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SES Heers on the Banks of the Ohio River Parkersburg, West Virginia Hosts 2017 Reunion

The Mid-Ohio River Valley proved to be a wonderful setting for the 2017 Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion. Not only is it beautiful and picturesque, but it is also full of history. Everything between Parkersburg, WV, and Marietta, OH, was filled with interesting, informative, and fun things to do.

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Members were able to learn about the history of the area, hear more about Seeley research, ancestors, and DN and, creating family books, share



family memories, and keep updated on the Seelye Research Center. One of biggest bonuses of any reunion is getting to ealogist know our Seeley Linda Crocker cousins better and

enjoying their company.

The reunion extended from June 14 to June 18. We had forty-nine people in attendance from twelve

different states. We really had such a good time together, as we learned much about Seeleys and this historic and beautiful part of our country.

Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist, graciously hosted the SGS Executive Board Meeting in her home on Wednesday afternoon. Members are always invited to attend board meetings. Since most of the reunion attendees were in town on Wednesday night, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner together. Afterwards, we all met at the Wingate Hotel for a welcoming meeting, introducing

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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 the education and benefit of 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 Marie Seelye See Contact Info on Page 15

Seelye Research Center

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

Seelye Research Center, Director Terry Tietjens

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2019, in San Diego, CA. 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

Seeley Genealogical Society President, Lynda Simmons

Thanks to all of you who attended the 2017 Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion in Parkersburg, WV. We had a wonderful time together and learned much about genealogy in general, our Seeley family in particular, and the history of the area. Reunions are a good way to share information, learn from each other, and enjoy Seeley cousins. We wish all of you could have been there, and we would love to have more members come to future reunions. The 2019 reunion will be held in San Diego, CA. It's not too early to being making your plans to attend.

I send a huge "Thank-You" to Linda Crocker, who did so much to make this reunion the success it was. Linda and I planned the agenda, but she did much of the work because she lives in Parkersburg. She was very organized and insightful. Her husband, Bob, was also a big help. Thank-you both very much.

Another big "Thank-You" goes to all of our SGS officers, who work very hard to make the Society the wonderful organization that it is. Many of them spoke at the reunion and shared valuable information with us. We appreciate all of you.

Since we met in Abilene in 2015, many things have changed, while others have not. We welcome twelve new members so far this year. Even so, SGS membership has been slowly declining, and this concerns all of us. Perhaps we need to find better reasons for people to join SGS. If you have ideas about what we can do to encourage people to join the Society, please email me your ideas. One thing I ask each of you to do is

to find one Seeley relative or friend to ask to join SGS this year. Remember that our dues are very reasonable.

Though the Newsletter is now produced



electronically, we are pleased to offer paper copies to those who pay an additional \$12.00 per year, which almost pays the cost of printing and mailing. Thanks go to Sue Craven for taking care of mailing these copies. When we switched to publishing the Newsletter via email, we greatly reduced SGS operating expenses. Our overall financial situation has thus changed for the better, and we are excited about that. The money that had been spent to print and mail the Newsletter can now be used to better meet the goals of SGS. This year we are especially focusing on updating our website and increasing Seeley research, including DNA research.

We want very much to improve the involvement and retention of SGS members. We realize that we are all busy, but we would love to have more members involved in committees, such as the 2019 Reunion Committee, Communication Committee, Research Committee, DNA Committee, Membership Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, and the Seelye Research Center Committee. We are happy to have you serve on any of these

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ourselves, telling where we were from, and becoming better acquainted. Registration materials were given out and the reunion agenda discussed. It was a good beginning.

Thursday, June 15, began with a spectacular view of the Ohio River and Parkersburg from Fort Boreman Historical Park. Historian Bob Enoch met members there to inform us of the rich history of this area. Fort Boreman was built in 1863 as a Civil War fortification to ensure that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad link between Wheeling and Parkersburg would not be controlled by the Confederate Army. The area had been surveyed by George Washington before the Revolutionary War, and many of his men settled in the area after the war.

We then moved to the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, where all of our subsequent meetings were held. The church proved to be a wonderful place to meet because the auditorium was very comfortable with a kitchen close by. The chapel itself is beautiful, and Marjorie Bevans, the rector, and her staff were very welcoming. Linda and Bob Crocker brought drinks and anything we needed and had food delivered; Linda even made a delicious salad to go with our pizza lunch.

Linda was also the most valuable person behind this reunion. Last summer when it was time to organize the reunion, Linda and I were the only ones who could be in West Virginia. She had made a list of all possible sites for meetings and tours. We visited each site and decided which would be best, allowing us to complete much of the agenda at that

time. During the year, what one of us did not think of, the other one did. We decided that we made a good partnership, but Linda in West Virginia was the one who made things happen. I am very grateful for her leadership and many, many hours of service!

At the opening session I welcomed everyone, gave an overview of planned activities, and set up car pools for them. Mark Seely



Mark Seely shares some harmonica music during a presentation at the SGS Reunion.

gave a realistic reenactment of Justus Wellington Seely who was born in 1815 in Pickering, Canada. His family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) and moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. They travelled down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and could have camped on the river near where we were meeting and staying. Justus and his family with other Mormon pioneers were forced to leave Nauvoo and trek to Utah, where he was a leader in his community, served a mission, reared a large family, and died in 1894 in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. Besides giving many details bout his

ancestor's life, Mark also then played his harmonica for us. The members enjoyed both his presentation and his music.

