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Seeley Genealogical Society Holds Reunion in Grand Rapids

Story by Kathie Olsen, SGS President

The Seeley Genealogical Society convened its biennial meeting at the Hilton Grand Rapids in Grand Rapids, Mich., Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013, through Sunday, Aug. 13, 2013. Sixty-three attendees from 16 states registered, and at least 70 people attended one or more events.

Registration began at 8:30 Thursday morning. At the same time the Hospitality Room was opened for members to display documents and artifacts and visit with one another. The SGS Board of Directors, including both elected and appointed officers, met at 9 a.m. The minutes of this meeting will be in the next newsletter. Excused were Marshall Seelye, Margaret Petersen, and Bob Seeley, all of whom were unable to attend.

Various officers reported on their assignments. Several issues of importance were discussed and voted on, one of which was a recommendation to the general membership that the 2015 reunion be held in Abilene, Kan.

In the afternoon, attendees were invited to participate in two different tours. One group toured the Heritage Hill area of Grand Rapids and visited the restored Mayer May home, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The other group visited the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum.

In the evening, attendees gathered for dinner at the hotel, followed by a presentation by Chris Havner, Linda Crocker and Kathie Olsen on using the Internet to search and locate genealogical information.

On Friday morning, attendees again participated in tours in Grand Rapids. One group toured the Frederick Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, while the other visited the Grand Rapids Public Library to tour its special collections section; this group was also able to use that collection for personal research.

The opening session of the reunion was brought to order that afternoon at 1:00 p.m. by President Kathie Olsen. The reunion committee, consisting of Marion Hileman, Bill Hileman, Sue Ann Craven, Linda Crocker, Roeberta Shingledecker (who had fallen and was unable to



The general membership business meeting of the 2013 SGS International Reunion in Grand Rapids, Mich., kicked off at 9 a.m. Aug. 10, 2013. Among the decisions made at the meeting was selecting the site of the next reunion: Abilene, Kan.

attend), and Kathie Olsen, was introduced and thanked for all its hard work in organizing the reunion. Regrettably, Richard Speer, who had nominated Grand Rapids as this year's site and volunteered to serve on the reunion committee, passed away in 2012. Conference attendees who had not attended previous reunions were introduced

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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, Seely, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seelee, Seela, Cielely, 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 Oct. 1 to Sept. 30)

Pay all dues to:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for the summer of 2015 (exact dates TBD) in Abilene, Kan. 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

The 2013 Seeley Genealogical Society reunion in Grand Rapids is now a "Grand" memory! I was happy to have the opportunity to meet with all who were able to attend. We had 63 registrants from 16 states. This was the first reunion for 25 of the 70 people who attended at least one session; I hope it will also be the first of many for them. I thank all of those who helped to make the reunion a success. It is marvelous to learn more about Seeley family members wherever they settled and lived, and it is fun to see cousins enjoying time with each other. Our speakers were terrific; we learned much from them. Their biographies were printed in the last newsletter; if you did not previously read them, I suggest that you read them now. We were lucky to have each of them address our group. If you were unable to attend this year's reunion, plan now to attend in 2015 when we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Seeley Genealogical Society in Abilene, Kan.

I also encourage you to order a copy of the reunion souvenir book even if you did not attend the reunion. It will contain information about the reunion as well as about the Society since the last reunion, including the updated Constitution and By-Laws. To order a copy, send a check by Dec. 1, 2013, to me in the amount of \$30, payable to SGS. My address is on page 15. I thank Paul Taylor for leading this endeavor.

I am pleased to report that the SGS Newsletter was one of two family association newsletters recognized in that category in the newsletter competition of the National Genealogical Society (NGS), earning an "Honorable Mention." I congratulate Paul Taylor on this achievement. We appreciate all his hard work and great ideas. His work, however, would be easier if members sent him articles about Seeley histories or genealogies, stories of member or family accomplishments, or pictures of people they know are Seeleys or believe may be part of the Seeley family.

Unfortunately, there is a downward trend in both SGS membership and fiscal matters. All members of SGS should see themselves as recruiters of new members! You know your relatives better than anyone else. Explain the benefits of SGS membership to them and invite them to join the Society. A membership form appears on page 15 of this newsletter. Some members have passed away and many are old. We need to identify new, younger members, willing and able to help do the work of SGS. The society has been functioning for almost fifty years; I hope it will still be functioning in fifty years to come.

The current financial situation in our country is hampering the financial situation of SGS. SGS life memberships were developed with the idea that the principal would be maintained, while the interest would be used to fund the Society. Unfortunately, with the cost of printing and postage going up and little to no interest being paid by banks, the principal in the SGS operating account is dwindling. We did receive a very generous bequest from Robert Seeley Johnson and his wife, Evelyn Johnson, in the amount of \$88,919.16; however, the Executive Board had previously decided that bequest monies should be kept in a separate fund to be used for research purposes only. George and Sally Seeley are looking for a safe way to invest and thus increase these funds. If you have any ideas on this topic, please contact them.

If you are a life member, you might consider contributing to the Society's operating fund. Indeed, anyone can contribute to this fund. We are in the process of applying to become a non-profit organization. Once our application is approved, all donations will be tax deductible.

Understanding that not everyone is in a position to donate funds, I urge all members to consider receiving the newsletter via email instead of hard copy. You will get the same great newsletter but at little cost to the Society. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please let Lynda Simmons know your correct email address; also tell her when your email address changes. Newsletter costs, with printing and postage, average \$2.43 per copy or \$9.72 per member per year. With our dues at only \$10 per year, little remains from annual dues paid by each SGS non-life member to apply to our operating expenses.

I certainly appreciate the elected and appointed officers of SGS. We will miss both Marshall Seelye and Mary Palley, and we thank them for their efforts on behalf of SGS. We welcome Jesse Crisler as Second Vice-President and Camille Seeley Bell as Secretary, and we thank them for their willingness to serve. This is an organization of volunteers, and we welcome all who join us.



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and welcomed.

Tim Gleisner, History and Special Collections Supervisor of the Grand Rapids Public Library, then gave the keynote address, titled "A Brief History of the Settlement of Michigan and Grand Rapids." A few members also gave presentations on various Seeley families who had settled in Michigan, while several others shared information concerning their ancestors. (Two groups of cousins unexpectedly connected during this discussion.)

