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Get Searching! Your Family History Is Now Closer Than Ever

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President

This is an incredible time in the history of the world to be interested in Genealogy and Family History! There are so many resources available to us at this time. There are genealogical societies such as ours with publications and websites. There are libraries specializing in genealogy and family history collections. The internet has opened up more additional resources. You can "Google." There are free sites such as www.familysearch.org and find-a-grave.com that are offering genealogy and family history information. There are also many sites where you can pay to receive the information such as Ancestry.com.

In fact, to help genealogists navigate the ever changing environment of genealogy technology, FamilySearch has launched a new section on its website called FamilySearch TechTips which aims to bridge the gap between the developing worlds of technology and genealogy.

You used to have to wait weeks for a vital statistic such as a death certificate to be mailed to your home. Now we sometimes get impatient if something takes more than five minutes. An intercept told me the other day that I might have to wait because there were 500,000,000 names to search!

Recently a friend asked me to find out some information about her friend's grandmother who had been married in 1896. Since the woman had divorced and remarried and lost touch with the first family, her granddaughter was wondering if she might have had other children and where she died and where was she buried. All the friend knew was her Grandmother's name, her Grandfather's name, the date and place of the marriage and the last name of the second husband. Using this little bit of information and some of the above named sources, I was able to assemble the Grandmother's life history with at least twenty different references including a picture of her headstone! Just for your information, she didn't have any more children and she was buried not more than 80 miles away from the place where her granddaughter presently lives which was thousands of miles from the place where her grandparents had been married! It was amazing!! Unfortunately, none of those concerned was a Seeley!

I challenge you to set up a similar situation to locate information on one of your Seeley relatives! And if you locate new information be sure to share it with SGS by contacting me, Linda Crocker, our Genealogist or Chris Havnar, our Webmaster. These women are the co-



With all the innovations in technology and electronic records storage, the research needed to trace your family history is now easier than ever and it continues to become easier. If you've been on a hiatus from research because you hit a "brick wall," now is the time to get back into the hunt. You might be surprised by what you can find!

chairpersons of the SGS Ancestor File and are happy to add new information!

Good luck!

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Announcements

The SGS Newsletter is published every February, May, August, and November. Announcements are published for free and are due to the editor by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for its members and for posterity.

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, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

Effective Oct. 1, 2011 SGS Membership dues are \$10 per year, \$18 two years, \$25 three years, or \$36 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$125. (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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Seelye National Research Center

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for late summer or early fall 2013 in Grand Rapids, Mich. Please advise the editor if your branch or family has plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

Editorial Position

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writers 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.

SGS President's Report

I would like to thank everyone who is involved with the Seeley Genealogical Society in any way. Each member is very important. Thanks to all of our elected and appointed officers! They are all volunteers who give of their time and energy freely and I thank them all! Thanks to all those who spend many hours to help the Society reach its goal to "engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination and preservation of Society information for the Society, for its members and for posterity." SGS Constitution, Article II, Section 2.

I am still playing catch up from our recent Reunion. It was a wonderful and busy few days where we had the opportunity to visit with each other and learn new things about our Seeley family. I appreciate so much those who had any part in making it such a success! Thanks to all! Sally Seeley paid all the bills and kept the records straight. Her treasurer report for the fiscal year of October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011 is in this newsletter. Thanks to Sally! Our Secretary, Mary Palley, has completed the minutes of all the various meetings. Due to a communication error, they will run in the January edition of the newsletter. Thanks Mary for all your hard work!

If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to order a copy of the Souvenir Book whether you were able to come to the Reunion or not. It will contain the happenings at the Reunion but also the happenings in the Society since the last Reunion including the updated Constitution and By-Laws. Send a check for \$25.00 payable to SGS to me. My address is on page 15. Thanks to Paul Taylor for leading this endeavor!

The committee formed to study the feasibility of expanding the SGS Database of Other Surnames to include any descendant of Seeleys with another surname, with Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar as chairpersons, have been in communication with each other via email. Thanks to Jesse Crisler, Camille Seeley Bell, Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar! If you would like to be part of this discussion, please contact Linda or Chris. Chris and Linda continue to add to the information in the SGS Ancestor File that is available to SGS members. It is amazing! Thanks to Chris and Linda!

John R. Seely had many years of research documents and other materials that he donated to the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kansas. SGS has paid the shipping costs for these materials from John's home in Carson, California. If you would like to help with the shipping costs, please send your donation to the treasurer, Sally Seeley. Her address is on page 15. Pam Turner, the Librarian for the SRC, is presently going through the boxes of information to determine which items are needed in the collection. Thanks to Pam! My sister, Margaret Petersen, came with me to Carson, California to pack up the materials and later she came with me to deliver the boxes to Pam in Fruita, Colorado. Thanks to Margaret!

Jim Seeley has been serving as the DNA interim project manager. He is doing a great job. We are still looking for someone willing to take on this position. If you are that person, please contact Jim. Thanks to Jim.

I have made two new appointments. George Seeley has agreed to serve as the Parliamentarian for SGS. In that position, he will see that "the order of business at all meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised." Article V:Section 3

Pauline Cilley has agreed to serve as Assistant Genealogist to Linda Crocker for those persons who are not descended from either Robert or Obadiah. "Assistant Genealogists, when appointed, will be responsible for specific tasks in support of the Chief Genealogist's function. By-Laws, Article IV:Section 5

The Executive Board has established an SGS Memorial Fund. When one of our members or relatives passes away, we could remember him/her by making a donation to the SGS Memorial Fund in his/her name. The money should be sent to



Please See SGS President's Report Page 3

A Note From the SRC Librarian

Gone More Than A Year, John Seely Still Shares Genealogy Lessons

By Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian

In September, Kathie and I were able to get together so she could transfer to me the files that John Seely had generously donated to the society. In total there are 21 boxes. I hope to have gone through all of these boxes by the time we meet next April in Abilene.

So far, I've been able to get through three of these boxes and have already discovered something that you might want to use in your own filing system. One of the first boxes I went through were binders of John's personal family history, which were titled "John Robert Seely Evidence." These binders contain copies of every sort of family item you can imagine, newspapers, job reviews, marriage records, land deeds and so on. There didn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to these pieces of paper, which I found very odd, knowing what an organized person John was.

Then I got to box two and in there was a binder titled "Evidence Index." Here was my "Rosetta Stone."

This index is divided into two sections, the first part is a name list with every name listed alphabetically along with the associated evidence for that person and which binder to find it in. The second section is an item number list with each page number listed numerically and the information

associated with that page. When I saw this, I thought that this was a great way to keep track of your proof documents.

John has over 800 pages of documents and didn't worry about filing them by family or time frame. It looks like he just added the documents as he found them and then added them to his index.

Trying to establish my own family files I can see where this approach can be much easier than trying to keep your evidence with a particular family line. For instance, what happens when one piece of evidence applies to multiple families, do you make copies to place in each family file or do you put your evidence in a separate location and index it to each of the families it pertains to?

After seeing this, I think I might undo what I have started and change to this type of file system; especially since computers will make formatting the index much easier. Thanks John for opening my eyes to a different and possibly better way of doing things.



A Note From the SGS Membership Chair

Be Sure to Tell Your Extended Family the Benefits of SGS Membership

By Lynda Simmons, SGS Membership Chair

When you read this newsletter, you will know what a great organization we have and how many good things are happening in the Seeley Genealogical Society. Please let all of your relatives and friends know about how valuable it is to belong.