Wesley Waring, SGS Director-atlarge, followed Mark with an informative overview of Society research. Wesley told about the latest research done by Apryl Cox, focusing on the Obadiah line in both America and England. Wesley and the Research Committee would like Apryl to continue working on Obadiah's line, checking Robert's line, and also looking for additional Seeleys who came to America around the time that both of them did. All members appreciated Wesley's presentation and hard work as the chairman of the Research Committee.

At breaks and lunch, members enjoyed delicious Seely Mints from the Seely Mint Company. Mike Seely and his wife Candy own and operate a mint farm in Clatskanie, Oregon.

They sent four varieties for us to try: Peppermint Patties, Mint Bark, and both ivory and dark Belgian

Chocolate Melts. To find a store that carries these delicious Seely Mints near you or to order them, go to their website: www.seelymint.com.

Members were also able to purchase great Seeley Genealogical Society T-shirts. You can, too, for only \$12.00 (or \$14.00 for size XXL). There are still some left. Get in touch with Linda Crocker to order one. They make great gifts for your Seeley relatives.

Everyone who registered for the reunion received a colorful Seeley bag, which was handy to carry materials and notes in. Additional bags can be purchased for only \$5.00

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2015-2017 SGS Executive Board Meeting, June 14, 2017 Draft Minutes

Submitted by Patricia rooks Palmer, SGS Secretary

Editor's Note: There were three official meetings at the 2017 SGS Reunion in Parkersburg, WV: the final meeting of the 2015-2017 SGS Executive Board, the 2017 SGS General Membership Meeting, and the first meeting of the 2017-2019 SGS Executive Board. Newsletter space limitations prevent us from publishing minutes of all three meetings in this edition of the newsletter. The minutes from the second and third meetings will be included in the November 2017 SGS Newsletter. If you need to see the minutes for those meetings before then, please send an email note to SGS Secretary Patricia Brooks Palmer (contact info on page 15) who will be happy to email you an Adobe Acrobat version of each meeting's minutes.

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Quorum: Lynda appointed Kathie Olsen as temporary parliamentarian, who confirmed that a quorum was present.

Elected and Appointed Officers Attending: Lynda Simmons, Margaret Petersen, Kathie Olsen, Pam Turner, Wesley Waring, Paul Taylor, Linda Crocker, Terry Tietjens, Ruthetta Hansen, Chris Havnar, Marshall Seelye, Patricia Palmer.

Excused: Jesse Crisler, George Seeley, Walt Seelye, and Marie Seelye

Other Member Attending: Marshall Seelye

Welcome and Announcements: Lynda Simmons thanked all in attendance and expressed gratitude to all officers for reports and updates sent, dedication to and participation in the Society, and for all they do to promote it.

- Pam Turner, SGS Librarian, has taken on the duties of copying Society CDs.
- Sue Craven will continue to mail SGS newsletters to members requesting hard copies.
- Margaret Peterson, SGS
 Treasurer, noted that the Society is losing money in mailing newsletters; extra copies of newsletters will be available at the reunion.
- LeAnne Seely has agreed to process, develop, and design the 2017 SGS Reunion Souvenir Book. Paul Taylor, SGS First Vice President and Publications Editor, will give LeAnne appropriate files for the book.
- Kathie Olsen, SGS Past President, has four copies of the 2015
 Reunion Souvenir Book as well as SGS Generation Books for sale at the reunion.
- Lynda thanked Linda Crocker, SGS Genealogist and Queries Editor, for all she has done to prepare for the reunion and for hosting today's meeting; she has been absolutely invaluable in planning, contacting speakers, ordering satchels, making reservations, and tending to many other details.
- Lynda also thanked Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster and Assistant Genealogist, for helping Linda assemble the pieces for the satchels for reunion participants.
- Lynda explained the process for registration at the reunion and reviewed the daily reunion

itinerary.

Minutes: Minutes of the SGS
Executive Board Meeting, April 2930, 2016, Abilene, KS, were read and approved with the following corrections: Change date from May to April, and note that the first ten years of newsletters have been scanned.
Linda Crocker moved that the minutes be approved as changed; Terry
Tietjens, SGS Director-at-large, seconded the motion; the minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business: Lynda led a discussion regarding the Future of the SGS, centered on the question, "What do we want to be as an organization?" Responses included:

- Reach out via social media and the newsletter.
- Individuals have work and familial responsibilities which may make attending reunions difficult.
- Research on various Seeley lines should continue to be important if the Society wants to attract more members.
- What is on the agenda to bring people together?
- Who knows about SGS? Should the Society reach out to members of other genealogical societies to develop a presence in social media?
- Are there people beyond the SGS
 Executive Board who could or would assist in broadening the base of the Society?
- In particular, SGS might attempt to appeal to a younger group through friendship, camaraderie, and research.

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During a visit to Blennerhasset Island some reunion attendees got in touch with their pioneer roots during a tour of the island.

from Terry Tietjens at the Seelye Research Center.

We had a tasty boxed lunch and then drove to Marietta, about twenty minutes away. Marietta was the first settlement in the Northwest Territory. The Marietta Historic District contains charming buildings and shops on cobblestone streets. SGS members enjoyed trolley tours of Marietta, visited the Campus Martius Museum, the Ohio River Museum, and the Washington County Public Library, which has Seeleys in its genealogical section, and in the evening, had a delicious dinner on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler, part of a delightful two-hour cruise on the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers.

