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Preparations Underway for 2013 SGS International Reunion

Story by Kathie Olsen, SGS President, and Reunion Chairperson

Plans for the 2013 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion to be held Thursday, Aug. 8 to Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013 continue to develop. The latest schedule of events is below. The reunion will be held at the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel - 4747 28th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Here is a tentative, overall schedule:

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Hospitality Room - Thorn Apple Room

9:00 a.m. to Noon Registration - Main Lobby

9:30 a.m. to Noon SGS Elected and Appointed Officers Meeting to include reports by elected and appointed board members. Agenda to be published in advance of meeting. Any interested party is invited to attend.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours leaving from the Hotel. You may choose from the Gerald Ford Museum, or a

Heritage Hill tour including the Meyer May home, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner with Speaker: We have several excellent presentations lined up. The exact order is not yet determined.

Friday, August 9, 2013

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Hospitality Room - Thorn Apple Room

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 to noon Tours leaving from the Hotel. You may choose from the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park or the Grand Rapids Public Library History and Special Collections.

Noon to 1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Opening Session

- Keynote by Tim Gleisner, Grand Rapids Library, History and Special Collections Supervisor: A Brief History of the Settlement of Michigan and Grand Rapids.
- Seeleys in early Michigan presented by Roeberta Shingledecker, Marion Hileman, Mary Palley, and Paul Seeley.
- Please volunteer to tell about your ancestor! The presentations will be about 15 minutes each.
- Please contact Kathie Olsen.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner with Speaker: We have several

excellent presentations lined up. The exact order is not yet determined.

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Breakfast on your own, Dinner on your own

7:00 a.m. to midnight Hospitality Room - Thorn Apple Room

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Membership Meeting will include brief reports on the "State of the Society", elections, vote on changes to the by-laws, vote on 2015 reunion site selection recommendations from SGS board, and new business. All interested persons are invited to attend.

11:00 a.m. Group photo

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch in the Hotel Courtyard.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Speaker: Carol Seeley Scott, author of *The Eel Catcher's Travels: Robert Seeley 1602-1667.*

Family History: Fact or

Fiction followed by questions and book signing.

4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. New SGS Elected and Appointed Officers Meeting

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Installation of Officers

- Awards and Recognition Ceremony
- Presentation: Walt Seelye, *Firefighting in Colonial Times*

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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, Seely, 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 Oct. 1 to Sept. 30)

Pay all dues to:

SGS Membership Chair
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125 Parkview Drive
Park City, UT 84098
(435) 649-9878
summitkids@gmail.com

Seelye Research Center

is co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kan. For more information, contact:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for Aug. 8-11, 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 just returned from spending a day in Grand Rapids firming up the arrangements for our reunion. Grand Rapids is going to be a "Grand" place for a reunion. There is a special feeling there! It is family friendly! There are museums, parks, a zoo, beaches about 20 minutes away on Lake Michigan and a ice skating rink right behind the hotel! Hilton Grand Rapids Airport will be our conference hotel. The hotel is conveniently located, and close to the airport with free shuttle service. It has an exercise room, a lovely pool and a hot tub. The dates are Thursday, August 8 to Sunday, August 11, 2013. Activities will include meetings of the Society; historical and genealogical information sessions; dinner gatherings with great speakers; member presentations, tours of area sites, a family picnic and plenty of opportunity to visit with one another and find out again what a great family we belong to! Mark your calendars now and please plan to attend! The theme for the conference is: "A "Grand" Time in "Grand" Rapids: Whether you are a Seeley "Grand"parent or "Grand"child, you'll have a "Grand" Time". The registration form is in this newsletter. Thank you for registering early.

You are invited to bring items to display in the Hospitality Room. The Hospitality Room will be available from 7:00 am to midnight each day for meetings, family gatherings, internet searching and visiting.

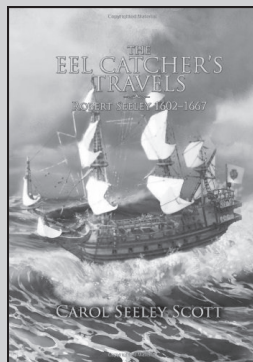
We have several excellent presentations lined up. The exact order is not yet determined. Tim Gleisner, Grand Rapids Public Library, History and Special Collections Supervisor will deliver the keynote address, *A Brief History of the Settlement of Michigan and Grand Rapids. Buildings and Structures Named after Seeleys/Seelyes/Seelys, etc.* is being developed by Jesse Crisler. Linda Crocker, Chris Havnar and Kathie Olsen will demonstrate how to search and locate genealogical information from the internet in *Who Do We Think He/She Is?* This information will be useful to you in your individual searches. We are hopeful that Jack Dempsey will speak to us. This author has written a book which includes the account of a Seeley woman from Michigan who served in the Civil War. Walt Seelye

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Book Review: *The Eel Catcher's Travels*

Story by Kathie Olsen, SGS President



There is a new historical fiction book about Robert Seeley (1602-1667). I encourage everyone to get it and read it! It will be of particular interest to the millions of descendants of Robert Seeley but is a good read for anyone interested in the time period of the 1600's. Written by Carol Seeley Scott, an 11th generation descendant of Robert, *The Eel Catcher's Travels - Robert Seeley 1602 -1667* has been a work in progress since 1942 when her father asked her to go to the Library of Congress and research Robert Seeley and the Winthrop Fleet. All personal information concerning Robert has been documented and there is a bibliography of sources included at the end of the book. All personal information is consistent with the Seeley Genealogical Society publication, *The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667): Generations One Through Five*. The author is very knowledgeable about the parallel history of England and its colonies at this period of time and the locations where Robert and his family lived; for example, The Fens, London, the Winthrop Fleet, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Amsterdam/New York. As a 13th generation descendant of Robert, I also appreciate the realistic and yet pleasant family relationships depicted in the book. Published by Xlibris, it is available from www.xlibris.com/bookstore; Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, or your local book store. Carol Seeley Scott has agreed to be a speaker and to sign books at the upcoming reunion.



