robert Seeley helped found the town.

Military Notes

Soldier Killed in Iraq

The Department of Defense announced Nov. 1, the death of a soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sgt. Michael T. Seeley, 27, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Seeley was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Major Seeley Watches Son's Birth Live Via Webcam

On Dec. 13, 2006, the NBC affiliate TV station in St. Louis, KSDK, ran a story on their nightly local newscast about a San Diego couple who came together in an unusual way for the birth of their son.

"It was almost like we were holding hands," said Air Force Major Kevin Seeley. But they weren't. Seeley was

Staff Sgt. Christopher Seeley (below left) prepares his gear before the shuttle convoy from Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., heads out to the alternate landing site Dec. 22 to support the possible landing there of the Space Shuttle Discovery. Though the CRF convenes and stands ready to spring into action anytime the shuttle launches and lands, this time there was a bit more excitement in the air due to weather forecasts at the primary landing location. In the end, Discovery was able to land safely at 5:32 p.m. on Dec. 26 at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Airmen from Holloman are ready to support all NASA missions by training numerous times a year for such an event. Sergeant Seeley is assigned to the 49th Civil Engineer Squadron. U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Heather Stanton.



on deployment in Kuwait, while his wife Dottie was in Scripps Memorial Encinitas Hospital in Encinitas, Calif.

Seeley helped deliver his son from half a world away.

"It was like he was here," said Dottie

During the delivery, he helped coach Dottie through eight hours of labor. "He was breathing on the other end for me," she said.

The hospital set up the live web cam that linked Dottie's delivery room to an Internet café in Kuwait.

The 11-hour time difference separating the Seeley's caused only a few minutes delay for a crowd gathered around Kevin's lap top who cheered as his son Treston took his first breaths. See the story on KSDK's web site.

Marines Rescue Hostage, Uncover Caches

Marines assigned to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, Regimental Combat Team 5 rescued one hostage and uncovered two partially buried caches Nov. 30 while conducting search-and-knock operations in Fuhaylat, Iraq.

"By rescuing this gentleman and capturing the kidnappers, it shows the Iraqi people we do care for them, their safety and their future," said Lt. Col. William Seely, the 39-year-old battalion commander. "I am extremely proud of those Marines. The Marines saved a life and reunited a family. It just doesn't get any better."

After receiving intelligence from reliable sources, the Marines raided a house and launched an extensive search of the premises.

Soon after gaining entry, the Marines discovered three suspected insurgents in beds, and a local national hostage, who bore marks of torture, huddled on the floor.

Memorializing Our Fallen Troops

This year, Memorial Day will be observed in the United States on May 28. As the sad news above illustrates, Seeleys are not only serving in the War on Terrorism, some have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We are thinking of how we might, in our May newsletter, memorialize our Seeley cousins, who have fallen in the war on terrorism. If you know of a Seeley serviceman or servicewoman who has died as a result of this war, please send the following information to Jim Seeley, 108 Westridge Drive, Churchville, Va. 24421 or via Email to jrseeley@comcast.net.

- Name (if not a Seeley surname, explain relationship to a Seeley of various spellings)
- Year of death if known
- Nationality (e.g., US, Canadian, etc.)
- Service (i.e., Army, Marine, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, civilian) if known
- Home town and state/territory, if known
- Name of SGS member related to, if applicable
- Comments if desired. Include name of submitter.

Many of us have met Seeleys from New Brunswick, and we hope you'll join us in keeping the family of Sgt. Michael Seeley in your thoughts and prayers.

"It looked like they had beaten him pretty bad," said Cpl. Eric Maxwell, a 21-year-old from Fort Pierce, Fla. "He couldn't stand on his own; we had to pick him up. Our corpsman provided medical attention to the guy."

In addition to the three insurgents, the Marines also seized two arms caches containing one 155 mm artillery round and 15, 130 mm artillery rounds. Both supplies were destroyed by combat engineers attached to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.

The Marines also uncovered several identification badges, insurgent propaganda, one Italian 8 mm pistol with magazine, one AK 47 assault rifle with a chest rig and six magazines, and one M14 with 10 rounds.

