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## FROM THE PEN OF THE PRESIDENT

This is the last Newsletter of the current term for the current slate of officers of the Seeley Genealogical Society. After two terms as President, I have decided not to run for election for a third term, and the Nominating Committee has factored that into their nominating slate of officers for consideration at Reunion 2001 in Tacoma this September. It seems a good time to be reflective over the past four years and to offer my ideas for the continuing strength of the Society in the future.

During the past four years, we have seen

the maturing of the Seelye/Seeley Research Center in Abilene, KS. Terry Tietjens has been very supportive of the Society in his efforts to make this Center a focal point for research into the Seelye, Seeley and related family lines. The SGS, with Terry's strong support, had a very successful reunion in Abilene in 1999, a success we hope to repeat in Tacoma next month. The handling of Queries by the Society has taken a quantum leap forward through the efforts of our Chief Genealogist, Jim Seeley. Queries are

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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 08/01, your dues are now due for the year 2001-2002.** 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 and on the enclosed dues remittance envelope.

### Pen of the President (Continued)

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now researched by a team of database managers in the Society, and the Newsletter now reports not only the initial query; but includes the research efforts of the Society and subsequent input from members. During this past two years, the efforts of Madeline Mills and Kathy Olson resulted in publication of the third book of descendency of Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley entitled "*The Seventh Generation Families.*" This publication joins the initial two books reporting the earlier generation descendants. As coordinated by Wesley Warren, we have also completed the next phase of research to attempt to identify the relationship between Obadiah, Nathaniel and Robert Seeley. Extensive research failed to provide conclusive evidence; however, it did open new avenues for future research.

The Internet web site that I manage has become a very popular research source as indicated by the very large number of "hits" it takes every month. The web site now also contains the SGS Newsletter, which is updated coincident with its publication. I would also like to thank John Seely for his continuing work keeping the SGS database updated, a task that is more than any organization could ask of anyone; and George Seeley for his time and effort in keeping the membership rolls and dues collection processes working smoothly.

So much for the past; now we must look forward to the future. One disturbing trend has been the slow decline in membership, especially the Canadian members that joined the SGS when we held our reunion in St. John. The new officers of

the Society will need to address this issue, and establish closer foreign ties, to assure that our Society remains a vibrant, international source of genealogical information. Also, as the membership of the SGS ages, the interest and involvement of younger members must be stimulated so they will assume an active role in the Society in the future. The proposal of an Area Coordinator network that will be considered during Reunion 2001, if adopted, will need to be staffed with members who are interested in research and involved in the SGS activities. If adopted, this concept may also foster periodic local reunions to offset the effects of our large geographical dispersion.

Our Society has entered the third millennium, and is well into the first four hundred years of Seeleys in America. We stand at the threshold of becoming not only a social, but also a service organization; dedicated to preserving the heritage we have developed. I encourage you to actively support the new officers of the Society.

I will look forward to seeing you all at Reunion 2001 in Tacoma next month.

*Daniel Parsons Seelye*

Daniel P. Seelye, President  
Seeley Genealogical Society

## 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.

**REUNION SPEAKER**

**Janet G. Baccus**

Janet Baccus, has resided in rural Puyallup since 1959, and has lived in Pierce County all of her life. She began teaching genealogy classes in her home, later teaching adult classes at Tacoma Community College and Pacific Lutheran University. Between 1983 and 1988 she wrote a genealogy column for the Pierce County Herald in Puyallup and in 1985 began genealogy lecturing.

She has been a member of Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society since 1974 and since 1978 has been the Projects Chairman. She is a charter member of the Washington State Genealogical Society serving as the beginning Secretary. She serves as the president of the Heritage League of Pierce County which published the four volume series "A History of Pierce County."

Janet has branched out into yet another field of research, adoption searches. She became a certified and licensed Confidential Intermediary with the Superior Courts of Washington state in 1995.