Some of you have forgotten to send in your renewal membership. We really do want you to remain members of the Society. Please do send in your membership forms and dues as soon as possible. There is a form in this newsletter on page 15.

I will send reminder letters soon, but would rather save the stamps and use that money for good things for the Seeley Genealogical Society.

At our Membership meeting in Horsehead, N.Y., I was asked to make a report of our membership showing

different memberships. Here is that information as of October 14, 2011:

Libraries	15
Genealogical Societies	14
Lifetime Members	165
<u>Dues Paying Members</u>	<u>216</u>
Total membership:	410

We want to make a list of members who have died since our last conference. At the membership meeting, a woman gave us the name of her deceased relative. I wrote it down, but somehow I lost it. I would really appreciate it if you would let me know if any of your Seeley relatives have died since 2009 especially if they were members of SGS. Thanks so much! Please continue to tell everyone about our wonderful Seeley Genealogical Society.

SGS President's Report *(continued from page 2)*

Sally Seeley, the treasurer. A note will be sent to the family acknowledging your donation. The donation will not be tax deductible. Please consider this as a great way to memorialize your loved ones!

The next meeting of the Board will be on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 1:00 pm in Abilene, Kansas at the Seelye Research Center. You are always welcome to join us!

Of interest to everyone will be our upcoming reunion in 2013. It will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. There will be a meeting of the committee to be held in Grand Rapids on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 11:00 am. This is a

correction to the previous announcement which said Monday, May 1. The meeting place will be announced later. Bill Hileman, Marion Hileman, Richard Speer, Anita Speer, Mary Palley and Linda Crocker have volunteered to serve on the committee. If you could help plan, prepare and present the next reunion, please contact me (see contact Information on page 15). Plan now to come! Encourage all your Seeley (no matter how you spell it) relatives to be there. It is always fun to be together!

Kathie Olsen (Katherine M. Olsen)
President, Seeley Genealogical Society

Obituary: Linda Weiler, SGS Life Member

This obituary of Linda Weiler was written by her sister-in-law Toots Brundage, Karl's oldest sister. An obituary was not placed in the paper in Fresno, CA. There was no funeral but a grave-side service was held in Belmont Memorial Park, Fresno, California. Linda's husband, Karl arranged for lots of chairs to be set up and a good microphone, so everyone could hear the speakers. Linda's 3 children and her husband, Karl spoke. It was very nice and everyone enjoyed the service. Karl dedicated the grave.

Linda Joy Niswender Weiler wife of Karl L. Weiler died June 21, 2011 in Fresno, Calif. in the hospital. Linda had

suffered a stroke on the 3rd of June and then another on the 16th. It completely paralyzed her. She had been sick many times during her life and always came out of her sicknesses and did very good, but this one was too severe.

Linda is survived by her husband, Karl L. Weiler of 49 years, their 50th anniversary would have been in November 2011; Daughter, Jill (Donny) Castro-Condi, sons, Terry (Leann), and Clint Weiler; A sister, Nancy Ann Goe, from North Carolina, who also came for the funeral. Linda has 10 Grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren. She has lots of family on her husband's side. Presiding in death was a son, Jacob, and a daughter Suzette.

Linda was born 10 August 1940 in South Gate, California. Her parents were Neil Allen Niswender and Pearl Alice Nitchell Workman Niswender.

Linda and Karl Weiler are LIFE members of the Seeley Genealogical Society. We will miss Linda very much. She was a very spiritual and wonderful mother, wife, grandmother, and sister-in-law. She was always very generous, kind, and thoughtful of everyone.



Seeley Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report

For the Period Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$18,538.28
Receipts	
Dues	\$1678.00
LIFE Memberships	\$800.00
Books	\$388.00
CD's	\$195.00
Research Fund Donations	\$161.75
Memorial Fund	\$125.00
Bank Interest	\$288.27
Other	\$25.00
Reunion Income	\$6479.00
(see separate report)	
Advance Sales	\$1000.00
Reunion Souvenir Book	
Total Receipts	\$11,140.02
Disbursements	
Postage	\$736.71
Supplies	\$8.50
Newsletter Printing	\$2880.00
Seelye Archives Stipend	\$750.00
FGS Dues	\$75.00
NGS Dues	\$50.00
Webmasters	\$125.00
Transport John Seely Files	\$320.81
Ancestry Subscription	\$300.00
for Chief Genealogist	
Reunion Expenses	\$5656.05
(see separate report)	
Total Disbursements	\$10,902.07
Ending Balance, Sept. 30, 2011	\$18,776.23
Fund Balances (Included in cash balance)	
DNA Fund	\$185.00
Research Fund	\$1601.02
Memorial Fund	\$125.00

PLEASE NOTE: Souvenir books will be printed and distributed in early 2012. Those expenses have not yet been determined nor paid for at this time.

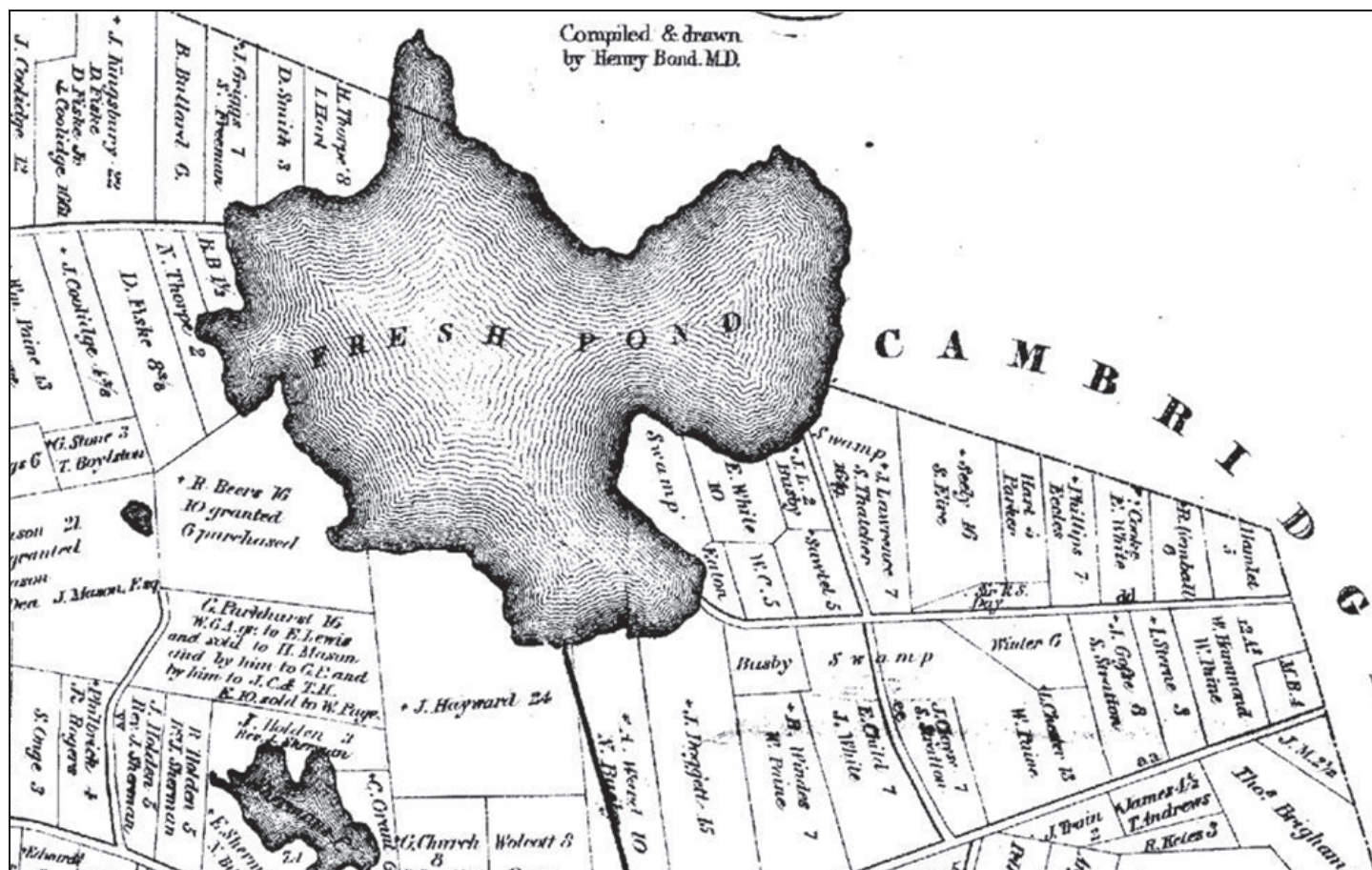
Submitted Oct. 1, 2011 by
Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer

