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## Much to See and Do in the Mid-Ohio River Valley during the 2017 SGS International Reunion, June 15-18

*Story by SGS Reunion Planning Committee*



Blennerhassett Mansion  
(Photo courtesy of <http://www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com>)

*Planning for the 2017 SGS International Reunion is well underway. SGS President Lynda Simmons and SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker have visited the Mid-Ohio River Valley and checked out the sites that will be highlighted during the reunion. Many*

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of the sites are historical in nature and offer a glimpse into what life was like for our Seeley ancestors as they made their way across the country.

#### **Fort Boreman Historical Park**

We will begin our 2017 SGS Reunion Thursday morning at Fort Boreman in Parkersburg. Fort Boreman is situated on a hill above Parkersburg, WV, overlooking the beautiful Ohio River and its tributary, the Little Kanawha River (pronounced kuh-nah).

Fort Boreman is a historic archaeological site encompassing a

Civil War fortification. It was built in 1863, by the 11th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry Regiment to ensure that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad link between Wheeling and Parkersburg, WV was not severed or commandeered by the Confederate Army.

Fort Boreman was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. Besides the overlook, there are short trails to two other viewpoints. Bob Enoch, President of the Wood County Historical Society, will give a short presentation, describing what we

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## The Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter

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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

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### Seelye Research Center

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

Seelye Research Center, Director

Terry Tietjens

See Contact Info on Page 15

### SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2017, in the vicinity of Parkersburg, WV. 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*

Reunion Planning Committee co-chair Linda Crocker and I have spent a lot of time planning the 2017 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion in the beautiful Mid-Ohio Valley. Our reunion will begin with a meeting of the SGS Executive Board on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. The reunion's main program starts on Thursday, June 15, and will continue until Sunday, June 18, 2017. A complete listing of our activities appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Our meetings will be held in Parkersburg, WV, with activities within a fifteen-mile radius, stretching to Marietta, OH. Our meetings will be full of meaningful information, the latest research, and lots of fun. We plan to have special activities designed for children with others planned so that all can enjoy this picturesque part of the country. We especially invite our cousins from Canada to join us, since many of you are not too far from this reunion. Of course, we invite Seeley cousins wherever you live to join us and gain a new appreciation for our great family and its rich history.

The Wingate by Wyndham was chosen as the host hotel for the reunion because it is close to our meetings and is extending a special rate to reunion participants. The Wingate has reserved a group of rooms for SGS which will be held until May 14, 2017. Plan to register early. The Wingate is also providing SGS with a hospitality room for use during the reunion. Hotel information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter along with airport locations near Parkersburg.



We would love to hear from you. We want SGS to be and do the things that are worthwhile to you. Are there specific presentations you would like to have given at the reunion? Would you like to share stories and history about your Seeley family? We want to hear about the wonderful branches of our family tree, no matter how they spell Seeley. Please get in touch with Linda or me if you would like to share information about your Seeley branch or suggest other reunion ideas.

Some of you may wonder why we decided to meet in June and not August or September. Our first reason was that the weather should be much more pleasant in June. Then we discovered that the Parkersburg Multi-Cultural Festival will coincide with the reunion weekend. This is a free activity at Parkersburg City Park which will be interesting to visit during free time on Saturday or Sunday. You will find more information about this and all of the other activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

I extend a great big thank-you to  
**Please See SGS President's Report Page 14**

## Reunion Hotels and Airports

### Hotels

#### Wingate Hotel (Conference Site)

1502 Grand Central Avenue

Vienna, WV

1-304-295-5501 (Mention SGS

conference for reduced rate)

*Just north of Parkersburg, close to mall*

#### Hampton Inn

920 Emerson Ave.

Parkersburg, WV

1-844-558-7603

*New hotel in central location close to conference hotel*

#### The Blennerhassett Hotel

320 Market Street

Parkersburg, WV

800-262-2536

*Beautiful historic hotel in downtown Parkersburg*

(For other hotel suggestions, contact Linda Crocker, see p.15)

### Airports

#### Mid-Ohio Valley Regional (PKB)

Local airport between

Parkersburg and Marietta

Via-Air service from Charlotte,

NC, 2 flights most days

#### Port Columbus (CMH)

Columbus, OH

2 hours west-northwest of

Parkersburg via 4-lane highway

(Rt 33 to US 50)

#### Yeager Airport (CRW)

Charleston, WV

Non-stop flights to several US destinations (Charlotte, Chicago, Houston, Washington, Philadelphia, Atlanta)

1 1/2 hours southeast of

Parkersburg via I-77

#### Cleveland Hopkins Int'l (CLE)

Non-stop service to many US

destinations, 2 1/2 hours north of

Parkersburg via I-77

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can see as we enjoy the view. For

more information go to

[greaterparkersburg.com](http://greaterparkersburg.com).

### The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd

From Fort Boreman we will proceed to the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd at 903 Charles Street in Parkersburg, the site of our three morning meetings. Known locally as "The Pink Church," Good Shepherd was founded by the first Episcopal bishop of West Virginia, Bishop William George Peterkin, in 1891 as a memorial to two of his sons who died at a young age. Consecrated in 1906, the church was designed to resemble churches Peterkin admired on a trip to the American southwest, hence its stucco exterior. Planned as a mission to "the wild boys of the east end of Parkersburg," Good Shepherd continues to serve its neighbors in the area surrounding the church. For more information, go to [goodshepherdwv.org](http://goodshepherdwv.org).

