

The SGS 2019 International Reunion is Just Around the Corner!

San Diego, California, June 27-29, 2019

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Seeley Genealogical Society

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Explore the lives of our ancestors and discover our
family's history.

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As has been reported here in the past, the society has long been engaged in an update of its aging web site www.seeley-society.net.

The project has lagged to some degree as a result of the busy lives of the committee (particularly its chair who accepts full responsibility for the delay, or at least the unrealistic estimate of time required to complete). More challenging, though, has been the sheer volume of content on the site. At our 2013 reunion in Michigan, the society bestowed its service award on Jerry and Chris Havnar for all the work they had done

on the website. Even then, it appears we didn't fully understand how much work they had done, or would continue to do until Jerry's passing in 2015.

Given that the volume of content on the old site will still require quite some time to migrate, and that we no longer had the ability to make updates to the old site, the decision was made to make the new site "live" while it is under construction. That soft launch occurred on the afternoon of March 3, 2019. The new site is currently at this web address: www.seeley-society.org.

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The Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter

is published quarterly by the
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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

See Contact Info on Page 15

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

I want to begin with a "Big Thank You" to all of our officers and committee members who make SGS the wonderful organization it is! We are truly blessed with outstanding volunteers who give generously of their time and talent. Many of them have been on the job for years and would welcome the opportunity to share the workload. I encourage all members to look at the list of positions on the next page, and volunteer. In the meantime, to those currently serving: THANK YOU!!!

San Diego is going to be so much fun between June 27 and 29, 2019! We want your families, friends and you to come to our Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion! Bring your children and grandchildren. Everyone will experience family history firsthand! We will all see what our Seeleys did and experience the places they impacted. Seeleys settled not only the East but also the West. Seelys helped develop San Diego, San Bernardino, the gold fields, and more. Interesting speakers will share fascinating information about the area and the Seeleys.

Our meetings will be held in the middle of Old Town at the historic Cosmopolitan Hotel built by Albert Seeley. The Seeley Stable is next door. We are having a wonderful tour of all of Old Town where you can learn all about the area. We are also taking a great two-hour harbor tour where you will see this important harbor and learn its history. You can visit the USS Midway on your own or simply choose to walk along the harbor. We will provide a list of other sites and activities in San

Diego.

We encourage Seeleys in the Western States to attend our San Diego Reunion. This meeting is closer to your homes than ever before. Please come and bring your families.

We also need nominations for the 2021 Reunion Site. Please look for the form in this newsletter and make a proposal.

At the Reunion we want to hear from you about your Seelyes! We want you to tell us how and where your ancestors lived. If you would be willing to share your family's story at our meetings, please let me know. We would love to hear from you!

At our SGS Reunion, we want to help you with your family history. Member leaders will be ready to assist you with your family history. Please bring your computer. This is an easy way to get new information, share expertise, and benefit from each other's knowledge and research.

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.

It is cheaper and then we can plan more accurately. Please bring your families and friends! There are special discounts for children. The Reunion Committee has worked hard to keep costs as low as possible.

Besides, the San Diego area is fun with all kinds of things to do. Plan to enjoy the rest of California before and/or after the reunion. Please SADDLE UP SEELEYS and say, "CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!"



Share Your Story At the SGS Reunion

The SGS Reunion Planning Committee is looking for people who would like to share a story about a Seeley ancestor at the upcoming San Diego reunion. Story ideas include:

- An interesting event involving your ancestors as they moved to "the west" (since most of us will be travelling west for this reunion)
- Something special about an ancestor's military experience
- A problem you are having in tracing your line
- Any other story you think we'd enjoy
- If you can't attend, we would still like to have your story. We might use it in an upcoming newsletter and/or file it at the SGS Research Center. Even if you have told us before, please let us know about your brick wall - a point you just can't get beyond in tracing back to your immigrant ancestor. We are interested in doing some research on some of these brick walls, especially those involving our members.

Please contact SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker (see page 15 for contact info) to let her know if you plan to share a story at the Reunion or send her your story or brick wall if you can't attend.



SGS Member Carol Haddon shares information from her family history at the 2017 SGS Reunion in Parkersburg, WV.

SGS Needs You! Consider Service as an Officer

Story by SGS First Vice President Paul Taylor

As SGS prepares to gather for its biennial reunion in San Diego this June, now is the time to consider taking a more active role in leading the society.

There are a number of active committees that can always use input and assistance from interested members (see a complete list on page 5 of this newsletter), but you may also be able to serve as one of SGS's elected or appointed officers. SGS Executive Board officers serve two-year terms. The election occurs at the reunion, and the terms officially begin on Oct. 1 of that year.

Many of the elected and appointed officer positions are currently filled by people who continue to volunteer only because no one else has expressed interest in taking those jobs on. If you would be interested in filling one of these positions, please reach out to the nominating committee chairman Jesse Crisler (contact information on page 15).

Here is a list of the elected officer positions and their duties.

The **President** is the chief executive officer of the Society and presides at all meetings. He or she is a member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees. The President is authorized to approve disbursement of reasonable fund amounts from the Treasurer's accounts for the routine operation of Society business, to carry on correspondence, and to publish the newsletters. The President serves as the chairperson of the committee to organize the biennial reunion.

The **First Vice President**

performs duties assigned by the President, presides and performs all duties necessary in the absence of the President, and assumes the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.