"You might see a decrease in IED activity in that area," said Evans. "It makes them think, when is the next one going to come?"

"Saving that guy's life was definitely a plus ten," added Maxwell.

Army National Guard Staff Sgt. James Seely

Army National Guard Staff Sgt. James Seely has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Seely, a motor sergeant with 17 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 141st Military Intelligence Battalion, Orem, Utah.

He is the son of James and Joyce Seely of Centerville, Utah.

The sergeant received a master's degree in 1984 from Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah.

Petty Officer 1st Class Michael D. Seely (below left), production controller, stands in front of the doorway to Production Control at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24's Hangar 375. Seely once joined the Marine Corps but transferred to the Navy in order to pursue his dream job in the aviation field. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Edward C. deBree.

Staff Sgt. Nick Seely (below Right) configures a C-130 Hercules in preparation for passengers and cargo at a forward operating base in Southwest Asia Aug. 23. Sergeant Seely is a loadmaster with the 738th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, which is part of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. The wing is the primary aerial hub for Operation Iraqi Freedom and provides airlift support for Operation Enduring Freedom and the Horn of Africa. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen



SGS Queries

(Data As of Jan. 19, 2007)

Query number is 2 digit year, 2 digit month of newsletter, query sequence number

Please send your queries to Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home. Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any information on the queries below contact the submitter but remember to also send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

QUERY UPDATES:

None.

NEW QUERIES

Query 0702-1 Submitted by Kristyne Seeley Whitmore

Kristyne is looking for a Benjamin Seely/Seeley born in NY about 1836. He was married to Juliana Thorp(e) and had three sons. His first son was Adelbert Eugene (Eugene A in the census) who was born in Illinois in 1856. His second son Horace Cadmen or Cadmen Horace (Horace C in the census) was born in NY in 1859. His third son Elliot Elmer or Elmer Elliot (Elmer E in the census) was born in NY in 1861. Horace C. is Kristyne's great-great-great-grandfather.

SGS Response: The NY 1860 Census of Ripley, Chautauqua, NY gives the following information: Benjamin Seeley 25 years old, born in NY. Julana 24 years old born in NY Eugene A. 4 years old born in IL Horace C. 1 year old born in NY

Thorp, John, age 69, b. NY
 Thorp, John, age 69, b. NY
 Thorp, Eliza, age 58, b. VT
 Thorp, William, age 71, b. NY
 Seely, Eugene, age 14, b. IL
 Seely, Horace, age 11, b. NY
 Seely, Elmer, age 9, b. NY
 Seely, Juland, age 34, b. NY

Interestingly the same household in Ripley in the 1880 census has Thorp, John and Eliza, ages 79 and 68, then Elsworth, Elmer, age 19, stepson, Cadman, Horace, age 21, grandson, Cadman, Lydia, age 17, granddaughter, Thorp, William, age 80, brother.

I found a transcription of the cemetery listings for the South Ripley cemetery. That shows that Juliana Seeley died 11 June 1870 at age 37 (a bit strange since she seems to be alive at the 1870 census on July 28, but people are included if they were alive for part of the year). Also Elmer E. Seeley, 1861 - 1914, John Thorp died 3 June 1880 and Eliza Thorp died 4 July 1887.

The only information on our SGS CD refers to the marriage of Benjamin and Julia/Juliana. I checked that out and they were married 3 September 1854 in Kane Co. IL. So Juliana grew up in Ripley (she is listed there

with her family in the 1850 census), somehow married Benjamin in Illinois, had her first son there, then they all moved back to Ripley where she had the last 2 sons (and maybe also Lydia per the 1860 census or maybe she is a cousin) and then she died in 1870. Meanwhile Benjamin seems to have disappeared. I could find no listing of Civil War service.

Let me know if you have any information on this Benjamin Seeley and his ancestry.

