



### FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT

By now you all know that the Seventh Generation Families Book has been compiled. This book is the third to be compiled and printed by the Seeley Genealogical Society concerning the descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657).

Copies of these three issues have been sent to some of the larger Libraries and Genealogical Research Centers in the United States. How about the local places that you and I visit each year to search and record our family history and lineage? I would like to see these books in the genealogical section of every library that would like a copy and will accept books of family history. I have received a few replies, thanking the SGS for sending copies and saying that they welcome the material for their genealogy section.

In the last year we have found the name of

at least one small city, Davison, Michigan, which was founded by a Seeley, or Seelye. I sent a copy of all three books compiled by the Seeley Genealogical Society to the Davison Area Historical Museum. How many more places are there, that also were started by a Seeley that we are unaware of? How many of you know of such a place? That information would be more than welcomed by the Society, that data could be added to the records of the SGS Research Center in Abilene.

I am asking two things of each member. First: go to your local Library and Genealogical Society and see if they have any information on our Seeley surname. Ask them if they would like to add copies of the three Seeley Genealogical Society books to their files. If so, send me the contact person's name and address. Also ask them if they would like to receive copies of the SGS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEVENTH GENERATION BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

The Seeley Genealogical Society announces the publication and availability of the “*The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)*.” This publication of approximately 398 pages lists the known seventh generation descendants of Robert, Nathaniel, and Obadiah Seeley, and is the sequel to the previous two publications of the SGS entitled “*Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)—Generations One Through Five*,” Rev. 1997; and “*The Sixth Generation Families*,” 1995. Copies of the Seventh Generation Book may be obtained for a cost of US\$25.00, including postage. Copies of the previous publications are still available for US\$17.00, including postage. Any of the three books may be ordered from the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS, or from the President, Chief Genealogist, or Newsletter Editor. All addresses are listed on page 2 of this Newsletter.

### JUSTUS AZEL SEELYE FAMILY REUNION

The Justus Azel Seelye (SGS #836) Family will be holding a family conference at Mt. Pleasant, UT, on May 19, 2001. Seeleys or Seelyes of any line are invited and encouraged to attend. Further details can be obtained by contacting Evelyn H. Moody, President, at 1265 Old Willow Lane, Provo, UT, 84604.

### INFORMATION NOTE

The SGS was recently contacted in an attempt to locate an old document concerning Robert Seeley by Rev. Raymond Hoyt Seeley, D.D. Thanks to the efforts of John R. Seely, a copy of the following book was located and copied for the requester: “*Sketches and Notes on the Life and Times of Robert Seeley*” by Rev. Raymond Hoyt Seeley, D.D.

In addition to responding to the request, John has furnished a copy of this book to the SGS Research Center in Abilene.

### DUES ARE DUE

Please check your address label on this Newsletter to note the date that your dues are “Paid to” in the upper left hand corner of the label. If the date is shown as 08/00, your dues are now past due for the year 2000-2001. You should remit your dues to the Membership Chairman, George R. Seeley, 1442 Thousand Acre Rd, Delanson, NY, 12053-2223. You are encouraged to take advantage of the multiple year membership renewal as shown on page 4 of this Newsletter.

## SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### General Information

Membership is open to anyone interested in Genealogy, History or Biography; amateur or professional, and includes Seeleys and Seeley descendants. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, there are hundreds of other surnames of allied families, who intermarried into the Seeleys to form this ALL AMERICAN FAMILY. The name Seeley is spelled many different ways including as examples the following - Seeley, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc. All similar surname spellings are invited to become members.

### OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

To preserve and make available for Genealogical research the family records of the Seeley Ancestors. to encourage and assist the study of family history; to promote the exchange of knowledge and to encourage the deposit of family records. To cooperate with other Societies and assist in the publication of Genealogical holdings. To publish all of the generations of the Seeley family beginning with Capt. Robert Seeley who immigrated to America in 1630. To assist in the education of Genealogical methods, standards and record keeping.