### Marietta, Ohio, and the Trolley Tour

Thursday afternoon we will visit Marietta, Ohio, a picturesque river town with European ambiance. Located where the Ohio River joins the Muskingum River, Marietta was the first permanent settlement in the Northwest Territory. It was founded in 1788, soon after the American Revolutionary War and organization of the Northwest Territory, by pioneers from Massachusetts, many of whom had served as officers during the Revolutionary War and received federal land grants for military services. The town's brick streets are lined with lush hardwood trees and

opulent Victorian homes. With plenty of history, two waterways, and a bustling downtown, Marietta offers much to tourists. For more information go to [mariettaohio.org](http://mariettaohio.org).

We will enjoy a trolley tour that encompasses historic sites, museums, and Mound Cemetery, a historic cemetery developed around the base of a prehistoric Adena burial mound known as the Great Mound or Conus, which city founders in 1801 preserved from destruction by establishing the cemetery, where today many famous Revolutionary War officers are buried.

In addition to the trolley tour we will have time to visit two museums.

### Campus Martius Museum

This museum interprets Ohio history from its earliest native inhabitants to Marietta's pioneers and the history of American migration westward. Campus Martius was the second fortification in Marietta and the first used primarily for civilian defense.

The Rufus Putnam House, incorporated within the Museum, is the only remaining part of the original fortification. The museum also includes the Ohio Company Land Office, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### The Ohio River Museum

Just a block away from Campus Martius, the Ohio River Museum features an extensive collection of the Sons & Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen. Of the museum's three exhibit buildings, the first chronicles the origins and natural history of the Ohio River and also describes the golden age of the steamboat and the

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**Schedule of Events**  
**SGS 2017 International Reunion**  
**Parkersburg, West Virginia**  
**June 14 - 18, 2017**

### **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

- 3:00 p.m. Meeting of the SGS Executive Board at Linda Crocker's home  
 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Welcome members at the [Wingate Hotel](#) reunion hospitality room

### **Thursday, June 15, 2017**

- 9:15 a.m. Members meet at [Fort Boreman Historical Park](#); Bob Enoch discusses the local area  
 10:15 a.m. Opening Session at [The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd](#), including registration, welcome, overview, organization of activities and car pooling  
 Noon Boxed lunch  
 12:45 p.m. Car pool to Marietta, OH  
 Afternoon [Trolley Tour](#) of Marietta  
 The tour will depart in shifts of 80 minutes from Campus Martius Museum  
 Departure times to be determined  
 While not on the trolley, reunion attendees may visit the nearby:  
[Ohio River Museum](#)  
[Campus Martius Museum](#)  
[Washington County Public Library](#)  
 Marietta Historic District  
 Walking trail along Muskingum River  
 6:00 p.m. Two-Hour Dinner Cruise on the [Valley Gem Sternwheeler](#)

### **Friday, June 16, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. Second Session with speaker and member participation at Good Shepherd Church  
 11:45 a.m. Boxed lunch  
 12:45 p.m. Car pool to Blennerhassett Museum  
 1:00 p.m. [Blennerhassett Museum](#) visit  
 2:00 p.m. Cruise to [Blennerhasset Island](#) plus tour of reconstructed Blennerhasset Mansion  
 Optional wagon ride  
 Returning at 3:30 or 4:30 pm  
 7:00 p.m. Dinner at [daVinci's Restaurant](#) in Williamstown with speaker

### **Saturday, June 17, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. Membership Meeting at Good Shepherd Church including reports by officers, election of officers, announcement of next reunion location and SGS goals, and reunion group photo  
 Noon Boxed lunch  
 1:00 p.m. Free time with car pools to choice of:  
[Henderson Hall](#)  
[Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge](#)  
[Mid-Ohio Valley Multicultural Festival](#)  
 Browsing shops in Marietta  
 4:30 p.m. Meeting of 2017-2019 SGS Executive Board in hospitality room at Wingate Hotel  
 7:00 p.m. Farewell dinner with entertainment and awards at Grand Pointe Convention Center next to the Wingate Hotel in Vienna

### **Sunday, June 18, 2017**

- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at local restaurant (TBD) for all who wish to participate



## Registration Form

### SGS 2017 International Reunion

#### Parkersburg, West Virginia

#### June 14 - 18, 2017

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:
<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:
<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:
<input type="checkbox"/> SSG MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> SGS LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT AN SGS MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:

### LODGING

- (1) MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH THE WINGATE HOTEL AT 304-295-5501 AND MENTION THE 2017 SGS INTERNATIONAL REUNION TO GET SPECIAL RATE. A GROUP OF ROOMS WILL BE HELD UNTIL MAY 14 FOR SGS REUNION ATTENDEES. SPECIFY HANDICAP ACCOMMODATIONS IF NEEDED OR
- (2) SEE OTHER LODGING OPTIONS IN THE NOVEMBER 2016, FEBRUARY 2017, OR MAY 2017 EDITIONS OF THE SGS NEWSLETTER.