The **Second Vice President** performs duties assigned by the President and presides and performs all duties necessary in the absence of the President and First Vice President.

The **Secretary** records and preserves the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the reunions. The Secretary performs other administrative duties as assigned by the President.

The **Treasurer** safeguards funds and maintains all accounts in the name of the Seeley Genealogical Society and is responsible for maintaining adequate financial records.

The **Chief Genealogist** has custody of the genealogical files of the Society and maintains other files as necessary and safeguards them from common hazards. Other duties are those generally accepted as responsibilities of a genealogist. The Chief Genealogist is assisted by genealogists appointed by the President and works closely with the director of the Seelye Research Center to ensure that all Society records are copied and/or archived at the center for use by SGS members and the public.

The society's three **Directors** serve as representatives of the general membership and may be assigned duties by the President to assist in the administration of the

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Obituary: Colonel Colin D. Ciley, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired



Colin D. "Doug" Ciley, Jr. (Colonel, US Army, retired), age 91, of Niceville, FL, passed away on

Friday, Dec. 21, 2018. Born on Feb. 11, 1927, in Edmonton, Canada, Doug graduated from high school and junior college in Calgary, Alberta. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and an MBA from Pepperdine University.

Joining the U.S. Army, Doug was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1946 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was immediately assigned to the First Cavalry Division in the occupation of Japan. In August of 1948, he returned to the U.S. for duty in Washington, DC and was detailed as a White House Social Aide during the presidency of Harry S. Truman. While stationed in Washington, he received his U.S. citizenship.

Doug realized a boyhood ambition when he was sent to pilot training school. In 1951 he received orders to Korea, with helicopter pilot training en route. For the next six months, while flying combat missions and emergency medical evacuations, he flew over 1,000 combat flying hours, was shot down, lost a landing gear on a mission and landed successfully without one, was wounded in ground combat, and experienced more than his share of helicopter engine failures in that inhospitable, flying environment.

In 1966 Doug volunteered to be assigned to Vietnam, where he spent

the next two years. By 1969, he was promoted to colonel. In 1972 he was reassigned to Hawaii. Because of a reorganization, he assumed command of the Troop Command of the US Army, Pacific, a command of over 16,000 personnel reaching from units in Hawaii to Okinawa. By 1975 nearing 30-year retirement, Doug was asked if he would remain on active duty to advise and help with his earlier work in the use synthetic flight simulators in Army aviator flight training. He is largely responsible for the present use of computer generated imagery in the AH-60 flight and weapons training simulators. He retired from the U.S. Army in September 1977.

As a civilian Doug managed a behavioral science research company involved in the development of innovative pilot training programs. He was president of an international relocation company and the owner-broker of a large and successful real estate company. In 1988 he sold those interests to reside in Bluewater Bay, near Eglin AFB in the panhandle of Florida, where, to use his words, he "praises the Lord, sings and witnesses in churches and prisons, and plays golf - in that order!"

Doug served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was twice awarded the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He also held the Bronze Star with "V" device, the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Air Medals, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the Knights Cross of the Korean Order of Military Merit, as well as a number of other service decorations. He most liked to be

known as a Christian and a good and faithful friend.

Doug was predeceased by the love of his life, Thanh, on Dec. 17, 2017. He leaves to mourn his passing his son Scott Ciley and his wife, Peggy, of California; his daughter Catie Loeffler, her husband, Eric, and his daughter Angela Ciley of Florida. grandchildren Paul Ciley (Kristi), David Ciley (Dawn) and Antonio Arriola (Cami), Nick Arriola (Jordyn), all of California; four great grandchildren, Emilee, Callan, Kaiden, and Mae Ciley. Doug's family and friends mourn the loss of this kind man, who will be remembered for his caring and gentle spirit. His élan, charisma, and humor are deeply missed.

The inurnment with military honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. May Doug's memory be a blessing. Donations may be made to the [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

According to the website of the [U.S. Army Aviation Museum](#), Doug's decorations included

- Distinguished Flying Cross [2]
- Legion of Merit [2]
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal [3]
- Purple Heart

It also lists the following achievements:

- Brought flight simulators to Army aviation rotary wing flight training
- First director of training development
- "Father" of aircrew training Manuals
- Director/Commander of activity to obtain Wheeler AFB return from USAF (1973-1974)

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Society.

Here is a list of the appointed officer positions and their duties:

The **Publications Editor** is responsible for the organization, printing, and mailing of the Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter. In addition to the newsletter, the Publications Editor is responsible for publishing of and/or providing oversight for other publications as directed by the SGS President.

The **Ancestor Files Chairman** is responsible for maintaining a computerized database of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society.

The **Seelye Research Center Director** is responsible for maintaining the National Research

Center in Abilene, KS, as a resource to Society members and the general public.

The **Membership Chairman** is responsible for the promotion of the Society membership, maintenance of membership rolls, and collection and forwarding of dues to the Treasurer.

Assistant Genealogists, when appointed, are responsible for specific tasks in support of the Chief Genealogist.

In addition to the above positions mandated in the SGS Constitution and Bylaws, the President of SGS appoints people to fill other positions deemed to be necessary for the administration of the society. Currently those positions include

- The **Query Editor** who receives,

researches, and publishes requests for genealogical information from SGS members and the public.