Friday evening's dinner was followed by presentations by Walt Seelye and Jesse Crisler. Walt, a firefighter, titled his talk "Firefighting in Colonial Times." Assisted by his daughter, Lil Crisler Maughan, Jesse reported that his talk, "Seeleys: A Sure Foundation," began as a Google search of structures named for Seeleys; the addition of several slides made it a very interesting presentation.

On Saturday morning, the membership and business meeting was held. The minutes of this meeting will be in the next newsletter. George Seeley, Parliamentarian, announced that there was a quorum. Chris Havnar, Secretary, read the minutes of the last membership meeting, held at the 2011 reunion in Elmira, N.Y., and they were approved as read.

Sally Seeley, Treasurer, then gave the Treasurer's report. Lynda Simmons, who with Lou Ann Crisler served on the Auditing Committee, stated that the Treasurer's books were organized, accurate, and in order. Accordingly, the membership voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Kathie Olsen introduced the current officers and thanked them for their service to SGS. She then reported on the state of the Society and its many accomplishments over the last two years:

- The website has been expanded in every category.
- The DNA Project has more participants.
- The Seelye Research Center is in need of an Emergency Response Plan which is being considered.



The 2013-2015 SGS Board of Directors were elected featuring Kathie Olsen (President), Paul Taylor (1st Vice-President), Jesse S. Crisler (2nd Vice-President), Camille Seeley Bell (Secretary), Sally Seeley (Treasurer), Linda Crocker (Chief Genealogist), Ruthetta Hansen (Director), Wesley Waring (Director), and Terry Tietjens (Director).

- The 8th Generation Descendant Index numbers 14,338 individuals.
- The SGS Newsletter was selected as a runner-up in the family association category of the National Genealogical Society competition.
- Eight noteworthy newsletters have been published.
- The Awards and Recognition Committee will honor hardworking volunteers during the last evening meeting of the reunion.
- The Ancestor File database of Seeley Surnames has grown to 31,319 individuals and the Other Surname database to 13,672.
- The 2013 Reunion was successfully planned.

Despite these notable achievements, SGS is experiencing a downward trend in both membership numbers and financial stability. Lynda Simmons, Membership Chair, introduced the slogan, "Every SGS Member is a Recruiter," suggesting that current members talk to their Seeley cousins about the benefits of SGS membership and ask them to join. Members know their own families best.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, consisting of George Seeley, Mary Palley, Linda Crocker, Jim Seeley, Richard Speer (deceased), and Kathie Olsen, had proposed two changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. George reported that in order for SGS to apply for non-profit status, the Constitution must include a provision for distributing its funds, should the Society be dissolved. There also must be wording indicating the educational nature of SGS to strengthen its application for non-profit status. George also introduced a re-writing of the role of the Publications Editor to add other publications besides the newsletter and use parallel wording for the periodic nature of the newsletter. These proposed changes have been published in two previous newsletters. The vote on the changes dealing with non-profit status was unanimous, while that on the role of the Publications Editor had one dissenting vote.



Carol Seeley Scott (right) autographs copies of her book *The Eel Catcher's Travels* for reunion attendees Dian Little (left) and Marion Seeley Hileman (center).

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Publications Editor and First Vice-President Paul Taylor then demonstrated the SGS Facebook page. He encouraged all to "like" the page and invite Seeley cousins to do the same. He announced that for privacy reasons the CD will no longer include

Ancestor Files. He also announced that the Six Generation and Seven Generation volumes are out of print. Reunion souvenir books from Salt Lake City, Utah (2009), and Elmira, N.Y. (2011), are on sale at this reunion as well as the Generations One through Five volume. Pre-orders for Grand Rapids souvenir books will be taken during the reunion at a cost of \$25; after the reunion, they will sell for \$30.

The Nominating and Elections Committee, comprised of Linda Crocker, Camille Seeley Bell, and Marshall Seelye, presented a slate of officers to be voted on by the membership: Kathie Olsen, President; Paul Taylor, 1st Vice-President; Jesse Crisler, 2nd Vice-President; Camille Seeley Bell, Secretary; Sally Seeley, Treasurer; Linda Crocker, Chief Genealogist; and Terry Tietjens, Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Wesley Waring, Directors. There being no further nominations, all nominees were unanimously elected.

The Executive Board, after having received two nominations for the 2015 reunion, recommended Abilene as the site for the next reunion and requested a vote on that recommendation. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

After the membership meeting, a group photo, displayed on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter was taken by Paul Taylor.

Members then moved to the hotel patio for the Robert Seeley and Evelyn Johnson Memorial Picnic. Fifty-seven attendees were served, making it the largest gathering of the reunion. The meal was lovely but the sun was very bright!

Following lunch, members enjoyed a presentation by the reunion's honored guest, Carol Seeley Scott, author of *The Eel Catcher's Travels: Robert Seeley, 1602-1667*. Assisted by her grandson, Benjamin Dionysis, Carol showed slides and discussed the topic, "Family History: Fact or Fiction," sharing examples from her own Seeley ancestry of both fact and fiction and answering questions concerning her book, after which she autographed copies of it.

Next, the 2013-2015 SGS Board of Directors met. Minutes of this meeting will be in the next newsletter. The Board agreed that Kathie Olsen should proceed with the application process for non-profit status, now that the Constitution and By-Laws comply with IRS regulations.

The Board also discussed preliminary plans for the 2015 Reunion in Abilene. Those appointed to serve on the 2015 reunion committee include



On behalf of SGS and the Awards and Recognition Committee, Jim Seeley (right) presents Christine and Jerry Havnar with the SGS Outstanding Volunteers plaque, recognizing their years of hard work on the SGS Website: www.seeley-society.org

Kathie Olsen, chair, Jesse and Lou Ann Crisler, Terry Tietjens, Walt and Marie Seelye, Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker, Chris Havnar, Camille Seeley Bell, Thera Seeley Clark, Ivey Harris, Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, and Sue Ann Craven. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 1 p.m. in the Seelye Research Center (SRC) in Abilene. Anyone desiring to help should get in touch with Kathie Olsen. There are many exciting possibilities to consider in connection with this reunion, since it will mark the fiftieth anniversary, the Golden Jubilee, of SGS. Terry Tietjens will check on Abilene events. The reunion will probably be held in July 2015.

The Board then discussed SGS publications. A committee was appointed to address possible changes to the newsletter. Members of this committee include Paul Taylor, chair, Wesley Waring, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, and Kathie Olsen. Terry Tietjens will contact a printer in

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SGS President Kathie Olsen presents SGS Newsletter Editor Paul Taylor with the 2013 National Genealogical Society newsletter competition honorable mention certificate for family history associations. This is the third such award for the SGS Newsletter.