**OBITUARY**

**Leone L. Seeley**  
Died April 28, 2001

Leone L. Seeley, 98, a lifelong Traverse City resident, died at home on Saturday. She was born in Alden on September 26, 1902, the daughter of James N. and Mary (Campbell) Lannin. On December 25, 1923, she married **Clayton K. Seeley**. (...) She is survived by her daughters, Wilma (Carl) Lemcool of Traverse City; Phylis Bozeman of Hudson, Florida; a daughter-in-law, Marcia Seeley of Traverse City; and nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Her parents; her husband Clayton in 1975; a son, Kenneth, in 1989; and a brother Russell preceded her in death. [Traverse City Record-Eagle, Sunday, April 29, 2001, page 10A] (Furnished by Ervan L. Amidon, 3782 Incochee Rd, Traverse City, MI 49684-1410)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If any family group is 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.

## RESEARCH AIDS

### USE OF "Mrs." AS A TITLE

Last week I noted the following entries in the "History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset." The three entries are found together in Vol. II, on p. 20 and are placed in an isolated listing with the title "The Register of Marriages begins 1539."

These are transcripts from the Piddlehinton, Dorset marriage register. The entries are:

Mr. Robert Swain and Mrs. Eleanor Churchill - 1656 (year)  
Mr. Henry Churchill and Mrs. Hannah Galler - 1661  
Mr. Henry Churchill and Mrs. Elizabeth Cheek - 1682

I have seen the Henry and Galler/Cheek marriages from other sources but without the use of Mr. for Henry. I had always assumed that the use of Mrs. simply indicated that Henry had married widows. However, I knew that THIS Eleanor Churchill WAS unmarried, so the use of Mistress for Eleanor could not be an indicator of her marital status.

After a bit of research and confirming queries from individuals knowledgeable on the subject, I discovered the true meaning of the above entries. So others don't jump to the same conclusions I initially made, here is the meaning of the entries.

In the 17th and 18th century Mrs. (a contraction of Mistress) was a prefix used ONLY for unmarried ladies or girls. It was equivalent to the modern use of MISS but was applied only to gentlewomen, that is to say women of gentry class.

The Oxford dictionary says about the use of Mrs.:

" Originally distinctive of a gentlewomen, the use of the prefix has gradually extended downwards; at the present time, every married woman who has no superior title is styled 'Mrs.' even though her husband is of so humble a position as not ordinarily to be referred to as 'Mr.' . . . "

The use of Mr. indicates gentry status for the men. Mr. places them at the social level immediately below a titled individual and generally tells you they were not titled -- but I understand that Mr. could be applied to a knight.

The consensus from my queries is that John Hutchins, the author of the "History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset" extracted the above three marriage entries and placed them in an isolated grouping simply to emphasize that the families were prominent. A distinction that escapes us today.

The actual individual parish marriage entries would have been written over time by (probably) the rector (s). In their use of Mr. and Mrs. the rectors were saying about each couple that they were of gentry class and that the women were never previously married. This intended information about the marital status of the women is in stark contrast to our modern times.

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## GENEALOGISTS CORNER

### GENEALOGIST STYLES

Just like stamp and coin collectors, those of us who pursue the genealogy hobby seem to come in a variety of styles. Which style is yours?

Some stamp and coin collectors have the goal of acquiring every stamp ever printed or coin ever minted. The parallel in genealogy is the avid ancestor collector. From these collectors you will often hear, "How many names do you have in your database?" but one cannot help but wonder how much they know about each of these individuals.

Some stamp and coin collectors try to obtain the oldest possible issues. Genealogists with this same goal often ask, "How far back have you traced your family?" but when they say their line has been traced to Adam & Eve, one can't help wondering about the quality of their documentation.

Some collectors of stamps and coins specialize in only one area. Genealogists who do this are apt to concentrate on only one surname. From them you might hear, "I'm only interested in my family name, don't bother me with the others," but don't they know that every ancestor has two parents?