- The **Parliamentarian** who provides guidance for meetings of the SGS Executive Board using Roberts Rules of Order.
- The **Seelye Research Center Librarian** who processes and shelves materials at the national research center in Abilene, KS.
- The **SGS CD-ROM Project Director** who manages and fills purchase orders to the SGS CD-ROM
- The **DNA Lineage Project Manager** who manages and tracks the testing and resulting data from the SGS DNA Lineage Project.

Standing Committees of the Seeley Genealogical Society

SGS decided at the 2017 Reunion to publish lists of each of the Society's appointed and standing committees at regular intervals. As SGS President, Lynda Simmons is a member of all committees. Want to learn more or volunteer to help? Get in touch with the appropriate committee chair (contact information on page 15).

- **Nominating Committee:**
Not a permanent committee. The president shall appoint a nominating committee one year in advance of the reunion, as per the SGS Constitution. The president appointed this committee at the Board Meeting in April 2018. Members: Jesse Crisler (chair) and Kathie Olsen
- **Auditing Committee:**
Not a permanent committee. Appointed by the president every

two years to audit financial records and activities of SGS.

- **Awards and Recognition Committee:**
Seeks opportunities to recognize the work and achievements of SGS and its members. Committee members: Jesse Crisler (chair) and Thera Seeley Clark.
- **SGS Research Committee:**
Conducts genealogical research on behalf of SGS. Members: Wesley Waring (chair), Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar.
- **DNA Research Committee:**
Manages the SGS DNA lineage project and works with the above committee to research and share information about the use of DNA in genealogy. Members: Walt Seelye (chair), Marie Seelye, and Stephanie Mills Moore.

- **Publications/Communication Committee:**
Oversees the publishing of the SGS Newsletter, Reunion Souvenir Book, and other publications. Members: Paul Taylor (chair), Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, Sue Craven, Chris Havnar, Pam Turner, Kathie Olsen, and LeAnne Seelye.
- **SGS Website Committee:**
Oversees the website redesign. Members: Paul Taylor (chair), Chris Havnar, Walt & Marie Seelye, Pam Turner, and Linda Crocker.
- **2019 Reunion Committee:**
Lynda Simmons, Camille Seeley Bell, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, Kelly Findley, James Seeley, Kathie Olsen, Patricia Palmer, and Margaret Petersen.



Seeley Genealogical Society

2019 International Reunion

June 27-29, 2019

San Diego, California

Reunion Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 (Early Bird Arrivals)

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| 3:00 p.m. | Meeting of the SGS Executive Board in the Bandini Room at the Cosmopolitan Hotel |
| 6:00 p.m. | Dinner |
| 8:00 p.m. | Welcoming meeting and registration at the Cosmopolitan Hotel |

Thursday, June 27, 2019

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| 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Registration at the Cosmopolitan Hotel |
| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Opening Session at Cosmopolitan Hotel including overview, organization of activities, and transportation, plus speaker Nina Minovi, California Department of Parks and Recreation's Cosmopolitan Hotel Archaeological Project Leader |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. | Boxed Lunches |
| 1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. | Walking tour of Old Town San Diego and free time in Old Town |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dinner in parking lot of Mormon Battalion with speaker Nicole Turner, California Department of Parks and Recreation's Associate State Archaeologist |

Friday, June 28, 2019

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| 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Second Session at Cosmopolitan Hotel with author, painter, and illustrator Laura Seeley and member presentations |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. | Boxed Lunches |
| 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | San Diego Harbor Cruise (Full Bay Tour) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Fiesta Buffet Dinner at Cosmopolitan Hotel with speaker Suzi Pentico, San Diego Genealogical Society and Chula Vista, California Genealogical Society |

Saturday, June 29, 2019

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| 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Membership Meeting at Cosmopolitan Hotel including reports by officers, election of officers, election of next reunion site, and SGS goals
Group Pictures of SGS Members |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. | Boxed Lunches |
| Afternoon | "Make San Diego Your Own;" maps and information will be given to you |
| 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. | New Board Meeting in Bandini Room in the Cosmopolitan Hotel |
| 7:00 p.m. | Farewell Dinner at the Cosmopolitan Hotel with awards, installation of officers, and entertainment |



Registration Form SGS 2019 International Reunion San Diego, California June 27-29, 2019

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:
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MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH THE OLD TOWN INN AT (619-260-8024) BEFORE MAY 29, 2019 TO RECEIVE SPECIAL SGS RATES AND GET ONE OF THE 37 ROOMS IN THE SGS BLOCK OR USE ONE OF THE MANY OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA.