Registration Form

SGS 2013 International Reunion

Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 8 - 11, 2013

ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST): SEELEY LINE (ROBERT, OBADIAH, OTHER):	STREET ADDRESS:
<input type="checkbox"/> SSG MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> SGS LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT AN SGS MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):	RELATIONSHIP:
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LODGING

CALL THE HILTON GRAND RAPIDS AIRPORT HOTEL (616-957-9072, JANET WILSON, 8:00 - 4:00 EDT, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013 TO GET THE GROUP RATE OF \$89.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX (\$102.35). MENTION SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. SPECIFY HANDICAP ACCOMMODATIONS, IF NEEDED. SPECIFY A KING BED OR 2 DOUBLE BEDS. THIS IS A NO SMOKING HOTEL. YOU CAN ALSO USE A WEB-LINK - <http://bit.ly/YnvxJv>

REUNION EXPENSES

FULL REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
DAILY REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses)	# OF DAYS:	@\$7.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY TOUR – GERALD R. FORD MUSEUM (SGS Members Provide Transpo.)	# ATTENDING:	@\$7.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY TOUR – HERITAGE HILL AND MEYER MAY HOME (Guide on Bus)	# ATTENDING:	@\$39.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER (Chicken Romano)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER (BBQ Pork Loin With Michigan Apple Chutney)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY TOUR - FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK (Guided Indoor Tour And Outdoor Tram Tour) (SGS Members Provide Transportation)	# ADULTS:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
	# AGE 3-18:	@\$6.50 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY TOUR - GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY (History/Special Collections) (Tour And Time To Use The Facility) (Transportation Provided To/From Library)	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER (Parmesan Whitefish)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER (Herb Chicken)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY PICNIC – JOHNSON MEMORIAL "HOT OFF THE GRILL BUFFET"	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 (\$7.50 <AGE 13)	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY PICNIC (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SUNDAY LATE BREAKFAST ("American Breakfast")	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SUNDAY LATE BREAKFAST - (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
			TOTAL:

ALL MEALS ARE AT THE HOTEL. IF YOU ARE ONLY ATTENDING ONE EVENT, THE REGISTRATION FEE IS WAIVED.

SEND CHECK (PAYABLE TO SGS) ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:

**KATHERINE M. OLSEN, PRESIDENT
SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
777 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE, APT. 13H
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84102-1214**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KATHIE AT 801-355-0301 OR KATHERINEMOLSEN@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE KATHIE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS, MEAL TICKETS AND REGISTRATION PACKETS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECKS ARE RECEIVED BY KATHIE OLSEN BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013 BECAUSE SHE IS LEAVING EARLY FOR THE REUNION.

SGS MUST CONFIRM NUMBER OF MEALS AND PARTICIPATION IN TOURS NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013.

SGS DNA Project May Answer Genealogical Questions

Story by Walt Seelye, SGS DNA Project Manager

The limited DNA analysis already done by SGS members has brought new challenges to SGS genealogy research.

Previously there was an assumption that Obadiah was a brother to Nathaniel, son of Robert. Then an SGS genealogist derived 37-marker standard profiles for Nathaniel and Obadiah lines from DNA analyses of their descendants. This showed that Nathaniel and Obadiah differ in 11 markers, which puts their common ancestor long ago. Many descendants today do not match either standard profile exactly; the SGS web site has 27 footnotes commenting on the various profiles we have today. They're available here: <http://www.seeley-society.net/sgs-research-SeeleyDNAResults.html>

Various labs choose different markers for analysis; thus for example only 26 markers of my 37-marker Y-DNA profile from Family Tree DNA can be compared with 26 markers of the 37-marker Nathaniel standard or Obadiah standard. Of these, 25 markers match Nathaniel exactly, and one STR count differs by one, which is well within the average number of mutations for a 12-generation span.

DNA shows that not only do we have relatively independent Nathaniel and Obadiah lines, we have several descendants who are "none of the above," as seen in the third matrix on the above web page.

We need more male Seeley-surname DNA tests to compare to the few we have. Perhaps more males submitting Y-DNA tests will show that a "Neither of the above" descendant is really one of a hitherto undiscovered significant Seeley line. Where did each of us come from, and how & when did we get here? What adventures did our ancestors have, which made us what we are today? How did we diverge? DNA analysis will not give you your

family tree: Y-DNA can tell you that you are related to a particular ancestor, but not whether he is your father or great-great-grandfather. The challenge is to relate your paper documentation to these DNA results. Hopefully this DNA analysis will help you look even deeper in the right direction. Does our SGS genealogist have copies of your papers? If not, would you please share them? Perhaps jointly we can push the history farther back and find the connection. Perhaps something you discover will help other SGS members find their ancestors. Whatever we find, it will be interesting to discover more about our family.

Remember, the human genome contains over 3 billion parts; DNA analysis for genealogical research looks at a tiny fraction of the whole. It won't:

1. Create a unique personal genetic fingerprint which could be used to identify you. Since you and other family members will have exact matching results, you can consider these tests as a unique family fingerprint. The lab wizards on TV's "CSI" are looking at other areas, for entirely different purposes; or
2. Tell you about your predisposition for certain diseases. The regions being examined are between the genes, called "non-coding DNA," so no insurance company or doctor can derive health-related information from our DNA analysis.

What we hope to do is establish whether or not various descendants are closely related, and to guide your traditional research in productive directions.

To get started, or if you have questions, contact the DNA Project Manager, Walt Seelye, at seelyew@gmail.com or by letter at 13802 Pine Glen Drive East, Black Forest, CO 80908-3508, phone 719/495-4316.



Site Location Nomination Form

FOR THE

SGS 2015 International Reunion

NOTE: Please send to the SGS President by July 29, 2013.

Kathie Olsen, 777 E. Temple, Apt. 13H, Salt Lake City, UT 84102, (801) 355-0301, katherinemolsen@gmail.com

I WOULD LIKE THE SGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPOINTED OFFICERS TO CONSIDER AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE 2015 REUNION THE FOLLOWING CITY:

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS TO SGS OR SEELEY FAMILY MEMBERS:

CONVENIENT LOCATION, TRANSPORTATION, PRICE CONSIDERATIONS, ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, OR POTENTIAL SPEAKERS (PLEASE EXPLAIN):

I am willing to serve on the committee if this site is selected

☐ YES ☐ NO

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST)

SIGNATURE

Please include a local brochure produced by the tourist bureau.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

Proposed Changes to the SGS Constitution and By-Laws

George Seeley, Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair

There are two issues that need to be addressed, and both require changes to the SGS governing documents. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, changes will need to be approved by a three-fifths majority vote and the next reunion which occurs Aug. 8-11 in Grand Rapids, Mich. These proposed changes must be published in the newsletter a minimum of three months in advance of the vote.

In order to meet IRS requirements to file for non-profit tax exempt status, we must have a provision in our Constitution directing how assets will be distributed should the organization be dissolved. The general rule is that any remaining funds must be dispersed to a 501(c)(3) entity. This will be accomplished by adding a new ARTICLE VI.

The second issue is that there is a discrepancy between the wording in the Constitution and the By-Laws regarding the frequency of publication of the newsletter.