An experienced stamp or coin collector often can be found, magnifying glass in hand, reference book at elbow, pouring over the most minute details of their collection. It is at this point that one becomes a genealogist rather than just an ancestor collector, for we too, must pour over the individuals in our "collection."

When we analyze each supporting document for all possible clues, when we construct a life time-line for each ancestor, when we study family associates, neighbors, and collateral relatives, when we learn the history of the time and place, when we use all the data we have collected in order to bring our ancestors to life - then we are no longer just ancestor collectors but are truly genealogists, building valuable family histories.

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## RESEARCH CENTER DIRECTOR NOTES

The records being assembled in the Seelye/Seeley Research Center in Abilene, KS., are finally becoming a credible source for research into the various lines of Seelye and Seeley of all spellings. Individuals have been submitting their family records, both on paper and electronically. All submitted family groups are being entered into the Research Center computer to facilitate rapid retrieval, and printed versions of the family lines are being filed in the book shelves for review.

Information submitted to John R. Seely has been copied and is catalogued and filed at the Center. Copies of essentially all Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletters dating back to 1971 have been assembled and filed for easy retrieval. Various books of interest to Seelye/Seeley family researchers have been obtained and are shelved for review. Old records of Helen and Marion Seelye, and copies of records compiled by Esther Howtz Walters have been assembled in loose leaf folders and have been entered into the computer files as appropriate.

The grounds of the Seelye Mansion, co-located with the Research Center, are beautiful and make for an excellent setting for relaxing during breaks in the research efforts in the Center. All who are traveling in the vicinity of Abilene, KS., are encouraged to stop by. (Terry Tietjens, SGS Research Center Director)

# QUERIES

(Data as of 10 July 2001)

**Query number is 2 digit year; 2 digit month of Newsletter; query sequence number**

Please note:

Please send queries to the SGS Genealogist, Jim Seeley, who will forward queries he receives, as appropriate, to the new SGS Genealogist who will be elected during the SGS Reunion in September 2001. Jim's address is on page 2 of this Newsletter

## QUERY UPDATES

**Update to Query # 0102-4:** (February Newsletter) The submitter was Charles T. Seeley, Email [tseeley@qwest.net](mailto:tseeley@qwest.net) and his query was Re **Walter Austin Seeley**. Charles T. "Tom" Seeley received a reply from W. Leonard Seeley who read the query in the Newsletter. Tom received a Family Group Record for Austin and Lucy Ann (VAUGHN) Seeley, the parents of Walter Austin Seeley. According to Leonard, Walter Austin Seeley's line is unknown to SGS or to the Seeley's of New Brunswick. Leonard plans to transfer additional info on this line to Tom. A copy of Leonard's correspondence of 9 April 2001 was also provided to John Seely, the SGS Database Coordinator.

**Update to Query # 0105-3:** (May Newsletter) The submitter was Sheila Cooke-Goodwin, Email [SeeleyC2@aol.com](mailto:SeeleyC2@aol.com), and her query was Re **Castle Seeley, SGS # 2280**. SGS member Ann Hall found a research note that may help and it is quoted as follows: "In *History of Genealogy of Samuel Clark, Sr., and His Descendants -1636-1892* by Rev. Edgar W. Clark, A.M., Pana, IL, Second Edition, page 41: Nathan Clark, Jr., son of Nathan and Julie Clark, born in Athens, NY, 18 Dec 1819, died 15 Jun 1891, of Bright's Disease of the Kidneys. On 6 Dec 1842 he married Sarah Cornelia Seeley, daughter of Castle Seeley of Athens. She was born in Athens, 10 Mar 1819, and died of Consumption 18 April 1857, aged 38 years. He carried on successfully the Athens Pottery, as did his father. Their children were four, viz: Julia Estelle, who died of Consumption, 24 March 1869, aged 25 and unmarried. Her education and character made her the light of her home. Edgar Nathan, died in Athens 21 Mar 1848, aged 5 or 6 months. Ogden Clark, born in Athens, NY, 15 May 1850, died 8 Aug 1888. He married Isabella Edwards. Nathan E. Clark, born 19 Oct 1852, married Elizabeth DeLamater. Together they conduct the Athens Pottery."