Membership Dues	\$8.00 per year, U. S. Funds. Year is September 1 to August 31. (15 two years; \$21 three years; \$30 five years)
Life Membership	\$100.00, U. S. Funds, Pay all dues to Membership Chairman.
Research Fund	Personal Contributions. Any amount welcome at any time.
Donald Eff Memorial Fund	Personal Contributions welcome at any time.
Newsletter	Quarterly newsletters, Special Editions, Free Queries, Announcements and Offers of Help. Newsletters are issued in February, May August and November, Queries and other articles must be in the hands of the Editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication.
Reunions	SGS Reunions are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2001 in the Seattle-Tacoma area. Please advise the Editor if your branch or family have plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.
National Research Center	Co-located with the Seelye Mansion at 1105 N. Buckeye, in Abilene, KS 67410

### SGS PUBLICATIONS

*Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1677) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657): Generations One Through Five*, 1997 Edition, and *The Sixth Generation Families*, 1995 Edition, are both available for US\$17.00 each including postage. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)*, 2000 Edition, is available for US\$25.00 including postage. These books may be ordered from from the Seelye Research Center, P. O. Box 337, Abilene, KS, 67410-0337, or from the President, Chief Genealogist, or Newsletter Editor of the Society at their addresses listed on page 2 of this Newsletter. Prior issues of the Newsletter are available for US\$1.00 each from the Newsletter Editor or from the Seelye Research Center.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Daniel Seelye has appointed Walter Davis as chairman of the nominating committee for the next reunion. Walter will be responsible for proposing a slate of officers for the elected offices of the Seeley Genealogical Society during the next bi-annual reunion to be held in September 2001, in Tacoma, WA. To assure that the desires of the membership are appropriately considered, all members are encouraged to propose possible candidates for any or all of the following elected positions. In addition, any individual who wishes to be a candidate for any of these offices is encouraged to nominate himself for any of these positions.

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Please carefully consider your fellow members, or yourself, that would be able to serve the SGS as an officer and member of the Executive Board for the 2001-2003 term, and send your recommendations to Walter at the address below.

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## President's Pen (Continued)

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Newsletter. What a wonderful way to share our information with others who are searching for information on our surname and make them aware of the Seeley Genealogical Society.

Second: if you know of any township, town, city, etc. started by a Seeley, do a little digging and research to get the name of the place, city, county, state, years, and name of the person or persons who started the town. Determine if the town is still in existence, using the same name and has it survived over the years. If there is a local historical society or library, find out if they would be willing to share their information

with the SGS. Again send me this information, including the name and address of a contact person, and I will contact them.

It is not too soon to begin planning for attendance at the Seeley 2001 Reunion to be held in Tacoma, WA, September 6-8. A registration form is printed on page 15 of this Newsletter so you can register now and we can begin to get an indication of probable attendance.

Also note my new E-mail address:  
[seelyedan@worldnet.att.net](mailto:seelyedan@worldnet.att.net)

Daniel P. Seelye, President  
Seeley Genealogical Society

## A NEWSLETTER SUCCESS STORY

The August 2000 edition of the Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter carried an article entitled "Any Kin of Lawrence Seeley? Friend Hopes to Find You." As a result of this publication, Paul Seely of Vero Beach, FL, contacted Mr. John Bagby, identifying himself as a relative of Lawrence Seeley. Mr. Bagby had also received information from other relatives stating that Mr. Seeley's wife, Frances S. Seeley, and two children, David Laurence and Stephanie Anne, were in fact alive and resided in the Rochester area.

Mrs. Seeley told Mr. Bagby that in the 1960s, Mr. Seeley just picked up one day and left and was never heard from again. Based on these contacts, Mr. Bagby reports that Mr. Seeley's father was named Richard, and his mother was Tina, and possibly one of his grandmothers was named Cora Bauda. The family is working with Mr. Bagby for proper handling of Mr. Seeley's remains.