On Friday, June 16, we met at Good Shepherd Church again. Paul Borelli spoke about his photography. He owns thousands of vintage photographs of events that happened in and around Parkersburg, some of which he shared with us, including photos of the Wright Brothers when they brought their Kitty Hawk to the area and when it crashed. He also showed photos of famous people who had visited the area, such as Amelia Earhart and the original Munchkins.

We were fascinated by his photos and stories. He was like a custodian of a national treasure.

Pam Turner, SGS Librarian, then presented an update of the Seelye Research Center, noting that the Center's goals continue to be to preserve the genealogical legacy of the Seeley name (all spellings), to collect and house artifacts related to the Seeley surname, and to share information with the public in accordance with privacy protection policies. Pam described the Center's acquisition policy and general rules

for accepting donated materials. Members in attendance now have a new appreciation of her work.

Next, Stephanie Mills Moore helped explained how DNA testing works. Y-DNA testing is

only for males because the Y chromosome is passed only from father to son. Mitochondrial (mtDNA) testing is for females because the mtDNA, a small circular genetic

molecule found outside the nucleus, is passed by mothers to their sons and daughters, but only the females can pass it on to the next generation.

Autosomal (atDNA) testing can be done for everyone but is less specific.

Stephanie also provided a list of DNA testing companies and DNA databases.

We had another delicious boxed lunch and then went to the Blennerhasset Museum, just a paddle boat ride away on Blennerhasset Island, where we also took wagon rides around the island and toured the beautiful Blennerhasset Mansion. We all enjoyed relaxing and conversing with each other amidst lovely surroundings.

That evening we went to dinner at DaVinci's Restaurant. The food was delicious and the speaker fascinating. Bill Reynolds, Campus Martius Museum Historian and collaborator with American historian, David McCullough, talked about Rufus Putnam, an engineer and colonel during the Revolutionary War, who surveyed and settled Marietta at the



Reunion attendees enjoyed dinner and a cruise on the Ohio River aboard the Valley Gem Sternwheeler

confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers. Putnam was thus an important leader in the development of the Northwest

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Petersen

- Margaret clarified that the IRS stipulates that "all 501 (c) (3) organizations or groups . . . disaggregate postage information and payment on Treasurer's reports. Monies used for postage must be itemized on the report, as per IRS regulations."
- SGS Certificates of Deposits, held at Patriot Bank, have matured at \$77,599.02.
- Rate of return on the CDs at Patriot Bank was .65%.
- As directed at the 2016 SGS
 Executive Board meeting,
 Margaret did research to locate a credit union or other institution yielding a greater rate on SGS
 CDs, with the following result:
 Mountain Credit Union charges
 \$5.00 to open a new account and offers a rate of 1.35% on an 18-month term CD with an initial deposit of \$5,168.14, and a rate of 2.75% for a 5-year term CD with an initial deposit of \$72,425.88.
- Margaret also noted that \$475.00 in interest on the CDs since the initial deposit(s) had already been earned.
- The checking account's balance as of June 15, 2017 was \$19,682.37.
- Linda Crocker moved that Margaret's report be accepted, Paul Taylor seconded the motion, and motion was approved unanimously.

SGS Website and Website Redesign: Paul Taylor and Chris

Havnar

 Logan Seeley has agreed to facilitate the design of the new website and is currently available to begin the process.

- \$3,000 is the probable initial cost to facilitate the theme of the site, develop headers, and outline and design the site.
- Technical questions have been sent to Logan and the webredesign committee has ideas for mapping the new website.
- Paul will monitor changes in the new site with Logan and share relevant information with the SGS Executive Board.
- New rules for publication can be expected.
- WordPress platform will be used in the redesign.
- Michael Hook will be kept informed of the redesign.
- Efforts will be made to NOT change the site's existing URL.

Research on Seeley Lines:

Wesley Waring, SGS Director-atlarge

- Wesley presented a separate report which will be included in the SGS August 2017 Newsletter.
- Wesley noted that Apryl Cox had submitted a twenty-page report on her research on Obadiah Seeley, dated June 22, 2015, followed by a summary, dated July 6, 2015.
- Apryl also reported on her research from Warwickshire, England records, New Jersey records, and New York records regarding Sarah Seelie, Obadiah Bruen, and Augustus Seeley, dated February 2016.
- Apryl then sent SGS two subsequent reports in March/April 2016 and in July 2016, stating that she was unable to verify a birth date or place for Augustus Seeley, though she did find the 1608 marriage of William Seeley and Alice Bissell, a will identifying

- William Bissell as Alice's father, and the marriage of Alice's parents.
- Apryl recommended probate research on the Bissell family be undertaken.
- Walt Seelye emailed Wesley, stating that he had received no response from David A. of Seattle regarding Y-DNA testing.
- Linda will look into lines related to Y-DNA, as per Walt's request for other lines to test.
- Kathie moved that the SGS
 Executive Board authorize money for research and that Wesley
 Waring develop a proposal for developing a research focus,
 Linda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Walt Seelye's report will serve as the formal response to this section of the meeting.
 - New Business: Lynda Simmons
- Linda moved that the 2017 SGS Souvenir Book be dedicated to Jerry Havnar, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Marshall Seelye and Elizabeth Alexander (via email) proposed the Glens Falls, NY, area, as a possible site for the 2019 SGS reunion, promoting Warren, Queens, and Washington counties and defining the historical significance of such places as Rogers Island, Fort Edward, Lake George, Cooper's Cave, and Fort William Henry; Marshall has been in touch with the Queensbury Historical Society for their support; finally, he and Elizabeth indicated that West Point, the Hudson River, historic Huguenot Street, art museums, wineries, and

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Territory. Reynolds's talk was fascinating.