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Abilene for a cost estimate to print the Generation Six and Seven volumes from paper masters in the same format as they are now with changes in an appendix. The possibility of an e-book printing will also be pursued. Previous newsletters will be added to the CD.

Jim Seeley challenged Board members to recruit at least one new member each year. If every member is a recruiter, then Board members should be super recruiters.

The question of whether SGS gives away too many benefits was posed. Linda Crocker will request that those submitting a query join SGS. Lynda Simmons will get in touch with libraries receiving the newsletter to ask whether they still want to receive it, and, if so, would they be willing to receive it by email. A committee was formed of Jim Seeley, Walt Seelye, Linda Crocker, Wesley Waring, and Kathie Olsen to work together to prioritize research goals.

George Seeley was asked to look for the best possible investments/CDs that would allow SGS to accrue the highest interest on bequest funds.

SRC Librarian Pam Turner requested that board members start a dialogue regarding the purpose and future of the SRC.

The next meeting of the Board will occur on Friday, July 18, 2014, at 1 p.m., at which time Board members and 2015 reunion committee members can provide service to both the SRC and the grounds of the Seelye Mansion.

On Saturday evening, SGS members assembled to hear Jack Dempsey, author of *Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice*, who primarily discussed Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye, who fought in the War using the alias of Franklin Thompson. At the conclusion of a very interesting presentation he answered questions and autographed copies of his book.

Following this talk, the Awards and Recognition Committee presented plaques to outgoing officers Marshall Seelye and Mary Palley. Jim Seeley then presented the first biennial Outstanding SGS Volunteer Award to Chris and Jerry Havnar for their many contributions to SGS.

The newly elected SGS Executive Board was then installed by Jim Seeley.

Karen Hadley next sang a marvelous birthday yodel for Carol Seeley Scott in celebration of her 92nd birthday, followed by birthday cake and visiting during the remainder of the evening.

The last event of this year's reunion was a Sunday morning farewell breakfast at the hotel.

SGS Welcomes the Following New Members:

Here are the folks who have joined SGS over the past year: Jolene Parker (Spring, Texas), Patricia Ann Seely Stahl, (Smyrna, Del.), Harley and Laura Seeley (Haslett, Mich.), Eileen Diana Seeley (Northfield, Mich.), Mark J. Ferrara (Plainview, N.Y.), Denise Weldon (Charlotte, N.C.), Peter DeWayne Manin (Grand Ledge, Mich.), Carol Seeley Scott (Durham, N.C.), Lynette Ridolfi (Niantic, Conn.), Pamela Hadelson-Amante (Grand Rapid, Mich.), Karen Seeley Grab (Howell, Mich.), John Michael Seeley (Haslett, Mich.), Doran Walter Degenstein (Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada), Elizabeth C. Scott (Carrboro, N.C.), Benjamin A. Dionysus (Chicago, Ill.), and Dee G. Bardes (Cincinnati, Ohio). Welcome!

2013 SGS Reunion Souvenir Books For Sale

Once again, SGS will compile and produce a Souvenir Book commemorating the Seeley Genealogical Society's 2013 International Reunion. The book's contents will be similar to those featuring the past five reunions and will include many pictures of attendees, accompanied by the names of those in the photos to help members learn their cousins' names.

It will also include a dedication page; a list of SGS members known to have recently passed away; reunion highlights; a description of tours taken; copies of presentations given; a copy of the updated SGS Constitution and By-Laws; a copy of the Treasurer's report; a list of past reunion locations and officers elected at them; a list of reunion attendees; a reunion group photo; and much more.

The book is designed to inform members who were unable to attend the reunion of what took place at Grand Rapids AND serve as a souvenir for those who did attend. It is also one part of our initiative to document SGS.

If you have not already ordered a copy, please send a check, payable to SGS, to Kathie Olsen (her address is on page 15) for \$30 US per copy no later than Dec, 1, 2013. We anticipate that the books will be mailed early next year. To give you an idea of the book's probable size, the 2011 Reunion Souvenir Book was 94 pages.

The SGS Reunion Souvenir book is a great gift idea, but only one printing is planned, so order yours today!





Seeley Genealogical Society Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution

(Revised Aug. 10, 2013 at the SGS General Membership Meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich.)

ARTICLE I: Name

- SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be THE SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as "the Society."
- SECTION 2. The Reverend Garner Osborn is recognized as the founder of the society. Any person who was a member prior to 1965 is a charter member.

ARTICLE II: Objectives

- SECTION 1. The Society will solicit as members, descendants of the Seeley surname of all spellings to include those who by marriage have acquired another surname, and anyone who has an interest in genealogy. Known surname spelling variants include Seelye, Seely, Selee, Sealey, Sealy, Seela, Cilley, Ceely, Ceilly, and Ceilley; however, all similar spellings or variants are included.
- SECTION 2. The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity. In so far as practical, the Society will respond to all that inquire about Seeley ancestral lines. The Society will receive, hold, and invest appropriate monies, dues, gifts, proceeds from sales, interest, etc., and control and administer any properties for the benefit of the Society. The Society shall publish a periodic newsletter.
- SECTION 3. The Society will establish and maintain associations with societies of other surnames and state and national organizations to encourage interest in genealogy and to benefit therefrom.
- SECTION 4. The Society will pay special recognition to Robert Seeley of England who immigrated to America in anno domini 1630; and to Obadiah Seeley, who appeared in the records of Stamford, Connecticut in 1640.
- SECTION 5. The Society will maintain a National Research Center, co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kansas. The Research Center will collect family and archival records for research by the membership and members of the general public.

ARTICLE III: Membership, Dues and Fiscal Year

- SECTION 1. There shall be three classes of membership in the Society:
- (1) Charter: Persons who participated in founding and administration of the Society prior to 1965.
 - (2) Individual, Library or Society
 - (3) Lifetime
- Charter, Individual and Lifetime memberships shall apply to a member and spouse.
- SECTION 2. Dues shall be specified in the SGS newsletter subject to revision per Article I of the By-Laws.
- SECTION 3. Any and all references within the Constitution and By-Laws referring to the fiscal year shall refer to the period from October 1 through September 30.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

- SECTION 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Genealogist, and three Directors elected from the general membership.
- The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chairman, a Membership Chairman, a Publications Editor, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the National Research Center.
- All elected and appointed officers of the Society may be of either gender without exception. Throughout this document the use of the masculine pronoun should be considered in the classical sense to apply to both male and female genders.
- SECTION 2. Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. The election is to take place at the national reunion. Officers and members in good standing are eligible to vote. A quorum of 25 members is required to elect.
- SECTION 3. The officers' and directors' term of office shall begin on October 1 following the election or reelection of officers and directors at the national reunion.
- SECTION 4. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, except for short times resulting from succession to office as provided for in Article IV, Section 5.
- SECTION 5. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of any officer, except the President or a Vice President, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected officers. For the unexpired term, of the President and/or a Vice President, succession will be automatic from the remaining elected officers in the

order shown in Article IV, Section 1 above, exclusive of the Treasurer.