### REUNION EXPENSES

CHILDREN UNDER 18 CAN ATTEND WITHOUT PAYING A REGISTRATION FEE BUT WE NEED TO KNOW THEIR NAMES AND AGES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

EARLY BIRD (Prior to May 14) REGISTRATION FEE	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FULL REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses, etc.)	# ATTENDING:	@\$35.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
DAILY REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses)	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
<input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY			
THURSDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Ham Sandwich)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Chicken Salad Sandwich)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Turkey)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY P.M. TOUR (Trolley Trip Through Historic Marietta, Ohio)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY P.M. TOUR (Ohio River/Campus Martius Museums)	# ATTENDING:	@\$8 EA. (\$4 Kids/Students)	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY P.M. TOUR (Above Trolley AND Museum Tours)	# ATTENDING:	@\$22 EA. (\$18 Kids/Students)	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER AND TWO-HOUR CRUISE	# ATTENDING:	@\$35.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Italian Sub)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Tuna Sub)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Roast Beef Sub)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY P.M. TOUR (Blennerhassett Museum, Boat Ride, Mansion Tour)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20 EA. (\$13 EA. kids 3-12)	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY P.M. TOUR (Blennerhassett Museum, Boat Ride, Mansion Tour, Wagon Ride)	# ATTENDING:	@\$25 EA. (\$18 EA. kids 3-12)	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER @DaVinci's in Williamstown (Salad & Main Course)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY LUNCH (A Selection of Pizza and Veggies)	# ATTENDING:	@\$7.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY DINNER @Grand Pointe (Buffet w/entrée, sides, iced tea, cake)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, AND IF WE RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IN TIME, WE'LL WORK WITH OUR MEAL PROVIDERS TO ENSURE WE HAVE AN APPROPRIATE MEAL READY FOR YOU.

TOTAL:

SEND CHECK (PAYABLE TO SGS) ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:  
 LYNDA SIMMONS, PRESIDENT  
 SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
 125 PARKVIEW DRIVE  
 PARK CITY, UTAH 84098

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LYNDA SIMMONS @435-649-9878 OR [SUMMITKIDS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SUMMITKIDS@GMAIL.COM)

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE THE REUNION COMMITTEE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS, MEAL TICKETS AND REGISTRATION PACKETS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECKS ARE RECEIVED BY LYNDA SIMMONS BEFORE MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 IN ORDER FOR SGS TO CONFIRM MEAL NUMBERS AND PARTICIPATION IN TOURS.



## 2019 SGS Reunion Site Selection Process

One of the major decisions made by the membership at biennial SGS reunions is the selection of the site for the next reunion. In order to streamline the process of selecting the reunion location, SGS members are asked to nominate locations in advance of an upcoming reunion.

The first meeting of a reunion usually occurs the day before the reunion officially begins and is the final meeting of the outgoing SGS Executive Board. As always, all members are invited and encouraged to attend. Although there is much discussion about the activities of each of the board members in the preceding two years, usually the only new business of that meeting is selecting a site to present to the membership during the reunion's general membership meeting. During the board meeting each of the site

nominees is discussed and the board members select one to present to the membership during the reunion's general membership meeting.

With that in mind members are asked to take time now to nominate a location they believe would be a good one for the 2019 SGS Reunion. The form for doing so is below.

It is important to note that as a nominator, you would be expected to provide information about the location along with the nomination form.

Attending the meeting of the board at which the reunion site is debated would also be helpful. Finally, you would be a part of the reunion committee that conducts site visits and sets up the reunion. The reunion committee will be chaired by the SGS president elected during the 2017 reunion.

For reference, the locations

nominated for the 2017 reunion were Marietta, OH/Parkersburg, WV, (which was the site selected), Newburgh, NY, Dayton, OH, and Salt Lake City, UT.

Below are the locations of previous SGS reunions:

1. 1980 Lyons, CO
2. 1983 Denver, CO
3. 1986 Fort Wayne, IN
4. 1989 Fort Wayne, IN
5. 1992 Wethersfield, CT
6. 1995 Salt Lake City, UT
7. 1997 St John, NB, Canada
8. 1999 Abilene, KS
9. 2001 Tacoma, WA
10. 2003 Williamsburg, VA
11. 2005 Abilene, KS
12. 2007 Wethersfield, CT
13. 2009 Salt Lake City, UT
14. 2011 Horseheads, NY
15. 2013 Grand Rapids, MI
16. 2015 Abilene, KS



### Site Location Nomination Form

FOR THE

#### SGS 2019 International Reunion

NOTE: Please send to the SGS President Lynda Simmons, 125 Parkview Drive, Park City, UT 84098, (435-649-9878), [summitkids@gmail.com](mailto:summitkids@gmail.com), by May 1, 2017.

The SGS Executive Board will consider nominations at the board meeting of elected and appointed officers on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Recommendations will be presented at that meeting and voted on at that time.

I WOULD LIKE THE SGS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND APPOINTED OFFICERS TO CONSIDER AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE 2019 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

Include a local tourist bureau brochure, if available.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

## Genealogical Software Explored

*Story by Pam Turner, SRC Librarian*

Since we last spoke, I have been continuing my quest to find a genealogical software program.