Seeley Genealogical Society Supplemental Treasurer's Report 2011 SGS International Reunion Expenses

Receipts	
Registration Fees	\$690.00
Dinners	\$4251.00
Picnic	\$560.00
Sunday Brunch	\$480.00
Tours	
Winery Tour	\$40.00
Elmira Trolley	\$222.00
Chemung County	\$236.00
	\$498.00
Total Receipts	\$6479.00
Disbursements	
Picnic Pavilion Rental	\$30.00
Supplies	\$200.10
Meeting Room Rental	\$162.00
Meals	\$4803.95
Trolley Tour	\$120.00
Winery Tour	\$40.00
Guest Speakers	\$200.00
Chemung County Tour Guide	\$100.00
Total Disbursements	\$5656.05

Submitted Oct. 1, 2011 by
Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer

Two Friends, Two Ancestors: A Connection From Nearly 400 Years Ago



In 2008, SGS Member Liz Alexander attended her 50th college reunion where she ran into a friend named Jane.

"I don't remember telling her I was a Seeley descendent but I must have," said Alexander.

She believes that because a couple of years later, Jane sent Alexander a copy of a map of Watertown, Mass.

"I was doing a little genealogy," wrote Jane, "and found this in the notes for my multiple great-grandfather, John Lawrence (1609-1667)."

Jane described the map as Bond's Map of Watertown.

"The grant of a homestead to John Lawrence, east of the Fresh Pond, and adjoining that of Robert Seely, implies that he was a first settler; but he settled very early on a lot granted to him on the west side of Common Street, which

was his permanent residence, until he moved to Groton, except, perhaps, a temporary residence in Boston."

For Jane, the map showed that the connection she shared with Alexander is one that might also have been shared by their ancestors.

"I guess that means we were neighbors in the 1600s," she wrote. "I lived in the next town over from Watertown for years, but I had no idea that any of my ancestors had ever lived there."

Jane pointed out that on the map, John Lawrence is under the C and Robert Seeley is under the A in Cambridge.

"There's a road there now, said Jane, "and I've driven over it many times."

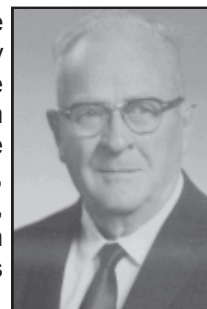
SGS Founder Garner Osborn Nov. 7, 1887 - June 5, 1976

Story by Christine Havnar, Webmaster & SGS Ancestor File Co-Chair

This summer was the 35th anniversary of the death of Garner Thomas Osborn, the founder of SGS.

Garner was born November 7, 1887 in Burr Oak, Iowa, one of five children born to William Stephen and Alice Seelye Osborn. Stacey and Bernice died in infancy. His mother died in 1893. Left with 3 children, Garner, Sidney and Floyd, his father remarried in 1894 Julia Seelye, the sister of his late wife. In 1894 the family moved to Milford, Iowa. Julia lived until 1922 and to that union was born a daughter, Grace. William Osborn died in 1944 at the home of his daughter Grace Caauwe in Lakefield, Minnesota.

Garner's Seelye grandparents were Thomas and Helen Hill Seelye. They were married April 6, 1861, and were the parents of eleven children; nine of whom were alive in 1914 when Helen Seelye died. The children resided in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Oregon. Thomas Seelye died in 1908 when nearly eighty years old. He is buried in eastern Iowa.



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Lloyd Glenn Seeley, SGS President from 1968-1970

Story by Christine Havnar, Webmaster & SGS Ancestor File Co-Chair

This year is the 25th anniversary of the death of Lloyd Glenn Seeley, President of SGS from 1968 to 1970.

I remember being asked (I believe at the 2003 reunion in Williamsburg, VA) if I could find any information about Lloyd Seeley, one of the early presidents of SGS. I put that request aside, and frankly, it slipped my mind. However, for the SGS website, I was starting a project to collect vital records, copies of death certificate and obituaries of Oregon residents with the surname SEELEY/Y/YE. While collecting data from the Oregon Archives and during numerous hours with newspaper microfilm in the library at the University of Oregon, I did find information on Lloyd Seeley.

Lloyd was born May 20, 1906 in North Bend, Oregon. He graduated from Oregon Normal School (now Western Oregon State College) in 1930 and in 1935 earned a bachelor of arts degree from Oregon State University.

He entered the teaching field and came to Klamath County in the early 1930s as principal at the old Indian school in Beatty. Subsequently he was principal at Bly and Henley schools and during the 1940s worked as a health sanitarian for Klamath County. He later returned to the profession as an administrative supervisor, retiring in 1968.

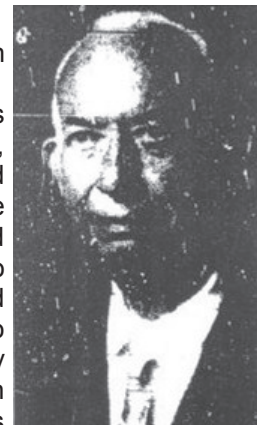
During his younger years, Lloyd was a 4-H leader, was active in Boy Scouts, and was a junior rifle instructor for the

National Rifle Association.

Lloyd died, aged 85 in Klamath Falls Feb. 20, 1986.

Lloyd's father, Curtis Seeley, was born in Green County Illinois Jan. 12, 1873. He was the son of Captain and Mrs. William Seely. He spent the earlier part of his life in Illinois and when 15 years of age moved to Oregon with his family who located near Springfield. Prior to coming to Benton County in 1928 the family had resided at Aumsville, Marion County for 10 years. Curtis was married to Miss Stella Kirkpatrick who survived him. He was also survived by three sisters - Mrs. Lucy Warfield, Alsea; Mrs. Lena E. Klein, Portland, and Mrs. Inez McNelly, Beaverton; and one brother, Charles Seely of Alsea. A brother Harry H. Seely died Sept. 21, 1932 in Corvallis. Curtis died March 2, 1933 two miles west of Alsea, Oregon.

[Great Grandson of Anthony Stuart SGS # 2328 - Lloyd Glenn; Curtis Rolla; William; Anthony Stuart (# 2328); Guy (# 835); Justus William(?); Joseph; John; Benjamin; Nathaniel, Robert]



Library and Archives Canada Digitizes Past Issues of Canada Gazette

Library and Archives Canada Press Release

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) commemorated the 170th anniversary of the Canada Gazette September 26, 2011 by making accessible the digitized back issues, from 1841 to 1997, on its website dedicated to this official publication.