REUNION EXPENSES

CHILDREN UNDER 18 CAN ATTEND WITHOUT PAYING A REGISTRATION FEE BUT WE NEED TO KNOW THEIR NAMES AND AGES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.
(ALL LUNCHESES COME WITH CONDIMENTS, CHIPS, COOKIE AND DRINK)

EARLY BIRD (Through May 29) REGISTRATION FEE	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FULL REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses, etc.)	# ATTENDING:	@\$40.00 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 Turkey on Wheat Roll	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY LUNCH Roast Beef, Ham, Turkey on Italian Roll	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY LUNCH Veggie on Flatbread	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER Mormon Battalion BBQ Adults	# ATTENDING:	@\$20.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER Mormon Battalion BBQ Ages 11-18 (10 & Under Free)	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH Egg Salad on Black Bread	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH Pastrami on a French Roll	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH Turkey on Croissant	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY HARBOR TOUR TWO-HOUR CRUISE (Adults)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY HARBOR TOUR TWO-HOUR CRUISE (18 & Under)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER Fiesta Buffet at Cosmopolitan Hotel	# ATTENDING:	@\$32.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER Fiesta Buffet at (Children 10 and Under)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY LUNCH Chicken Salad on Wheat Bread	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY LUNCH Ham and Swiss on Sour Dough	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY LUNCH Tomato Mozzarella on French Roll	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY DINNER Famous Americana Buffet—Cosmopolitan Hotel	# ATTENDING:	@\$32.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY DINNER Famous Americana Buffet (Children 10 & Under)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 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

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE THE REUNION COMMITTEE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS AND MEAL TICKETS. MEALS AND TOURS NEED TO BE CONFIRMED A WEEK BEFORE THE REUNION.

Reunion Accommodations and Local Airports

Now is the time to begin making reservations

Story by SGS President Lynda Simmons

The Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion is being held in San Diego on June 27 to 29, 2019. We hope you and all your Seeley cousins will make the trip. San Diego is full of fun places to go, interesting things to see, and lots of Seeley history.

A BIG THANK YOU to the great 2019 San Diego Reunion Committee: Patricia Palmer, Linda Crocker, Kelly Findley, Jesse Crisler, Jim Seeley, Camille Bell, Kathie Olsen, LeAnne Seely, and Margaret Petersen. They have planned so many interesting and fun things to do at our Reunion! They are doing a such a good job! I want to thank them for all of their hard work!

To help jump start you and your extended family's planning for the journey to San Diego, the committee offers these options for transportation and accommodations.

The historic Cosmopolitan Hotel, founded by Albert Seeley in the 1850s, is the headquarters for this year's SGS Reunion. The



The Cosmopolitan Hotel once owned by Albert Seeley will serve as the headquarters for the 2019 SGS Reunion.

Cosmopolitan has charming meeting rooms and sleeping rooms.

Because the rooms are limited in the Cosmopolitan, the SGS Reunion Planning Committee searched for other good places to stay. San Diego's room prices are higher than some other cities and have different prices for weekdays and weekend days.

The Old Town Inn will give a discount for SGS Reunion attendees. The Old Town Inn has a complimentary continental breakfast, free wireless internet, heated outdoor pool, free parking, quality customer care as well as lower prices than other hotels in San Diego. Information about the different rooms is below.

In the May 2018 SGS Newsletter on page 11, Patricia Brooks Palmer described an excellent RV Park in the Admiral Baker Recreation Area. Please go back and read Patricia's article to see the benefits of this area. There are other hotels and RV parks in the San Diego area, but we think these are among the best. Please plan to come to San Diego and make your reservations soon. San Diego accommodations fill up fast.

The Old Town Inn will hold the following rooms for us until May 29, 2019. To receive the special price, you must ask for The Seeley Genealogical Society Room Block.

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Located just a half mile away from the Cosmopolitan, the Old Town Inn offers a convenient location and a special rate for SGS Reunion attendees.

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The rooms are:

- 8 Economy Rooms w/queen bed
\$94.37 (Wed/Thurs)
\$103.37 (Fri/Sat)
- 5 Economy Rooms w/queen bed,
microwave/frig
\$98.87 (Wed/Thurs)
\$107.87 (Fri/Sat)
- 4 Economy Rooms w/king bed
\$98.87 (Wed/Thurs)
\$107.87 (Fri/Sat)
- 8 Economy Rooms with two
double beds
\$98.87 (Wed/Thurs)
\$107.87 (Fri/Sat)
- 2 Bedroom suite w/queen+
sofabed
\$184.37 (Wed/Thurs)
\$193.37 (Fri/Sat)
- 10 Rooms w/2 queen beds,
microwave/frig
\$139.37 (Wed/Thurs)
\$148.37 (Fri/Sat)

Here is contact information for the Cosmopolitan Hotel, the Old Town Inn and some other local hotels:

- [Cosmopolitan Hotel](#)
2660 Calhoun Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 297-1874
- [Old Town Inn](#)
4444 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92110-3107
(619) 260-8024
(800) 643-3025
- [Fairfield Inn & Suites San Diego Old Town](#)
3900 Old Town Ave
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 299-7400
- [Best Western Plus Hacienda Hotel Old Town](#)
4041 Harney Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 298-4707
- [Courtyard by Marriott San Diego](#)



A short five miles away from the Cosmopolitan hotel, San Diego International Airport may be the best choice for those flying in for the reunion.

- [Old Town](#)
2435 Jefferson St
San Diego, CA 92110-3097
(619) 260-8500
- [Old Town Western Inn](#)
3889 Arista St
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 298-6888
- [Hilton Garden Inn San Diego Old Town/Sea World](#)
4200 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(619) 260-0607
- [Hampton Inn San Diego Mission Valley](#)
2151 Hotel Circle South
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 295-7600
- [Residence Inn San Diego Mission Valley](#)
1865 Hotel Circle South
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 881-3600
- [DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego Hotel Circle](#)
1515 Hotel Circle S
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 881-6900

- [Handlery Hotel San Diego](#)

950 Hotel Circle N
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 298-0511

If you are flying to the reunion, you have several options depending on how far you are willing to travel to get to the reunion location and what your ground transportation plans are.