Query 0702-2 Submitted by Esther Blackburn of Wichita, KS (replies to the Query Editor)

Jim received a letter from Esther Blackburn, an SGS member. She had a cousin's DNA tested. Esther's mother, Sara, and the cousin's father, David, were both children of Frank Edward Seely. The DNA test matched the Obadiah line. She wants to know Frank Edward Seely's ancestry.

SGS Response: The family is listed in the 1910 census of Washington, Crawford, Co. KS:

Seeley, FE, age 40, b. IL

Seeley, Alma, age 44, b. NY

FE and Alma married 19 years. She has had 12 children of whom 8 are living.

Seeley, Mitt, age 18, b. KS

Seeley, Hattie, age 16, b. KS

Seeley, Beecher, age 15, b. KS

Seeley, David, age 14, b. KS

Seeley, Paul, age 11, b. KS

Seeley, Frank, age 9, b. KS

Seeley, Eugene, age 5, b. KS

Seeley, Sara, age 3, b. KS

The 1900 census for Fort Scott, Bourbon Co., KS

Seely, Frank, age 33, b. Aug 1866 IL, father b. IL, mother b. NY occ.: Day Laborer

Seely, Alma, age 37, b. Jan 1863 NY, parents born NY Frank and Alma have been married 9 years. Alma has given birth to 8 children of whom 6 are living.

Green, John, age 11, step-son, b. May 1889 KS, parents b. NY (the Green is crossed over in the 1900 census and John Green is listed as Seely in the 1920 census)

Seely, Milton, age 8, b. Mar 1892, KS, father b. IL, Mother b. NY Seely, Hattie, age 6, b. July 1893, KS, parents as above for remaining children

Seely, David, age 4, b. July 1895, KS

Seely, Theodore, age 3, b. Mar 1897 KS

Seely, Paul, age 1, b. Aug. 1898 KS

From familysearch.org Alma Allena Brown married William Daniel Green 20 Aug 1887, Great Bend, Barton Co KS

In the 1930 census Alma A Seeley is listed as age 65, widow and age 23 at her 1st marriage. I couldn't find her in the 1920 census. According to the SGS database Frank Edward Seely died 12 Jan 1916 at Minden Mines, Barton, KS.

Unfortunately there are no 1890 census records and I haven't found Frank and Alma's marriage record. I have

tried to identify Frank Edward Seeley in the 1880 and earlier censuses.

I found a Frank of the right age in Whiteside Co. Il but research took that line back to Nathaniel so I tried again.

1880 census Independent township, Barton, KS

Seeley, Samuel age 48, b. IL, parents b. MA

Harriet A., age 42, b. NY, father b. CT, mother b. NY

Milton. age 21, b. IL, father b. IL, mother b.

NY

Hattie A., age 15, b. IL, etc

Beecher W.H., age 13, b. IL

Francis E., age 10, b. IL listed as female

daughter (but see below)

Louise, age 7, b. IL

Wilbur, age 3, b. IL

1870 census, Vermillion, LaSalle, IL

Seely, Samuel, age 37, b. IL

Harriet, age 31, b. NY

Milton, age 11, b. IL

Chas., age 9, b. IL

Hattie, age 5, b. IL

Beecher, age 3, b. IL

Frank, age 1, male

Samuel, Harriet and Milton are also in Vermillion in the 1860 census.

Illinois Marriage Index: Samuel Seely and Harriet Tyler married 24 Aug 1856 LaSalle Co IL

According to the *History of LaSalle County, Town Sketches*, Samuel is a son of William Seely of Seneca County, NY and married Hattie Tylee. His brother William married Hattie's sister and their father Capt. Tylee was an early settler of Brookfield, LaSalle Co. and later Vermillion.

According to the SGS database this is the William Seely listed in *The Seventh Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley as William Seeley SGS #3036* who resided in La Salle Co IL.