On Saturday, June 17, we had the SGS Membership Meeting, which began with a slide show, created by Ron Sandquist, of pictures from the reunion. Patricia Brooks, SGS Secretary, read the minutes of our previous meetings, which were approved. We then re-elected SGS officers, all of whom had agreed to serve again. We are very thankful for

their tireless service. They are part of the strength of the Society. We welcome LeAnne Seely who has agreed to produce the next Reunion Souvenir Book. We talked about ways to improve SGS. SGS Treasurer Margaret Petersen then presented a financial report, and Paul Taylor, SGS First Vice President and chair of the Communication Committee, reported on progress of the website redesign. Wesley

Waring, Chair of the Research Committee, reported on the past research done and what more we would like to have done.

Members voted to dedicate the 2017 Reunion Souvenir Book to Jerry Havnar for his many years of service to SGS in setting-up and maintaining the website. Our love and thanks go to his widow, Chris, SGS Assistant Genealogist, who worked by Jerry's side.

Three different sites, two in New York and one in California, were presented for the 2019 Reunion. Members voted to hold it in San Diego, CA. Discussion ensued regarding what month would be best for the reunion; the Reunion

Committee will take that into consideration as we plan the Reunion.

LeAnne Seely then presented information on creating family books. She and her mother, Kathryn, just completed the third volume of Seely History, the story of the progenitors and descendants of Justus Azel Seely. LeAnne's father, Montell, started them on this wonderful project.

Carol Haddon next gave a delightful history of her Seeley



SGS President Lynda Simmons and Former SGS President Marshall Seelye presented the SGS Outstanding Volunteer Award to Past President Kathie Olsen for her years of service to the Society.

ancestors, telling humorous stories about them. All enjoyed her presentation.

For lunch at the end of the meeting we had pizza and salad. Members then had free time in the afternoon to pursue any of several activities: Henderson Hall, the Ohio River National Wildlife Refuge, the Mid-Ohio Valley Multicultural Festival, the Parkersburg Art Center, Holl's Chocolate Factory, shopping for antiques in Marietta, or relaxing.

The Executive Board Meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. We discussed possible changes to the Constitution, ultimately deciding that changes were not needed. Minutes of the two Board meetings and the Membership

Meeting will be published in both the Newsletter and the Reunion Souvenir Book.

That evening we had our farewell dinner, a delicious buffet, at the Grand Point Convention Center, where the Treble Makers, a barbershop quartet, provided entertainment. We enjoyed both the music and the food. Marshall Seelye entertained members as he introduced the Volunteer of the Year. He called up three volunteers and then

announced that Kathie Olsen was the SGS Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. Kathie served as President of SGS for eight years. She and her mother, Madeline Mills, wrote the three Seeley generation books about the descendants of both Robert and Obadiah Seeley. She organized four reunions as well as trips to England and New England to visit the places where Robert and Obadiah lived. She also obtained SGS's 501(c)(3) tax

status, to mention only some of what she has done for the Society. We thank Kathie for all of her service.

At the end of the dinner, we bade a fond farewell to our Seeley cousins. We had a wonderful time together in West Virginia and Ohio, learning about new initiatives in genealogical research, enjoying the beautiful Mid-Ohio Valley, and meeting and greeting each other.

SGS reunions are a great time for fellowship and finding out more about Seeley ancestors and our nation's history. Begin making plans now to attend the next reunion in San Diego. We hope to see everyone from this 2017 reunion there as well as many more Seeleys.

Children's

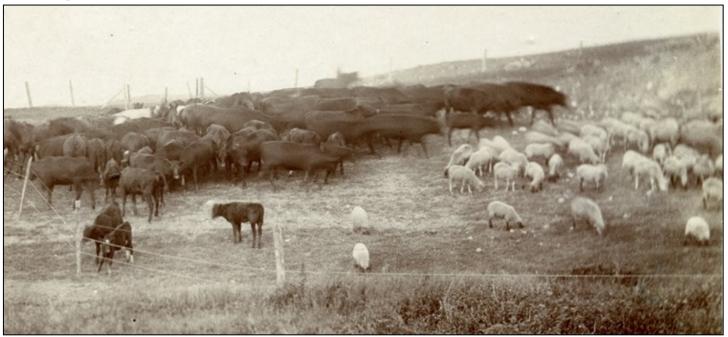
By Seeley Genealogical Society Membership Chair Marie Seelye

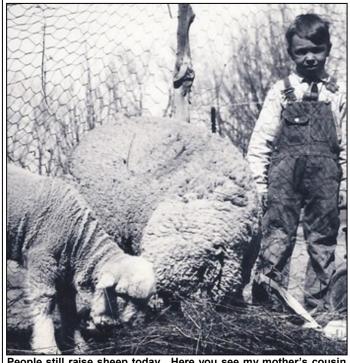
Ancestry Corner



Editor's Note: This section of the newsletter is dedicated to youngsters. You are encouraged to share these pages with your children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. Use them as a way to begin a conversation with them, tell them stories about their family history, and perhaps engender in them a love for genealogy.