- [San Diego International Airport](#) is five miles from Old Town and the Cosmopolitan Hotel
- [John Wayne Airport](#) in Santa Ana is 85.6 miles away, driving time about 1 hour and 33 minutes
- [Long Beach Airport](#) is 101.6 miles away, driving time about 1 hour and 58 minutes
- [Los Angeles International Airport](#) is 120.7 miles away, driving time 2 hours and 16 minutes
- [Bob Hope Airport](#) in Burbank and the [Ontario Airport](#) in Ontario are further away.

Start doing your research now, and, as soon as you can, make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

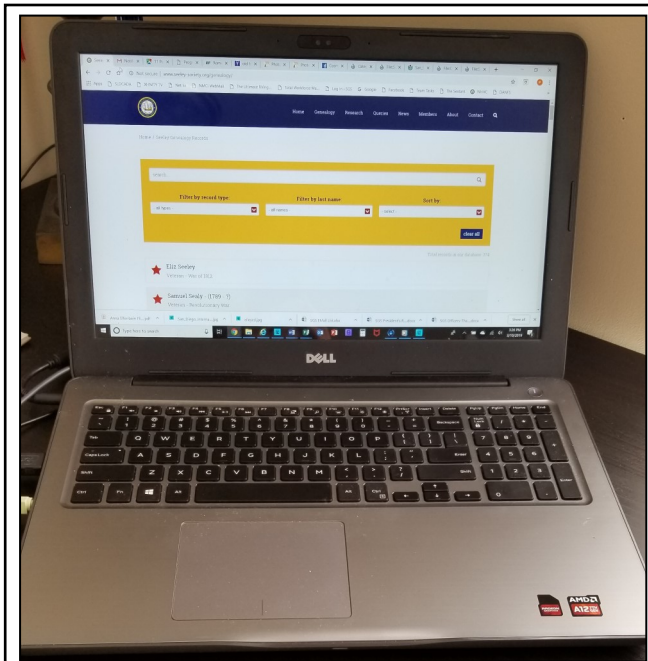
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It will remain at that URL until the migration is complete because the old site must remain up in order for its information to be imported to the new site. Once that's complete, the new site will be moved back to the society's established URL. In the meantime, visitors to www.seeley-society.net will automatically be re-directed to the new site. Those who follow bookmarks to the old site will still be able to do so, but they should see a note that has been replicated to about 70 percent of the old site's pages that advises them of the new site's existence.

There is still quite a bit of work to do to migrate content from the old site, update content that has come to the society in the past few years, and begin to add new news and information for the public and the society's membership.

You are encouraged to take a look and then come back every month or so to check the site's progress. Also, your feedback will help make the new site better. Click on "Contact" in the upper right corner of the screen to provide your feedback.

The committee to overhaul the site was appointed by SGS President Lynda Simmons in early 2016. It is chaired by Paul Taylor and includes Lynda Simmons, Chris Havnar, Linda Crocker, Walt Seelye, Marie Seelye, and Pam Turner.



Logan Seelye, the website's designer, has worked closely with Chris Havnar, SGS Assistant Genealogist, to identify the appropriate form fields for the new site's database of vital records. The new site includes a variety of record types that were present on the old site, but this functionality will make the information more easily searchable and therefore more useful to website visitors.

The committee hired Logan Seelye, a professional web designer and grandson of former SGS President Dan Seelye who, ironically, was the person who created the FIRST SGS web site which he passed on to Jerry and Chris.

Logan worked with the committee through a detailed planning process to identify and then build the site's architecture. Once that was approved and in place, he began the migration of content.

Please pardon our dust on the website as we work to finish building it and continue to check it out whenever possible!

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Flashback: The First SGS Reunion, 1980

This summer's SGS Reunion in San Diego will be the 18th time the Society has convened a reunion. Although they are biennial events now, they were originally held every three years until 1995, when it was decided the next reunion would be in 1997. The first reunion was held in 1980, and here is how it was described in the SGS Newsletter by Donald Eff who was elected SGS President at the event:

"A warm welcome to all Seeleys, no matter how you spell your name! Aug. 16, 1980, a Seeley Reunion was held in Lyons Colo., the first such event of what is planned as a regular feature to take place every third year. Thanks to Sherrie Moss and Esther Houtz, it was a well planned, enjoyable gathering attended by some 83 Seeley descendants from 18 states ranging from Connecticut and Massachusetts in the northeast to Minnesota in the north and from Florida and Arkansas in the south, westward to California and Washington. For some reason, the previous president, DeLoss Seeley, failed to receive his notice and invitation and so was not present to conduct the business session. Esther Houtz chaired the floor in his absence."

As remains the case today, reunion attendees elected officers at the reunion almost 39 years ago. Below is a list of the officers and the positions to which they were elected:

Donald Eff	President
Robert Seeley Johnson	Vice President
Esther Houtz	Genealogist
Hank Seeley	Publications
Marion Seelye	Secretary
Preston Seelye	Treasurer

2021 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 SGS members are 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 is to discuss the nominated sites, weigh the pros and cons of each, then select a site 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 2021 SGS Reunion. The form for doing so is below. Good reunion sites often include local Seeley history, good research facilities, and/or fun, history- or family-oriented activities. 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 2019 reunion.