Below are listed the proposed changes. New text will be in bold format.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE II: Objectives

SECTION 2. Modify line 3, "for it's members and for posterity" to read **for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity**. This wording strengthens our position under the IRS definition as an educational entity.

ARTICLE VI : Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution

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

has put together an informative presentation, *Firefighting in Colonial Times*. Members will share histories of their Michigan ancestors. And last but not least, Carol Seeley Scott will discuss her new book, *The Eel Catcher's Travels: Robert Seeley 1602 -1667*. She will be happy to sign your copy! It will be her birthday and we want to celebrate with her! There will be birthday cake at the evening meeting!

I do not know how we will pick between the four tours that have been arranged.

- At the Ford Museum, "permanent exhibits allow visitors to actually participate in history while reviewing the lives of President Gerald R. Ford and his wife, Betty."
- "Heritage Hill is a neighborhood in Grand Rapids and is one of the largest urban historic districts in the United States. A number of architectural styles are included... These were the homes of lumber barons, teachers, judges, and legislators who shaped the city's future. There is also a Prairie Style house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright which was built in 1908-09. "As a meticulous restoration complete with original furnishings and faithfully executed reproductions, the Meyer May house provides the rare opportunity to experience a Prairie house exactly as he intended."
- "There are many areas within the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park to explore including the indoor gardens such as the tropical conservatory,

of the Seeley Genealogical Society

SECTION 1. At the time that 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

ARTICLE IV Duties of Appointed Officers

Replace SECTION 1 with a new SECTION 1 as follows:

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.

Victorian, carnivorous, and arid gardens, as well as the outdoor areas like the Children's Garden, Michigan's Farm Garden, seasonal gardens, a world-class Sculpture Park and meandering nature trails and boardwalk." We will have a guided tour of the indoor area and a tram ride through the outdoor area! This group can take advantage of lunch in the Cafe.

- The Grand Rapids Public Library, located in Grand Rapids, MI, was founded in 1871 and was originally located within the Grand Rapids City Hall. In 1904, the library moved to the Ryerson Building which served as a permanent home for the library. The building was a gift from arts and education benefactor, and native son, Martin A. Ryerson Jr. In 1967, the library expanded to more than double in size. The size was doubled again with a renovation and addition in 2003. This library has a sizable local history collection and special collection section. The Supervisor, Tim Gleisner will conduct a tour and then assist us in using the collection. Good luck making your tour selections!

Much care has been taken to select the meals that the group will enjoy at the hotel! The price of these meals covers not only the food we eat, the servers, etc. but also the cost of renting the meeting rooms. SGS does have a minimum amount that we must spend for the meals

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SGS is an All-Volunteer Organization in Need of Volunteers

Story by Linda Crocker, SGS Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominations Committee Needs Your Help!

Some of our current officers will not be running for re-election. We have openings for Secretary, Treasurer, and 1st and 2nd Vice President. Please consider filling one of these roles to help SGS.

If you are interested contact a member of the nominating committee. On the other hand you may have an idea of a member who would be perfect for one of these jobs. Let us know who they are!

None of these jobs will take a tremendous amount of time. It is helpful if Board members can attend the annual board meetings. The next one will be at the reunion in Grand Rapids. In non-reunion years we meet in Abilene Ks. at the Seeley Research Center in late April/early May.

Specific duties:

- 1st VP: Perform duties assigned by the president, preside and perform all necessary duties in the absence of the President, and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.
- 2nd VP: Perform duties assigned by the president, preside and perform all necessary duties in the absence of the President and 1st Vice-President.
- Secretary: Record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the executive board and of the reunions and perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President.
- Treasurer: Safeguard funds and maintain all accounts in the name of SGS. Maintain adequate financial records. Obtain approval of the executive board before making any investments.

If you need more information on what each job involves



Volunteers are the lifeblood of SGS. Above, SGS Board of Directors meet at the Seelye Research Center in April 2012. Right, George Seelye, Constitution Committee Chair, briefs proposed by-laws changes at the Elmira N.Y. SGS reunion.

contact the current office holder or a member of the nominating committee or SGS President Kathie Olsen.

Nominating Committee Chair

Linda Crocker (LLBC100@msn.com)

Nominating Committee Members:

Camille Bell (onthego801@gmail.com)

Marshall Seelye (am81509@gmail.com)

Contact us with your suggestions before we contact you and ask you to serve!

Disaster Response Planning Might Save More Than Just Your Life

Story by Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian



One of the items that I have been tasked with by our board is to come up with an emergency plan for the Seelye Research Center.

This task took on special significance this past summer with the wildfires that we had in Colorado Springs. Many people were forced to evacuate their homes; and those of us lucky enough to be in a safe zone wondered what we would do if we had to evacuate. What would you take if only given 15 minutes to pack up and leave? Would you know what to take in an emergency evacuation?

A disaster/emergency plan helps to remind you what you need to do when your brain freezes up with panic. This type of plan, as I've learned during my research, is not just for libraries but for everyone.

To get an idea of what a plan might look like, I went to my local library. The Special Collections Department showed me their emergency plan and the most important aspects of it. Many of the items would not apply in our home environments, except this; whatever plan you have make it simple.

The most important part of the library's disaster planning is their pocket plan, which every employee is required to carry on them at all times. It lists all the important information in one convenient location and overcomes the brain freeze that occurs in emergency situations. You can view this pocket plan at http://www.westpas.org/course_docs.html and select "Pocket Response Plan for Collections" under the "Protecting Cultural Collections" workshop section.

Most of these items may not apply to your specific situation, but it will give you a good starting point. Another excellent website to check out is www.ready.gov. This is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) site to help you plan your own emergency plan. If these websites don't work for you, do a web search for disaster planning to find something that will work for you.

I plan to tell you more about what I've learned at the reunion and hope that you will be able to show me your pocket plans. In closing, I hope that you agree with me that all of us should have some type of plan in place to prepare for the unexpected. Take it from someone who watched their city burn last year, the time for planning is before a disaster, not during.

An Update from the Historic Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kansas

From Terry Tietjens, Seelye Research Center Director, SGS Director and Owner of Seelye Mansion

Hello to all the wonderful Seeley (all spellings) cousins. It has been a good winter in Kansas -- no really bad weather, but we could sure use more moisture. It sounds like we will have an early spring, but not the extreme temperatures that we experienced the last two summers.

I know several have tried to email me, but the old e-mail address is gone, as that company no longer does internet service. My new e-mail address is on Page 15 of this newsletter. My web site remains the same: www.seelyemansion.org.