Pulling the Thread on Where Colonists Got their Clothes





People still raise sheep today. Here you see my mother's cousin about 5 years old, with 2 sheep:

What did children do in the 1600s? If their family had sheep, they would help care for the sheep and herd them, either to pastures or the town square where sheep were allowed to graze on the grass. Then they would lead the sheep home at night and care for them in a shed near their houses. Above, you see sheep in the field with the cattle.

People still raise sheep today.

What do you think happens to all the wool on the sheep? Notice that one sheep (on the left) appears to have had a "hair cut"—he was shorn; but the other sheep has lots of wool still on his body. If this were summer, he would be very hot. That is one reason to shear the sheep. Also, we use the sheep's wool to make sweaters, socks, blankets, shawls, and other clothing to keep us warm in the winter. So next we shear the sheep using special shears which belonged to my grandparents in North Dakota, and now belong to me.

Go to this YouTube video to see hand shearing:

https://youtu.be/5ga0xb3O4DY



This is a pair of blade shears. They look like a giant pair of scissors and are used to trim sheep's wool. Although in modern times, sheep are mainly trimmed using electric shears, the hand held blade shears like those above are still used in competitions in which people see who can shear sheep fastest. Although those competitions still go on today, the shearing record was set by Jackie Howe on Oct. 10, 1892, when he sheared 321 sheep in just seven hours and 40 minutes, using a pair of blade shears like those above. How long would it take you to shear a sheep?

Next the wool is cleaned (if the sheep was not given a bath before shearing) and carded. Note the two cards, which have hundreds of short, sharp pins to help clean the wool and to align the fibers so the wool can then be spun into yarn to make clothes and blankets.

Many pioneers helped make the final product.



Although modern yarn-making processes have become automated, here's how the wool was spun into yard during pioneer times.



This is what the wool looks like after it has been shorn from a sheep.



This is a pair of cards. In addition to cleaning the wool, the carding process separates and straightens the wool fibers and is the final step in the process of preparing the fleece for spinning.



Once the wool is spun into yarn, it can be made into clothes, blankets, and a lot of other useful things. Do you know anyone who makes things out of yarn?



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Standing Committees of the Seeley Genealogical Society

During one of the 2017 Reunion meetings, it was decided to regularly publish each of the Society's regular and standing committees. As SGS President, Lynda Simmons is a member of all committees. Want to learn more or volunteer to help? Contact the committee chair (contact info on page 15).

Nominating Committee:
Not a permanent committee.
President shall appoint a nominating

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speakers from Dutchess County might make this an enjoyable site.

- Kathie Olsen suggested San
 Diego as a reunion site, noting the
 connection SGS has to Old Town
 through Albert Seeley of the
 Cosmopolitan Hotel, to Old Town
 State Historic Park, and to San
 Bernardino, founded by David
 Seely, son of Justus Azel Seely,
 many of whose descendants are
 members of Utah-based JASFO.
- Linda moved that the SGS
 Executive Board approve San
 Diego the 2019 reunion site,
 Wesley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Lynda, Kathie, Jesse Crisler, and Patricia Palmer will form the reunion committee.
- Lynda noted that suggested changes to the SGS Constitution will be deferred for discussion at the meeting on Saturday.
- Wesley moved that the Society send Esther Houtz copies of the Newsletter and all SGS publications gratis and in perpetuity in appreciation for her contribution to SGS, Terry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: 5:07 p.m.

committee one year in advance of the reunion, as per the SGS Constitution.

Auditing Committee:

Not a permanent committee. Appointed every two years to audit the financial records and activities of SGS.

Awards and Recognition
Committee: This committee seeks
opportunities to recognize the work
and achievements of the society and
its members.

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This committee conducts genealogical research on behalf of the society.

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Members: Paul Taylor (chair), Chris Havnar, Walt & Marie Seelye, Pam Turner, and Linda Crocker.

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committees. If you are interested in being on one, please let me know.

I would also like you to think about what you like best about SGS. Please email me your ideas. I asked the same question of the Board Officers and can share some of their best thoughts:

- The individuals in SGS are what I like best and getting to know other members
- I appreciate the depth of knowledge regarding Seeleys in this Society
- A good group of people with similar interests
- Friendship, camaraderie, and being with cousins
- Being able to work independently but also as a member of a team
- The importance of family—we

- need to know as much about them as we can
- Enjoying the many Seeley families
- I have met some wonderful people whom I otherwise would not have known
- There are amazing resources to be shared
- The research done by the organization
- Everyone wants everyone else to have success in searching for ancestors
- Sightseeing in the reunion cities
- The Seelye Research Center
- Research using DNA
- The SGS Website
- Great Souvenir Reunion Books I am glad that each of you is a member of SGS! Thank-you for all you have done and are doing!

SGS Queries (as of August 4, 2017)

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker

The SGS query column leverages the amassed knowledge of SGS, the research skills of the Society's query team, and the knowledge of SGS members to help those who submit queries answer challenging research questions.

Submit your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at Ilbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see contact information on page 15). Queries are assigned a query number by the query editor, researched, and then sent to the query team for input. Linda summarizes the query and responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

Be sure to follow a few guidelines when submitting your query.

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

new 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 and complete contact information—sometimes we receive new information months or even years after your query appears.