Mr. Paul Seely and Mr. John Bagby have both expressed their appreciation to the Seeley Genealogical Society for their help in locating the relatives of Mr. Lawrence Seeley.

## EDITORIAL CORRECTION

On page 7 of the August 2000 SGS Newsletter, an article was published entitled "Sylvanus Seely's Diary." In the last sentence, the Wayne County Seat was identified as Honesville. Mr. Eugene Seelye has informed the editor that the Wayne County Seat should be Honesdale.

## GENEALOGIST'S CORNER

### For Our 2003 SGS Reunion, I Nominate Virginia's Historic Triangle Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown

A suggestion was made at the 1999 SGS Reunion in Abilene, KS that we consider Williamsburg, VA as a site for an SGS Reunion. After considerable thought, and discussion with my family, we would like to propose to the members of SGS that you approve Williamsburg, VA as the site for your Reunion in September 2003. With the help of SGS Members from Virginia and North Carolina, I would like to be your host because it is so beautiful, so historic and I'm sure everyone would have an unforgettable time.

Jim Seeley, Genealogist  
Seeley Genealogical Society

**Historical Brief:** The American adventure began at **Jamestown**, where 104 men and boys carved out of the wilderness the first permanent English colony in the New World in 1607.

From 1699 to 1780, **Williamsburg** was the political, social and cultural capital of Britain's largest, wealthiest and most populous North American colony. Here George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, George Mason and other Virginia patriots debated the ideas – liberty, independence and personal freedom – that led to the founding of American democracy.

**Yorktown** is celebrated as the site of the last major battle of the American Revolutionary War where, on October 19, 1781 the British troops under General Cornwallis surrendered to General George Washington and his French allies.

**Geographical:** Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown are within about 15 miles of each other on a peninsula formed by the James River to the south, the York River to the north and the Chesapeake Bay to the east in south Virginia. The beautiful Colonial Parkway connects these historical sites. Williamsburg is easily accessible by auto (Interstate 64) and airplane (Richmond International, Norfolk International, Patrick Henry International in Newport News and little Williamsburg Jamestown Airport).

The Williamsburg Area Convention and Visitors Bureau have offered their assistance in planning our SGS Reunion. Even though they know we will not be voting on a 2003 Reunion site until September 2001, many area motels, with facilities that will meet our needs and at prices comparable to what we have paid at previous SGS Reunion sites, have sent proposals with promotional material. I plan to bring videos and brochures to the SGS Reunion in September 2001 in Tacoma, WA for members to view.

**Speakers:** I plan to seek candidates for interesting speakers on genealogy and history sub-

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# QUERIES

## Query number is 2 digit year, 2 digit month of Newsletter – query sequence number

Updates to SGS Queries that appeared in the February, May and August 2000 Newsletters  
(Data as of 17 October 2000)

Update to Query # 0008-2 Originally submitted by Marilyn K. Bobseine, Email [markel-bob@webtv.net](mailto:markel-bob@webtv.net). New query submitted by a descendant of Sarah Seeley and Job Sherman by Sharilyn Whitaker, Email [sharilyn@northcoast.com](mailto:sharilyn@northcoast.com)  
Original Subject: Sarah Seeley (SGS # 39)

New Subject: Michael Seele/Seely/Feele

Sharilyn is interested in accessing Seeley genealogical material that has been published. She is looking for information on Michael Seele/Seely/Feele who served as baptismal sponsor in Poughkeepsie, NY in 1743. (Sharilyn believes the old style S and F were often confused.)

**SGS Response:** Dan Seelye responded by providing ordering information for the three SGS Publications and provided his home page at <http://home.att.net/~seelyedan>. He also sent Sharilyn a GEDCOM file on her Sarah Seeley. (Genealogist's note: Members, please bear with me on this. I probably should have assigned this a new query number.)