Speaking of e-mail addresses, my old email address was "hacked" into several months ago, and many of you thought I was stranded in England and needed your help. Sadly I have never been to England, but hope that will happen sometime in the future.

This has been a good year for us in Abilene. The Seelye Mansion has needed a complete paint job for several years, so we were able to complete the job this past October. We also repaired rotting gutter work as we went along. It was a huge job, and we're glad it's finished for another 12 years. It was a \$40,000 project. Now, the other buildings will be finished this spring, including fences.

The Seelye Research Center will also get a fresh paint job in the Spring. The big tree in front of the research center had a split that had developed over several years, so it was removed. I would like to plant a hard maple tree in its place as a memorial to the Seeley family of America.

This summer the major project will be yard work. Little has been done for many years to update shrubs, flower beds, pond and patio areas. I have always enjoyed yard and garden work and have extra hoes and equipment in the garage if you want come by for a visit and to help!

Thanks to the SGS membership and board of directors for the annual donation to the Seelye Research Center, and the \$2,000 you gave toward a new roof. This really helps to meet our expenses. We all are thankful for the Johnson Estate for their help in continuing the SGS organization.

When I purchased the Seelye Mansion 31 years ago from Marion and Helen Seelye, I had no idea where that would take me. I wish you all could have known them.



The historic Seelye Mansion was built by Dr. A.B. Seelye, a descendant of both Obadiah and Robert Seeley. When the mansion was built in 1905, it was state-of-the-art featuring all the modern luxuries of life. Edison's original lightbulbs and fixtures were used throughout the home. Also installed were six telephones in the structure, plus one in the garage and another in the carriage house.

Marion and I attended our first SGS reunion in Ft. Wayne, Ind. in 1986. That seems like a long time ago looking back on it now. Knowing Helen and Marion as I did, they would be so pleased to have the permanent Seeley archives as part of their historic home as their father Dr. A. B. Seelye was descended from both Robert and Obadiah Seeley lines.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide a location for these important family history records. The research center will always be a part of the historic Seelye block in Abilene. As you know we are on the National Register of Historical Places, and a 501(c) 3 Foundation.

I look forward to our Seeley reunion in Grand Rapids, Aug. 8-11. I have not talked to Ruthetta Hansen recently, but we will plan on driving from Abilene. Everyone will want to plan extra days to spend in Michigan site-seeing. The Dearborn area has several museums for the Henry Ford family. Greenfield is really nice. I have not been to Toledo, Ohio for several years, but the "Libby" glass museum is wonderful.

We will have a very busy spring and summer here in Abilene. I'm older now, but still make each day the biggest day possible. I hope you all are also well and enjoying life.

I look forward to seeing all my Seeley "cousins" in Grand Rapids in August.

Arlington National Cemetery App Allows Users to Explore Cemetery

Story by Wesley Waring, SGS Director

Arlington National Cemetery has developed ANC Explorer, an application that is available across common web browsers and on mobile smart phones. This app enables veterans, family members and the public to locate gravesites; generate front and back photos of a headstone or monument; and receive directions to those locations.

Launch the ANC Explorer (arlingtoncemetery.mil/) in your browser or download a mobile app by clicking the link for your device.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides information on service members buried in VA National Cemeteries.

The American Battle Monuments Commission provides information on service members buried in overseas cemeteries.

Arlington Cemetery has been in use since 1864. The digital offering is a two-way street. Those who use the new online tools can help the cemetery staff learn more about those who are laid to rest there.

As an example, by going to the Arlington Cemetery Website, and clicking on "find a gravesite" the Website & Kiosk option will appear along with options for other apps. By selecting "Website" a map of the cemetery and four options load. Then select "search burials", "using known information", then enter Seeley (or any name). 28 Seeleys come up, both men & women. Some of the women were military veterans and some were wives of veterans.

After clicking on a name, the box that appears gives the option of selecting directions, details, or feedback.

By selecting details, it gives grave number, location on

the cemetery map as well as birth and death dates - whatever information is on the stone, front and back.

Seely showed 6 more graves. One Seelye name came up (Russell J.) and by clicking on his name, the location of the



grave on the map was shown and the available information about him. Selecting "details" shows a photo of his and his wife's grave marker indicating that he was from Minnesota and had served in WW2 and Korea.

Another example was Augusta C. Seeley where details showed the front and back of the stone. Her husband's name F. C. Seeley was on the stone also. By selecting F. C. Seeley from the list, and then going to details, his name is shown as Frank Collins Seeley a WW1 Navy veteran and other information.

Northern Pennsylvania Seeley Family Prepared For Reunion in July

Story by James R. Seeley



The annual reunion of the descendants of James A. Seeley, son of James and Anginette (Wyman) Seeley (SGS#3686), will be held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 4, 2013 at the Park in Alba, Penn. Attendees are requested to arrive after church or at about 12:00 PM. We plan to start lunch at 1:00 PM and have a business meeting immediately after lunch. Bring a dish to pass, your own drinks and place settings. There are picnic tables with bench seats but you may also want to bring your favorite lawn chair. This is the 101st time the family has come together for its annual reunion. The first was held July 29, 1911 (see photo at left with James seated at the center with his wife Ida Knights Seeley). The family has gathered together every year since with the exception of one year during World War II.

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arranged. The Saturday picnic will be especially fun for all! We hope some of our Grand Rapids Seeleys will join us and stay to hear the presentation by Carol Seeley Scott.

I was amazed as I glanced through my location database (locations mentioned in the three books of SGS) to discover how many Seeley (of all spellings) came to settle in Michigan. There were many different counties and towns/townships mentioned. SGS#379, a 6th Generation descendant of Robert Seeley, Seth Clark Seeley settled in Elsie, Michigan. His son, Rinaldo Clark Seeley, lived in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan. (Grand Rapids is in Kent County.) SGS#1212, Daniel Hawley Seeley, is mentioned as being the oldest pioneer of Genesee County. Samuel Seeley, SGS#3040, an 8th Generation descendant of Obadiah, died in Kent County, Michigan and was buried in Lyon Township Cemetery, Oakland County, Michigan. We hope that by the end of the reunion, we will know more about the people who called this area home.

Site selection for the 2015 reunion will be determined by nominations being submitted to the Executive Board, in advance of the Membership Meeting. The Executive Board will consider the nominations and then present their recommendations to the members at the Membership Meeting for their approval. Criteria for the site should include connection to the Seeley family, location, price, activities in the area, SGS members in the area, transportation, speakers, willingness to help, etc. The Site Selection Form is printed in this newsletter. Please take the time now to think about a great place for the next reunion and submit a nomination to Kathie Olsen by mail or in person at the reunion.

