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San Diego, California, June 27-29, 2019

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SGS Research Report: Robert Seeley's Ancestry Examined

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This is the fifth, in a series of research reports compiled for SGS by accredited genealogist Apyrl Cox.

- A summary of the first report appeared in the November 2015 Newsletter
- The second report appeared in the August 2016 Newsletter
- The third report appeared in the August 2018 Newsletter
- The fourth report appeared in the November 2018 Newsletter

After doing several research reports for the SGS, Apyrl Cox has decided to stop doing research for clients. She has stated that she has

gone back as far as she can on the Seeley family in the filmed records that are available. This is a summary of her last report.

Objective

- Continue to check the accuracy of the ancestry of Robert Seeley (b. 1602) as seen on FamilySearch Family Tree, obtaining documentation for each generation. Recommendations made in the last project to continue this research are as follows:
- Begin verification with Robert's

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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
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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2019, in San Diego, CA. Please advise the editor if your branch or family has plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

Editorial Position

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Society or the editors, nor are the Society or its editors responsible for errors of fact or opinion. Proved errors will be corrected.

SGS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seeley Genealogical Society President, Lynda Simmons

I very much look forward to seeing your family, friends, and you in San Diego at the SGS 2019 International Reunion June 27-29, 2019. Not only is the reunion a great learning experience, but it is so much fun to meet and get to know cousins. At the SGS Reunions, we are able to renew existing friendships and make many new ones. In addition, San Diego is a beautiful and historical place with opportunities to explore its ties to Seeley family history!

Save some money by registering early, which also gives the reunion organizers the ability to

properly plan for meals, tours and exciting new activities. If you haven't already registered, please do so no later than May 29. If you miss that deadline, send me an email or give me a call and we'll help you get registered.

Our wonderful reunion committee is still working hard to make our reunion the best yet. The Reunion Committee members are: Camille Seeley Bell, Kathie Olsen, Linda Crocker, LeAnne Seely, Jim Seeley, Jesse Crisler, Kelly Findley, Patricia Palmer, Margaret Petersen and me. Please come, enjoy their hard work and let the good times roll!

This newsletter (as have the last several issues) contains great information about the reunion, where to stay, transportation options, and things to do in San Diego and Southern California.

I am so excited about our website. It looks great and Logan

Seelye and Paul Taylor have worked hard to make our redesigned website a reality. However, the website is a work in

progress. Chris Havnar and Linda Crocker are working hard alongside Logan and Paul to transfer the vast amount of information from our old



site to our new one. Please check it out and see how great it

is! You can find the Website at www.seeley-society.net.

We would like more nominations for sites for our 2021 Reunion. The application is in this issue of the newsletter. Nominate your area or an area that you feel would be good. Be sure to tell us why your suggested site would be good and how it is related to Seeley history. Thank you very much!

I am very fortunate and happy to serve as the President of the Seeley Genealogical Society. We bring SGS members and Seeleys of all spellings together from all over the country. I appreciate and love working with our wonderful officers and committees. I would love to get to know more of you, and welcome your involvement in this organization. Please give me a call or send me an email to find out how you can help (contact info on page 15). In SGS we learn a great deal and have fun doing it!

**SADDLE UP SEELEYS!
CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!**

REMEMBER TO REGISTER BY MAY 29

7th Generation Books

Story by Pam Turner

Due to recent requests for the Seventh Generation Families book, it has been decided to publish a few copies for sale. To that end, I am undertaking the compilation of the errata for both sections of the book. Any changes that can be incorporated into the book without changing the overall layout will be included in a revised edition. The additional errata will be printed and bound within the new publication. As usual, the errata will be published in the upcoming editions of the newsletter. If after the errata have been published, you would like a digital copy, I would be happy to send it to you via email. I hope to also have copies of the errata with me in San Diego and if all goes smoothly, copies of the new Seventh Generation Families books, revised edition. If your copy of the Seventh Generation Families looks like mine, then this will be a great opportunity to update your library. If you think you would like to purchase a copy, please send me an email with 7th Generation Book in the subject line and I will make sure a copy will be reserved for you. See you in San Diego!

Descendants of
Robert Seeley
(1602-1667)

&
Obadiah Seeley
(1614-1657)

The Seventh Generation
Families

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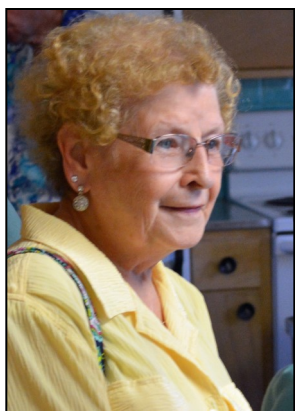
great-grandparents, William Seeley and Elizabeth Burr. Verify their children. Their son Thomas is known, but FamilySearch Family Tree shows they may have also had children named Robert, Martin and William.