SECTION 6. The elected officers and directors shall constitute an Executive Board.

SECTION 7. If there is more than one nominee for any office, elections shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of those voting shall elect.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

SECTION 1. The membership shall meet at least every two years, as specified in the By-Laws. Business of the Society may be conducted if there is a quorum present at the reunion.

SECTION 2. The officers and Executive Board shall meet as specified in the By-Laws and serve without monetary compensation.

SECTION 3. The order of business at all meetings will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian, who will serve at the pleasure of the president.

SECTION 4. To conduct business of the Society, a quorum of 25 members will be required. Five elected officers constitute a quorum of the executive board.

ARTICLE VI: Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society

SECTION 1. At the time that the dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society becomes necessary, all remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more entities that are involved in collecting, disseminating and archiving genealogical information and making such information available for general public use. The Board of Directors shall distribute such remaining assets to such entities with similar objectives as outlined in the SGS Constitution, provided that they meet IRS Section 501(c)(3) requirements.

By-Laws

(Revised August 10, 2013)

ARTICLE I: Dues and Membership

SECTION 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to periodically review the dues structure to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Society. Changes proposed by the Executive Board must be approved by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership at the national reunion, subject to quorum requirements. Dues are to be paid to the Membership Chairman, who will issue a membership card and forward dues plus appropriate documentation to the Treasurer. The fiscal period for dues shall coincide with the Society's fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Membership will be awarded as specified in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Membership may be refused or suspended by a three-fifths vote of the Executive Board to anyone or any organization, whose interests conflict with the purpose of the Society.

ARTICLE II: Meetings

SECTION 1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall call meetings of the Board and the general membership subject to the minimum requirements of the Article V, Section 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. It is recommended that the President call a meeting of the Executive Board each year in the month of August or at a mutually agreed upon time. The Society recognizes the geographical dispersion of the officers and directors. The President may present to and solicit from officers and directors public mail responses to questions, programs and reports necessary for the administration of the Society. These are to be reported to the membership in the newsletter. The in-person meeting of officers and directors is encouraged when it is practical.

SECTION 3. Six (6) of the officers and board of directors may call a special meeting of the officers and directors for consideration of issues. A special officers and directors meeting may also be called by twenty-five members of the Society by signed petition, at no expense to the Society. Quorum requirements will apply

ARTICLE III: Duties of Elected Officers

SECTION 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society and preside at all meetings. He shall be a member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees. The President is authorized to approve disbursement of reasonable fund amounts from the Treasurer's account(s) for the routine operation of the Society business, to carry on correspondence and to publish the newsletters. The President shall serve as the chairperson of the committee to organize the membership meeting conducted per Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. If the President determines that an elected officer or director is not performing the duties for which elected, he may request the Executive Board remove the member. Such removal will require a three-fifths vote of the eligible Executive Board members.

SECTION 3. The First Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties

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Attendees of the 2013 SGS Reunion in Grand Rapids



BACK ROW: Bill Hileman (Harrison, Mich.), Wesley Waring (Maple Grove, Minn.), John Palmer (Lincoln, Calif.), Irving J. Seely (Dundee, N.Y.), George Seeley (Delanson, N.Y.), Karen Hadley (Seal Beach, Calif.), Eugene A. Seelye (Wellsboro, Pa.), Benjamin Dionysus (Chicago, Ill.), Nick Taylor (Alexandria, Va.), James R. Seeley (Churchville, Va.), Jesse S. Crisler (Provo, Utah), Jerry Havnar (Pacifica, Calif.), Ron Sandquist (Woodbury, inn.), Dal Seeley, (West Valley City, Utah), Terry Tietjens (Abilene, Kan.), Kelly Hileman (Harrison, Mich.)

MIDDLE ROW: Kathie Olsen (Salt Lake City, Utah), Thera Lou Seeley Clark (Kaysville, Utah), Danise Crosby Farren, (North Salt Lake, Utah), Renee A. Seeley Johnson (Dundee, N.Y.), Patricia Brooks Palmer (Lincoln, Calif.), Sally Seeley (Delanson, N.Y.), Elisabeth Scott, (Durham, N.C.), Carolyn Seeley Taylor (Alexandria, Va.), Lynda Simmons (Park City, Utah), Sherry Hileman (Harrison, Mich.), Sue Craven (Harrison, Mich.), Pamela Samp (Shoreline, Wash.), Camille Seeley Bell (North Salt Lake, Utah), Lynn Sandquist (Woodbury, Minn.), Linda L. Crocker (Parkersburg, W.V.), Pam Turner (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

ds, Michigan



FRONT ROW: Janet Daniels (Brigham City, Utah), Patricia Crosby-Burns (West Valley City, Utah), Ruthetta Seelye Hansen (McCracken, Kan.), Laura Seeley Condie, (Binghamton, N.Y.), Dee Ellen G. Bards (Cincinnati, Ohio), Bea Seeley (West Valley City, Utah), Carol Seeley Scott (Durham, N.C.), Elizabeth S. Alexander (Wappingers Falls, N.Y.), Marion Seeley Hileman (Harrison, Mich.), Dian Little (Shoreline, Wash.), Ivey Harris (Leavenworth, Kan.), Chris Havnar (Pacifica, Calif.)

NOT PICTURED: David L. Alexander (Wappingers Falls, N.Y.), Clifford Bizac (Dallas, Texas), Hugh Boyd (Ventura, Calif.), Kathy Seeley Byrnes (Ventura, Calif.), Lil Crisler Maughan (Cleveland, OH), Lou Ann Crisler, (Provo, Utah), Ed Grab (Howell, Mich.), Karen Seeley Grab (Howell, Mich.), Caroline L. Haddon (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Vance Harger (Grand Rapids, Mich.), James E. Martin (Bloomfield Village, Mich.), Karen B. Martin (Bloomfield Village, Mich.), Janet M. Mudge (Bellevue, Mich.), Judy A. Mudge (Bellevue, Mich.), Ruth A. Mudge (Bellevue, Mich.), Christy Oliver (Holland, Mich.), Dorothy Seeley (Howell, Mich.), John Seeley (Howell, Mich.), Marie Seelye (Black Forest, Colo.), Walter C. Seelye (Black Forest, Colo.), Paul Taylor (Alexandria, Va.)