I certainly appreciate the elected and appointed officers of SGS! This is an organization of volunteers. It takes lots of committed people to move the organization forward. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact the members of the nominating committee. Linda Crocker is the Chairperson with Marshall Seelye and Camille Seeley Bell as members. Call Linda today!

The decreasing membership of SGS is certainly a concern for all of us. We need "fresh" ideas and strength to continue to offer the services that have been available in the past. If you know someone who you think would like to be involved, please invite them to join! Please feel free to contact our Membership Chairperson, Lynda Simmons for membership information.

The research goals for 2011-2013 are to study the "brick walls" of those men who have done the DNA test and didn't fit either the Nathaniel or Obadiah profiles. It is believed that this will lead to the names of other immigrants and DNA profiles for those immigrants. If you are one of these people, please let Linda Crocker know.

The board is very supportive of the DNA project and voted to give any man who pays for the DNA testing a free one year membership to SGS with the newsletter being sent by email. We do need more men to participate in the

DNA project. If you haven't already done so, consider doing it now! Be sure to contact Walt Seelye, DNA Project Chairperson, if you have questions, concerns or comments about the DNA project.

Plan now to join us for the reunion. You can come early and stay late, there are lots of things to see and do! Mark your calendars now! Early registration will be appreciated! See the registration form in this newsletter. Encourage all your Seeley (no matter how you spell it) relatives to be there. It is always good to be together.

In one piece of non-reunion news SGS Secretary Mary Palley recently informed me that she could no longer function in the position. Through Board action, Chris Havnar was appointed to serve as Secretary until the election at the 2013 reunion."

I would like to thank everyone involved with SGS in any way. Each member is very important. Thanks to all our elected and appointed officers. Thanks to the Reunion Committee for all their hard work. Thanks to all those who spend many hours to help the Society reach its goal, as stated in the SGS Constitution, to "engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination and preservation of Society information for the Society, for its members and for posterity."



Reunion Schedule *(continued from page 1)*

- Installation of Officers for 2013 - 2015
- Cash bar, soft drinks, and juice and birthday cake to honor our special guest, Carol Seeley Scott.

Sunday, August 11, 2013

11:00 a.m. Farewell Breakfast

A late check-out time will be arranged for those leaving the hotel after breakfast.

This is going to be "GRAND"! Please register early using the registration form in this newsletter. Please make sure completed forms and checks are received by Kathie Olsen before Monday, July 29, 2013.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

Not sure if your dues are due?

Check out the address label on this issue of the Newsletter.

The second line gives you the month and year your dues are paid to. For example:

08/13 means Paul & Carolyn's dues are paid up to August 2013

Paul & Carolyn Taylor
Paid To: 08/13
3848 Frazier Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

SGS 20 Years Ago: Mrs. Todd's Ford's Theater Shawl Inherited by Florida Seeley

An Unattributed and Unconfirmed Report from the February 1993 SGS Newsletter



EDITOR'S NOTE: This story ran in the February 1993 SGS Newsletter. I wasn't sure if I should run it because I have no way of verifying its accuracy. Normally I would not run something that can't be confirmed or attributed to someone. I searched the internet looking for mentions of "Mary Todd Lincoln," "shawl," and "Seeley" and couldn't find anything. I did find a 2010 story about a shawl on display in Seattle's Museum of History and Industry thought to have been worn by Mrs. Lincoln on the night of her husband's assassination, but the article's writer was not convinced. Beyond that, I found no other online references. But it's President's Day, I have a nice picture of President Lincoln on the opposite page, and, as a fan of the PBS show *History Detectives*, I'm hoping we might learn more about where the shawl is now and whether or not it was really worn by Mrs. Lincoln that fateful night.

The Civil War Centennial observance, now in progress has a special meaning for a West Hollywood man. A tattered blood-stained shawl said to have been worn by the wife of Abraham Lincoln the night he was killed has been given to Dave Seeley, Hollywood, Fla.

Seeley became the fourth owner of the shawl, which has been handed down in his family from generation to generation for 96 years. Seeley's 89 year old uncle, Frank Weddle of Maryville, Mo. brought the shawl to Seeley's home while on a visit this week.

The five-foot shawl, black wool garment bears dozens of dark brown spots, said to be blood from Lincoln's

wound, spattered on his wife as she sat next to him in a box at Ford's Theater in Washington. Except for a few small holes near its center, the tasselled relic is in excellent condition.

A few days after the shot fired by John Wilkes Booth plunged a nation into mourning, Mary Todd Lincoln had the shawl washed and gave it to a girlhood friend, his grandfather's aunt, said Weddle. In 1867, Weddle said, the aunt gave the shawl to his grandfather who lived in Missouri.

Weddle said he received the shawl from his grandfather in 1927, shortly before his death. With the shawl, he was given a copy of the April 15, 1865 edition of the *New York Herald* which devoted the entire front page to the assassination of the President.

The garment has been displayed by historical societies in Missouri, said Weddle. He declined offers to place it on permanent exhibition because of a desire to keep the shawl in the family.

The former blacksmith and carpenter disclosed another tie with the Lincoln family. Weddle said his great-grandfather and Tom Lincoln, father of the President, were neighbors in Illinois before his ancestor migrated to Missouri. Both were carpenters, said Weddle, and with the possessions of his great-grandfather, which he inherited, was a table made by Tom Lincoln. The table is still in good condition, Weddle said, despite use as a meat cutting board for many years.

"Be careful with that" Weddle warned his grand niece, Judy Boyle, as she inserted the folded shawl into a heavy manila envelope. "So many valuable things are lost because people don't take care of them," commented the white haired Missourian, almost to himself. Seeley said he will eventually give the shawl to his 16 year old daughter when she's a little older.

Notice for SGS Members

SGS will NOT be sponsoring a tour to England in 2014. There did not appear to be sufficient interest to pursue organizing and conducting this activity. Any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Kathie Olsen

Does SGS Have Your E-Mail Address?

The Answer Is: Probably Not.

News travels fast in the information age and sometimes it's helpful to be able to reach out to SGS membership immediately.

Please send an e-mail note with your e-mail address to SGS Membership Chairman Lynda Simmons at summitkids@yahoo.com

Afraid of spam? Fear not! SGS will not publish, sell, or share your e-mail address and will only reach out to you with important society information.