Results

- Searched the Great Gransden parish registers, page by page, between 1538 (when the registers begin) and 1600 for the Seeley surname. No hint of a Robert Seeley or Martin Seeley was located—no marriages or burials for these men, and no christening or burial records for their children within the searched years. Robert and Martin Seeley are probably not the children of William and Elizabeth Seeley as seen in FamilySearch Family Tree.
- Checked The visitation of the County of Huntingdon 1684 for the Seeley, Michell, Burr, and Prett/Pratt surnames. Located a John Michell, but he lived a century later than the ancestral Elizabeth Michell.
- Checked James Ambrose Raftis's Early Huntingdonshire lay subsidy rolls, but it was learned that these lay subsidy rolls were dated in the 1300s—too early to be of much use for the generations currently being researched. No Seeleys were found in these rolls.
- Searched Walter C. Metcalfe's The visitations of Essex by Hawley, 1552; Hervey, 1558; Cooke, 1570; Raven, 1612; and Owen and Lilly, 1634 specifically for the Burr surname, but also for the Seeley surname. Found no mention of the Elizabeth Burr who supposedly married William Seeley.
- Searched the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archives online catalog for the Seeley, Burr, Prett/Pratt and Michell surnames. All Seeley, Burr, and Pratt/Prett of Hilton entries were too recent. Two deeds of grant for land in Great Gransden were located that mentioned adult Michell men in 1520 and 1539. They were Robert Michell and John Michell. Both men apparently lived in Great Gransden about the time Elizabeth Michell was born (1539). A search of the Great Gransden parish registers did not produce a burial record for either man between 1538 and 1581. However, a possible brother of Elizabeth was identified: Thomas Michell who married first Agnes Underwood, and after her death, Beatrice Guttridge.
- Did not locate the supposed 1566 birth of Grace Prett in Hilton—the date and location found on FamilySearch Family Tree. Neither was the supposed burial of her father Robert found in Hilton. Instead, the burial that occurred on the date when Robert Prett was supposedly buried actually belongs to “mother Marshall.” Did not find any proof in 16th century Hilton church records that a Prett or Pratt was buried there.

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Obituary: SGS Member Alice “Marion” M. Hileman



Alice Marion Hileman 90 of Harrison passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 23, 2018 at MidMichigan Medical Center -Midland. She

was born Nov. 11, 1928 in Lakefield Township, Saginaw County, MI the daughter of Richard Grover Seeley and Anna (Simkims) Seeley.

A long-time member of the Seeley Genealogical Society, Marion helped organize the 2013 SGS Reunion in Grand Rapids, MI.

“She has been an active member of SGS and attended reunions since I have been around,” said SGS President Lynda Simmons. “She was a happy and dedicated person!”

Marion graduated from Harrison High School in 1946. She was united in marriage to Mr. William “Bill”

Somers Hileman on Oct. 9, 1947 in Harrison.

Marion had resided in Harrison since 1943, moving from St. Charles, MI. She was a devout member of the Harrison Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for many years. Marion gave thirty-five years of service to Harrison Community Schools as an administrative secretary to the offices of high school principal and superintendent of schools.

Marion enjoyed traveling, attending her children’s, grandchildren’s and great-grandchildren’s school functions and sporting events. For many years, the family spent summer vacations at St. Martin’s Point in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula with the Gassman family. Marion’s greatest passion was making memories with her family during holidays or any family event. She never turned down an opportunity to shop, especially if it involved clothes, bells, dolls or dishes.

Surviving Marion are four loving children, daughters Peggy R. Bray and husband, Terry, of Laingsburg, MI, and Sue A. Craven and husband, Rick, of Harrison, sons; William L. “Bill” Hileman and wife, Sherry, of Harrison, and R. Kelly Hileman and wife, Robin, of Freeland, MI, nineteen grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, ten great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Marion was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of fifty-nine years, William “Bill” Hileman, her sisters Clarissa Cowie, Grace Wells, and Lillian DeJohn, her brother, Melvin Seeley, a sister-in-law and three brothers-in-law.

Funeral services celebrating Mrs. Hileman were Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, at Stocking Funeral Home, Harrison, with family officiating. Visitation was Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018, at Stocking Funeral Home. Marion’s final resting is at Maple Grove Cemetery, Harrison.

SGS Reunion Speakers: Laura Seeley and Susan Pentico

Laura Seeley, an author, illustrator, teacher, and entrepreneur in Dana Point, CA, will demonstrate her craft during her presentation at this year’s reunion in San Diego. Owner of the Laura Seeley Studio, she markets her books, prints, and other gifts through Best Friends Art Gallery. A cat-lover, Laura is especially happy when she can visit with others who love animals as much as she does.

A previous issue of the Newsletter featured a biography of Laura, giving particulars of her life, her Seeley connections, and her artistic endeavors. Among her most notable books are *The Book of Shadowboxes*:

A Story of the ABCs (1990), *The Magical Moonballs* (1992), both of which were named Best Children’s Literature by the Council of Authors and Journalists, and *McSpot’s Hidden Spots* (1994). Her latest work is *A Cat Never Tells* (2018). Besides her award-winning work as a writer, Laura has also won a number of awards for her illustrations of the work of others, including an American Illustrator’s Award.