Considering the similarity of names between the families of Samuel Seely and Frank Edward Seely and the location of the Seely family in Barton Co KS where Frank's wife had her 1st marriage I think this is the right line. Why the 1880 census taker thought Francis was a girl is a mystery. Maybe he just took down the names and filled in the other columns when he got home??? There is also the mystery of the 15 year old Beecher in Frank's family in the 1910 census. Since he isn't with the family in 1900 and doesn't fit into the count of Alma's living children (her oldest, John Green Seeley has already moved out), I wonder if he is Frank's nephew. If anyone can provide further proof of the connection of Frank Edward Seely to the Francis listed as a son/daughter of Samuel Seely of Vermillion, LaSalle, IL please contact me.

Query 0702-3 Submitted by Renee Mizar (reneemizar@yahoo.com)

Renee is seeking information on her great-grandmother, Effie Julia Seeley. According to the family Bible, she was born Nov. 25, 1881, and married Renee's great-grandfather, George Walter Mizar, on Jan. 21, 1901

in Fairfax, Gregory Co., South Dakota. They had three children - Ruby (b. 1902, Nebraska), Arley (b. 1903, Kansas) and [George] Farrell (b. 1907, South Dakota) - and homesteaded in South Dakota for several years. George Walter Mizar died in 1954 in California, and on his death certificate he is listed as being divorced. Renee does not know what became of Effie. As for Census records, after Effie's marriage to George Mizar, Renee found those for 1910 and 1920, both in South Dakota. After that, the trail drops off completely. Renee is hoping to learn Effie's ancestry and what happened to Effie (post-1920), including where/when she died and her place of burial.

SGS Response: Looking for Effie's ancestry, the 1900 Federal Census for McCulley, Boyd Co., Nebraska

Seeley, Rionald, b. June 1852, age 48, b. NY and parents b. NY, farmer married 25 years Seeley, Sarah, b. Sept 1850, age 49, b. in IA to parents b. England (she has had 9 children of whom 5 are still living)

Seeley, Effie, b. Nov. 1881, IA

Seeley, Cora, b. Jan. 1884, IA

Seeley, Luella, b. Apr. 1886, Dakota

Seeley, Nellie, b. Feb. 1896, NE

Renee believes this is her Effie Seeley because her grandfather's (Arley Mizar) middle name was Ryonald.

In 1910 Rion F Seeley, Sarah and Nellie are in Peoria, Franklin Co KS.

I also found a record on the SD Genweb site for a land sale of 160 acres to Rionel Seeley on 14 July 1888. Maybe that is why Effie went there when she married.

Other census information:

1860 census of Malaka, Jasper Co. IA

Seely, Abner, age 46, b. CT

Seely, Julian, age 50, b. NY

Seely, Horace B., age 17, b. NY

Seely, Orrin, age 14, b. NY

Seely, John, age 11, b. NY

Seely, Rions or Riono, age 7, b. NY

Wright, Edwin O., age 22, b. NY

Wright, Emily, age 20, b. NY

Wright, Eugene, age 11/12, b. IA

1870 census of Independence, Jasper, IA (house 14)

Ceily, Horace B, age 26, farmer, b. NY

Ceily, Lydia, age 22, b. IN

Ceily, Rionel, age 17, farmer, b. NY

Also in Independence, Jasper, IA (house 63)

Thompson, W A, age 66, farmer, b. England

his wife Mary J, age 65, b. England

son James K., age 22, works on farm, b. IA

dau. Sarah N., age 20, no occupation, b. IA

1880 census York Co NE (unspecified township)

Seeley, Oney, age 27, b. NY, father b. CT, mother b. NY

Seeley, Sarah, age 28, b. IA, parents b. Eng.

Seeley, Estella, age 3, b. IA

Seeley, Emily, age 3mos, b. Mar 1880, NE

1920 census Butte, Boyd Co. NE

Seeley, Rionel, age 67, b. NY, farmer

Seeley, Rose A., age 45, b. IL

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Boyd County Marriages from USGenWeb site (Nebraska)