I started with a small GEDCOM file which contained one picture, three duplicated family members, and a couple of wrong dates. I then downloaded this file into seven different programs and have narrowed those seven down to four.

I have discovered that finding a program is a very personal endeavor. I have asked people which program they use, and everyone has a different answer. One person I asked told me that “the best program is the one that you will use.”

I kept that statement in the forefront of my thoughts as I did my research. I have found that although some of the programs have a long list of features, their look or the way I had to navigate through data was not appealing to me, and I quickly removed these programs from my computer. All of the programs had something I did not like and many things that I did, so I will have to weigh the pros and cons between the ones left standing.

The programs that made it to my final selection are these: Family Historian, Heredis 2015, Legacy, and RootsMagic. Some of the items that matter to me are: intelligent merging of duplicates and the abilities to easily incorporate data from the internet, to attach pictures to individuals, and to help protect the data from myself by pointing out possible errors in dates. All four of these programs perform those functions, though the merging function on a few of them takes some extra steps.

**Family Historian**, based in the UK, offers a thirty-day free trial of its

complete program. The photo feature is very similar to that of Heredis 2015. You can identify individuals in a group photo and have them linked to their individual information. I was able to copy information from a website and paste it into the program, but the merge function was probably the most difficult for me to use of all the programs. After playing with it for a while, I found that you had to unlink the members from the family to make the merge complete. The cost of this program is \$46.50 for one license, and there are discounts given for multiple license purchases.

**Heredis 2015**, based in France, was one of the few companies that allowed me to download a complete version of its software for free by limiting my input to fifty persons. This software also has an app that will allow it to work on mobile devices. There were some issues in bringing in my GEDCOM to this program. It did not recognize my duplicates, and it placed my nicknames in the surname column. The merging of duplicates is very easy, and I liked the feature allowing the removal of a person from a family without losing the person's information. You can add information directly from the Internet, and adding media is extremely easy. One of the program's better selling points for me is its ability to identify individual faces in a group photo and linking that photo to everyone at once. The week I was writing this article the company came out with a new version called **Heredis 2017**. The cost of the new software is \$19.99 for an upgrade—\$69.99 for both Mac and Windows downloads.

**Legacy Family Tree** gives a limited version for a free download. I

was not able to determine whether it could find my wrong dates because that was part of the premium package. I did find that adding media was very easy, though you cannot tag one picture to multiple people with one selection. The merging of duplicates went very smoothly. The program costs \$29.95 for a download or \$34.95 for a CD plus a 333-page guide.

**RootsMagic** is probably the program I spent the most time with. This was the first program I downloaded, and I used it for most of my learning curve with the other programs. Some of the items that were important to me could not be evaluated, since they are part of the paid program. I did not know how easy it is to bring in information from the Web, but the merge and consistency checking functions worked well. It was easy to bring in media. The program has a pretty comprehensive help area with pdf files and webinars, and the company is very responsive to questions. Because the free version is so limited, I emailed the company to ask whether it had ever considered a full version with a time limit. They replied that it had, but decided to offer the limited version for free and allow a thirty-day return on the full version. The cost for the program is \$29.95.

If you are looking for a new software program, the best thing I can tell you is to download which program appeals to you. Just about all of the major manufacturers offer either a limited version, or a full version with time limits or people limits. Take your family tree for a test spin, there are some exciting benefits in some of the current genealogy programs.



# Children's Ancestry Corner

By Seeley Genealogical Society  
Membership Chair Marie Seelye



*Editor's Note: This section of the newsletter is the second of a series 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.*

## Seeleys Have Long Enjoyed and Been "Good Eggs"

What foods did your ancestors eat? If this food came from animals, how did they keep the animals safe from predators? Chickens and geese are one type of animal food that our ancestors ate. Do you like chicken and eggs? There are many types of eggs we find in our supermarkets, but the two common types are white and brown eggs.



(Photo by Walt Seelye)

The eggs do NOT taste different, but they come from different chickens. The brown eggs come from Rhode Island Red chickens.



(Photo by Sherool from Wikimedia Commons)

White eggs come from Leghorn chickens like the one at the right.

The eggs we currently buy in the grocery store in the United States mostly come from Leghorn or Rhode Island Red chickens. These chickens were not introduced into the United States until about 1850, so our earliest ancestors did not have this choice. However, the Romans introduced the Dorking chicken, like those below, at about the time of the Roman Conquest (about 55



(Photo by Paul Fenwick from Wikimedia Commons)



(By J. W. Ludlow - Cassell's Poultry Book, Public Domain, from Wikimedia Commons)

BC) of Britain. This chicken laid white eggs and was differentiated by five claws; this is probably the chicken which our ancestors brought to the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

How would you keep your chickens safe on the ship for the two-to-three-month voyage from Britain to the New World? We saw a cage



(Photo by Walt Seelye)

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similar to this when we were in Europe. We used scraps of wood to make this as your ancestors probably also did.



(Courtesy of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation)

In Virginia in the 1700s chickens were carried to market as this woman is doing; do you think you could carry these baskets filled with chickens?