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, so the query can be updated in the next newsletter. Please include the query number, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.

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

New Queries:

1708-1 Posted by Gary Seeley of Athens, OH, on the SGS Facebook page:

Elliott W. "Doc" Seeley arrived in Mogadore, OH, in the early 1920s, operated a drugstore on the northwest side of Cleveland Avenue and Mogadore Road, and built a new building in 1928 across the street in the



location we knew as Seelev's or Scheck's Drugstore. In the office on the second floor of the large, brick building was a dentist named Dr. Robinson. Next door to the drugstore in the same building was a hardware store. In 1958, Doc Seeley sold his store to Mel Scheck who had worked with him since high school. Richard K. Meyer was another young man who had worked for Doc Seeley, attended pharmacy school, and became a pharmacist the same year as Scheck. The Seeleys lived at 3870 Orchard Street, residents of Mogadore for almost 50 years.

SGS Response: Mogadore is located in Summit Co., OH, just southeast of Akron. Elliott W. Seeley was in the SGS database as a twelfth-generation descendant of

Robert Seeley (Elliott, Mark Twain, Wesley Allen, Jesse, David [SGS#1993], Jesse, Samuel, Nathaniel, Robert), but we did not have anything except his name, birth year, and parents, and his mother's name was misspelled. 1940 census Mogadore, Summit, OH

- Seeley, Elliott W., age 46, b. OH, drug store owner
- Seeley, Mary, age 40, b. OH
- Seeley, Patricia, age 14, b. OH

1940 census Lodi, Medina, OH (indexed as Salter)

- Seeley, Mark T., age 63, widowed, b. OH
- Seeley, Grace E., age 17, b. OH
- Seeley, William A., age 21, b. OH

1930 census Mogadore, Summit, OH

- Seeley, Elliott, age 34, b. OH, OH, OH, drug store clerk, md. 7 yrs. to
- Seeley, Mary, age 30, b. OH, OH, OH
- Seeley, Patricia, age 4, b. OH, OH, OH

1930 census Lodi, Medina, OH

- Seeley, Mark T., age 57, b. OH, OH, OH, drug store clerk, first md. at age 20
- Seeley, Lucy, age 47, b. WI, GER, GER, first md. at age 34
- Seeley, William, age 11, Grace, age 7, both b. OH, Oh, WI

1920 census Lodi, Medina, OH

- Seeley, Mark, age 47, b. OH, OH, OH, grocery store keeper
- Seeley, Lucy, age 37, b. IL, GER, GER
- Seeley, William, age 10 mos., b. OH, OH, IL
- Seeley, Elliott, age 25, Charlott, age 23, both b. OH, Oh, OH

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Seeley, Wesley, age 84, father, b. OH, NY, NY, widower

1910 census Harrisville, Medina, OH

- Seeley, Mark T., age 37, b. OH, OH, OH, RR ticket agent, md. 17 yrs. to
- Seeley, Lucinda, age 37, b. OH, Oh, OH, 2 ch., 2 living
- Seeley, Elliot, age 15, Charlotte, age 14, both b. OH, OH, OH

Next home

- Seeley, Wesley A., age 75, b. OH, NY, NY, own income, second mg., md. 45 yrs. to
- Seeley, Lucy A., age 71, b. OH, VT, VT, her first mg., 4 ch., 3 living

1900 census Harrisville, Medina, OH (indexed as Suley)

- Seeley, Mark, b. May 1872, OH, Oh, OH, grocer, md.
 6 yrs. to
- Seeley, Lucinda, b. Jul 1871, OH, OH, OH, 2 ch., 2 living
- Seeley, Elliott b. Sept 1884, age 5, Charlotte, b. Mar 1886, age 4, both b. OH, OH, OH (census taker had math issues?)

Next home

- Seeley, Wesley A,. b. Jan 1835, OH, NY, NY, md. 36 yrs. to
- Seeley, Luca A,. b. Apr 1839, OH, VT, VT, 4 ch., 3 living

Rutherford B Hayes Presidential Center Obituary Index

- Wesley A. Seeley. b. 11 Jan 1835, son of Jesse Seeley and Prudence Brown, md. 25 Dec 1864 to Lucy A. Crosby
- Source: Upton, Harriet, History of the Western Reserve, Vol. 2, p. 1171

Summit Co. Marriage Records

- Elliott Wenner Seeley, age 65, of Mogadore, OH, pharmacist, b. Lodi, OH, 11 Sep 1894 to Mark T.
 Seeley and Lucinda Leiby, md. once, now a widower, md. 5 Oct 1959 at Mogadore to
- Sabina Meek, age 48, of Mogadore, OH, domestic, b. Glasgow, KY, 31 Jan 1911 to Jim Meek and Allie Tobin, twice previously md. and divorced: Henry Buechler (2nd) and Henry Blaydes (1st)
- Patricia Lynn Seeley of Mogadore, age 22, b. Akron, OH, 17 Nov 1926 to Elliott Seeley and Mary Freed, md. 29 May 1948 at Summit Co., OH to
- Gerhard Werner Kalkofen of Elkhart, IN, b. 6 June 1925 at Chicago, IL, to Karl Kalkofen and Anna Neulandt