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## NEW QUERIES

Please send the Genealogist a copy of any information you might develop regarding the following queries (Email and US Mail addresses are on page 2):

Query # 0011-1: Submitted by Carol Church, Email [church@voyager.net](mailto:church@voyager.net)

**Subject: John Seeley**

I am trying to determine the ancestry of John Seeley. My ancestor, John Chambers was in Wyoming. Chambers and Seeleys are associated from early on when Robert Seeley and Thomas Chambers were both in New Haven. The families never seem to "connect" but have many associations for a couple hundred years including two sisters from Ireland, one who married my great grandfather and one who married Benjamin Seeley. I am trying to determine if this John Chambers/John Seeley is another close connection between MY Chambers and the Seeley family. About 1784 a John Chambers

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** At the last SGS Reunion, it was suggested that responses to queries be published in the Newsletter so others who might also be researching the same line could benefit. Responders to Queries are requested to send a copy of their response to the Genealogist (address on page 2), preferably by E-mail; and those receiving responses are also requested to send or forward copies of replies they receive.



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and John Seeley were both appointed Justices of the Peace in the CT County of Westmoreland which was actually northeastern Pennsylvania. Questions are: was the JP John Seeley from Morris Co New Jersey, married Elizabeth Lindsley and migrated to Lindley, NY about 1800 or was the JP John Seeley enumerated in the census for Luzerne County PA 1810?

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye replied to Carol that the only information he could find is a Martha Seeley, daughter of Daniel & Phebe (Wood) Seeley, who married a John Chambers. She was born about 1795 in Sara. Co. NY. This was from the SGS files of John Seely. (Data as of 17 October 2000)

**Query # 0011-2:** Submitted by Susanne Marshall, 4031 Jordan Rd., Skaneateles, NY, Email [marshall@swns.net](mailto:marshall@swns.net)

**Subject: Nathaniel Seeley**

Susanne is trying to find additional descendants of Nathaniel Seeley (b. 19 Sep 1796 in Connecticut, d. 2 Jul 1876 in Middlefield, Ohio). He married Betsey Warren (b. 19 Aug 1798 in New York State, d. 14 Feb 1888 in Middlefield, Ohio). They were married 21 Dec 1818 in South Harpersfield, Ohio. Susanne Gruber Marshall provided lineage sheets with her line back to the Nathaniel (above). Her line is summarized as follows: Nathaniel, Lois Seeley (b. Apr 1822), Laura Gray (b. 1846), Amber Nickerson (b. 30 Jan 1868), Laura Chapman (b. 21 Nov 1889), Harland Altrogge (b. 6 Jun 1919), Anna Altrogge (b. 15 Aug 1941) and Susanne Gruber (b. 22 Feb 1966)(submitter).

**SGS Interim Response:** Copies of the lineage sheets provided by Susanne were forwarded to John Seely, Dan Seelye and to the Seeley Research Center in Abilene, KS. No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

**Query # 0011-3:** Submitted by Susan L. Kruse, Email [slkruse@garlic.com](mailto:slkruse@garlic.com)

**Subject: Jemima Cilley**

Jemima Cilley married 11 Feb 1761 Gideon YOUNG and she died 1825 in Lincolnville, ME. Gideon (Giddeon) born Kingston, NH resided Demariscotta, ME 1764, Bristol 1767, Youngstown 1777. Susan Kruse believes Jemima may be daughter of John Selea from Hampton, NH who moved into ME and resided Biddleford 1734 because there are large gaps in his children of record. Appreciate any clues or advice.

**SGS Interim Response:** The 3 SGS Publications were searched without success. No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

**Query # 0011-4:** Submitted by Jeffery S. Agnew, 24204 Charter Oaks Dr., Davison, MI 48423-3268, Email [jscottagnew@webtv.net](mailto:jscottagnew@webtv.net)

**Subject: Seeleys that came through Genessee or Lapeer Counties, MI in the 1800's:**

The Davison Area Historical Museum (263 E 4<sup>th</sup> St., Davison, MI 48423) is seeking any info on Seeleys that came through Genessee or Lapeer Counties in the 1800's and their descendants. There is an old cemetery near by that contains 40 or so graves (about 20 marked) of Seeleys or relations. It is now privately owned and the owner would like