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necessary in the absence of the President, and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.

- SECTION 4. The Second Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President and First Vice President.
- SECTION 5. The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the reunions. The Secretary will perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President.
- SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds and maintain all accounts in the name of The Seeley Genealogical Society. He shall be responsible for adequate financial records. When the Executive Board shall determine bonding is required, this will be done at the expense of the Society. If investment of funds of the Society is made, approval of the Executive Board is required.
- SECTION 7. The Chief Genealogist shall have custody of the genealogical files of the Society and maintain such other files necessary for the performance of his duties. He will safeguard them from common hazards. The duties are those generally accepted as responsibilities of a genealogist. He will be assisted by genealogists appointed by the President. He shall comply with the requirements of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution. He shall also work closely with the Director of the national Research Center to assure that all Society records are copied and/or archived at the Center for researchers' use.
- SECTION 8. Directors: The three Directors shall serve as representatives of the general membership. They may be assigned duties by the President to assist in the administration of the Society.
- SECTION 9. The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and committees in a non-voting advisory capacity.
- SECTION 10. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named elsewhere.

ARTICLE IV: Duties of Appointed Officers

- SECTION 1. Publications Editor: The Publications Editor shall be responsible for the organization, printing and mailing of the Seeley Genealogical Society newsletter. In addition to the newsletter, the Publications Editor shall be responsible for the publishing of and/or providing oversight for other publications of the SGS. The newsletter shall include inquiries submitted to the SGS for general membership response. A close liaison must be maintained with the Membership Chair, Chief Genealogist and appointed associate editor(s) to perform these duties.
- SECTION 2. Ancestor Files Chairman: The Ancestor Files Chairman shall be responsible for maintaining a computerized database of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society. He shall also be responsible for responding to inquiries to the Society regarding established lineage.
- SECTION 3. Research Center Director: The Research Center Director shall be responsible for maintaining the National Research Center in Abilene, Kansas, as a resource to Society members and members of the General Public. He shall act as an advisor to the President and to the Chief Genealogist.
- SECTION 4. Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the Society membership, maintenance of membership rolls, and collection and forwarding of dues to the Treasurer. He shall be appointed by the President from the membership, exclusive of the Treasurer.
- SECTION 5. Assistant Genealogist: Assistant Genealogists, when appointed, will be responsible for specific tasks in support of the Chief Genealogist's function.

ARTICLE V: Committees

- SECTION 1. The President shall appoint necessary standing and ad hoc committees and require reports from them.
- SECTION 2. Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least two (2) members one year in advance of the national reunion. The Nominating Committee shall ascertain that all candidates nominated will be willing to serve if elected. The election shall be as provided in Article IV, Section 2 and Section 3 of the Constitution. Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the consent of the nominee.
- SECTION 3. Auditing Committee: The President shall appoint an auditing committee of not less than two (2) members to examine the financial records of the Society, once every two years, or oftener if required by the Executive Board. The results will be presented to the membership in attendance at each reunion, and submitted in writing for publishing in the newsletter.

ARTICLE VI: Amendments and/or Revisions

- SECTION 1. Amendments and/or revisions to the Constitution and the By-Laws will require approval by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership at a national reunion subject to the quorum requirement. All proposed changes must be printed in the newsletter for membership review a minimum of three months prior to the reunion.

SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker
(Data Current as of August 18, 2013)*

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 lbc100@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 1305-3 Re William James Seeley, b. 1854 NY

This query began with an obituary of a grandson of William James and Katherine

McDonald Seeley. Jesse Crisler (jesse_crisler@byu.edu) responded with a bit more information he found on familysearch.org: William James Seeley was b. 5 Mar 1854 in New York, d. 30 Sep 1910 in Fresno, CA; Katherine McDonald, his wife, was b. 10 May 1869 in New York, d. 26 Jan 1918. Her parents are Thomas McDonald and Mary Haggerty, and she had a sister, Mary Ann McDonald, b. 6 Mar 1863 in NY, d. 17 Jun 1950 in Hartsel, Park, CO, md. James Gearon in 1884. William James Seeley and Katherine McDonald, besides Milton James Seeley, had a younger daughter, Marjorie Katherine Seeley, b. 9 Jan 1904 in Fresno, d. 22 Oct 1982 in Pueblo, Pueblo, CO, md. James McDonald Garson or Gearon (1898-1970). Jesse guesses this might have been her first cousin, son of her mother's sister, given McDonald as a middle name and the first name of James, the same as Mary Ann McDonald's husband's name. Marjorie and James had at least three children, all now dead. The email of the person who submitted information on the McDonald family is Sharon McCurry (snarley51@hotmail.com). Jesse wonders if there's more to learn about these Seeleys from McDonald descendants.

I contacted Sharon who said that her husband's grandmother was the sister of Milton Seeley, son of William James, but she had no more information on William.

Based on what Jesse located I found

1920 census Antelope, Kimball, NE

- Geason, Mary, age 52, widow b. NY, NY, IRE, farmer
- Geason, Thomas, age 31, b. NE, IRE, NY
- Seeley, Margaret, niece age 14, b. CA, US, NY

WA Death Index

- Thomas Gearon, d. 9 Feb 1943, Spokane, WA, age 54. Parents: James Gearon, b. IA, and Mary McDonald, b. CO

New Queries

Query 1308-1 Submitted by Martha Sachs (m-artha@hotmail.com)

Martha writes "I am seeking a death date for Thomas

T. Seelye, M.D., who lived in Cleveland, OH, and was b. 1818, Danbury, CT. I also want the birth and death dates for his daughters, Mary and Alice, photos of Mary and Alice, and I would like to know if Dr. Seelye's personal papers and/or records of his Cleveland Water Cure Establishment are collected anywhere?