Cuyahoga Co., OH, Marriage Records

- Alfred C. Smith, Jr., lumberman, age 32 of Noble Beach Ave., b. Elizabeth, NJ, to Alfred C. Smith and Elizabeth Loveland, divorced 12 Jul 1921 at Wilkesbarre, PA, md. 20 Jul 1921 to
- Charlotte M. Seeley, nurse, age 25 of Huron Road Hospital, b. Lodi, OH to Mark T. Seeley and Lucinda Leiby

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- Elliott Seeley of Mogadore, Summit, OH, b. 11 Oct 1894. d. Jan 1969
- William A. Seeley of Ocala, Marion, FL, b. 24 Feb 1919, d. 20 Mar 2005

<u>OHDI</u>

Mary F. Seeley, b. 1899, d. 21 Sep 1958, Summit Co.,

OH

<u>OHBI</u>

 Grace E. Seeley, b. 8 Aug 1922 at Medina, additional info: Mark

US Public Record

- Grace E. Soule, b. 8 Aug 1922, resided 837 Lansdowne Rd, Indianapolis, IN, 46234-2107 (1993)
- <u>Findagrave</u>: Woodlawn Cemetery, Lodi, Medina, OH, large marker for
- Mark T. Seeley, 30 May 1872-6 Nov 1953
- Lucinda E Leiby, his wife, 5 July 1871-1 Aug 1912
- Lucy H. Thormahlen, 20 July 1882-19 Aug 1937
- Elliott W. Seeley, 11 Sep 1894-18 Jan 1969
- Charlotte M. Smith, 25 Mar 1896-
- Alfred Calvert Smith, 5 Feb 1888-8 Sept 1945

Arlington National Cemetery, Plot: Sec: 60, Site: 1780

 William Allen Seeley, b. 24 Feb 1919, d. 20 Mar 2005, son of Mark Twain Seeley and Lucy H. Thormahlen, LCDR, US Navy, WWII

Lagrange Cemetery Lagrange, Lorain Co., OH

 Lucy Ines Johnson Leiby, b. 10 Oct 1872, Lagrange, Lorain, OH, d. 9 Dec 1957, Norwalk, Huron, Ohio Children: <u>Hazel Adeline Leiby Myers (1893 - 1967)</u> and <u>Juanita Iosa Leiby (1903 - 1969)</u>

Obituary from *Chronicle Telegram* (Elyria, OH), Tuesday 10 Dec 1957, p. 14

LAGRANGE – Mrs. Lucy Leiby Seeley, 85, a native of this community, died yesterday afternoon in Norwalk Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She had been confined to the hospital since Saturday.

Born Oct. 10, 1872, Mrs. Seeley (nee Jackson) had lived in and around LaGrange community for 75 years, later residing in Lodi for seven years. Three years ago, she took up residence with her daughter, Miss Juanita Leiby, principal of Monroeville Public Schools, in Monroeville Public Schools, in Monroeville. A member of the Lodi Methodist Church, Mrs. Seeley also had resided for a brief time in Michigan.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Myers, Akron, and Miss Leiby, Monroeville; a son, Dayton O. Leiby, San Gabriel, Calif.; two stepdaughters, Mrs. John Soule, Cleveland, and Mrs. Charlotte Smith, Winter Park, Fla.; two stepsons, William Seeley, Battle Creek, Mich., and Elliott Seeley, Mogadore, O.; 11 grandchildren, 22 greatgrandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Her first husband, Gideon G. Leiby, and second husband, Mark T. Seeley, as well as a daughter and a son preceded her in death.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Drake Funeral Home, Monroeville, where funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Robert Horst, pastor of the Monroeville Congregational Community Church, officiating. Burial will be in LaGrange Cemetery. 1940 census Winter Park, Orange, FL

- Smith, Alfred C., age 50, b. NJ, furnace retail agent
- Smith, Charlotte, age 43, b. OH
- Smith, Charlotte C., age 18, Elizabeth, age 17, both b.
- family lived in Hudson, Summit, OH, in 1935 SS Application and Claims

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- Charlotte Calvert Smith, b. 29 Mar 1922 at Cleveland, OH, to Alfred C. Smith and Charlotte M. Seeley, d. 20 May 2001
- Elizabeth Loveland Smith Wilson, b. 11 May 1923 at Cleveland, OH, to Alfred C. Smith and Charlotte M. Seeley, d. 7 Dec 1994, named listed as Elizabeth Smith Wilson, Sep 1954

SSDI

 Charlotte C. Smith, b. 29 Mar 1922, d. 20 May 2001, last residence, Winter Springs, Seminole, FL

FLDI

 Elizabeth S. Wilson. b. 11 May 1923, d. 7 Dec 1994 at Seminole Co.. FL

In conclusion, we have added details and a second marriage for Elliott W. Seeley, found an additional marriage for his father Mark Twain Seeley (who apparently really liked women named Lucy), and added much information on Elliott's siblings.

1708-2 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris found obituaries for Horace J. Seeley of Fort Ann, Washington, NY, who died there in 1966 (no age mentioned) as well as his wife Anne Kelso Seeley, who also died at Fort Ann in 1991, age 78. She found more information on Horace and Anne's two daughters but only found limited earlier information on Horace.

1940 census, Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Sarah Scott, head, age 81, b. NY 1935, same house
- Arabelle Remington, lodger, age 84, b. NY
- Horace J. Seeley, lodger, age 27, b. NY, 1935 same house, bus driver, public school
- John J. Obrien, lodger, age 24, b. NY, teacher, public school

WWII Army Enlistment

 Horace J. Seeley of Washington Co., NY, b. 1913 NY, enlisted as PVT at Albany, skilled driver, single with dependents

SSDI

- Horace Seeley, b. 18 Jan 1913, d. Nov 1966
- Findagrave: St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fort Edward, Washington, NY
- Horace Seeley 1913-1966
- His wife, Anne K., is on the same stone.