Military Burials Feature Lincoln, Custer, and Decades of History

Story from Ancestry.com

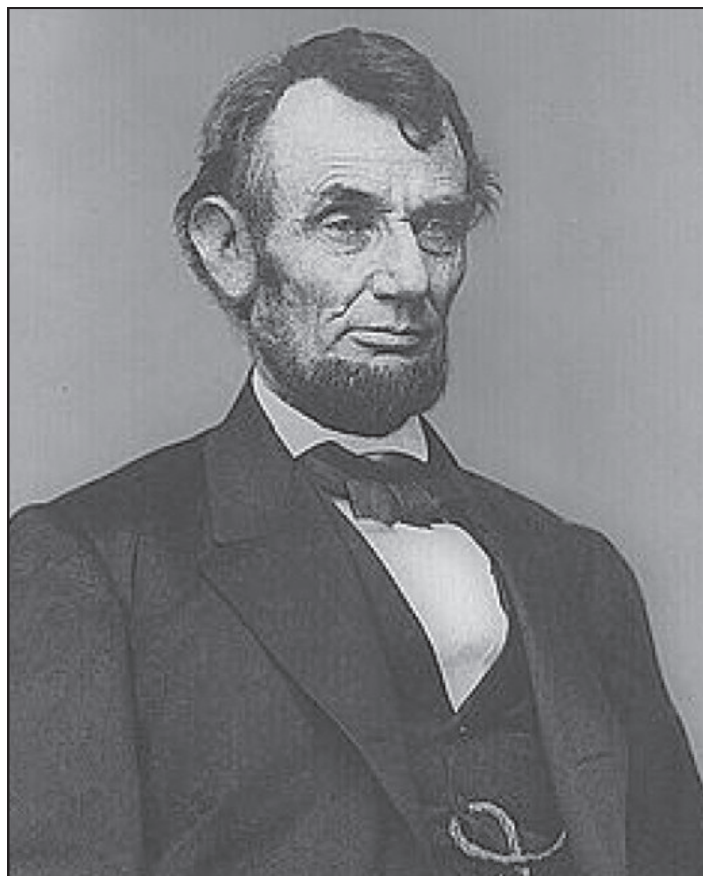
Going beyond name, rank and regiment, a new collection of military burial registers on Ancestry.com provides insight into some of America's greatest historical figures -- including Abraham Lincoln, General Custer and others dating to the Civil War. The online, searchable collection launches today courtesy of a partnership between Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

"These began as around 60 amazing, handwritten burial registers -- more than 9,000 pages of American heroes, where they are buried and other details," says Dan Jones, Vice President of Content for Ancestry.com. "And today they can be searched by individual names and viewed online on Ancestry.com, allowing family historians everywhere greater insight into the military experience of ancestors as well as notable personalities."

Highlights of the collection include:

- **President Abraham Lincoln.** Lincoln's honorific entry in an Arlington National Cemetery register is framed with a hand-drawn black border. Under cause of death it reads "Assassinated; pistol shot by John Wilkes Booth the ball entering 2 inches below and behind the left ear and lodged in the brain."
- **General George Armstrong Custer.** Custer is among those officers "taken up on Custer's battleground" and brought to Fort Abraham Lincoln by steamer in 1877. Custer's brother Thomas and brother-in-law James Calhoun, who were killed at the Little Big Horn, are in the collection as well.
- **Captain Charles William "Charley" Paddock, USMC.** Paddock, winner of the gold medal in the 100 meter at the 1920 Summer Olympics, and whose 1924 Olympic appearance was portrayed in the movie *Chariots of Fire*, died in a World War II plane crash near Sitka, Alaska, where he is buried.
- **Vivia Thomas.** According to legend, Thomas was a jilted fiancé who left home to exact revenge on an army officer who broke off their engagement. Thomas traveled west dressed as a man and joined the army at Fort Gibson, her ex-fiancé's post. She eventually shot and killed him, before dying herself. When the soldiers of Fort Gibson, who knew her as Private Thomas, learned of the story, they honored her courage by interment in the cemetery Officers' Circle.

From the 1860s until the mid-20th century, in some places, U.S. Army personnel tracked burials at national cemeteries and military posts in registers that included name, rank, company/regiment, date and cause of death, age, grave number, and original place of burial in the case of re-interments. The U.S. Army was responsible for all national cemeteries from the 1860s until the early 1930s, and they were responsible for depositing most burial registers at NARA. In 1973, the Army transferred 82 national cemeteries to what is now VA, where the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) oversees them.



Concerned for the fragility of these documents and wanting to expand public access to the contents, NCA scanned about 60 handwritten ledgers to produce more than 9,344 pages of high-quality digital images. Then in 2011, NCA initiated a partnership with Ancestry.com to index the ledgers so users can search them easily. At no cost to the government or taxpayers, Ancestry.com spent close to 3,000 hours indexing NCA's ledgers records to make them searchable by name.

The ledgers are one of two new Ancestry.com collections, U.S. Burial Registers, Military Posts and National Cemeteries, 1862-1960 and U.S. Headstone Applications, 1925-1963, both launching for Veterans Day 2012. More than 500,000 individuals are included in these records.

"We are excited to be able to share this wealth of primary documentation," said VA's Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Steve L. Muro. "With the help of Ancestry.com, we have opened the doors to thousands of service members' histories through the information contained in these burial ledgers."

The Ancestry.com partnership supports NCA's commemoration of the Civil War 150th anniversary (2011-2015). More than 72 of NCA's 131 national cemeteries originated with the Civil War. More than 3.7 million Americans, including Veterans of every war and conflict -- from the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terror -- are buried in VA national cemeteries in 39 states.

SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of Feb. 22, 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 llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see page 15). 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 1208-3 re Kathy Marie Seeley of Woonsocket R.I.

SGS was contacted by Jeremy Troy Donaldson who was searching for information on his birth mother Kathy Marie Seeley. Troy was born at the Naval Hospital in Norfolk VA but was adopted from an agency in Portland OR.

We received a response from member Loreen Wells (loreenwl@yahoo.com) who contacted us because Troy's email address is no longer valid (he was serving in Afghanistan when he contacted SGS). Loreen says there is a resource he can use to try to contact his birth parents through the state of Oregon. All adoptions in Oregon ultimately go through the state of Oregon regardless of originating agency. Oregon has a state-wide adoption registry. Troy can register with them expressing his interest in contacting his birth parent. If his birth parent similarly registers, the registry connects them. That's Loreen's understanding about how it works.

Loreen worked in adoptions for the state in the late 1960s and early 1970s so she has been out of the loop for a long time. However she might be able to find someone to ask if Troy runs into brick walls.

New Queries:

Query 1302-1 Submitted by Gloria Reynolds (greynolds@burlingtontelecom.net)

Gloria is looking for the parents of Martha Seeley b. c1758. She married Benjamin Giddings on 29 Dec 1774 and died in Poultney, VT on 11 Sep 1842.