Laura’s presentation at this year’s reunion promises to be rewarding and informative. On hand will be copies of her books which she will autograph

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Buy a Chance on a Homemade Quilt at the Reunion

At the 2015 SGS reunion in Abilene, KS, SGS life member Loleath “Toots” Brundage donated a lovely handmade quilt to be raffled as a fundraiser for the Society. Besides exclamations regarding its beauty and workmanship uttered by members throughout the reunion, the quilt also brought in over \$500 on chances bought by generous Society members and others. The quilt’s lucky winner was Sue Craven, a long-time SGS member from Michigan.

Says Sue about the quilt she won: “Typically, I would participate in drawings with the attitude of ‘I don’t ever win anything.’ The evening of the drawing in Abilene, however, as we were sitting there and everyone was looking at the quilt with

anticipation, I thought, ‘I’m going to win this.’ I was thrilled when I did indeed win! My sister-in-law was a little envious as she is a quilter. I was



not giving up that quilt, though. It is still gorgeous and brings me many happy days. I am sure that whoever wins the next one will enjoy happy days, too. The new quilt will be just as beautiful as mine is, I’m sure.”

When she heard of the success of her quilt, Toots, now ninety-two years

old and still going strong, graciously volunteered to make another quilt for this year’s reunion. The quilt, a stunning example of her favorite “Dresden Plate” pattern in a variety of purple, green, and blue fabrics on a pure white background, sashed in deep purple, fits a king-sized bed.

Chances on the quilt can be purchased either at the reunion in San Diego or in advance by sending a check, made out to SGS, to SGS Second Vice President Jesse Crisler (contact information on page 15). Don’t let this great opportunity pass you by. Chances are only \$10.00 each. Plan to buy one or several, and you could own a vibrant, colorful, and lasting piece of SGS history made by one of our own.

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- Located the 1540 will of Richard Prett of Hilton. Richard’s will listed two sons (one of whom was Robert) and a brother, any one of which might have been Grace Prett’s father or grandfather. However, as previously stated, no Prett entries were located in Hilton’s 16th century church records.
- Found the 1569 burial of Richard Burr, the supposed father of Elizabeth Burr, in Great Canfield, Essex. Two sources contained an abstract of his will. The will named several sons and two daughters, but no daughter named Elizabeth. Therefore, the Elizabeth Burr who married William Seeley (if her maiden name was actually Burr) was not the daughter of the Richard Burr of Great Canfield who died in

1569, as seen in FamilySearch Family Tree. Elizabeth’s birth information should be removed and she needs to be unlinked from her parents as they are incorrect.

- Searched the 1575 and 1619 visitation of Cambridgeshire but did not find Seeley, Prett or Burr entries in it.

Recommendations

- Consider removing Robert and Martin as sons of William Seeley and Elizabeth Burr in FamilySearch Family Tree. No information was found in the Great Gransden church records to prove William and Elizabeth Seeley had sons of those names.
- Consider one of two actions regarding Grace Prett’s birth information and parentage, as described in this report. Since no validation was found regarding

Grace’s birth date, birth place, or parentage, either this information should be removed from FamilySearch Family Tree or else a discussion needs to be created on her Family Tree page regarding the absence of corroborating information to support the questionable data.

- Remove the source citations from Grace Prett’s possible father Robert Prett that pertain to another Robert Prett/Pratt who lived in Massachusetts in the 17th century. Clearly, someone has merged two different men.
- Consider removing Thomas Seeley and Dorothy as the parents of William Seeley. No information was found in probate or visitation records to suggest Thomas and Dorothy were William’s parents.

A First-Hand Account of Fun and Learning You Will Find at the SGS Reunion

Story by SGS Second Vice-President Jesse Crisler

I attended my first Seeley Genealogical Society reunion back in 2011 at Horseheads, NY. Kathie Olsen, at the time president of SGS and a master of gentle arm-twisting, persuaded me to consider giving a presentation on one of our common ancestors at the reunion. I told her I would consider doing so, and before I knew it, my wife, Lou Ann, and I were part of a group of Seeley cousins traveling by van to the reunion. On our two-week journey we toured many sites of historical significance to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of which our branches of the Seeley family are members. We also discussed not just our own Seeley connections but those of the larger Seeley family, since all of us descend from both Robert and Obadiah. One of the highlights of the trip, aside from the activities of the reunion itself, was a chance to go to Bennet Falls in Pennsylvania, named after Amos Bennet, whose daughter Mehitable married Justus Azel Seeley, our common progenitor.