"Current issues of the Canada Gazette have been available to Canadians at most libraries and through subscription, and the Canada Gazette Directorate has a searchable database on its website of all issues since 1998," said Daniel J. Caron, Deputy Head and Librarian and Archivist of Canada.

"However, an online database that includes all issues of the Canada Gazette, since 1841 and searchable by keyword, is a major achievement that allows even greater access to this very important resource."

Digitization of these back issues began in 2008. At that time, LAC's database contained about 30 percent (or close to 300,000 pages) of the Canada Gazette corpus, including images taken from microfilm, microfiche and rare original copies of the Gazette held at LAC. In August 2010, the staff of LAC and the Canada Gazette inventoried the missing editions and, with the help of the Canada Gazette Directorate, were able to get copies from other libraries across Canada. Today's announcement of the launch of the entire publication marks the completion of this multi-

year initiative.

The initiative was made possible thanks to the contribution of the Department of Canadian Heritage, more specifically its Canadian Culture Online Program. LAC also wishes to acknowledge the collaboration of the Canada Gazette Directorate, which provided funding assistance for the development of the database and supported the creation of the written content for LAC's website, A Nation's Chronicle: The Canada Gazette.

Often referred to as "the official newspaper of the Government of Canada," the Canada Gazette has been an important instrument in the Canadian democratic process for 170 years. It has informed Canadians of the operations of government and encouraged them to participate in the legislative process.

The mandate of Library and Archives Canada is to preserve the documentary heritage of Canada for the benefit of present and future generations, and to be a source of enduring knowledge accessible to all, thereby contributing to the cultural, social and economic advancement of Canada. Library and Archives Canada also facilitates co-operation among communities involved in the acquisition, preservation and diffusion of knowledge, and serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions.



Seeley Military Notes



Staff Sgt. Stan Hinds, left, Staff Sgt. Sam Metcalf, 2nd Lt. Kelly Seeley and Sgt. James Beeson, with the Infantry Center Band, sing the national anthem a capella before the Columbus Wood Bats and East Alabama Big Train collegiate summer-league baseball game at Golden Park in Columbus, Ga. during military appreciation day July 4th. The Big Train won, 8-4. (Photo By: Lori Egan)



U.S. Navy Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Joshua Seeley performs maintenance on a grove crane in hangar bay 3 aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in the Pacific Ocean April 30, 2011. John C. Stennis was under way preparing to participate in composite training unit exercises off the coast of southern California. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Kenneth Abbate)



U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. George L. Seely, right, a flight line mechanic with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 262, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate Wei Wang replace a tip light wire on a rotor blade of a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter in the hangar bay of the amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) in the Pacific Ocean March 29, 2011. Essex was operating off the coast of Japan in support of Operation Tomodachi earthquake and tsunami humanitarian relief efforts. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Brennan O'Lowney)

2011 SGS Reunion Souvenir Books For Sale

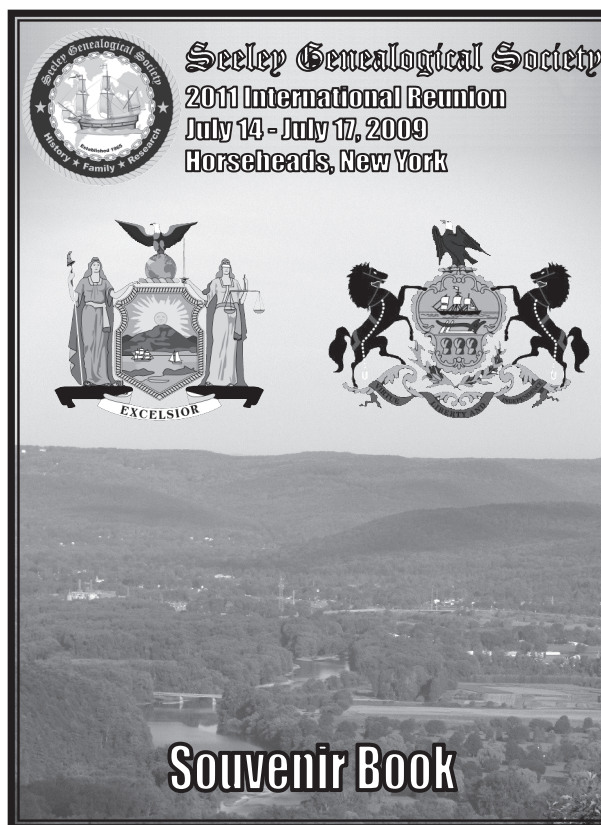
Once again SGS will compile and produce a Souvenir Book commemorating the Seeley Genealogical Society's 2011 International Reunion. The book's contents will be similar to those of the past four reunions and will include lots of pictures of attendees (accompanied by the names of those in the photos to help you learn our cousins' names).

It will include a "Dedication" page and a list of SGS members known to have recently passed; it will include reunion highlights; a description of the tours we took; copies of the presentations; a copy of the SGS Constitution and By-Laws; a copy of the Treasurer's report; a list of past reunion locations and the reunion officers elected; a list of reunion attendees with a group photo, and more.

The book is designed to inform members who were unable to attend the reunion of what took place at the Horseheads reunion AND as a souvenir for those who did attend. This is one part of our initiative to document our society.

If you haven't already ordered a book, please send a check, payable to SGS, to Kathie Olsen (her address is on page 15) for \$25.00 US per book. We anticipate the books will be mailed early next year. To give you an idea of the book's probable size, the 2009 Reunion Souvenir Book was 94 pages.

Only one printing is planned so order yours today!



Cambridge University is Home to Seeley Historical Library

From Cambridge University Web Site (www.hist.cam.ac.uk/seeley-library)



The Seeley is one of the largest libraries in Cambridge and its primary role is to support the History Faculty's teaching programme by providing students with access to a wide range of printed, online and audio-visual material.

It was first established in 1807 when John Symonds, Regius Professor of Modern History, gathered its nucleus of 1,000 books. His immediate successor, Professor William Smyth (1807-1849), added many volumes, but thereafter the library appears to have fallen into disuse. In 1884 Oscar Browning, University Lecturer in History, launched an appeal for a new library to meet the need of undergraduates and a considerable number of additions were made over the next few years. In 1890 the entire collection was transferred from the gallery of the Philosophical Library to a room in King's College and the following year an annual grant of £30.00 was voted for maintenance.

In 1895 a memorial fund was raised to commemorate Sir John Seeley's services to the Empire and to the University and the greater part of this fund was devoted to the endowment of the library, which was named after him in 1897. In 1912 the collection relocated to the top floor of the newly-reopened Arts School, Bene't Street, then in



1935 to the Old Schools. In 1968 the Seeley moved to the Sidgwick site as part of the new History Faculty building designed by the internationally-renowned architect, James Stirling. Its unusual radial design, spanning an L-shaped teaching block, accommodates over 300 reading spaces and houses around 95,000 volumes.

SGS Chief Genealogist Sheds More Light on Seeley Twins

Story by Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist

In the August 2011 issue I reported on the the lineage of twins Montelion (SGS# 1677) and Montraville (SGS# 1676) Seeley. I recently heard from Scott Lewellen (slewellen@stny.rr.com), a descendant of Montraville's youngest son Horace, and have done some further research on Horace myself.