For reference, the locations nominated for the 2019 reunion were

San Diego, CA (which was the site selected), Glens Falls, NY, and Newburgh, NY.

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
17. 2017 Parkersburg, WV
18. 2019 San Diego, CA



Site Location Nomination Form

FOR THE

SGS 2021 International Reunion

NOTE: Please send to the SGS President Lynda Simmons, 125 Parkview Drive, Park City, UT 84098, (435-649-9878), summitkids@gmail.com, by May 1, 2019.

The SGS Executive Board will consider nominations at the board meeting of elected and appointed officers on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. 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 2021 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

SGS Queries (as of February 6, 2019)

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 answer challenging research questions.

Submit queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com, or mail to Linda at home (contact information on page 15). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor. Linda summarizes the query and responses for inclusion in the monthly SGS Newsletter.

Be sure to follow a few guidelines when submitting a query:

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

What resources have you already consulted? SGS publications or website? Census? Public records? 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 a Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed, please keep us informed of any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested in 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 others. Your query will also be posted on the website. Make sure we have your current and complete contact information—sometimes we receive new information months or even years after a query appears.

If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues of the Newsletter, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, **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 two digit year, two digit month of the Newsletter issue and query sequence number.

NEW QUERIES:

1902-1 Submitted by Josh Schilling (josh@theomen.net) Josh was in touch with us looking for information on his great grandmother Sylvia Marie Seeley Cotterman. He knew that Sylvia was born in 1903 and that she married Carl C. Cotterman in 1924. Sylvia and Carl had three children: Colleen, Joan and Clair Eugene Cotterman. An interesting sidenote is that Joan married Clair Eugene Harry. Josh says that Sylvia's parents were Daniel S and Lottie B Seely, and her siblings were Lawrence J. and Clair.

SGS Response: Looking in the SGS Database we have:

- Daniel Ellis, b. 1881, Wayne, Crawford, PA, md Lottie Bell Heffernan 1903
- Joseph Joel, b. 1847, Wayne, Crawford, PA, d. 1927, Crawford Co. PA, md Barbara Ann Wheeling, 1871 Wayne, Crawford, PA
- Amos, b. 1795, PA, d. 1867, Wayne, Crawford, PA, md Catherine Elenora Marsh
- Samuel b. about 1770, VT?, d. PA?, md. Sarah.

I have an old email from Shawn Doyle (spdinpul@hotmail.com), also a descendant of Samuel through Amos who had a bit more information on Samuel, one of our brick walls:

I began work on this family in 1988, I hired a professional genealogist in PA who did a pretty good job in getting me back to Samuel. My line stayed on the land until grandpa left in 1922. I have been back to see the house; it is a replacement of the old house

that burned in 1891. My aunt has an old patent medicine book that was owned by Amos Seely with his name in it. In 1988 I examined the stones in Peters Cemetery, just across the line---and down the road from the farm---in Venango County. I found Amos's stone, with the hardly visible death date of Dec 1867. They did lose a son around that time, but I believe this is the father's stone as the date should be right.

My genealogist confirmed the story I was given that Alva (another son of Samuel) was working in the woods in a logging camp, north of Tidioute, Warren County, PA. There was a reference that it occurred in February 1845---a reference that I cannot locate. I think it was from the Warren newspaper.

Back to Samuel Sr. He shows up in the 1850 census with his wife in Plum Township, Venango County. He was identified as the "2nd settler" in that township by former historian Harold Strawbridge. Harold told me his mother and grandparents used to point to a rise on land, known as the Batten Tract, as the location of "5 old Seeley graves" thought to be the family of Samuel Seeley. In 1988 and 1994 we could not positively locate that rise in land, now heavily forested. The Venango County Genealogy Club referenced the story in their cemetery series.

I believe that our Samuel was the son of Samuel Seely the Revolutionary War soldier who died in Asylum Township, Bradford County, PA, with his second wife Deborah in the 1840s. In that county's history a story is told of how he went to Crawford County in the 1820s to find a former officer to testify for

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him on his pension. The proto-notary of that county turned out to be his son-in-law, husband of his daughter that was thought "lost" to an Indian attack that Samuel thought killed all of his family.

My grandfather and his sister passed on to us a story of an Indian attack on their family in the early 1800s. It seems to fit in well with the story in the county history.

Here is the excerpt from the section on Asylum Township in *History of Bradford County 1770 – 1878*, by David Craft:

Samuel Seeley was a Revolutionary soldier. He came to the Connecticut grant before the war. After the war he came back to look after his family but could not find them. Thinking they were killed, or had died, he went back to Goshen, N. Y., from whence he originally came, where he married Miss Deborah Benjamin, a sister of Richard Benjamin, and in 1802 came to Wyalusing creek, where he lived a few years, and then removed to the Herrick place, where he remained some seventeen or eighteen years, and then removed to the State of New York, where he resided twenty-one years. While there he instituted measures to secure a pension, and going to Crawford Co., Pa., to get the certificate of the captain of the company in which he served in the war, he found, much to his surprise and pleasure, the protonotary of that county to be the husband of his daughter, born just after he was drafted into the army. His remaining children (he had three at the time he was drafted) were living in that vicinity. From them he learned his family had been driven off by the Indians, and everything in their neighborhood had been destroyed. In 1827 he came back for a short time to where Keizer now lives. In 1815 he built a saw-mill near Myron Frisbie's, but ere it was finished Hollenback served an ejectment on him, and he abandoned the place. He died in 1840, at the age of eighty-eight years.