Who are his ancestors?

SGS Response:

1930 census, Fort Ann, Washington, NY

 Seeley, Jeff, age 70, b. NY, VT, NY, widower, first md. at age 53

1925 census, Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seeley, Jeff, age 68
- Seeley, Horace, age 12

1920 census, Kingsbury, Washington, NY

 Seeley, Horace, age 7, b. NY, NY, NY, boarding in the home of Arthur and Celia Brown

1915 census, Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seeley, Jeff, age 55, b. US
- Seeley, Lillian J., age 45 b. US
- Cook, Floyd, age 18, stepson, b. US; Unace M., age 15, Ethel M., age 13, both step-daughters, both b. US
- Seeley, Horace J., age 2 b. US, son

NY County Marriages

At Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Jeff Seeley, well driller, of Fort Ann, age 52, b. there to Horace Seeley & Samira Williams, his first marriage to
- Lillian J. Cook of Fort Ann, b. Canada to John Bradway and Margaret Smith, widow, her second mg., license issued 12 Jan 1912, md. 26 Jan 1912
- Horace Seely, age 21, md. Sumira Williams, age 16, both of Fort Ann, by Rev S. Dilaway of Granville on 12 July 1849

1910 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seeley, Jefferson, age 50, b. NY, NY, NY, laborer 1900 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY
- Seeley, Simmera, b. Mar 1835, NY, NY, NY, widow, 8 ch., 7 living
- Seeley, Jefferson F., b. May 1859, NY, NY, NY, pulp mill laborer

1892 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seley, Horace, age 67, b. US, farmer
- Seley, Simara, age 58, b. US
- Seley, Jefferson, age 33, b. US, laborer

1880 census Pawlet, Rutland, VT

 Seeley, Jefferson, age 20, b. NY, NY, NY, farm help for Townsend Nelson

1880 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seely, Horace, age 52, b. NY, ENG, NY, patrolman on canal
- Seely, Samira, age 47, b. NY, CT, NY
- Seely, Laura, age 30, Andrew, age 28, Nellie, age 21, Nancy, age 18, Calista, age 14, all b. NY, NY, NY

1875 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Sealy, Horace, age 47, b. VT, farmer
- Sealy, Semera, age 43, b. Wash. Co
- Sealy, Andrew, age 23, Nellie, age 17, Franklin, age 15, Nancy, age 13, Clisty age 9, all b. Wash. Co.

1870 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seely, Horace, age 42, b. NY, laborer
- Seely, Samina, age 38, b. NY
- Seely, Andrew, age 18, Lewellen, age 15, Gertrude, age 14, Nellie, age 11, Frank, age 10, Nancy, age 8, Calista, age 4, all b. NY

1860 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seeley, Horace, age 37, b. NY, farmer
- Seeley, Semira, age 28, b. NY
- Seeley, Laura, age 10, Andrew, age 8, Lewelyan, age 5, Gertrude, age 4, Nellie, age 2, Frank, age 1 mo.

1855 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

- Seeley, Horace, age 26, b. Washington Co., NY
- Seeley, Simmira, age 22, b. Washington Co., NY
- Seeley, Laura E, age 5, Octalona A., age 3, Philetus L., age 1, all b. Washington Co., NY
- Seeley, James, father, age 60, b. ENG, widower
- Eastman, Clark, boarder, age 22, b. Wash. Co., NY 1850 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY
- Seeley, Horace, age 24, b. NY, laborer
- Seeley, Semmira, age 18, b. NY
- Seeley, Laura, age 1, b. NY

Ontario, Canada, Deaths

Silas Seeley (L. F. Seeley), single, b. 1 Aug 1853, US, to Horace Seeley and Simmira Williams, d. 25 Aug 1933 at Algoma, Ont. (this must be Lewellen Philetus)
 I cannot positively identify James, the father of Horace (see 1855 census), in any earlier census record. If you can help, please get in touch with me.

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- 3. The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition (U.S. \$35)
- The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition (U.S. \$35)
- 5. Set of All Three SGS Publications (above) (U.S. \$85)
- The SGS CD-ROM -- Revised August 2013 (U.S. \$15) that includes:
 - The Three SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen
 - SGS Newsletters from Issue 1 in 1965 through August 2013
 - 1980s Research Rpt. on Obadiah Seeley (New Eng. records), Fred C. Hart, Jr., CG
 - Research Report on Robert Seeley by Alan Phipps, MA, AG
 - 2006 Research Rpt on Obadiah Seeley (old English records), Clifford L. Stott, CG
- The SRC Document Index (with Change Seven entered) lists documents shelved at the Seelye Research Center (U.S. \$10)
 - Item 1 should be ordered from Marie Seelye
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 - Item 6 from Pamela Turner
 - Item 7 from Pamela Turner

Contact information is on page 15.

All checks should be made payable to SGS.

When the photo below was posted to the Facebook page of one SGS Reunion attendee, there were an astronomical number of comments, the overwhelming majority of which said how AWESOME Veronica Seeley Newell and Nick Taylor looked in their commemorative

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