When plans for the next reunion



Michelle Olsen (far right) poses for a photo with 12 intrepid Seeleys who traveled from Utah to New York as part of a two-week family history vacation that included the 2011 SGS Reunion in Horseheads, N.Y. The traveling party included Thera Clark, Lynda Simmons, Ken Petersen, Margaret Petersen, Kathie Olsen, Brandon James, LeAnne Seely, Janet Daniels, Camille Bell, Lou Ann Crisler, Jesse Crisler and Joan Kingsbury.

were taking shape, Lou Ann and I naturally decided to attend with a slightly smaller vanload, and once again we thoroughly enjoyed our experiences traveling to and from Grand Rapids, MI, in 2013. Our visit during that reunion to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum has prompted Lou and me to include visits to the libraries and museums of other presidents in our subsequent travels.

Thus we were delighted when Abilene, KS, was selected as the site

for the 2015 reunion, since that meant we could include a visit to the Eisenhower Library, Museum, and Boyhood Home; as it happened, we've actually now been there twice because, as members of the reunion committee, we spent several days in Abilene in 2014 to help plan the Abilene reunion. For this reunion we traveled not by van but, rather, in a car with Dal and Bea Seeley, two other alumni from the trip to Grand

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During the 2003 SGS Reunion in Williamsburg, Va., reunion attendees brought their research and items related to their family history and displayed them in the hospitality room.



Sometimes the reunion's member presentations take the form of skits performed by members like this one featuring Montell and Kathryn Seely at the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene, KS.

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Rapids two years earlier.

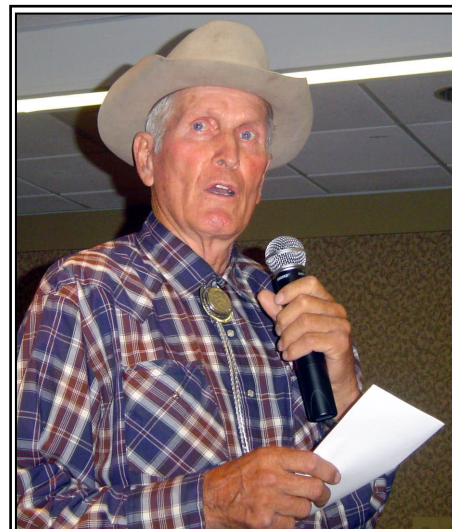
Sadly, a work conflict forced us to miss the next reunion in Parkersburg, WV, and Marietta, OH, places we've never been and would have enjoyed visiting. But following that reunion, I once again volunteered to join the committee to plan the next reunion, and in January of last year I accompanied the gracious Mills sisters—SGS President Lynda Simmons, SGS Treasurer Margaret Peterson, and SGS Past President Kathie Olsen—as well as Camille Seeley Bell, a former secretary of the Society to San Diego, traveling once again by van! There we met other members of the planning committee, including SGS Secretary Patricia Palmer, Jim Seeley, a former SGS president, and Kelly Finley, and had a great time exploring San Diego and lining up tours and activities which should appeal to all attendees of this year's reunion.

While my time as a member of SGS has been relatively brief—only a short eight years—I have come to appreciate the hard work of many people in the Society. The biennial reunions are one of the tangible fruits of their indefatigable labor. These reunions provide us opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones; they take us to places with rich

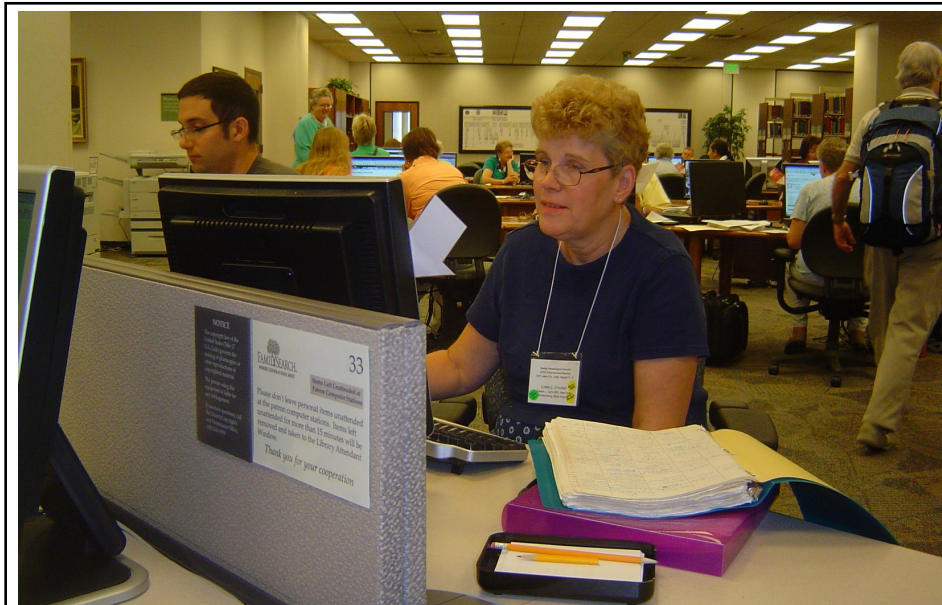
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The reunions often feature trips to local sites with ties to Seeley family history. During the 2011 SGS Reunion in Horseheads, NY, SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker visited a local cemetery that is the final resting place of many Seeleys.