SGS Response: An online source indicates that she was married in Sherman, Fairfield, CT in 1774. Sherman was part of New Fairfield until 1802 and most of the New Fairfield records were destroyed in a fire in 1867 according to the town website. Benjamin and Martha are both buried in East Poultney Cemetery, Poultney, Rutland, VT.

I found one Seelye family in Sherman in that time period: Abel Seeley b. 1739 New Milford, CT who married Betsey Briggs b. 1741 (I don't have a marriage date). They

are both buried in Sherman.

The children we have listed were born between 1765 and 1784. There is no Martha listed.

The youngest child, John Seelye, born 1784 married Anna Giddings for his 1st wife and married 2nd Rachel Main. Rachel Main Seelye married James Giddings after John Seelye died. This shows some connection between the Seelye and Giddings families.

If any reader has information on Martha Seeley, wife of Benjamin Giddings, please contact your Query Editor.

Query 1302-2 Submitted by Tim Kilburn (tk95253@gmail.com)

Tim has been researching Elizabeth Seeley, said to be born 1634 in CT. Elizabeth married Matthias St. John II (1628-1728) about 1657. She died after Sept. 5, 1732. Elizabeth and Matthias had five children Mary, Ebenezer, Matthias III, James and John. Tim thinks a family who immigrated this early would be known however he can not find evidence about Elizabeth's parents. Some say they are Capt. Robert Seeley and his first wife Mary but he can only find Nathaniel as their child. Others have said Elizabeth is the daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Fearses Seeley but he can find very little on this couple. Tim wants assistance in finding the parents of Elizabeth who married Matthias St. John (sometimes spelled Sention).

SGS Response: No one I can find lists a source for the parents of Elizabeth. We have no evidence of any other children for Robert and Mary Seeley. We also have no information on Matthew Seeley and Elizabeth Fearses. Anyone with information on either this Elizabeth Seeley or Matthew Seeley is urged to forward it to us, with source(s).

Query 1302-3 Submitted by Jennifer Painter via the SGS Facebook page.

Jennifer's uncle, Jay Steward Seeley, wrote a paper called 'One Line of Descent of Capt. Robert Seeley' in the 1980's. She doesn't have a hard copy and wondered if SGS has a copy or knows of a digital version.

SGS Response: We have Jay Steward Seeley's obituary on the SGS website. Jay is the great grandson of SGS # 2255. His line is Jay Steward; Dwight Edward; John Jay; Luke (# 2255); Sheldon (# 813); Abner; Joseph; John; Benjamin; Nathaniel; Robert

Pam Turner, our Research Center Librarian, has checked her indexes and can't find a reference to this paper in our collection. She is going to check a couple of the files that haven't been indexed yet the next time she is in Abilene. Meanwhile, perhaps another long-time member of SGS has a copy of this paper. If so, both the Research Center and Jennifer would like one or someone could transcribe it and put it on our website. Let us know if you can help.



Linda Crocker
SGS Query Editor

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Query 1302-4 Submitted by Helen Ann Rosenfeld (ha27@optonline.net)

Elizabeth Seeley Bruen is SGS# 3407 who was born in 1810 in Chatham, Morris County NJ. She married Charles Torrey, had several children and died in 1844. She was the only child of Eleanor (Nelly) Seeley and her 2nd husband Dr David Bruen who died in 1849. Only three of the Torrey children survived to adulthood and only one married: Elizabeth Jane born in 1841.

Helen Ann researches the history and families of old houses in Chatham NJ. She is currently working on the David Bruen house. She hopes to find descendants of Elizabeth Jane Torrey as she was the only child who married. Perhaps such descendants may have further information on the Bruen home or David Bruen's ancestry.

SGS Response: We don't have any information on David Bruen except that he was the son of El. and E. Burrill Bruen. I was able to trace one line of descent...

1880 census Mont Clair, Essex, NJ

- Harris, Fred H age 50 b. NJ, father b. NY, mother b. NJ, sec. ins. co.
- Harris, Lizzie J age 38 b. PA, PA, NJ
- Harris, Nellie T age 14, Bessie T age 10, Jennie H age 8, Anna M age 6 mos., all b. NJ, NJ, PA
- Eliason, Anna age 19 b. SWE, SWE, SWE, servant

1900 census Montclair, Essex, NJ

- Harris, Elizabeth J b. Nov 1841 PA, PA, NJ, widow, md 34 yr, 5 ch., 4 living
- Harris, Elizabeth T b. Jul 1870; Jane H b. Jul 1872, physician; Anna M b. Nov 1879, all b. NJ, NJ, PA
- Torrey, Ellen L, sister b. Sept 1836 PA, PA, NJ
- Jordan, Mary Lucy, servant b. Aug 1880 NC, NC, NC

1900 census Montclair, Essex, NJ

- Dutcher, Charles Mason b. Feb 1862 NY. MA, NY, banker, md 8 yr to
- Dutcher, Helen b. Sep 1866 NJ, NJ, PA, 2 ch., 1 living
- Dutcher, Frederick H b. Dec 1892 NY, NY, NJ

1910 census Montclair, Essex, NJ

- Dutcher, Charles M age 48 b. NY, MA, NY, bank treasurer, md 19 yr to
- Dutcher, Helen age 33 b. NJ, Nj, PA
- Dutcher, Frederick age 17 b. NY, NY, NJ
- Harris, Elizabeth J age 67, mother in law, widow b. PA, PA, PA
- Stuck, Ruth age 30, waitress, Jessie age 21, cook, both black, b. WV, WV, WV

In 1910 daughter Jane H Harris age 38 b. NJ, NJ, PA is in the Isabel, Isabella, Puerto Rico census, occupation "medica."

In 1930 in Montclair Charles Dutcher is still with wife Helen. He is now bank president.

Further down the same page Elizabeth J Harris age 87, head with dau. Anna M age 50, single with a boarder Una M Miles age 66, artist and servant Anna Carey age 65.

About Frederick Dutcher, grandson of Elizabeth Torrey Harris and g-g-grandson of Eleanor (Nelly) Seeley:

1930 census Montclair, Essex, NJ

- Dutcher, Frederick H age 37 b. NY, NY, NJ, instructor

and consulting engineer at a university md 13 yr to

- Dutcher, Thea S age 33 b. NY, GERMANY, NY
- Dutcher, Thea age 10, Helen age 8, both b. NJ, NY, NY

In 1940 the family has moved to Mountain Lakes, Morris, N.J.