So, according to this, Samuel Seeley of the Revolutionary War was originally from Goshen, Orange, NY, b. about 1751/52, had a first marriage to _____, served in the War, md Deborah Benjamin when he couldn't find his family upon his return. If you can find conclusive evidence of a connection between the Revolutionary War Samuel and Samuel, father of Amos, Alva and siblings, please get in touch with me.

1902-2 Submitted by Lynette Fowlston
(clynpnt@charter.net)

Lynette is a new SGS member and has two Seeley relatives. Her maternal line descends through the Hurlburt family, and a distant cousin of her ancestor Ebenezer Hurlburt was Keziah Hurlburt (1719-1800), who md Ephraim Seeley Sr. (SGS#96), a descendant of Robert. On her father's side Lynette's great-grandmother is Margaret J Seely (1839-1921) who md Welcome Whitford.



Margaret J. Seely Whitford

Lynette has a family tree on Ancestry that shows Isaac as a son of Israel Seely (SGS#1608); however, we don't show Isaac in this family or connected elsewhere, and the family tree doesn't have a source for this connection.

SGS Response: IN Marriage Certificate

- Welcome Whitford md Margaret J Seeley/Sealy, 10 April 1860, Parke Co.
- Isaac Sealy md Mary Owens, 30 Dec 1835, Vermillion Co.

1850 census Liberty, Parke, IN

- Sealy, Isaac, age 38, carpenter, b. NY
- Sealy, Mary A, age 31, b. IN
- Sealy, Malinda, age 13; John, age 11; Margaret, age 9; Minervy, age 7; James, age 5; Michael, age 3, all b. IN

This is all I could find. If anyone can find evidence that the relationship between Isaac and Israel is accurate, please send it to us.

1902-3 Submitted by Julie Cleaves
(julie@ddzmarketing.com)

Julie visited our website and was thrilled to find some of her relatives. One of them is Deborah Close (SGS#3092), a daughter of Abigail Seeley and Jabez Close. Deborah was married twice, and Julie wanted more information on her first marriage.

SGS Response: In *The 7th Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley* we have Deborah's first marriage to Peter Tibbals, who died in 1820 in Batavia, Genesee, NY. They had one daughter, Abigail, b. 4 Oct 1818. After Peter died, Deborah md Nathaniel Throop and had six more children. The only material we had was correspondence from three people that I don't have access to. However, I found Abigail's death certificate: (next page)

Also:
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- Tibbles, Abigal B., to Potter, Ira B., 29 Oct 1843, Richfield, Genesee, MI

Ancestry has Peter Tibbals's probate record, dated 7 Nov 1820, Genesee Co., NY, naming Nathaniel Throop as executor, leaving part of his estate to "my dear wife" and "my dear child" and another portion to Peter's brother Charles.

The 1820 census of Pembroke, Genesee, NY, shows Peter Tibbles with one male 10-15, one male 26-44, one female under 10 and one female 16-25. These are probably Peter, Deborah, Abigail/Abigal and Peter's brother Charles. Those who have *The 7th Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley* may want to update the listing with this information.

1902-4 Submitted by Kati Carmody
(katicarmody@gmail.com)

Kati is a descendant of Francis Lincoln Seley. She believes his parents are George H Seley and Elizabeth "Betsy" Worth Seley. She would like to verify this and know George's ancestry.

SGS Response: 1900 census Milford, Geary, KS

- Seley, Elizabeth, b. Nov 1826, NY, NY, NY, 9 ch., 6 living

1900 census Milford, Geary, KS

- Seley, Frank L., b. Apr 1861, IA, CAN, NY, farmer, md.

Please See SGS Queries, Page 14

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PLACE OF DEATH		STATE OF MICHIGAN		808	
County of <u>Genesee</u>		Department of State - Division of Vital Statistics			
Township of <u>Davison</u>		CERTIFICATE OF DEATH			
Village of _____		OCT 5 1907		Registered No. 15	
City of _____		(No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____)		(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number. If away from usual residence, give "Special Information" below.)	
FULL NAME <u>Abigail B. Patten</u>					
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					
SEX <u>Female</u>	COLOR <u>white</u>	DATE OF DEATH (Month) <u>September</u> (Day) <u>3</u> (Year) <u>1907</u>			
DATE OF BIRTH (Month) <u>October</u> (Day) <u>14</u> (Year) <u>1818</u>	AGE <u>88</u> years, <u>10</u> months, <u>18</u> days				
SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED <u>Widow</u>					
AGE AT MARRIAGE, NUMBER OF CHILDREN <u>2</u> (If married, age at first marriage <u>22</u> years. Parent of <u>2</u> children, of whom <u>2</u> are living)					
BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Barnbrook, N. Y. State</u>					
NAME OF FATHER <u>Peter T. Tabbles</u>					
BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Boonville N. Y.</u>					
MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Debra Chase</u>					
BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>New York State</u>					
OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>					
THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF					
(Informant) <u>Louis M. Henry</u>					
(Address) <u>Davison</u>					
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Sept 1</u> , 1907, to <u>Sept 3</u> , 1907, that I last saw her alive on <u>Sept 2</u> , 1907, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>6 A.</u> M. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <u>Organic Heart Disease</u>					
Contributory <u>79</u>					
(Signed) <u>E. J. Poy</u> M. D.					
SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients or Recent Residents: Former or usual residence _____ How long at place of death? _____ days					
Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? _____					
PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Davison</u>			DATE OF BURIAL <u>Sept 4</u> , 1907		
UNDERTAKER <u>R. J. Hoover</u>			ADDRESS <u>Davison</u>		
Filed <u>Sept 4</u> , 1907			Registrar <u>Chas. A. Monroe</u>		