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the remains removed. The Historical Society would like to see these early settlers properly interred. Jeff provided his line back to Esther Seeley (b. 3 Feb 1864), her father Judson Seeley (b. 1815), and his father Stephan Seeley (b. 3 Apr 1788)

**SGS Interim Response:** At John Seely's suggestion, SGS President Dan Seelye approved making the Davison Area Historical Museum an Honorary member of the SGS, approved sending them a copy of the three SGS Books and copies of the Newsletters. (What a wonderful way to encourage local Seeley descendants to become SGS Members and exchange data with SGS for the benefit of all!) Hopefully, descendants will be found who can help with the Historical Museum's cemetery project. Jeff states Davison, MI was founded by 3 Seeley's in 1836, 2 brothers Andrew and Alson and a sister, Debby Seeley. John Seely (SGS Database Coordinator) provided Esther Seeley's line as Judson (9), Stephan(8), Stephen (7), Hezekiah (6), Nathaniel (5), Nathaniel (4), Nathaniel (3) and Nathaniel (2). (Generation number from Robert is in parenthesis after each name.) No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

Query # 0011-5: Submitted by Crystal Atwood, Email [clatwood@aol.com](mailto:clatwood@aol.com)

**Subject: Cecil Andrew Seely (Sealy)**

Crystal is requesting any information on Seelys in Benton Co., AR.? Cecil's husband's great-grandfather's name is Cecil Andrew Seely (possibly spelled Sealy), b. in Aug 1869 in Benton Co., AR and d. 1907/8 in Allen, OK. He married Nannie Bell Russell 9 Sep 1888 in Wyat Cossett, AR. His father's name was William H. Seely. Cecil & Nannie had a daughter, Desma Opal Seely, b. 2 Oct 1906 in Whitesboro, Grayson Co., TX. Desma m. William Thomas Atwood 7 Feb 1925. Crystal has been told that Cecil Andrew Seely was a Sheriff and was shot during a card game around 1907 or 1908 in Allen, OK.

**SGS Interim Response:** A search of the three SGS Publications was made without success. No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

Query # 0011-6: Submitted by Lynn Fortney, Email [mlfortney@supernet.com](mailto:mlfortney@supernet.com)

**Subject: Charles Seeley**

Lynn is looking for her grandmother's ancestors. Here's what she has: Charles Seeley (b. 21 Feb 1802, d. 4 Sep 1868-NYC) m. Sarah Brundage (b. 1812, d. 15 Mar 1903). Child: Charles Morris Seeley (b. 19 Dec 1845, d. 15 Dec 1914-NYC) m. Ida Sophia Bullard (b. 25 Feb 1855-Wellsboro, PA, d. 7 Jul 1892-Wellsboro, PA). They had 7 children, the youngest was Lynn's grandmother Mildred Seeley (b. 11 Jun 1892, d. 30 Oct 1967) m. Charles Fay Erway. Do you have anything on this line?

**SGS Response:** Dan Seelye responded that John Seely's database showed Charles Seeley was b. ca 1805 Ovid, Sene (Seneca?) County, NY, m. ca 1830 Ovid, Sene Co, NY Sally Brundage (b. ca 1810, Ovid, Sene Co, NY).

John Seely responded that he had names of the 7 children of Charles Morris & Ida Sophia (Bullard) Seeley. These names and spouses were based on the Wellsboro Gazette obituaries which Rhoda Ladd loaned John Seely years ago. He does not have com-

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plete dates for the vital records. Charles & Sarah (Brundage) Seeley were m 30 Jan 1830 in Ovid, NY as recorded in the Ithica Chronicle of 13 Jul 1830, page 3. The other 6 children were Jessie (b. ca 1882, d. ca 1965 in Concord, NY, m. Jack Towner of New York City), Sarah H. (b. ca 1886, d. ca 1963 in NYC, m. Edward Welch), Fred Graves (b. ca 1887, d. ca 1927 in NYC, m. Margaret (\_\_\_)), a daughter (b. ca 1890, living in 1945 in Brooklyn, NY, m. H.W. Gaither), Harry M. (b. after 1890, living in Montclair, NJ in 1945) and Lewis (b. after 1890, d. ca 1945 in Yonkers, NY, m. Katherine (\_\_\_)).