SGS Response: I received this Query just a few days before the SGS reunion—too busy to respond immediately, but these names tend to stick around in my brain. One night at the reunion Jesse Crisler did a presentation on places and structures named after Seeleys of all spellings. One of the historic sites he mentioned was the Seelye-Middleton House in Crescent City, FL, "built as the winter home for Dr. Thomas T. and Finette Seelye of Cleveland, OH." Those names rang a bell for me, so when I returned to my room I quickly fired up my computer and checked the SGS Ancestor File database. There were several Thomas Taylor Seelyes, but the one married to Finette was the first, b. in 1818 in Fairfield Co., CT. Finette Scott was his 2nd wife. This Thomas is the son of Seth Seelye, SGS# 2056, and his wife, Abigail Taylor. We did not have a death place for Thomas in the database, but I quickly found his grave when I looked for him in Crescent City: Find A Grave Memorial #61227432, Thomas T. Seelye, b. 1818, d. 1890, buried Palmetto Cemetery, Crescent City, Putnam Co., FL.

There are two obituaries for Thomas's daughter Mary F Seelye on the SGS website: <http://www.seeley-society.net/obits-ye/obit-MaryFSeelye.html>.

I found a grave record for her sister Alice Seelye Rossi at Find a Grave: Find A Grave Memorial#110198329. Alice is buried in Rome, Italy with her husband, Egisto.

From the census:

1900 census Mount Vernon, Westchester, NY

- Rossi, Egisto, b. Aug 1852, IT, parents b. IT, agt, Italian imigra., married 14 yr to
- Rossi, Alice S, b. Apr. 1852, OH, parents b. CT, 4 ch, 4 living
- Rossi, Paul A, b. Oct 1887, Guido M b. Oct 1890, Mary M b. Apr 1894, Alice S b. May 1895, all b. IT, IT, OH
- Marcella, Carlotta, servant b. Mar 1863 IT, IT, IT They all came to the US in 1895.

I didn't find any photos of Mary or Alice or information about Dr Seelye's personal papers or his Water Cure Establishment. If you can find these items please contact me and Martha.

Query 1308-2 Submitted by Donn Osborn (my.dream@frontier.com)

Donn contacted SGS trying to locate any information on his mother, born Allie Marcella Seeley at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, on 24 Jun 1938. On her birth certificate her father is listed as William Mearill Seeley. His birth date is not listed; instead, it says that at the time of his daughter's birth he was 39 years old. His wife, Donn's grandmother, was Jessie Pearl Dew. She also has no birth date listed, just her age at the time of Allie's birth, which was 27. According to the birth certificate, William Seeley was born in New York, but it doesn't say where. Jessie

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was born in Canada. William worked at the Ford Motor Company. Donn never met William Seeley, and he was really never talked about in the family.

SGS Response:

1940 census Detroit, Wayne, MI

- Dew, Simeon J, age 56, b. CAN, steel work at auto factory
- Dew Allie M, age 46, wife b. MI
- Seeley, Jessie P, age 29, married, b. CAN, dau
- Dew, Alexander L, age 26, son, divorced, b. CAN, delivery for merchants
- Seeley, Allie M, age 2, gr-dau, b. MI

1940 census Southfield, Oakland, MI

- Boyd, Raymond, age 42, b. MD, resided Ferndale MI in 1935, hospital attendant
- Boyd, Elizabeth, wife, age 34, b. NY, parents b. NY, resided Ferndale in 1935
- Seeley, Viola, step-dau, age 16, b. MI
- Boyd, Ruth, age 11, Wallace, age 9, Warren, age 6, Donn, age 5, Marlene, age 2, ch, all b. MI
- Seeley, Mearill, lodger age 42 b. NY, stock chaser for auto manufacturer

(In 1930 Raymond and Elizabeth Boyd are in Royal Oak, Oakland, MI, with his step-daughter Viola C Seeley, age 6, b. MI, and daughter Ruth Y Boyd, age 1 yr 10 mo, b. NY)

1920 census Detroit, Wayne, MI

- Seeley, Mearill W, age 21, b. NY, parents b. CAN automobile driver; he is a boarder with the Martin R Moorish family
- <http://news.nynj.net/potsdam-courier-freeman/potsdam-courier-freeman-1963-january-1964-april/potsdam-courier-freeman-1963-january-1964-april%20-%201399.pdf>
- This shows the wedding of Mary Lang to Mearill Boyd Seeley, son of Mr and Mrs William Seeley of Canton (NY), 27 Mar 1963. The couple will reside in Michigan.
- <http://news.nynj.net/potsdam-courier-freeman/potsdam-courier-freeman-1983-april-december/potsdam-courier-freeman-1983-april-december%20-%20200275.pdf>
- This is the obituary of Viola LaSieg of Ogdensburg (NY), who was b. in Detroit MI, 10 Oct 1923, daughter of Mearill and Elizabeth Corlew Seeley
- <http://news.nynj.net/potsdam-courier-freeman/potsdam-courier-freeman-1959-april-1960-june/potsdam-courier-freeman-1959-april-1960-june%20-%20201380.pdf>
- An article dated 30 Jun 1960 about military service of Warren Albert Boyd and brother Mearill R Boyd, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Seeley of Canton, NY.

Here is Elizabeth Corlew Seeley's obituary : "CANTON - Elizabeth M. Seeley, 83, Hudson, Mich., formerly of the Butternut Ridge Road, Canton, widow of Merrill W. Seeley, died Tuesday at the home of her son, Merrill, in Hudson, with whom she had resided. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the O'Leary Funeral Home, with Rev. George Snyder, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Cray Mills Cemetery at a later date. Calling hours will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

"Surviving are three sons, Wallace L., Farwell, Mich., Warren A., Canton, and Merrill R., Hudson; a daughter,

Mrs. William (Donna) Kyle, Whitmore Lake, Mich., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"Three daughters, Viola LaSieg, Ogdensburg, Mrs. James (Ruth) Machie, Clare, Mich., and Mrs. Victor (Marlene) Gardner, Canton, died previously.

"Born in East Syracuse May 15, 1905, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Ackerman Corlew, she attended East Syracuse schools. She married Merrill W. Seeley in 1939, in Detroit, Mich.

"The couple lived in Detroit after their marriage, where Mr. Seeley was associated with the Ford Motor Co. for 45 years. They came to the Canton area in 1957 and operated a dairy farm on the Butternut Ridge Road for 15 years until retiring in 1970. Mr. Seeley, also a native of East Syracuse, died in June 1979, at the age of 81."

Published in the Watertown Daily Times (NY), 31Mar 1988, Page 24.