1870 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Seeley, Virginia, age 20 b. PA

Seeley, Horace age 24 b. IN

Listed in the home of Thomas Miller age 45, b. SCOT, confectioner and his wife Rebecca age 44 b. PA along with several other people of various occupations

1880 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Seely, Horace, age 35 b. IN, IN, IN, bookkeeper

Seely, Virginia, age 31 b. PA, PA, PA

Seely, Isabella age 4, Viola B age 3, Olive M age 1, all b. PA, IN, PA

Mulkins, Charles, age 21, bro-in-law b. PA, PA, PA, dyer

1900 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Seeley, Horace C. b. Jul 1845 IN, IN, IN, real estate, md 8 yr to

Seeley, Fredericka A b. May 1862 PA, Prussia, Bavaria, 4 ch, 4 living

Seeley, Isabella b. Oct 1875, O. Mary b. Oct 1878, both b. PA, IN, IN

Seeley, E Walter b. Nov 1893, Freda L b. Nov 1895, both b. PA, IN, PA

Montreville, Albert, nephew b. Nov 1898, Paul Waldo, nephew, b. Dec 1899, both b. PA, IN, PA

Kornbau, Albert b. MAY 1881, Amelia, neice, b. Feb 1884, both b. PA, PA, PA

1910 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Seely, Horace C. age 64 b. IN, NY, NY, real estate broker, 2nd marr. md 17 yr to

Seeley, Fredericka A age 50 b. PA, GER, GER, 4 ch., 4 living

Seeley, Isabella J., age 34 b. PA, IN, PA

Corby, Robert A age 31, son-in-law b. PA, PA, PA, butcher, md 3 yr to

Corby, Olive M age 31 b. PA, IN, PA, stenographer, 0 ch.

(By the time of the WWI Draft Robert Alonzo Corby has re-married to Helen who is age 24 in the 1920 census)

1920 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Seely, Horace C, age 75 b. IN, ENG, ENG, real estate, own office

Seely, Frederika, age 58 b. PA, GER, GER

Seely, Isabella age 44, Montreville age 22, Paul age 20, all b. PA, IN, PA

(Horace C Seely and Fredericka are still in Philadelphia in the 1930 census)

WWI Draft

Montreville Seely of Philadelphia b. 15 Nov 1897, student at Temple Univ., names father Horace Seely as next of kin

Paul Waldo Seely of Philadelphia b. 1 Dec 1899, erector on Hog Island, names father Horace C Seely as

next of kin (same address for Montreville, Paul and Horace)

Philadelphia Death Record Index

Viola Blanche Seely b. 1877 d. 1 Feb 1884 age 7 at Philadelphia, dau. of Horace C and Hannah V. Seely

Anna B Seely b. 1872 d. 7 May 1873 age 17 mos. at Philadelphia, dau. of Horris and Virginia Seely

George Seely b 1874 d. 30 Aug 1875 age 1 yr 10 mos. at Philadelphia, son of Horace and Jennie Seely

George P. Seely b. 1882 d. 27 Oct 1897 age 15 at Philadelphia, son of Horace C. and Anna V. Seely

Mabel B Seely b. 1888 d. 31 Jan 1888 age 11 mos. at Philadelphia, dau. of Horace C. and Anna V. Seely

Anna V Seely b. abt 1847 in PA d. 13 Dec 1891 at Philadelphia, aged 44

Philadelphia Marriage Index

Fredericka A Grater to Horace Clinton Seely in 1892

Olive May Seely to Robert A Corby in 1907

Sara H Poole to Montreville Seely in 1920

FLDI

Montreville Seely b. 19 Nov 1898, d. 16 Nov 1971 - Polk, Florida, United States

SSDI

Paul W. Seely b. 1 Dec 1899, d. 18 Nov 1999 - Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1930 census Bellwood, Blair, PA

Seeley, Montville, age 32 b. PA, IN, PA, Baptist church clergyman, md 10 yr to

Seeley, Sara H., age 36 b. PA, PA, PA

Seeley, Grace E age 8, b. NY, PA, PA, Gloria M age 3, b. PA, PA, PA

1930 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Seeley, Paul W age 30 b. PA, PA, PA, manager radio co., md 8 yr to

Seeley, Elizabeth, age 32 b. PA, PA, PA

Seeley, Winifred age 5, Eugene age 3 yr 2 mos.

Scott's information follows with my comments in italics:

Horace Seeley is listed in Fountain County, Indiana records in 1860. He served throughout the Civil War with Indiana Regiments. He married Frederika Amelia Kornbau (*apparently her 2nd marriage according to marriage record above – I found her as Amelia Kornbau in earlier censuses*) They lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was a real estate broker for over 50 years. Scott has a picture dated 1919 with Horace and Frederika and four children named Walter, Montreville, Paul, and Freda. Horace died in 1937 at age 91 in Philadelphia and is buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Frederica (Freda) Louisa Seely, Scott's paternal grandmother, was born October 6, 1895 in Philadelphia. She married William H. Lewellen on October 31, 1921 in Khamgaon Berar, Central India – they were Christian Missionary Alliance missionaries. They had three children – Melvin, Edgar, and Gwen. Freda died May 3, 1983 in Ft. Myers, Florida, and is buried in Fluvanna Cemetery, Fluvanna (Jamestown), New York.

Melvin G. Lewellen was born February 19, 1924 in

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Ancestry.com Adds Birth, Marriage and Death Records, Expanding the Largest Searchable Records Collection to nearly a Half Billion

Ancestry.com Press Release

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, today announced it has added 53 new historical vital record collections to its nearly half billion U.S. vital records, the largest searchable online collection of its kind. The foundation of family history research, civil vital records – recordings of births, marriages and deaths – were typically created at or near the time of the event and serve

as an essential resource for the millions of Americans who are beginning or continuing their family history research. The new additions encompass 23 states, include more than 50 million historical records dating from the 1600s (some of the oldest U.S. records available) through to 2010 and have been made available through partnerships with state and local archives, county offices and newspapers. Many notable Americans can be found in the collections, including John Wayne, Ernest Hemingway, Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Judy Garland and many more.

Interesting facts presented by these records include John Wayne's birth name as Marion Robert Morrison, changed to the legendary stage name when he began working in Hollywood. "Gone with the Wind" star Clark Gable hailed from the small village of Cadiz, Ohio according to the Ohio Births and Christening Index (1800-1962). The Minnesota Birth and Christening Records (1840-1980) show that "The Wizard of Oz" star Judy Garland's given birth name was Frances Gumm.

These new vital record collections are available to all current Ancestry.com subscribers and can be found at www.ancestry.com/vitals. As always, Ancestry.com is free of charge for 14 days to all new users.

Vital records contain a wide variety of valuable information. Birth records can include information about baptisms and christenings, as well as birth certificates and registers. Marriage records tend to be the oldest vital records and can include consent affidavits - typically for individuals under legal age, declarations of intent, banns, bonds, contracts, licenses, certificates, registers and returns. Death records may include death certificates, burial records, cemetery records, and other documents such as probate records, court minutes, and coroner's records.

Traditionally, vital records in the U.S. have been created and maintained locally by multiple entities—churches, town clerks, justices of the peace and others. With no single source for information, research has previously been time intensive, requiring countless hours and travel to make and confirm discoveries.

With the digitization of millions of these valuable records, Ancestry.com has simplified the process to a click of a mouse and keyboard. Interest and curiosity in family

history research is growing rapidly, evidenced by a recent Harris Interactive survey that revealed four in five Americans are interested in learning about their family history and three out of four claiming that knowing their family history is important to them.