Member presentations, like the one given by Montell Seely at the 2007 SGS Reunion in Wethersfield, CT, frequently end up enlightening fellow reunion attendees on aspects of their family history they did not know.



Seeleys have been almost everywhere in the country, so no matter where a reunion is held there are opportunities to search local records or visit local genealogical centers. During the 2009 SGS Reunion in Salt Lake City, Linda Crocker visited the LDS Family History Library.

Some SGS members have grown up at SGS Reunions. Below is a series of photos of SGS Life Member Nick Taylor at SGS Reunions in Williamsburg, VA (2003), Wethersfield, CT (2007), Salt Lake City (2009), Horseheads, NY (2011), Grand Rapids, MI (2013), Abilene, KS (2015), and Parkersburg, WV (2017). Sadly, he is not expected to make it to the 2019 Reunion in San Diego because he will be interning at Harper's Ferry National Historic Park between his junior and senior years at West Virginia University where he majors in (surprise) history.



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histories that in turn further our knowledge of our nation's past; they introduce us to cultures and traditions that are often new or unfamiliar to many of us; and they bind us together as an extended family with our common forbearers.

While I am not planning to drive to San Diego via van in June, I look forward to seeing not only my van-mates from previous reunions there but many other Society members as well.



The reunions always feature exciting tours that offer attendees a close look at the areas in which they are held and the people who have lived there. Here the Hileman family look at a replica of President Ford's White House Oval Office at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum during the 2013 SGS Reunion in Grand Rapids, MI.



In addition to lectures from guest speakers, presentations from SGS members, and reports from members of the SGS Executive Board, the reunions often feature entertainment. At the 2015 SGS Reunion in Abilene, KS, SGS members at the Farewell Dinner were treated to song and dance from a local theater group's performance of the musical Nunsense.

Why I Enjoy Attending the SGS Reunion

"The first SGS reunion I attended was at Salt Lake City in 1995. I haven't missed one since. The people are very helpful and friendly. The many activities are great. I hope to be able to go to many more reunions in the future."

-- Ruthetta Hansen

"I always love going to SGS Reunions. It's a great time to catch up with friends and cousins and possibly find new ones. I think this reunion is going to be great for catching up, everything is happening in one location and from the schedule it looks like time has been made for visiting, which is one of my favorite things to do. Won't you come share yourself and your stories with us? We would love to get to know you and your histories. See you there!"

-- Pam Turner

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for those purchasing them. Plan to buy several for your children and grandchildren.

The title of Susan Pentico's talk is "Genealogy: Family and Medical Knowledge." She will also include material from her talk "Genealogy is Fun."

Susi, inspired by her mother, has done genealogical research for more than forty years. She majored in history and English in high school and then trained to be a teacher. She is currently the educational chairperson of the San Diego Genealogical Society. She helped found the Chula Vista, CA Genealogical Society in the 1980s. She has arranged many seminars, given many speeches on many topics and enjoyed working with The Lost Colony of Roanoke. (Note: In August 1587, a group of about 115 English settlers arrived on Roanoke Island, off the coast of what is now North Carolina. When this new colony's governor John White, returned from England with a fresh load of supplies, he found no trace of the colony or its inhabitants.) Susi worked the old Golden Gate Forum for almost ten years taking classes four days/nights per week majoring in the mid-Atlantic Region with Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland. She is a descendant of Pocahontas and Pemaquid Chief Samoset (Note: Pemaquid Point is on the southeast coast of Maine.) She enjoys her family and meeting new friends.

Presentations will also be given by Nina Minovi (Cosmopolitan Hotel Archaeological Project Leader) and Nicole Turner (Associate State Archaeologist), both of the California Department of Parks and Recreation.



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 author, painter, and illustrator Laura Seeley and member presentations |
| 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 speaker Niloufar Minovi, California Department of Parks and Recreation's Cosmopolitan Hotel Archaeological Project Leader, plus a presentation about local Seeley family history |
| 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 |

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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 CONDIMENTES, CHIPS, COOKIE AND DRINK)			
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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 June 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:

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

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Include a local tourist bureau brochure, if available.

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SGS Queries (as of April 11, 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.

1905-1 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris, searching for obituaries for our website found the following:

Clifton (NJ) - SEELY, Robert E., 84, of Clifton, passed away on January 3, 2019. He was born in Clifton and was a lifelong resident of Clifton. A parishioner of the First Lutheran Church of Clifton, and a member of the Friends of Athenia Veterans at the Athenia Veteran's Post. Robert, or Bob as he was more commonly known, was a member of IUOE Local 825 for over 50 years.