SS Death Index

- William Seeley, b. 29 Nov 1898, d. Jun 1979, Canton, Saint Lawrence, NY, USA, Civil: Michigan
- Merrill William Seeley's obituary: "CANTON — Funeral services for Merrill W. Seeley, 81, Butternut Ridge Road (Rt. 4), Canton, were held Tuesday, June 12, 1979, from the O'Leary Funeral Home of Canton, Rev. J. David Wolcott, pastor, Canton United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Cray Mills Cemetery. Mr. Seeley was pronounced dead on arrival at Potsdam Hospital 9:15 a.m. Saturday (June 9, 1979). Surviving are his wife Elizabeth; four daughters, Mrs. Viola LaSieg, Ogdensburg, Mrs. James (Ruth) Mackie, Clare, Mich., Mrs. William (Donna) Kyle, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Victor (Marlene) Gardner, Canton; three sons, Wallace L. and Merrill R., both of Detroit, and Warren A., Canton; 27 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

"Mr. Seeley was born in East Syracuse Nov. 29, 1897, son of George and Agnes Seeley. He attended East Syracuse schools and as a young man moved to Detroit, Mich., where he became associated with Ford Motor Co. He continued with that company for 45 years prior to retiring. He married the former Elizabeth Corlew in 1939 in a ceremony performed in Detroit. They moved to this area in 1957, where they operated a dairy farm on the Butternut Ridge Road for 15 years. Mr. Seeley retired in 1970 from the Dairy business and the couple continued to reside on the home farm."

That led me to:

MI Death Index

- Ruth Y MacKie, b. 14 May 1928, d. 11 Feb 1985, Midland, Midland, MI, resided Farwell, Clare, MI

1900 census DeWitt, Onondaga, NY

- Seeley, George W, b. Aug 1856, CAN, CAN, CAN, to US in 1891, farmer, md 23 yr to
- Seeley, Agness, b. Apr 1858, CAN, CAN, CAN, 4 ch, 4 living
- Seeley, Norah, age 19, Fred, age 14, both b. CAN, CAN, CAN

Two houses away is the family of George and Etta Corlew, ages 38 and 32, b. NY, 7 ch, 6 living

In 1910 the Corlew family is still in DeWitt:

- Corlew, Mary, age 70, widow, b. NY, NY, NY

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- Corlew, George, son, age 49, md 29 yr, b. NY, NY, NY
- Corlew, Albert, age 12, and Elizabeth age 5, grchildren, both b. NY, NY, NY
- Corlew, Charles, age 27, md 6 yr, to Winne age 26, no ch, both b. NY

1910 census Granby, Oswego, NY

- Seeley, George, age 55, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, farmer, md 34 yr to
- Seeley, Agness, age 53, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, 4 ch, 4 living

Next family

- Seeley, Fred, age 23, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, farmer, md 4 yr to
- Seeley, Anna, age 21, b. NY, NY, NY, 2 ch, 2 living
- Seeley, Ethel age 2, Miles age 1 yr 2 mos, both b. NY, CAN, NY

1881 census Elizabethtown, Brockville, ONT

- Seely, Philip G, age 27, b. ONT, Peddler
- Seely, Agness, age 25, b. ONT
- Seely, Miles, age 3, b. ONT

1891 census Brockville City, Brockville, ONT

- Seeley, Philip, age 35, b. ONT, father b. ONT, mother b. US, baker
- Seeley, Agnes, age 33, b. ONT, ONT, ONT
- Seeley, Watson, age 13, b. US, ONT, ONT, Laura, age 9, Anna B, age 9, Frederick, age 5, all b. ONT, ONT, ONT

1892 NY census Syracuse, Onondaga, NY

- Seeley, Agnes, age 32, b. CAN
- Seeley, Watson, age 14, b. St Lawrence Co., NY, Anna B and Norah, both age 10, Frederick, age 6, all b. CAN

Now we have at least two mysteries:

1. Mearill William/Merrill William/William Merrill obituary says he is the son of George and Agnes Seeley. They appear in both the 1900 and 1910 censuses, but Merrill is not with them, and the 4 children Agness claims to have are all accounted for in census records.
2. It looks as though William Mearill Seeley and Elizabeth Corlew were married and had Viola (or they were not md???); then she married Raymond Boyd and had 5 or 6 children; then she married (or remarried) William in 1939. But the 1940 census indicates that Elizabeth is still married to Raymond Boyd, and the children are all surnamed Boyd except for Viola. Meanwhile, William married Jessie Dew and had Allie and then left her to go back to Elizabeth. Both Elizabeth and Merrill claim all the children are theirs in both obituaries, but Merrill never mentions Allie, his dau. by Jessie Dew.

If anyone has information on Merrill Seeley and how he might be related to these children and to George and Agnes Seeley please get in touch with us.

Query 1308-3 Submitted by Lawrence R Seeley (seeleydude@earthlink.net)

Listed on the SGS website as a Vietnam Veteran, Larry is a descendant of SGS# 2530, Charles Seelye. Another person on that list is Capt. Douglas Milton Seeley who is shown MIA. A few months ago Larry attended a family seminar hosted by the Joint Accounting Office for POW/MIA Families. He gave them a DNA sample at that time. He was told that Capt. Seeley's case had been activated and progress made. He was asked by the case

manager about the relationship he had to Capt. Seeley, or whether there were any other close relatives. Larry knows that Capt. Seeley was an only child, born 25 Jan 1943 in Marietta, Washington, OH, that he was married to Paula, and that both his parents (John Philip Seeley and Dorothy Evelyn Swaney Seeley) are deceased. Larry wants to know his relationship to Capt. Seeley.

SGS Response: Chris Havnar and I have already done research on Capt. Seeley's extended family, starting from various obituaries, including that of his mother, Dorothy Evelyn Seeley: "BRADENTON, Fla.—Dorothy Evelyn Seeley, 93, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, at Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla. She was born in Marietta, on May 3, 1916, to the late George Arthur and Martha Forshey Swaney.

"Dorothy graduated from Marietta High School in 1934. She married John Phillip Seeley on July 3, 1938. He passed away on April 21, 1970, in Chandler, Ariz. While she resided in Marietta, she worked as a dispatcher for the Washington County Sheriff's Office and as a stenographer for a local attorney. Bradenton, Fla., was her home for the past 36 years.

"Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Air Force Capt. Douglas M. Seeley, missing in action from the Vietnam War; as well as four brothers, Everett, Glen, Delbert and Floyd Swaney; and one sister, Violet Swaney.