"Vital records are among the most valuable genealogical resources for proving or disproving other

1 PLACE OF DEATH
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2 FULL NAME *Mr. M. J. Bryan*

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS
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ATE OF BIRTH *65* *4* *1913*
GE *1* *day* *1* *min.*

STATE OF TENNESSEE
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Registration District No. *47384*
Primary Registration District No. *1*

16 DATE OF DEATH *July 26 1953*
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That
that I last saw *Marion Robert Morrison* on *July 26 1953*
and that death occurred, on the date of *July 26 1953*
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:

sources, giving a more complete picture of ancestors, helping distinguish between different people with the same names and finding clues about earlier life events," said Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett, whose office oversees the Tennessee State Library and Archives. "By compiling such a massive collection, spanning not only different locales, but centuries of essential information,

Ancestry.com is making it possible for anyone to learn more about family history."

Some of the new vital record collections now available on Ancestry.com date well back into the 17th Century including:

- Connecticut, Deaths and Burials, 1650-1934: Town clerks began recording births, marriages and deaths by 1650. These records are derived from microfilmed records of deaths and burials. This collection includes legendary names such as P.T. Barnum of circus fame and dictionary pioneer Noah Webster.
- Maryland, Births and Christenings, 1662-1911: This collection is extracted from more than 200,000 Maryland birth, baptism, and christening records sourced from church, civil and family records. This collection includes the birth of John Hanson, President of early America's Continental Congress.
- New Hampshire, Death and Burial Records, 1654-1949: New Hampshire's earliest records were in the mid-1600s, though laws requiring a statewide compilation of records were not passed until 1866.
- New Hampshire, Marriage Records, 1637-1947: Records in this collection are derived from certificates of intention of marriage and certificates of marriage for more recent years.
- New Jersey, Births and Christenings, 1660-1931: This collection is comprised of more than 2.3 million birth, baptism, and christening records. Information found here may include name, gender, race and birthplace.

"The United States possesses a unique history and vital records offer an accurate, in-depth look into the lives of individuals, families and the nation as a whole," said Josh Hanna, Executive Vice President, Ancestry.com. "Ancestry.com is committed to the continued expansion of our vital record collections and increasing the breadth of information for all Americans looking to learn more about their past."

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India, not coming to America until the age of 8. Being the son of a preacher, he never had a real hometown as a child. After serving in the Navy's Pacific Theater during WWII, and college, he married Winifred Rhebergen of Clymer, N.Y., June 12, 1948. They had three children: Scott, Wendy, and David. He was a physical education teacher, coach, and camp director in Bemus Point, Chautauqua County, N.Y. Melvin died June 7, 2004 in Venice, Fla., and is buried in the Bemus Point Cemetery.

I also found a Civil War military record for Horace's brother: Solomon Seely of Lafayette, Ind. enlisted 10 Dec 1861 for the Union from Indiana. Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 10 December 1861. Enlisted in Company G, 40th Infantry Regiment Indiana on 10 Dec 1861. Died from wounds Company G, 40th Infantry Regiment Indiana on 27 Jul 1864. (The unit was in Ga. at the time)

We would love to know the maiden name of Horace Seely's 1st wife and the name of Frederika Amelia Kornbau's 1st husband.

Garner Osborn *(continued from page 5)*

An ordained minister from 1912, Garner served many parishes as pastor in Iowa. He served the Lyons (Colo.) Methodist Church for several years beginning in 1954. He later made his home in Longmont, Colo. He was survived by a son, Edwin G. Osborn of Kearney, Nebraska and eight grandchildren. A daughter, Phyllis Osborn Simonson, preceded him in death in 1959.

Garner Osborn, spent over 15 years gathering Seeley family records. During that time he originated the Seeley Newsletter, thus founding the Seeley Genealogical Society. Without him and his later encouragement and inspiration, our organization might have gone by the wayside. The Seeley Genealogical Society will always be grateful to him and will always be dedicated to his memory.

[Great-grandson of SGS # 2486 - Garner OSBORN; Alice; Thomas Robert; Schubel/Shuble (#2486); Justus (#914); David; Justus; John; Benjamin; Nathaniel; Robert]

SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of October 21, 2011)

Introduction to Queries

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor, researched and then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators for their input. 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 also remember to send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

Query Updates

Update to Query 1108-2 Re: Children of John Peck and Caroline Seeley SGS# 1112

Judy Laslo (juteshouse@comcast.net) visited Trumbull, Fairfield, CT and found some information on these children of Caroline Seeley and John Peck:

Vital records volume 1 page 282

1) Rebecca married Frank Squinobal on February 20, 1878 in Trumbull he was 33 born Switzerland and it was his first marriage; she was 31 born Newtown, CT and it's her second marriage as she is called Rebecca Crofut at the time of this marriage. I couldn't find Rebecca's marriage to Mr. Crofut in Trumbull or Newtown vital records. According to records volume 1 page 295 Rebecca and Frank Squinobal had a son, no name given, born May 19, 1880 in Trumbull. I did find his name listed with his father in the 1900 census for Trumbull: Leonard F. born May 1880. Rebecca died (volume 1 page 363) September 2, 1889 – born Weston – cause of death spinal meningitis.

Frank married Johannah Mattegat on June 24, 1891 in Trumbull, he was age 45 born Switzerland 2nd marriage, she was age 21 born Germany 1st marriage. They had 2 daughters: Jane Rebecca b. July 28, 1895 (volume 2 page 6), daughter, no name given, was stillborn on May 5, 1899 (volume 2 page 11). 1900 census list Frank Squinobal age 55 born Switzerland January 1845 – married 9 years – immigrated 1872 he's a citizen – owns home – he's a butcher, wife Johannah age 28 born Germany April 1872 – married 9 years – immigrated 1888, son Leonard F. age 20 born Connecticut May 1880 – single – his father born Switzerland his mother born Connecticut – he's a teamster, son George B. age 8 born Connecticut January 1892, daughter Jenny B. age 4 born Connecticut July 1895.

2) Emeline (volume 1 page 321) death April 17, 1883 Trumbull, she was 29 born Newtown – cause of death Phthisis. Her husband, Charles Burr Hawley (volume 2 page 9), died July 28, 1896 – 47 years old – cigar manufacturer – cause of death opium narcosis.

That led your Query Editor to the Hawley Society website <http://www.hawleysociety.org/links.html> where I found:

Elias Sill Hawley of Buffalo, New York, compiled a comprehensive HAWLEY genealogy over 40 years of research on descendants of Joseph Hawley of Stratford, Connecticut, and published THE HAWLEY RECORD in 1890. The Massachusetts line of Thomas Hawley, possibly a brother of Joseph of Stratford, also appears. In addition, Elias Hawley listed many unconnected HAWLEY families. Although Elias Hawley endeavored to include all known lines of the HAWLEY surname, several HAWLEY families were unintentionally omitted.

ID: 18978

Name: Emeline Charity PECK

Surname: Peck

Given Name: Emeline Charity

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Sex: F

Birth: 24 Apr 1854 in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Connecticut

Death: 17 Apr 1883

Burial: Long Hill Cem, Trumbull, Fairfield, Connecticut

Father: John N PECK

Mother: Caroline SEELEY

Marriage 1 Charles Burr HAWLEY b: 4 Sep 1845 in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Connecticut

Married: 14 Mar 1872 in Newtown, Fairfield, Connecticut

Sources:

1. Title: Federal Census 1880 Page: Connecticut, Fairfield, Trumbull

2. Title: Find A Grave website Publication: <http://www.findagrave.com> Page: Connecticut, Fairfield, Trumbull, Long Hill Cemetery

3. Title: Whitney Family of Connecticut, and its Affiliates Author: S Whitney Phoenix Publication: Private printing, New York, 1878 Page: page 1808

In the 1880 census of Trumbull, Fairfield, CT Emeline and Charles B Hawley have no children listed with them.