In Colorado the Bent brothers built an adobe trading post along the Arkansas River and the Santa Fe Trail in the 1830s. The Bent families and staff also liked chickens and eggs and did not want them eaten by foxes or other predators, so they built a variety of cages like the one at the right and the one above and to the right.



(Photo by Walt Seelye)



(Courtesy of Henry Albrecht)

When selling eggs or using eggs in recipes, often you need to know the size of the eggs. When I was twelve years old, I gathered eggs from my parents' chicken house, cleaned the eggs, and weighed them. Then I put them into egg cartons for my brother to sell to the neighbors.



(Photo by Walt Seelye)

Can you design a cage to keep the chickens safe on a ship crossing the ocean, for taking the chickens to market to sell, or to keep them safe from dogs, coyotes, or foxes in your back yard? Send me your ideas!

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ecology of the Ohio River system. The second describes the golden age of the steamboat on the Ohio River system along with a video presentation on river steamboats, and the third building features displays about boat building, mussels in the Ohio River system, and tools and equipment from the steamboat era.

Outside the museum on the Muskingum River visitors can take an escorted tour of the *W. P. Snyder, Jr.*, the last intact steam-powered "pool-type" stern-wheeled towboat in the United States. Other exhibits include historical boats and poles showing the heights of some of the worst floods. For more information, go to [campusmartiusmuseum.org/river](http://campusmartiusmuseum.org/river).

### Valley Gem Sternwheeler

After our afternoon in Marietta, we will enjoy a two-hour dinner cruise on the *Valley Gem Sternwheeler*. Such cruises offer a unique blend of delicious food and great atmosphere, giving us an opportunity to relax as we enjoy a unique perspective of Marietta and its rivers. The boat is docked adjacent to museum parking. For more information, go to [valleygemsternwheeler.com](http://valleygemsternwheeler.com).

### The Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History

The Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History is a showcase comprising three floors of priceless relics and art from the Ohio Valley's past.

Indian tools, jewelry, weapons, and household items (ca. 9000 B.C.) to oil paintings, vintage clothing, guns, military paraphernalia, furniture belonging to West Virginia's first governor, automobiles of the early 1900s, farm implements, nineteenth-century jewelry, and glassware



The 2017 SGS Reunion will feature a dinner cruise aboard the *Valley Gem Sternwheeler*. (Photo courtesy of [www.greaterparkersburg.com](http://www.greaterparkersburg.com))

ranging in age from sixty to two hundred years old.

In the eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century exhibit, visitors will find a "burning glass," a "bubby pot," some of the Ohio Valley's oldest manuscripts, original maps, and a mourning fan. There are items to appeal to a wide variety of interests, and a small gift shop.

For more information, go to [www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com/museum.html](http://www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com/museum.html).

### Blennerhassett Island

Following a visit to the Blennerhassett Museum, we will travel by paddlewheel steamboat to Blennerhassett Island, a West Virginia State Park, to see a beautiful replica of the original Blennerhassett Mansion, built by Harman Blennerhassett, a wealthy Irish aristocrat, who settled on the wilderness island in 1798.

Designed in the Palladian style

(like Mount Vernon), the 7,000-square foot mansion contained rooms furnished with furniture purchased in London and Baltimore, oriental carpets, oil paintings, and porcelain made in Paris. The hardware on some of the interior doors was made of silver. Alabaster lamps were hung from the ceilings by silver chains.

A 2.3 acre flower garden and two huge lawns surrounded the house, one of the most elegant estates in what was then Virginia and known as the most beautiful home west of the Alleghenies.

Unfortunately, in 1806, Blennerhassett became entangled in the infamous Burr conspiracy

with former US vice-president Aaron Burr. President Thomas Jefferson accused both men of plotting treason in attempting to establish an empire in the Southwest. Blennerhassett escaped, abandoning the island, but was later captured and imprisoned. Although released, he never returned to his island paradise and thenceforward led a ruined life. A short while later the mansion was accidentally destroyed by a fire.

In 1973 archaeologists discovered the mansion's foundations, and after research it was rebuilt. Fortunately, many of its original furnishings had been sold or given away before the fire and have since been recovered and returned the mansion. As an added feature, docents dressed in period costumes offer guided tours.

In addition to touring the mansion, we will have time to stroll

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the island's walking trails, take an optional covered wagon ride, and visit the refreshment stand and gift shop.

For more information, go to [blennerhassettislandstatepark.com](http://blennerhassettislandstatepark.com).

### Henderson Hall

Henderson Hall, located in West Virginia between Parkersburg and Williamstown, is a living legacy to the pioneers and patriots who walked its halls through an unbroken chain of five generations. The house, grounds, and Henderson family cemetery are designated the Henderson Hall Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was built by George Washington Henderson, the grandson of Scottish immigrants. His grandfather, Alexander Henderson, who settled in Fairfax, VA, was a friend, neighbor and pewmate of George Washington. Indeed, Washington himself, a former surveyor, encouraged the Henderson family in the late eighteenth century to move to what was then western Virginia, an area Washington had surveyed as a young man.