He joins his beloved wife of 59 years, Lorraine, in heaven. Devoted father and grandfather of Robert and his wife LeeAnn of Clifton, and their children Robert and Christopher, Valerie Davies and her husband Scott of Clifton, and their children Scott, Stephanie, and Steven, James of Vernon, and his children Brittany, Casey, and Christopher, and Kenneth and his wife Jo Ann of Pompton Plains, and their children Jaclynn and Ryan. Dear brother of Ernest Seely and his wife Marion of Morristown, Doris Johnson of Morristown, and John Harrington and his wife Roz, of Little Falls, and predeceased by his brother, Edward Harrington, and sister, Lorraine Smith. Dear brother-in-law of Gloria and Joseph Bajek of Clifton.

Funeral Tuesday 8:45 a.m. at the Shook Funeral Home, 639 Van Houten Ave., Clifton and 10:00 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church, Clifton. Interment, East Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clifton. Visiting Monday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to either the First Lutheran Church of Clifton's youth programs or St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org, in memory of Robert would be greatly appreciated. (Published on northjersey.com.)

We already had an obituary for Robert's wife, Lorraine, and had the following census information for Robert:

1940 census: Clifton, Passaic, NJ

- Halinick, Sabastian, head, age 57, b. Poland Packer Scale Co.
- Halinick, Agnes, wife, age 57, b. Poland
- Halinick, Ann, dau., age 24, b. OH
- Seely, Sonia, dau., age 31 wd, b. PA
- Seely, Ernest, age 11; Doris, age 9; Robert, age 5, all grandchildren, b. NJ

1930 census: Clifton, Passaic, NJ

- Seeley, Ernest, age 25, b. PA PA PA, chauffeur – truck, md 2 yrs. to
- Seeley, Sonia, age 22, b. PA Poland Poland
- Seeley, Ernest, age 1 yr. 6 mos.; Lorraine, age 3 mos., both b. NJ PA PA

Chris did not find Ernest in earlier records.

SGS Response: 1910 census Salem, Luzerne, PA

- Seeley, Philip, age 75, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer, md 34 yrs. to
- Seeley, Sarah, age 56, b. PA, PA, PA, 11 ch., 9 living
- Seeley, Bertha, age 31, teacher; Mae Leah, age 23, dressmaker; Philip H, age 20, farm laborer; Elsie Mae, age 13; Katherine A., age 10, all b. PA, PA, PA
- Harmon, Salamon, boarder age 78, wd., b. PA, PA, PA
- Connor, Arthur, age 13, hired man, b. PA, PA, PA, farm laborer

Next house:

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- Seely, Jack, age 25, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer, md. 7 yrs. to
- Seely, Mattie, age 25, b. NY, NY, NY, 4 ch., 4 living
- Seely, Phillip L., age 6; Ernest W., age 4; Esther M., age 2; Helen, age 1, all b. PA, PA, NY
- Samsel, John, age 18, boarder, b. PA, PA, PA, laborer at pipe factory

Next house:

- Seely, Henry, age 62, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer, md 41 yrs. to
- Seely, Marie, age 62, b. PA, PA, PA, 10 ch., 9 living
- Seely, Ada M, age 26; Frances, age 24; Laura, age 16, all b. PA, PA, PA
- Connor, Paul, age 15, hired man, b. PA, PA, PA, farm laborer

1920 census Salem, Luzerne, PA

- Seeley, Sara E., age 88, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Bertha B., age 42; Cathryn, age 21; both dau., both teachers, both b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Esther M., age 13; Helen S., age 11; both granddaughters, both b. PA, PA, PA

1930 census Salem, Luzerne, PA

- Hershberger, Harold M, age 27, b. PA, PA, PA, electrical work wiring homes, md 5 yr to
- Hershberger, Catherine A, age 30, b. PA, PA, PA,
- Seeley, Phillip L, age 27, nephew, b. PA, PA, PA, labor at sand pit

1940 census Salem, Luzerne, PA

- Seeley, Sarah, age 86, b. PA
- Seeley, Bertha, age 61, dau., b. PA
- Seeley, Philip, age 36, grandson, b. PA, resided Berwick, Columbia, PA in 1935, truck driver md to
- Seeley, Edna, age 29, granddaughter-in-law, b. PA, resided Berwick, Columbia, PA in 1935
- Seeley, Dorothy, age 5, great-granddaughter, b. PA, resided Berwick, Columbia, PA in 1935

In the SGS Ancestral File we had Ernest as the son of Jacob Allen, son of Philip Henry, son of Jacob Seely, SGS# 3463 and his wife Leah Keen who resided in Salem Township, Luzerne, PA. All these newly identified descendants will now be identified in the Ancestral File database as descendants of SGS# 3463.