According to the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) Frederick Dutcher of Wilton, Fairfield, CT b. 5 Dec 1892 died in Sept. 1973. I found an obituary in the Hartford Courant of 2 June 2009 for Thea Dutcher Coburn, daughter of Frederick and Thea Schaefer Dutcher which named various nieces and nephews.

We would still be happy to receive information on the ancestry of Dr David Bruen of Chatham.

Also note that in the 7th Generation Volume of the Descendants of Obadiah Seely, under SGS# 3407, we have an error in the names of Ellen Bruen's children. Her older daughter is not Elizabeth Ludlow Torrey – her first name is Ellen.

Query 1302-5 Submitted by Anne Hazelwood (annehazelwood@live.com)

Anne contacted us asking for verification about the parentage of Eleanor Seeley who married Thomas Douglas and had a son Ebenezer Douglass born 13 Mar 1772, died 17 Dec 1857, Chazy, Clinton, NY. She is supposedly a daughter of Ebenezer Seeley (1729-1806) and Hannah Hungerford (1732-1819).

SGS Response: The SGS database lists Eleanor born 1750 and married to Thomas Douglas but does not show her parents. Ebenezer and Hannah Hungerford Seeley are shown with just one daughter, Elizabeth b. 1754 and married Ammasa Hungerford in 1772.

One source for Eleanor's surname is "A collection of family records: with biographical sketches, and other memoranda of various families and individuals bearing the name Douglas, or allied to families of that name" by Charles Henry James Douglas EL Freeman & Co. 1879. It states that Eleanor was born to Ebenezer and Hannah Hungerford Seeley 1 May 1754 at New Fairfield CT. Since most of the New Fairfield records were destroyed in a fire in 1867 (according to the town website) this will be hard to verify. The book goes on to say that Eleanor and Thomas Douglas were probably married in 1771 and that they moved to Pownal, VT in 1773 or 1774. Pownal is where Ebenezer and Hannah Seeley were living at their death. Apparently it was thought that Thomas Douglas was killed in the Revolutionary War. Eleanor his widow remarried (to William Stewart and had another child) and then Thomas showed up years later.

Contact us if you have any further information on Eleanor Thomas Stewart.

Query 1302-6 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris, our webmaster and Ancestor File Co-chairperson, found an obituary that gave information that conflicted with what we had in our database and in the 7th Generation of Descendants of Obadiah Seely: for SGS# 3897, Peter Johnson Seely.

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Our information was that he was married to a Miss Chase. The obituary for Peter (<http://www.seeley-society.net/obits-ly/obit-PeterJSeely.html>) states that his wife was Mary E Hunt.

SGS Response: 1880 Census: Milo, Yates, New York

- Peter J. Seely age 59 Farmer b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Mary E. Seely wife age 50 b. NY, NY, NY
- Elizabeth Hunt mother-in-law age 74 b. NY, NY, NY
- Jennie King boarder age 35 Tailoress b. NY, NY, NY
- Frederick King boarder age 30 Tin Smith b. NY, NY, VT
- James Wheeler boarder age 26 Clerk in Dry Store b. NY, NY, NY

1870 Census: Torrey, Yates, New York

- Peter Seeley age 50 Farmer b. NJ
- Mary Seeley age 43 b. NY
- Franc Seeley female age 21 b. NY
- George Seeley age 15 b. NY
- Anna Hartwell age 14 b. NY

1860 Census: Torrey, Yates, New York

- Peter J Seelye age 41 Farmer b. NJ
- Mary Seelye age 32 b. NY
- George F Seelye age 5 b. NY
- William Cashan age 22 Farm Laborer b. Ireland
- Ann Gollahar age 17 Domestic b. Ireland

1850 census Milo, Yates, NY

- Hunt, Able B age 44 b. NY, dry goods merchant
- Hunt, Elizabeth age 44 b. NY
- Seeley, Mary E age 22 b. NY
- Seeley, Peter J age 22 b. NJ, farmer
- Seeley, Frances E age 1 b. NY
- Hunt, Hannah E age 14, Patience M age 12, both b. NY

1900 census Penn Yan, Yates, NY

- Sisson, Charles H b. Jun 1843 NY, NY, NY, insurance agent, married 28 yr to
- Sisson, Frances E b. Nov 1849 NY, NY, NJ, 1 ch., 1 living
- Sisson, Mary E b. Oct 1872 NY, NY, NY, dau.

The Sissons continue to reside in Penn Yan. In 1920 the dau. is Mary Eva; in 1930 Frances is a widow, the dau. is Eva and there is a boarder, James Casterline age 42 b. NY, NY, NY, theater janitor

1940 census Milo, Yates, NY

- Sisson, M Eva age 67 b. NY, NY, NY, single, resided same house in 1935
- Seeley, Harry age 61 cousin, b. NY, NY, NY, photographer in photo studio, married, resided same place in 1935
- Seeley, Minnie age 60, cousin, b. CAN, married, resided same place in 1935

Minnie is Minnie Blanche in the 1920 census of Milo. Harry's wedding announcement names her as Emily Bowker. I found her in Milo in 1900 as Minnie Bowker age 23 b. CAN, NY, NH to US in 1879 niece of Aldin and Minnie Jenkins

YATES COUNTY CHRONICLE, Wednesday 27 February 1864, Obituary:

"Died at his residence in Penn Yan, February 22, 1864,

of pneumonia, Ellis Chase, aged 68 years.

"The deceased was a son of Rev. Abner Chase, (of precious memory.) The family was composed of nine children, Elizabeth, Mary, Lucy, William, Daniel, Elias, Matilda, Susan and Lauren. Of these six are deceased, leaving Elizabeth, widow of Abel B. Hunt, Matilda, wife of M. W. Eastman and Lauren Alverson Chase, the last and youngest. The deceased was born in Sangerfeld, Orange county, Feb. 3, 1815. November 2, 1841, was married to Jane Smith, daughter of Ira and Elizabeth Smith, one of the most respected families in Yates county. The deceased leaves to mourn his departure the wife of his youth and three children, Mary Jane, wife of George Dunning, Albert and Elizabeth, wife of Hiram Dunning.

"The funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased on Lake Street, and was largely attended by both friends and relatives, Rev. E. M. Mills preaching an appropriate service. He will be missed at home where he was the light and joy, yet saddened heart, will find comfort in the thought home be he not, lest, but, gone before."

Burials Milo Center Cemetery, Milo, Yates, NY

- Seeley, Mary E. 1847 Aug. 27, Died age 2, dau. of Peter and Mary (Hunt) Seeley

Therefore we have shown that Mary E Hunt, wife of Peter J Seely, is the daughter of Elizabeth Chase Hunt and the granddaughter of Rev. Abner Chase.

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)

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