Terry Tietjens, Director of the Seeley Research Center in Abilene, KS also responded that Charles Seely (b. 21 Feb 1802) (SGS # 3590) was the son of John Bartlett Seely (SGS # 1606) and Sarah/Sally Seely (SGS # 1700), both of whom are descendants of Obadiah (SGS # 4). Terry said he had several emails with Lynn Fortney and has sent Lynn family records by postal.

Query # 0011-7: Submitted by Herman J. Seelye, 3606 Kingston St., Carlsbad, CA 92008-2181

**Subject: Lyle Baker & Kenneth Inman**

Herman asks, "Can you tell me who my Uncle Lyle Baker was related to and also Kenneth Inman?"

**SGS Interim Response:** John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator, responded that Herman John Seeley is in the eleventh generation of Nathaniel's line. (Herman's SGSA # 468.) However, he had no connection with Herman's Uncle Lyle Baker or of Kenneth Inman. Jim Seeley wrote requesting any additional information Herman might have that could help in the search. No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

Query # 0011-8: Submitted by Angel Bostaph, Email [pyewackett40@webtv.net](mailto:pyewackett40@webtv.net)

**Subject: Polly Seeley**

Angel is doing research on my Sherwood ancestors and she's at an impasse She has an ancestor, Anson Sherwood, b. 3 May 1793 possibly in Orangeville, NY. He married a Polly Seeley but Angel has no dates for Polly or her marriage or parentage. They had several children. Among them were Charles, Sherman, Warren and Malcolm. There were others. Do you have anything that might help us?

**SGS Response:** Dan Seelye responded to Angel that his records had a Polly Seely (SGS # 3191, 8<sup>th</sup> generation in the Obadiah line), b. 16 Jun 1789 in CT, who married Anson Sherwood (b. about 1793). Polly's parents, per the Seventh Generation Book, were Samuel Seeley (SGS # 1392, 7<sup>th</sup> generation) and Ruth Finch (b. 20 Sep 1787). In an Email Dan forwarded to Angel, "Bunny at: [wrpte@micron.net](mailto:wrpte@micron.net)" listed their children as: Malcom (b. 1823 NY), Ruth (b. 1831 NY), and William C. B. (b. about 1818 NY). Dan said his home page at <http://home.att.net/~seelyedan> has additional information on this family. Per John Seely (SGS Database Coordinator), Polly's birth date is 16 Jun 1789 per the Barbour Collection of CT Vital Records of Stamford: V2p59. The foregoing is a summary of several Emails resulting from this query and which contain considerable, additional information.

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**Query # 0011-9:** Submitted by Kate (?), Email [bouhou@peakpeak.com](mailto:bouhou@peakpeak.com)

**Subject: Eliza Seeley**

Kate requests any information on Eliza Seeley who married Horace/Horatio Raymond in 1820 in Fairfield, CT.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye responded to Kate with the following information supplied by John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator: Eliza Seeley, b. ca 1799, d. ca 1857, married, ca 1819, Stamford, Fairfield County, CT Horatio Raymond. He died ca 1871. Her father was Seth Seeley. Mother unknown, lineage unknown. Ref: Raymond Family Gen. No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

**Query # 0011-10:** Submitted by Louise Treat, Email [cvcsgrt1@penn.com](mailto:cvcsgrt1@penn.com)

**Subject: Esther Seelye**

Louise requested to know who Esther Seelye's parents were.