1905-2 Submitted by Chris Havnar
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Here is another Seeley obit that Chris found:
Diane J. Seeley 1956–2018 Northfield—Diane Joy (McGinnis) Seeley, age 62 of Northfield, passed away Friday, November 23, 2018, after a courageous battle with cancer, at Northfield Hospital Long Term Care Center, surrounded by her family. Diane was born on January 2, 1956, in St. Paul, to Joseph and Joyce (Bechtell) McGinnis. She was raised in White Bear Lake and graduated from White Bear Lake High School. She further continued her education at Century College, formerly Lakewood State Junior College, where she earned an Associate's Degree. Diane worked as a food service manager for various school districts and dedicated her career to helping and guiding children and adolescents. Her kindness and generosity touched many hearts and changed many lives. In 2001, Diane married Charlie Seeley and the couple made their home in Northfield.

Diane enjoyed traveling, interior decorating, cooking, and baking. She was famous for her legendary Boston cream pie. Diane was a true horse lover. She got her first horse when she was 15 and since then, horses became her passion. She learned to be a horse trainer and participated in many horse shows. Diane will always be remembered for her strong character, brave soul, and gentle heart. Diane is survived by her loving husband Charlie; her father Joseph; children Jennifer (Allen) Chalmers of Elko, MN, Chad (Michelle) Seeley of Northfield, Sarah (Benjamin Fedge) Costello-Fedge of Crystal, MN, Kelly (Luke Gordon) Costello of Northfield, and Jamie Seeley of Northfield; 14 grandchildren Zachary Chalmers, Caleb Chalmers, Michael Pientka, Mariah Swedin, Mason Swedin, Carter Seeley, Rowan Seeley, Devon Seeley, Alani Lundquist, Benjamin Fedge, River Fedge, Austin Gordon, Alex Gordon, and Olivia Gordon; sister Gail (Thomas) Frame of Marine-on-St. Croix, MN; brother Robert (Daria) McGinnis of West St. Paul; brother-in-law Mark Zempel; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother; her sister Carole Zempel; and her granddaughter Madison Swedin.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, December 8, 2018, at 11 AM at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield, with Father Dennis Dempsey officiating. Visitation will be held at Bierman Funeral Home on Friday, December 7, 2018, 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral. The family prefers memorials to either of the following: The continuing care of Diane's horse, Fancy, as Diane wished Fancy to be maintained for her granddaughters. Checks can be mailed to Charlie Seeley, 1412 Washington St., Northfield, MN 55057 or This Old Horse nonprofit organization. Checks can be mailed to This Old Horse, Inc., 19025 Coates Blvd., Hastings, MN 55033, biermanfuneralhome.com (Published in the Faribault Daily News, Nov. 25, 2018)

Chris found that Charlie was married to a first wife, Jean Leslie Sherwin in 1974 and that they divorced in 1991 (MN Marriage and Divorce Indexes). Jean is the mother of Chad and Jennifer, Sarah and Kelly are children of Diane's first marriage and Jamie is Diane's son with Charlie. The question is, what is Charlie's Seeley line?

SGS Response: I found an obituary for Charlie's mother, Dorothy Seeley:

Dorothy Ann "Dot" Seeley (Bladen), age 91, passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2019, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle against heart failure.

Wife, mom, grandma, teacher, gardener, cook, baker, seamstress. Dot was born in Washington, DC on March 27, 1927, to Rosier and Catherine Claire (Burke) Bladen. She was raised in Tenleytown, Washington, DC and Green Acres, MD, graduating from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in 1945. She attended Towson University and earned a degree in elementary education. She taught first grade for three years in Montgomery and Howard County, later substitute taught, and volunteered her time to teach elementary students about seeds and plants through Master Gardeners.

She was united in marriage to James Henry Seeley, Jr., on November 22, 1950, at Elbrooke Methodist Church in Washington, DC. They had 4 children, Charlie, Eileen,

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Kim, and Ginger. In 1953, the couple moved to New Mexico and then back to Baltimore, before moving to Denver, CO. In 1966, they moved to Duluth, and then to Northfield in 1968. Dot and Jim made their home on Kendall Avenue, with a huge garden for all the neighbors to enjoy. She later became a full-time grandma to Jennifer, Chris, Chad, Sarah Joy, Derek, Kelly, Jessica, Heather, Brianna, James, and Makayla. Her grandchildren share fond memories of summers, Christmases, holidays, birthdays, and family vacations. She was her grandchildren's number one fan supporting and encouraging them in all of their endeavors.

Her hobbies included garden club and Master Gardeners. She served as president of the Northfield Garden Club, president of the 1st District MN Horticulture Society, and vice president of the Minnesota Horticulture Society. She was an avid reader and belonged to The Contemporary Women Writers Book Club. She enjoyed sewing, often making clothes for her grandchildren and bridesmaid dresses. She was a fantastic cook and baker known for her elaborate birthday and wedding cakes. She was also a devoted fur mom to many cats and dogs.