In its own way, Henderson Hall is quite reminiscent of the historic Seelye Mansion in Abilene, KS. It is filled with the belongings of five generations of Hendersons who apparently discarded very little. Since the acquisition of Henderson Hall by the Oil and Gas Historical Association, upon the death of the last descendant in 2007, the mansion's many furnishings, clothing,

documents, letters, etc., have been extensively catalogued, and as many as possible are on display for the viewing pleasure of the public. Tours of the home are self-guided. For more information, go to [hendersonhallwv.com](http://hendersonhallwv.com).



A visit to historic Henderson Hall is an option for attendees of the 2017 SGS Reunion (Photo courtesy of [www.greaterparkersburg.com](http://www.greaterparkersburg.com))

### The Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

The Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge (ORINWR) consists of twenty-two islands along 392 miles of the Ohio River and four mainland properties, primarily (85% of its acreage) in West Virginia. The ORINWR was established in 1990 as 3,354 acres of land and underwater habitat.

The Refuge Visitor Center, located at 3982 Waverly Road in Williamstown, WV, features exhibits on the refuge's history and wildlife as well as aquariums containing fish and turtles that can be found in the Ohio River. Several short trails around the visitor center offer a great view of the Ohio River and Buckley Island, while additional trails include a loop around a butterfly garden and a 1.2 mile hike through an upland forest.

For those wanting a more

extensive trip, Middle Island in St. Marys, WV, is one of the few islands in the Ohio River with bridge access. It contains over 3.5 miles of hiking trails with scenic views of the Ohio River and Middle Island Wetland. A 1.5 mile auto tour runs along the

western shore of the island with several stopping points with informational panels. The island also affords fishing access and a wildlife observation blind. For more information go to [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/ohio\\_river\\_islands/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/ohio_river_islands/).

### Mid-Ohio Valley Multi-Cultural Festival

The Mid-Ohio Valley Multi-Cultural Festival celebrates diversity with a

smorgasbord of artists and performers, highlighting a variety of cultural and ethnic groups, the festival showcases performances of traditional music and dance.

In Parkersburg, Reggae, Latin, Mexican, Native American, Celtic, and American Roots musicians all share the same stage with Native American dancers, Middle Eastern Dancers and martial artists performing at the same event. Come and eat Polish kielbasa, Jamaican jerk chicken, Italian pizza, Chinese egg rolls, funnel cakes, old-fashioned freshly squeezed lemonade, and all-American hot dogs. There is a special children's activity section as well as a variety of arts and crafts for sale, representing diverse ethnic traditions.

The Festival will be held at the City Park, 1920 Park Ave, Parkersburg. For more information, go to [movmcf.org](http://movmcf.org).

## Day of Infamy Recalled by Seeley in Drawing

*From The Naval War College Museum, Newport, R.I.*

Last December, the nation honored the 75th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor which brought the U.S. into World War II. The events of that fateful morning were witnessed by Seaman Second Class Blaine N. Seeley who served aboard the seaplane tender USS *Swan* (AVP 7).

After the attack was over, Seeley produced from memory a drawing which shows Battleship Row at Ford Island shortly after the raid began. USS *West Virginia* (BB 48) can be seen listing in the water just to the right of center. In the far right, USS *Arizona* (BB 39) burns after a bomb ignited her forward magazines. A damaged Japanese aircraft trails smoke above *Arizona* while another flies over USS *Oklahoma* (BB 37) to the left of center. The sketch offers a



personal glimpse into the horrors and destruction of that day, as well as the courage of men in uniform as they fearlessly defended their ships and worked to save their shipmates.

The sketch was donated to the Naval War College Museum in Newport, RI, in 1987 by Lt. James E. Wilkie. The artist gave the sketch to

the donor's father, Buren B. Wilkie, who served in the Navy from 1929 to 1949.

The image of the devastation depicted by Seeley appears to be from a vantage point he may have had during the attack from *Swan* which was sitting on a marine railway across the water from Ford Island.

## SGS Queries

*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 llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover). Queries are assigned a query number by the query editor, researched, and then sent to the query team 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.

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Annie asked about locating relatives of Norman Seely, born 1911, in New Windsor, NY, and Sandra Seely, born 1936. According to Annie, Norman was the oldest of six children of Oscar Seeley, who was a son of Frank Seeley and had siblings Alfred, Margaret and Frank.

**SGS Response:** We already had some information on parts of this family and found even more:

1940 census Rye, Westchester, NY (10 April 1940)

- Seeley, Norman, age 28, b. NY, canned goods salesman
- Seeley, Madeleine, age, 26 b. PA
- Seeley, Sandra, age 4, Frederick, age 2 mos., both b. Greenwich, Westchester, NY

1930 census Portage, Columbia, WI

- Seely, Oscar, age 41, b. NY, GER, NY, laborer at city waterworks, md. at 31 to
- Seely, Nellie C., age 39, b. WI, WI, WI
- Seely, Marceline V., age 9, b. NY, NY, WI; George A., age 8 WI, NY, WI
- (In 1940 they are still in Portage, listed as George A., age 50, b. NY, Helen L., age 50, b. WI, Marceline B., age 19, b. WI, Oscar I., age 18, b. NY. The father is a foreman, the daughter is a stitcher in a shoe factory, and the son is a laborer for the WPA)