I also found more information on Frances, dau. of Caroline W Peck and Edward C Wilson.

1910 census East Fishkill, Dutchess, NY

Wilson, Clarence, age 30 b. NY, NY, NY, labor in creamery, md 9 yr to

Wilson, Fanny, age 26 b. NY, NY, NY, 4 ch., 4 living

Wilson, Allen age 8, Chester age 3, Mildred age 3, Herman age 1 yr 7 mos., all b. NY, NY, NY

Wilson, Edward C, age 59, father-in-law, widowed b. NY, NY, NY

In 1920 Clarence and Frances Wilson are in Pine Plains, Dutchess NY with Chester, Mildred, Herman, Keneth and Lucille

1930 census Beacon, Dutchess, NY:

Wilson, Chester, age 24 b. NY, NY, NY, cutter in rubber shop md 5 yr to

Wilson, Myrtle, age 20 b. NY, NY, NY

Wilson, Grace age 4, Ernest age 1, Julia age 4 mos., all b. NY, NY, NY Same house

Wilson, Clarence, age 50 b. NY, NY, NY, laborer, md 29 yr to

Wilson, Frances, age 45 b. CT, NY, CT

Wilson, Allen, age 28, Mildred age 23, Herman age 21, Kenneth age 19, Lucile age 10, all b. NY, NY, CT

Wilson, Edward C, father-in-law age 78, widowed b. NY, NY, NY

Social Security Death Index:

Chester Wilson b. 30 Nov 1905, d. Apr 1967 - Beacon, Dutchess, New York, United States of America

Herman Wilson b. 2 Sep 1908, d. Jan 1985 - Beacon, Dutchess, New York, United States of America

Kenneth Wilson b. 15 Feb 1911, d. Jun 1976 - Beacon, Dutchess, New York, United States of America

Also another census entry for Leonard Squinobal, son of Rebecca Peck.

1920 census Bridgeport, Fairfield, CT

Squinobal, Leonard, age 40 b. CT, GER, CT, meat business helper

Squinobal, Mary, age 39 b. NY, IRE, IRE

Mitchell, Henry, age 19, boarder b. CT, CT, CT, works in chair factory

As Chief Genealogist I have assigned SGS #'s for the children of Caroline Seeley (7) (SGS#1112) (Agur, Joseph, Joseph, John, Nathaniel, Robert) md John W. Peck Children (8)

2805a Caroline W. Peck b. 1845 md Edward C. Wilson

2805b Rebecca Peck b. 1846, md 1 Jerome B Crofut, md 2 Frank Squinobal

2805c Polly A Peck b. 1849

2805d Roswell S Peck b. 1852

2805e Emeline Charity Peck b. 1853, md Charles Burr Hawley

New Queries

Query 1111-1 Submitted by Bert Flora (info@mnboats.net)

Bert writes "I'm researching Blaine Seeley & American MARC boat designs and am looking for any further information. I own an American MARC Baroda and am interested in the history and where the mold may have ended up."

Bert also received the following from Steve Dubnoff:

"He was, as I understand, sort of the go-to Navel Architect for the rich and famous of Newport Beach/Hollywood. My boat, (<http://www.mvnereid.com/index.html>) for instance had the TV producer, David Wolper as its first owner and the whole series of boats was inspired by Claire Trevor's husband, who owned another in the series.

As far as I know, nothing of his office files or drawings have survived. I did get an email from his daughter, who found me on the web. Her mother had separated from his father when she was young, and she was quite proud to see her father's work. "

SGS Response:

I can't find a bio or obit or gravesite for Blaine - seems strange since he was such an important naval architect.

1930 census Long Beach, Los Angeles, CA:

Newland, Minnie, age 60, widow b. IL, GER, GER, 1st ms at age 22

Seeley, Grace, dau., widow, age 35 b. MO, KY, IL, dept store saleslady, 1st md at age 25

Seeley, Blaine, age 6, grandson b. CA, CA, MO

Heard, Harry, boarder, widower age 43 b. LA, MO, MO, truck salesman

1920 census Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Newland, Minnie J age 53, widow b. IL, Holland, IL

Newland, Grace A age 25 b. MO, KY, IL, milliner

CA Death Index

Blaine Newland Seeley

SS #: 552385202

Born: 28 Jul 1923 in CA

Died: 10 Oct 1984 in Orange Co. CA

Mother's maiden name: Newland

CA Birth Index

Blaine N Seeley b. 28 Jul 1923 in San Diego Co.,

mother's maiden name: Newland

I found two articles mentioning Blaine Seeley:

Columbia Yacht Corporation

Selections from Heart of Glass by Daniel Spurr pages 141, 182-187

Spurr, Daniel, Heart of Glass: fiberglass boats and the men who made them ISBN 0-07-157983-4 Copyright 2000 Daniel Spurr

...One of the main reasons for the Columbia's popularity is use of outstanding marine architects such as Sparkman & Stevens, Wirth Monroe (designer of the SORC winner Comanche), Charles Morgan (designer of Paper Tiger), two-time SORC winner), and Blaine Seeley, one of Newport's leading naval architects and designer of the powerboat line.

AMERICAN MARC Incorporated

1601 West Florence Ave., Inglewood, Calif

By Bruce Gerard

American M.A.R.C. started out as a manufacturer of small, light-weight diesel engines that ranged from 1 H.P to 18 H.P. These engines were built for a variety of purposes from pumping water, to the generation of electric power. The majority of these engines were built for the U.S. Defense Department. In the late 1950s, the company began a public offering of shares in an effort to expand and improve production capacity and reduce manufacturing costs.

In an attempt to diversify it's portfolio, American Marc made the bold move to enter the boat manufacturing business. This foray into the consumer leisure market appears to have been very brief, lasting from 1959 to perhaps, the early part of 1961.

To design the new line of boats, American Marc chose an accomplished young naval architect named Blaine Seeley. Seeley attempted to create a variety of designs that would appeal to many different consumer profiles. Models ranged from the sporty "Stardust", a 15 foot two - seater, all the way up to the impressive "Marc 28" Motor Yacht, powered by twin American Marc diesel inboard engines.

Blaine also appears in numerous Navy Muster Rolls during WWII.

If any of our readers has further information on Blaine Seeley, especially the name of his father, please contact me.

Query 1111-2 Submitted by Darlene Seeley Baker

Darlene, a member of SGS, is wondering if we can find the parents of her great-great-grandfather John B. Seeley. He was born June 3, 1835 in Niagara, New York and died June 14, 1903 in Prairie City, McDonough Co., IL. He is buried with his wife Sarah and daughter Susan in the Prairie City Cemetery. He married Sarah Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Avery and Susan (nee Wilson) Miller of Canada, later they moved to Richfield, Genesee, Michigan Darlene doesn't know the date of their marriage but their first child was born in 1862 and Sarah was still listed on 1852 Ontario, Canada census living at home with her parents. Sarah was born Sep 23, 1837 in Canada (probably York, Ontario) and died Sep 12, 1905 in Dorchester, Saline, Nebraska at the home of her brother

Arthur and his wife. John and Sarah had 5 children. Two died in infancy. The others are:

George Avery Seeley b. Mar 17, 1862 Watertown, Wisconsin, d. Mar 4, 1920 Macomb, McDonough, IL

Melissa E. "Lissie" Seeley b. 1866 Richfield, Genesee, Michigan, d. Feb 15, 1915 Prairie City, McDonough, IL

Susan Seeley b. 1868 IL, d. 1871 Prairie City, McDonough, IL, burial: Prairie City Cemetery, IL

A distant cousin had listed "Brown" as John's middle name but Darlene hasn't been able to verify that info. She found a John Seeley in Niagara, NY in the 1850 US Census that matches his age. The father's name is Gideon Seeley but she can't verify that this is her John Seeley. Darlene's father had a DNA test through SGS and he has been matched to the Nathaniel profile.