"Dorothy is survived by a brother, Gerald Swaney and his wife, Eileen, of Marietta; one sister, Thelma Lowther of Lakewood, Colo.; a sister-in-law, Jane Swaney of Marietta; and her daughter-in-law, Paula Seeley of Chandler, Ariz. Fourteen nieces and nephews also survive her. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday (Oct. 22, 2009) at Hadley Funeral Home, Reno Chapel, where family will receive friends one hour prior to services. Burial will follow in Valley Cemetery.

"Online condolences may be sent to hadleyfuneralhomes.com." Published in the Marietta Times, (Marietta, Ohio) October 21, 2009

1940 census Marietta, Washington, OH

- Seeley, J Phillip, age 32, b. OH, chairman for county
- Seeley, Dorothy, age 23, b. OH, lawyer's secretary

1930 census Marietta, Washington, OH

- Seeley, M C, age 66, b. OH, parents b. OH, painter, md 34 yr to
- Seeley, Nettie, age 66, b. OH, WV, OH
- Seeley, Philip J, age 28, son, b. OH, OH, OH, wholesale salesman
- Dye, Laura, dau. age 33, b. OH, OH, OH, md 6 yr.
- Dye, Fred A, grson, age 2 b. OH, OH, OH

1920 census Marietta, Washington, OH

- Seely, Marcellus C, age 56, b. OH, OH, OH, calker in coal mining co.
- Seeley, Nettie age 56, wife, b. OH, WV, OH
- Seeley, Laura L age 23, stenographer, Fred C, age 21, telegrapher, J Philip, age 18, truck driver, Francis S, age 12, all b. OH, OH, OH

In 1910 in Marietta Marcellus is a carpenter, married 14 yr to Nettie, and she has had 6 ch, 4 living: Laura, Fred, Philip and Francis

1900 census Marietta, Washington, OH

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- Seely, Meselus C, b. Jun 1863, OH, OH, OH, boat caulker, md 4 yr to
- Seely, Nettie L, b. Oct 1863, OH, WV, OH, 2 ch:
- Seely, Laura L, b. Oct 1896, Fred C, b. Nov 1898, both b. OH, OH, OH
- Severance, Rachel M, mother-in-law, b. Aug 1825, OH, MA, OH, md 55 yr, widow, 7 ch, 5 living

According to our database, Marcellus is Marcellus Cornelius Seeley, son of John Ceiley, Cealey, Seeley, b. 1825-32 in OH, and his wife, Nancy/Ann M, b. 1838/9 OH. They resided in Olive, Meigs, OH, in 1860 and 1880, and Troy, Athens, OH, in 1870. I cannot find John in the 1850 census and cannot find data to take his line back farther than that.

Looking for a male cousin of Captain Seeley, any sons of John Philip Seeley's brothers.

About Fred C.:

WWI Draft

- Fred Congrove Seely, b. 8 Nov 1898, resides Marietta, Washington, OH, telegraph operator for Western Union, names Mrs Nettie Seely of same address as next of kin

SSDI

- Fred C. Seely, b. 8 Nov 1898, d. 27 Dec 1987, Wheeling, Ohio, WV, USA; Civil: WV

1930 Census: Williams, Wood, WV

- Seely, Fred C., age 31, b. OH, OH, OH, Telegraph Brokerage Office, md 6 yr to
- Seely, Virginia, age 27, b. WV, WV, WV
- Seely, Phillip, son, age 5, b. OH, OH, WVa
- Wagner, Lelan A, lodger, age 21, b. WV, WV, WV, Messenger Service Station

SSDI

- Philip C. Seely, b. 22 Nov 1924, d. 20 Jun 2008, Civil: WV

"MASON CITY—Philip Clark Seely, 83, of 638 Sixth Street S.E., Mason City, died Friday (June 20, 2008) at his home. "Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 Third St. N.E., with the Rev. Kenneth Gehling officiating. Inurnment will be at Elmwood St. Joseph Cemetery in Mason City. Visitation will be held from 4 until 6 p.m. Monday, June 23, 2008, at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of North Iowa.

"Philip Clark was born on Nov. 22, 1924, the son of Fred C. and Mildred V. (Clark) Seely in Marietta, Ohio. He graduated from Wheeling High School in West Virginia. Philip enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 and served until 1968. He was a chief radioman. Philip married Mary J. "Jan" Tenney on July 11, 1968, in Sioux Falls, S.D. Philip then worked for the Chicago & North Western Railroad for 16 years before retiring.

"Philip was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Elks Lodge No. 375, where he was an exalted ruler, past state vice president, and past PDD GER; a Moose member, a lifetime member of the V.F.W., and a life member of the Fleet Reserve Association. Philip was also a member of the Destroyer's Escort Sailors Association, and the USS Wisconsin Association.

"In his spare time, Philip liked to do woodworking, golf, watch Westerns, drink coffee with his friends and spend

time with his grandchildren.

"He is survived by his wife, Jan, of Mason City; children, Philip Seely, Mason City, Fred Anthony (Sally) Seely, Charleston, S.C., Christina Eldridge, Charleston, S.C., Jay Patrick Seely, Des Moines, Timothy (Lynn) Seely, Lake City, Minn., Patricia Hjelle, Mason City, Ann Shaffer, Des Moines, Mary Jo (Vern) Duffield, North Platte, Neb., Kimberly Alexandre, Lodi, Calif., Michelle Hathaway, Mason City; 26 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sally Bounds, Wheeling, W. Va.

"Philip was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Scott; his daughter-in-law, Rita Seely, and a son-in-law, Doug Eldridge.

"Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel 126 Third St., N.E., Mason City, 641-423-2372.
www.colonialchapels.com."

Published in the Globe Gazette from 6/21/2008-6/22/2008

About Francis S.

1930 census Marietta, Washington, OH

- Seely, Francis S., age 23, b. OH, OH, OH, salesman for oil and gas, md 3 yr to
- Seely, Lola V, age 21, b. WV, OH, WV
- Seely, Nettie B, age 2 yr 1 mo, b. OH, OH, WV

In 1940 Lola, wife of Francis Seeley is divorced and living in Williamstown, Wood, WV (across the river from Marietta) with her parents, William and Lola B Brothers, her sisters, Catherine, Betty and Stella, and her dau Nettie B, age 12. It looks like the nearest relative for a DNA sample would be a son of Philip Clark Seely.

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. Make sure we have your current contact details; sometimes we get new information months or even years after your query appears.

How to Answer A Query

If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, Query Editor. Please include the Query number, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.

SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2011 - 2013

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