1920 census New Windsor, Orange, NY

- Seeley, Alfred J., age 38, b. NY, GER, NY, farmer
- Seeley, Mary, age 29, b. IRE, IRe, IRE
- Seeley, Frederick, adopted son, age 5, b. NY, NY, NY
- Seeley, Frank, father age 65, widowed, b. GER, GER, GER

1920 census Blooming Grove, Orange, NY

- Seely, Oscar J., age 34, b. NY, GER, NY, dairy farmer
- Seely, Millie, age 29, b. WI, WI, WI
- Seely, Gertrude E., age 11, b. NY, NY, WI

1920 census Dobb's Ferry, Westchester, NY

- Seely, Norman, age 8, is living as one of several adopted sons of Elizabeth G. Park, age 46, single, b. NY, NY, NY, school housekeeper with 2 female servants, age 36, from Scotland

1915 census Hamptonburgh, Orange, NY

- Seely, Oscar, age 29, b. US, farmer
- Seely, Gertrude, age 21, b. US
- Seely, Gertrude, age 5, Norman, age 3, Margaret, age 1, Frederick, age 1, all b. US

1910 census Lewisboro, Westchester, NY

- Seeley, Oscar, age 24, b. NY, GER, NY, odd job laborer
- Seeley, Gertrude, age, 17 b. NY, NY, NY

1910 census Blooming Grove, Orange, NY

- Seeley, Frank, age 65, b. GER, GER, GER, widowed, farm laborer on dairy farm of Edward Davis, age 24, and wife Luona, age 21, b. NJ, France, NJ

1900 census Kingston, Ulster, NY

- Margaret Seeley, b. Aug 1895, and brother Frank, b.

Mar 1896, both b. NY, US, US, are living in the Industrial Home

1900 New Paltz, Ulster, NY

- Hoffman, Carl, b. Aug 1831, GER, GER, GER, farmer, immigrated to US in 1852, md. 43 yrs. to
- Hoffman, Eliza, b. Jun 1829, NY, NY, NY, 6 ch., 5 living
- Seely, Frank, b. Jun 1852, GER, GER, GER, farm laborer, single, immigrated to US in 1875
- Seely, Alfred, b. Jul 1889 NY, GER, GER, farm laborer

1880 census Lloyd, Ulster, NY

- Plop, Ferris W., age 35, b. NY, NY, NY, farmer
- Plop, Marthy, age 30, b. NY, NY, NY
- Plop, Eddy, son, age 11, Jose L., dau., age 3, both b. NY, NY, NY
- Sely, Frank, age 25, laborer, b. Baden, Baden, Baden New York County (NY) Marriages 1847-49, 1907-1936
- Oscar I. Seely, age 23, of Blooming Grove, farmer, b. New Paltz to Frank C. Seely and Lydia Davis, md. 4 Jun 1909, Washingtonville, NY, by Joseph W. Chaney (?), preacher, to Gertrude Jones, age 18, of Blooming Grove, b. Craigville to George Jones and Elizabeth Waters, Alfred J. Seely and Mrs. George Brown, witnesses

Findagrave

- Norman A. Seeley, b. 1911, d. Jun 1964, bd. Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Denver, CO
- Madeleine Oxford Seeley, b. 1913, d. 2006, bd. Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, Denver, CO

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- Name: Norman Seeley
- SSN: 165-03-0092, issued in PA
- Last Res.: Arizona
- B. 8 Nov. 1911, d. Jun 1964

US Public Records

- Name: Madeleine A Seeley  
Birth Date: 24 Aug 1913  
Address: 7705 E Pasadena Ave, Scottsdale, AZ, 85250-7728
- Name: Norman A. Seeley, Jr.  
Birth Date: 15 Aug 1943  
Address: 7705 E Pasadena Ave, Scottsdale, AZ, 85250-7728 (1992)
- Name: Norman A. Seeley  
Birth Date: 1 Sep 1967  
Address: 7705 E Pasadena Ave, Scottsdale, AZ, 85250-7728 (1984)

In conclusion, we found quite a few relatives. If you have more information, please get in touch with Annie directly via our SGS Facebook page, or send it to the Query Editor, and I will get it to her.

**1702-2** Submitted by Judy Laslo(juteshouse@comcast.net)

While doing some research, Judy came across Edward Robert Seeley, b. NJ. Judy sent along the information she found but she was not able to tie him to any known Seeley line and wondered if we could help.

Judy's information:

Generation No. 1

1. EDWARD ROBERT SEELEY, b. 28 Nov 1851, NJ, d.

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22 Nov 1923, Cumberland Co., NJ, md. EMILY JANE FOX, 17 Aug 1871, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ (Source: New Jersey County Marriages), dau. of GEORGE FOX and SUSANNA KANDLE; Susanna was b. 24 Jun 1851, Friendship, Cumberland, NJ, d. 16 July 1908, Cumberland Co., NJ

Notes for EDWARD ROBERT SEELEY:

1880 census Pittsgrove, Salem, NJ

- Seeley, Edward, age 28, b. NJ, b. NJ, farmer
- Emily, wife, age 29, b. NJ NJ NJ
- Anna M. dau., age 7, George F. son, age 4, William E., son, age 2, Charles H., son, age 5 mos., all b. NJ, NJ, NJ

1885 New Jersey state census Millville, Cumberland, NJ

- Seeley, Edward, Emily, Anna, George, William, Charles, Eva, and Susan.