1870 census Jackson, Linn, IA

- Cely, George, age 44, b. CAN
- Cely, Betsy, age 43, b. NY
- Cely, Wm, age 15; Oscar, age 12, both b. WI; Frank, age 9; Eva, age 6; Geo., age 4, all b. IA

1860 census Anamosa, Jones, IA

- Seeley, George, age 33, b. NY
- Seeley, Betsey, age 33, b. NY
- Seeley, Edward, age 13, b. NY, Charles, age 9; Wm., age 5; Oscar, age 2, all b. WI

In 1863 George Seeley of Wayne Township, Jones Co. IA, age 39, b. CAN, registered for the Civil War Draft

1850 Spring Prairie, Walworth, WI

- Seley, George, age 24, laborer, b. NY
- Seley, Betsy, age 23, b. NY
- Seley, Edwin, age 3, b. NY

Blodgett Cemetery, Jackson Twsp, Linn, IA

- Edwin L. Seley, s/o George & Betsey, d. 16 March 1866, age 19 yrs.

Obituary: Elizabeth Seley – 8 Dec 1902 – Milford, Geary, KS

Mrs. Elizabeth Seley was born Nov. 6, 1826, in Genesee County, N.Y. She was married to Geo. H. Seley, Jan. 1, 1845. They removed to Milford, Kas., in 1878, where she has since resided. Mr. Seley died in 1897. To them were born nine children, six of whom are living and mourn their mother's death. She lived a faithful and consistent Christian life for sixty years. She died at her home in Milford, December 8, 1902

after an illness of three months. (Published in Junction City Union, undated, donated to the SGS Research Center)

Findagrave

- George H. Seley
- b. 1826, NY
- d. 26 Jul 1897, Milford, Geary, KS.
- bd. Milford Cemetery, Milford, KS
- Spouse: Betsy Elizabeth Worth Seley (1827-1902)

I was not able to find an earlier record for George. These are the clues I found.

- In 1850 in Delevan, Walworth, WI, there is a Levi Seley, age 62, with wife, Betsy, age 50, both b. NY, with several children but they are all born in OH.
- In Hudson, Walworth, WI, Nathaniel Seeley, age 50, with wife Electa, age 35, and son Nelson, age 8, all b. NY, as well as Sprague Harrison, age 37, and wife Nancy, age 26, also both b. NY
- In Spring Prairie, Walworth, WI, there is Philander Seley, age 26, b. NY, shoemaker, with wife, Harriet, age 22, b. OH.
- In Sugar Creek, Walworth, WI, I found Wm. Seeley, age 25, b. NY, living with John B. Shaw, age 34, his wife Jane Ann, age 28, both b. NY and their two children, Evaline, age 2; and Erwin, age 1
- In Troy, Walworth WI Jacob Seeley age 75 "pauper" living with Salmon C. Harmon, age 31, wife Hester Ann, age 26, both b. NY

Please get in touch with me, if you can identify the parents of George H. Seley.

14 yrs to

- Seley, Clara B., b. Apr 1866, IN, IN, IN, 7 ch., 5 living
- Seley, Alva L., b. May 1889; Merrel B., b. Jan 1891; George D., b. Dec 1892; Flossie M., b. Apr 1895; Iva R., b. Aug 1897, all b. KS, IA, IN
- In 1910 in Milford the family includes Frank, 49; Clara, 43; Alva, 21; Merrel, 19; George, 17; Flossie, 15; Ruth, 12; Millie, 9; and Myrtle, 6

1885 census Milford, Davis, KS

- Seely, George, age 59, b. CAN, to KS from IA
- Seely, Eliza, age 57, b. NY
- Seely, Frank, age 23; Eva, age 21; George, age 19, all b. IA
- Wells, Pearl, age 2, b. KS
- Next door
- Seely, William, age 29, b. WI
- Seely, Mary, age 22, b. NY
- Seely, Will, age 6, b. IA; Lilly, age 2, b. KS

1880 census Milford, Davis, KS

- Seley, George H., age 54, b. CAN, ENG, ENG, farmer
- Seley, Betsey, age 53, b. NY, NY, NY
- Seley, Oscar, age 22, b. WI, CAN, NY
- Seley, Frank, age 19; George, age 14; Eva, age 16, b. IA, CAN, NY
- Next door
- Seley, William, age 23, b. WI, CAN, NY, farmer
- Seley, Mary, age 25, b. MI, -, -
- Seley, William, age 2; b. IA, WI, MI
- Zimmerman, Thomas, age 23, b. NY, NY, NY, boarder, farm laborer

SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2017 - 2019

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