11 September 1894 - Seeley, Estella and Audiss, Morris H.

11 August 1902 - Seeley, Luella and Audiss, Robert L.

8 March 1916 - Seeley, Rionel F and Rose Hupp Jasper County, IA Marriages from USGenWeb

Seeley, Rowel F and Sarah Thompson by Joseph Dodd, JP on 15 Oct 1874

Seely, Sarah E and Edwin Wright 2 Mar 1858-1850 census Rockland, Sullivan Co NY

Seeley, Abner, age 42 b. NY as is wife and all children

Seeley, Julia, age 41

Seeley, Thomas, age 19

Seeley, Andrew, age 16

Seeley, Charles, age 12

Seeley, Emily, age 10

Seeley, Horace, age 6

Seeley, Orrin, age 4

Seeley, John, age 1

Abner Seeley (of the 1860 and 1850 census) is our SGS # 2278. He is in the 8th generation of descent from the immigrant Robert Seeley through his son Nathaniel. Abner's wife is Julia Ann Rose. Abner's father was from New Milford, Ct which is probably where he was born about 1806 but he grew up in Sullivan County, NY. The next two families listed in the 1850 census after Abner's family are both surnamed Rose and include a Charles Rose, age 72, who could be Julia's father.

The SGS database lists Rionel as Lionel Floyd Seeley and says he was born 28 Jun 1852 Rockland, Sullivan Co NY. It also lists Effie, Luella, Cora and Nellie but says their father's name is Rev. Rowell Seeley. I can find no evidence that he was a Rev. His occupation is always listed as farmer. The source is listed as an obit. Does anyone have a copy? Can you offer any other help?

Query 0702-4 Submitted by Dee Burr (rebburr@cox.net)

Dee is interested in the Thomas Seeley who married Addie Burr in Vernon County Missouri on 19 Feb 1888. The son of Addie and Thomas was Allie Claud, born Sept 1888. Allie Claud was raised by his uncle Benjamin Franklin Burr. His named was changed to Burr. Family story says that Thomas was killed in a mining accident. Dee thinks that her Addie is married to Joseph Haynie in the 1900 census.

Dee found 2 Thomas Seeley's in the 1870 Missouri census. One is Thomas M. Seeley in Taney County and Thomas Seeley in Ralls County. In 1880 the Thomas of Taney County is in Shelby Co., IL (his father, John had died and mother Sarah had removed to IL). She has accounted for the Thomas of Ralls County in a later census. The Thomas of Taney County is unaccounted for and Dee suspects he is the father of Allie Claud and husband of Addie Burr.

SGS Response: I found Allie listed as Allen C Burr in the 1900 census of Dover, Vernon Co. MO as the

adopted son of Benjamin and Iddie Burr. They have been married 14 years at that time and Iddie is childless. It also shows that Iddie was born in KS (and her father b. in PA and mother in IA). Allen was born in MO, his father in IN and mother in KS. Benjamin Burr was born in IL to a father b. in OH and a mother b. in IN.

I found Joseph Haynie with wife Addelan in the 1900 census but it clearly shows that she was born in April 1880 in Canada to a father born in MI and a mother b. in Canada. I don't see how she could be the mother of Allen/Allie. The same information is repeated in the 1910 census so it's not a one-off mistake. Also the 1910 census for Joseph and Addie includes her brother Frank Ryan, age 16, same birth place information as Addie.

Also in the 1880 census for Lincoln, Johnson Co. IA

Burr, Neldon, age 65, b. MA

Lydia L, age 60, b. MA

Levi P., age 28, b. MA

Benjamin F, age 22, b. IL

John P. age 20, b. IL

Vanwinkle, Adda, age 9, boarding, b. KS

Perhaps this Adda went by the name of Burr when she married Thomas Seeley and considered Benjamin to be her brother, therefore uncle to Allie Claud. However this is just an unverified guess.

If you have information on this family or suggestions please contact Dee and send me a copy.

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUERY

If you would like to submit a query please follow a few guidelines.

Be specific and detailed: Give us as much information as you have about the person or family in question, **especially dates and locations.**

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS Publications? The census? Cemetery records? Ancestry.com? Others? (specify)

What exactly do you want to know? Parent's names and details? Information on siblings? Information on a family marrying into the Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed please keep us informed about any information you receive or any further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested or related to your line.

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