**SGS Response:** With the information provided, Dan Seelye identified Esther/Hester Seelye as SGS # 940 listed in the Seventh Generation Book in the Nathaniel line and so I consider this query closed. Although this SGS Publication has only been out a relatively short time, it has already proven helpful to several SGS members and other researchers alike. (If you haven't ordered yours yet, I recommend you do.)

**Query # 0011-11:** Submitted by Cher Classick, Email [jettrink@one.net](mailto:jettrink@one.net)

**Subject: Squire Seeley**

Cher is requesting information on Squire Seeley (1953) who married Lucy Spencer. Squire basically lived in 3 Counties, Saratoga, Schoharie and Otsego.

**SGS Response:** The SGS's *Seventh Generation Book* lists Squire Seeley (SGS # 1953) with the following information: SQUIRE SEELEY (b. 8 Jun 1780, Ballston, Saratoga Co., NY; d. 10 Mar 1838, Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., NY; will dated 13 Jan 1838; will proved 1 Sep 1838) m. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 Jun 1805, Lucy Spencer (b. 6 Jul 1782; d. 19 May 1816). M. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 22 Sep 1816, Katherine Van Alstyn/Alstine (d. 19 Aug 1847). Squire Seeley is an eighth generation descendant of Robert Seeley, in Robert's son Nathaniel's line. Cher was provided information on how to order *The Seventh Generation Book*.

**Query # 0011-12:** Submitted by John D. Roundtree, Email [roundtree@earthlink.net](mailto:roundtree@earthlink.net)

**Subject: Jewell Nettie Seeley**

John is seeking any information about Jewell Nettie Seeley (b. about 1861 in New York State) who married George Russell (b. about 1858 in New York State) who had son, Harrison Elmer Russell (1888-1961) and a grandson, Harry Almon Russell, Sr. b. 14 Dec 1916 in Syracuse, NY On Lake Ontario, Oswego Co.

**SGS Interim Response:** The three SGS Books were searched without success. Additionally, Dan Seelye responded that he had no information in his files. No additional information as of 17 October 2000.

**A TRIBUTE  
TO THOSE WHO AUTHORED THE SGS PUBLICATIONS  
DEPICTING THE SEELEY DESCENDANCY**

I had long been “stuck” in New York City trying to get beyond my great-grandfather, George W. B. Seelye. Through serendipity I met a fellow this summer in Santa Fe, NM, who is from Long Island and who uses with some frequency the New York Genealogical Society for his research. He offered to see what he could find about Seelys, and came up with information from the two volumes that broke my log jam. I had the names of my great-great grandparents on my great-grandfather’s marriage license from a Manhattan church. Using the names on the marriage license, I was able to find in the two volumes the name Samuel Seely (#549), a great-great-grandfather and the father of Samuel Wyx Seely (1853), a great-great-grandfather and the father of George W. B. Seelye, my great grandfather. Now my next task is to take myself to Bedford and Pound Ridge, NY, and to Stamford, CT, and do some on-site investigation.

My great grandfather, George W. B. Seely, enlisted as a private in 1861 in the 44<sup>th</sup> Regiment of New York Volunteers and fought during the Peninsula Campaign. In October, 1862, lying in a hospital in Rhode Island, he was commissioned a Major in the 134<sup>th</sup> Regiment of New York Volunteers. Such a jump in rank indicates to me some kind of familial intervention. The fact that he ultimately died in Brooklyn and the Seelys of Connecticut had no mention in oral family tradition tells me that there was some kind of break. I guess I am detective enough to want to pursue that.

At any rate, I want to express my appreciation to those responsible for preparation of the three descendancy publications of the Seeley Genealogical Society. They were a real aid to me.

Regards, Gordon M. Seely, PhD

**INTERNET NOTE**

A joint effort between the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and Ancestry.com, Society Hall is the most comprehensive online directory of genealogical and historical societies on the Internet. FGS members have preferred status in the director and the opportunity to list detailed information on their organizations. The directory can be accessed from the FGS Web site, Ancestry.com, and FamilyHistory.com. Features benefiting researchers and FGS members include the ability to search the directory by state, city, zip code of key phrase to identify a society in the area of research and the officers and contacts; lists of available publications; and the ability to update information. Coming soon for FGS members will be Calendars of Events, expanded listings, and improved search techniques. ([www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/](http://www.familyhistory.com/societyhall/))

**SGS REUNION 2003 NOMINATION (Continued)**

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jects from local and state historical and genealogical societies and from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg (chartered in 1693, it is the nation’s second oldest university).