Dot is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Jim Seeley; children Charlie Seeley, Eileen Seeley (Marvin Korbel), Kim (David) Haars, and Ginger (David) Killen; her grandchildren Jennifer (Al) Chalmers, Christopher Haars, Chad (Michelle) Seeley, Derek (Melissa) Haars, Jessica Wiles (Scott Rimbey), Heather Haars, Brianna Seeley, James Seeley, Makayla Seeley Korbel, Kelly (Luke) Gordon, Sarah Joy (Benjamin) Fedje; and her great-grandchildren Zachary, Caleb, Devon, Carter, Samuel, Caitlin, Bryson, Michael, Mariah, Mason, Rowan, Madison, Austin, Alex, Olivia, Alani, Benjamin, and River. Dot was preceded in death by her parents, Rosier Bladen and Claire and Charlie "Pop" Ackerman, brother Allen Bladen, sister Mildred Franklin, daughter-in-law Diane Seeley, and beloved nephew Dusty. A private family service was held. Arrangements by Benson & Langehough Funeral Home, northfieldfuneral.com

District of Columbia Marriages:

- James Henry Seeley, age 29, md Nov. 22, 1950, to Dorothy Ann Bladen

WWII Draft Cards:

- James Henry Seeley, b. 9 Feb 1929, Danbury, CT, resides Sparks, Baltimore, MD, registered in 1947, student, next of kin father J. H. Seeley, Sr.
- James Henry Seeley, b. Oct. 12, 1899, Hartford, CT, resides Sparks, Baltimore, MD, registered in 1942, works at Hartford Steam Boiler and Inspection Insurance Co., next of kin, Viola M. Seeley

1940 census Washington, DC

- Seeley, James H., age 39, b. CT, special agent for insurance co
- Seeley, Viola, age 41, b. NY
- Seeley, James Jr., age 11, b. CT
- Seeley, William, age 22, brother, b. CT, lived in Fort Union, VA. in 1935, mechanic at airplane plant

1930 census Washington, DC

- Seeley, James H., age 30, b. CT, NY, NY, special agent for insurance co., md 6 yrs to
- Seeley, Viola M., b. NY, NY, NY
- Seeley, James H. Jr., age 1 yr., 2 mos., b. CT, CT, NY

1920 census Danbury, Fairfield, CT

- Seeley, William H., age 52, b. NY, NY, NY, chief clerk at RR
- Seeley, Mary, age 29, b. CT, ENG, NY
- Seeley, William M., age 2 yr 11 mos., b. CT, NY, CT
- Seeley, James, age 20, b. CT, NY, NY

1900 census Hartford, Hartford, CT

- Seeley, William H., b. May 1867, NY, NY, NY chief clerk at RR office, md. 12 yrs to
- Seeley, Phebe R., b. Apr 1866, NY, NY, ENG, 2 ch., 1 living
- Seeley, James H., b. Oct 1899, CT, NY, NY

In the SGS Ancestral File we have William H Seeley b. 1867, Washington Hollow, Dutchess, NY, d. 1931, Danbury, Fairfield, CT, md 1st to Phoebe R Massey and 2nd to Mary E Massey.

This William H. is the son of Philetus, son of William (who md. Sally Anson), son of Sylvanus Seeley, Jr. b. 1776, d. 1835, Dutchess Co. NY. This is one of our brick walls. An update to Query 0108-1 in the August 2009 SGS newsletter suggests that Sylvanus Sr., the father of Sylvanus, Jr., may have been the "natural" son of Esther, the wife of Daniel Stevens. We still do not know whether the father was a Seeley or Esther herself was a Seeley. We would love to find a male Seeley descendant of Sylvanus Jr for a DNA test.

A note from SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker:

Why are there often so many queries from Chris Havnar?

When I do the query column I look for any queries that have come in since the last newsletter and any updates. There is always something. However sometimes the information is too vague to work with, sometimes it is a repeat of queries we have already answered, sometimes someone is looking for living descendants, and sometimes it is just someone wanting to give us more bits of information such as surname spelling variations. If there is not enough fodder in new queries, I fall back on Chris's offerings. She can often connect an obituary or a wedding announcement a family line. I work on the ones that take more investigation and that are of interest to members.

SGS Reunion Attendee Packing Checklist

- ☐ Computer to share your genealogy and download the research of others
 - ☐ Ideas to share at SGS Executive Board Meetings to help improve the society
 - ☐ Your thoughts on ways to increase SGS membership
 - ☐ Proposals on research projects the society can focus on
 - ☐ Initiative to pitch in either as an active member or perhaps as an elected or appointed officer
 - ☐ Seeley family artifacts to share in the hospitality room
 - ☐ Openness to having fun and meeting new cousins!
- We look forward to seeing you there!!!**

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 - *The Sixth Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)*
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 - The newsletters were then combined into 10-year groupings to aid in searching without making the files too large.
 - This section also includes searchable indexes of all the newsletter articles through 2006, Seeley surnames that have appeared in the newsletter, and Surnames Other than Seeley that have appeared in the newsletter.
3. Print: *The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One through Five, 1997 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
4. Print: *The Sixth Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 1995 Edition* (U.S. \$35)

For the SGS CD-ROM contact, Pam Turner, for all others contact Lynda Simmons (Contact information is on page 15).

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