SGS Response:

1900 census Prairie City, McDonough, IL

Seeley, John B b. Jun 1835 NY, OH, CT, day laborer, md 43 yr to

Seeley, SE b. Jul 1837 CAN, CAN, CAN, dressmaker, 5 ch., 2 living

1880 census Prairie City, McDonough, IL

Seeley, John B age 45 b. NY, CT, DE, optician

Seeley, Sarah E age 42 b. CAN, CAN, CAN

Seeley, George A age 18 b. WI, NY, CAN, optician, Malissa age 14 b. MI, NY, CAN

1870 census Prairie City, McDonough, IL

Seely, John, age 35 b. NY, hardware merchant

Seely, Sarah, age 34 b. Canada W

Seely, George age 8 b. WIS, Melissa age 4 b. MI, Susan age 2 b. IL

There are many John Seeleys born in NY in the 1860 census but none is obviously the right one.

The problem with John being the son of Gideon of Hartland, Niagara, NY is that we have Gideon in the Obadiah line and Darlene's father DNA matches the Nathaniel line.

1851 census Zorra, Oxford, ONT

Miller, Avery age 49 b. CAN, farmer

Miller, Susannah age 38 b. CAN

Miller, Elizabeth age 15, Arthur age 11, both b. CAN

From the 1900 census above it looks like John B Seeley and Sarah Elizabeth Miller were married in 1857. Unfortunately I can't find them in the 1860 US census or the 1861 Ontario census.

If you can shed any light on the origins of this John B. Seeley contact Darlene and your Query Editor

Query 1111-3 Submitted by Pat Casey (sisterpatcasey@yahoo.com)

Pat's query is about Jennie A. Seely, youngest daughter of Col. Ebenezer Seely and Dolly (Maynard) Seely.

Jennie was born in 1846 in Whiteside County, Illinois.

Jennie A Seely md Charles E. Moulton October 12, 1867 Whiteside Co. IL (IL Marriage Index)

Mrs Jennie A Moulton md Addison Bates Crosby April 23, 1874, Whiteside Co. IL (ILMI)

Mrs Jennie A Crosby md George W. Sutton July 3, 1893, Whiteside Co. IL (ILMI)

7 July 1893 Sterling Gazette - Married on Monday

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evening surrounded by a few friends, George W. Sutton to Mrs. Jennie Seely Crosby. Rev. E. Brown performed the ceremony which was followed by a nicely laid lunch.

Another mention of Jennie:

22 May 1900 Sterling Standard - Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton of Antioch, Illinois have arrived here to attend the Seely Golden Anniversary tomorrow. They were accompanied by their little dog, Fannie.

Jennie and Addison Bates Crosby adopted a son, Walter Percy Crosby.

Walter Percy Crosby was born in 1876. Addison Bates Crosby died in April 1881 and daughter Dolly M Crosby was born, according to New York Births and Christenings 1640 - 1962, 28 October 1881 in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

Jennie named her daughter after her mother Dolly (wife of Ebenezer Seely). Her brother S. M. Seely also had a daughter, Miss Dolly Seely of Chicago. Jennie must have been pregnant with Dolly when Addison died in April 1881.

Pat says that in the family, Jennie is referred to as "the woman who raised Walter" which makes her wonder if Dolly died very young, as she seems to disappear after the record of her birth. She also says that the family talked about Walter having a (half) sister named Dolly, as it has always been told that Addison was Walter's real father, that he was left on the doorstep by the birth mother, and that Jennie raised him and loved him as her own.

Pat asked for any information on Jennie A. Seely Moulton Crosby Sutton, any information on the adoption of her son Walter, any information on her daughter Dolly?

SGS Response:

I found Jennie and George Sutton in the 1900 census of Antioch, Lake, IL It says they have been married 17 years and that she has had 2 children but none are living. Jennie b. Apr 1848 IL, parents b. NY

In 1910 in Jacksonville, Morgan, IL Jennie and George are both in their 2nd marriages, md 17 yrs, she has had 3 ch., 1 living.... Perhaps the difference is that she is counting Walter as a child this time. I imagine the 17 years is a census taking mistake in 1910 and should read 27.

I also found Addison and Jennie Crosby with adopted son Walter age 3 in the New York City census in 1880. It says Walter's parents were b. in Ireland and he was b. in NY. I also found him later settled in Van Buren County MI, married to Matilda and they had 3 children.

I have not been able to find any records for Dolly Crosby. Please contact me if you have any information on Jennie Seely Moulton Crosby Sutton and her family.

Query 1111-4 Submitted by Marjorie Sanchez (Marjorie58@comcast.net)

Marjorie has two lines of descent from George and Alice Sealy of Burke County NC, through two of his daughters: Nancy Patience Sealy who married Samuel Criswell and Alice who married John Brown. Elisha Brown, son of Alice and John Brown married Margaret Criswell, widow of J. Horn, daughter of Nancy P and Samuel Criswell. Marjorie descends from their daughter Margaret Malinda, b. 10 Dec 1840 Hancock Co. IL, married Anciel Twitchell 23 Mar 1858 Beaver, Beaver Co. UT and died in

Beaver 6 Aug. 1864.

George Sealy was born about 1740 and died in Burke Co. NC in 1811. He resided in Morganton, Burke, NC in 1810. His name appears in many Burke County records from the late 1770's until his estate is settled in 1812. In the mid-1770's he is mentioned in property transactions of Tyron and Rowan counties. The only clue to George's origins is a 1778 property transaction in Burke County that mentions a line between (property of) Geo. Walker, Isuk Sealy and Geo. Sealy.

Marjorie has found a marriage of an Isaac Sealy to Mary Hughes on 21 Dec 1720 at Christ Church in Philadelphia, PA. Isaac was buried at Christ Church 1 Feb 1745. Marjorie wonders if George and Isuk Sealy of Burke Co. NC are sons of the Philadelphia Isaac Sealy. However there is also a line of Seals in Rutherford County NC (which borders Burke Co.) who are related to Joseph Sealey of SC. However Marjorie hasn't found any direct tie between George and these other Sealeys.

SGS Response: We don't have any further information on George Sealy and his family. We do get occasional queries about Sealy/Sealey families in the Carolinas and would love to have someone from that area on our Query team. If you can help with this family or with research in the Carolinas please contact me.

How to Submit a Query

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

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

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS publications or website? The census? Cemetery records? County histories? Family Bible? Others? (specify)

What exactly do you want to know? Parents' names and details? Sibling information? 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 further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested or related to your line.

We will publish an update to your query with any new information we receive. This may lead to even more information. One more name, date or place may be the key to linking your line to another. Your query will also be posted on our website.

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How to Answer a Query

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 - Folder A: the Three SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen
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 - Folder D: Research Report on Robert Seeley by Alan Phipps, MA, AG
 - Folder E: 2006 Research Rpt on Obadiah Seeley (old English records), Clifford L. Stott, CG
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