Popular visitor attractions are: Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Water Country USA, the Williamsburg Pottery Factory, York River dinner cruises and much more. The Army’s Fort Eustis, Langley Air Force Base, and the world’s largest Naval Base is located just to the south in what we call “Hampton Roads), the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Chesapeake. Day trips to Washington, DC, Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina or to other historical sites in Virginia are possibilities.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000**

Beginning Balance October 1, 1999		\$20,694.34
Add Receipts		
Dues	\$2,748.00	
Research	117.00	
First Five Generation Books	289.50	
Sixth Generation Books	425.75	
Seventh Generation Book	1,285.40	
Life Memberships	800.00	
Interest	204.18	
Newsletters	20.00	
Total Receipts		5,889.33
Total Available Cash		26,583.67
Less Disbursements		
Postage	928.20	
Supplies	331.85	
Newsletters	1,724.97	
Research	324.34	
Dues for Fed. Of Gen. Societies	75.00	
Dues for NYSCOGO	25.00	
Convention 2001 Expenses:		
Room Deposit	500.00	
FGS Convention Expenses	463.00	
Travel Expenses	49.60	
Placque for Seelye Archive Center	61.58	
Printing of 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation Books	2,760.85	
Bank Charge	22.69	
Total Disbursements		7,267.08
Ending Balance September 30, 2000		19,316.59
Ending Balance included in the following three accounts:		
Regular Checking Account	10,950.80	
Don Eff Memorial Research Account	1,265.79	
Life Membership Certificate of Deposit	7,100.00	
Submitted by:	William J. Thresher Treasurer Seeley Genealogical Society	September 30, 2000

### REUNION 2001 SOUVENIRS

Dan Seelye, President of the Seeley Genealogical Society, has announced that he has procured the following souvenirs appropriate to the SGS Reunion 2001. These will be available at the Reunion or may be purchased in advance from Dan. Any profit will be for the support of the Research Center in Abilene.

SGS Lapel Pins	\$5.00	
SGS Logo T-Shirts	\$12.00	(sizes Large and Extra Large)
SGS Logo Caps	\$10.00	

If ordering from Dan in advance of the Reunion, please include full cost of desired items plus \$3.20 for Priority Mailing. All funds must be in U.S. dollars or equivalent.

### SGS REUNION 2001 LODGING RESERVATIONS

Lodging reservations for the Seeley Genealogical Society 2001 Reunion in Tacoma, WA, may be made by calling the La Quinta Inn, 1425 East 27th St, Tacoma, WA, 98421 on either (253) 383-0146 or 1-800-NU-ROOMS (1-800-687-6667. Be sure to mention that you are attending the SGS Reunion to obtain special rates.

#### SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REUNION

##### Registration Form

September 6-8, 2001, Tacoma, Washington

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) (City) (State) (Zipcode+4)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined SGS? \_\_\_\_\_ Life Member:  Yes  No

Lineage:  Robert  Obadiah  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities:**

Thursday Bus Trip\*  Yes  No How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$42.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Salmon Dinner How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner—Other than Salmon How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Prime Rib Dinner How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner—Other than PR How Many? \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Thursday bus trip will be of the Tacoma area and will include lunch

Total Payment Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Before June 15, 2001, mail to:

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## LOCAL/REGIONAL MEETINGS

If any family groups are planning a local or regional meeting, a notice of that meeting will be published in this Newsletter if the editor is informed. This is not restricted to Seeley/Seelye family groups; but all such notices are welcome. Please submit them in time for Newsletter deadlines of February, May, August and November.



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