1895 New Jersey state census Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ

- Seeley, Edward, age 30-60, Emily, age 30-60, William, age 5-20, Eva, age 5-20, Susie, age 5-20.

1900 census Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ

- Seeley, Edward, age 49 b. Nov 1851, NJ NJ NJ, rents home, day laborer, md. 29 yrs. to
- Seeley, Emily, age 49, b. Jun 1851 NJ NJ NJ, 8 ch., 4 living
- William E. son, age 22, b. Jan 1878, single, bottle blower, Eva C. dau., age 18, b. Apr 1882, single, seamstress, Susan, dau., age 15 b. Sep 1884, single, all ch. b. NJ NJ NJ

Burials:

- Edward, bd. Nov. 1923, Friendship Finley Methodist Church Cemetery, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
- Emily, bd July 1908, Friendship Finley Methodist Church Cemetery Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
- Children of EDWARD SEELEY and EMILY FOX are
  1. LILLIAN FRANCES SEELEY, b. 9 Mar 1872, Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ (Source: New Jersey Births & Christenings), d. 9 Mar 1872, Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ (Source: New Jersey Deaths & Burials).
  2. ANNA MARY SEELEY, b. 1 Mar 1873, Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ, d. 15 Aug 1961, Cumberland Co., NJ.
  3. GEORGE SEELEY, b. 13 Jan 1876, d. 6 Feb 1890, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
  4. WILLIAM EDWARD SEELEY, b. 29 Jan 1878, NJ, 4 Dec 1971, Yucaipa, San Bernardino, CA
  5. CHARLES HENRY SEELEY, b. 25 Dec 1879, Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ, d. 8 Feb 1890, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
  6. EVA CRANE SEELEY, b. 2 Apr 1882, Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ, d. 1962, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
  7. SUSAN FOX SEELEY, b. 19 Sep 1884, Cumberland Co., NJ, d. 1 Jun 1969, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
  8. NORRIS W. SEELEY, b. 16 Ma 1887, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ, d. 9 Feb 1890, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ

Judy also included information on the descendants of Edward and Emily's children which I can forward to anyone interested.

**SGS Response:**1870 census Deerfield, Cumberland, NJ

- Hannon, George, age 37, b. NJ, farmer
- Hannon, Harriet, age 36, b. NJ
- Hannon, Catherine, age 14, Elizabeth, age 12, William, age 11, Mary, age 6, all b. NJ
- Seely, Edward, age 18 b. NJ

1860 census Upper Pittsgrove, Salem, NJ

- Bates, Thomas, age 25, b. NJ, laborer
- Bates, Elizabeth, age 19, b. NJ
- Bates, Rebecca, age 1, b. NJ
- Seeley, Edward, age 8, b. NJ, domestic

In 1850 there are several Seeley families in the area:

In Pilesgrove, Salem Co.

- Chaiter Seeley, age 70, Dianna, wife, age 67, both black, and Martha A., age 7, mulatto
- William S. Seeley, age 3, living with the family of John C. Scudder, age 53, and his wife Phebe, age 45

In Upper Pittsgrove, Salem Co.

- Enly Seeley, age 6, living with Charles Brown, age 54, his wife Sarah, age 45, and their children

In Bridgeton, Cumberland Co. (adjoins Salem Co.)

- Samuel W. Seeley (SGS# 1232) with wife Henrietta and sons Robert M. age 18, and Charles P., age 14
- Adaline Seeley, age 36, with ch. Martha, age 11, Francis, age 7, Harriet, age 4, Alverta, age 10 mos. Also Charles P. Seeley, age 20, and Jeremiah S. Allen, age 25, both house carpenters, and Lydia Haines, age 65
- Ephran Seeley, age 24, wheelwright, living with Micah Woodruff family
- John Seeley, age 23, house carpenter, with Mary, age 19, living in home of Benjamin Sheppard
- Jane P. Seely, age 55, with Nancy, age 26
- SGS# 2697 Charles Seely, age 40, wife Sarah age 38, ch. Richard, age 15, Mary F., age 11, Charles M., age 8, Elizabeth M., age 5, Hosea F., age 2

There are other Seeleys farther away in NJ but these seem the most likely to be related to Edward Robert Seeley in some way. If you have any information or suggestions for Judy please contact us.

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SGS officers for all they do all year long, as well as to all of you who are helping make the 2017 SGS International Reunion possible!

As a final reminder, your prompt registration is necessary for us to complete our plans and meet restaurant and tour operator deadlines. Why not fill-in your registration form now and get it in the mail? A copy of the form is in this newsletter, or you can download it from the internet at this link: <http://ow.ly/XVsJ309nJ68>. You will get a discount if your registration is in the mail by May 14, 2017. Please remember to encourage other family members to come as well. We look forward to greeting you in Parkersburg in June.



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  - Items 2, 3, 4, 5 should be ordered from Terry Tietjens
  - Item 6 from Bob Seeley
  - Item 7 from Pamela Turner
  - Items 8 and 9 from Kathie Olsen

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

### SGS 50th Anniversary T-Shirts!



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