**Update to Query # 0105-8:** (May Newsletter) : Submitted by Terry Tietjens, Email [terryt@access-one.com](mailto:terryt@access-one.com) on behalf of Mary Goodman **Re Herbert William Seely**. John Seely, the SGS Database Coordinator responded as follows:

"I have several pictures of Herbert W. Seely. One with his first wife, Mary Ceila Yordt; one with his 'first family': Cora Jane, Winnie May, and the twins, Forrest and Florence and one much earlier by himself.

"Jeanette Seely Dunlop was a daughter of Silas Seely, son of Israel and Jane Jones. She gave me these pictures before she died in 1995. She wrote on the back of the family picture that Herbert W. had come to her father's home in late 1918 to pick up a watch which Isreal had bequeathed to him. They were living in El Reno, OK at that time.

"In looking at the Stark Co., IL birth & death microfilm, I found a 'delayed birth certificate' for a Herbert WILBUR Seely, son of Israel and Jane (Jones) Seely. The date of birth, 23 Aug 1867, coincides with the Bible record date which I have for him.

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“The informant was a cousin, Effie Simblad who I have not identified. This document was recorded in 1941. I can't imagine that Herbert needed a certificate for Social Security, but what other purpose would it serve? Herbert would have been 71 by then. Herbert is not listed on the Social Security Death CD.”

### NEW QUERIES

Please send a copy of any information you might develop regarding the following queries to the submitter, copy to the SGS genealogist.

**Query # 0108-1:** Submitted by Paul Northrop Miller, Email [millers@albany.net](mailto:millers@albany.net)

**Subject: Henry S. Seeley**

Paul is seeking information on the parents of his great grandmother, **Minnie May Seeley** (Miller). Who (according to her marriage certificate) was the daughter of Henry S. Seeley and Mary Elbanus. Minnie was born in 1864 in Clinton Corners, NY and was residing in Poughkeepsie when she was married there at the age of 22 on September 30, 1885 by the Rev. Joachim Elmendorf. Her husband was George Joseph Miller of Cortland, NY where they resided until their deaths in 1942. Paul has not yet been able to find any further information on this Henry Seeley or his wife, Mary Elbanus and would greatly appreciate any assistance in determining his Seeley ancestry.

Paul later reported results of additional research he had conducted. The 1880 census places a Henry S. Seeley in Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, NY at age 45; the 1860 census places a Henry Seeley (or Seely) in Town of Washington, Pleasant Valley P.O., Dutchess County, NY at age 25; and the 1850 census places a Henry Seeley in the Town of Stanford, Dutchess County, NY at age 17 as the son of William Seeley (age 47).

**SGS Interim Response:** In reviewing the new data, Dan Seelye (SGS President) reported a William Henry Seeley, b. 1803, in Carmel, Putnam County, NY that would be the same age as Henry S. Seeley's father William.

**Query # 0108-2:** Submitted by Joyce Grant Fesler, Email [joycefesler@msn.com](mailto:joycefesler@msn.com).

**Subject: Sarah Weed Seely**

Joyce did not know much about her gggrandparents, John B. Grant and Sarah Weed Seely, until she discovered Sarah's newspaper obituary in Syracuse, NY. She shared the obit with SGS. (A copy of her Email can be provided upon request.) From this obit, Joyce learned that Sarah Seely was born in Stamford, CT on 7 Jul 1808. Her father was Jehue Seely and moved to Lafayette, this state (NY?), when she was quite young. She m. (John B.) Grant in 1826 in Onondaga County. She was the last in a family of six children. Her husband d. in 1895 at the age of 93.

Joyce Fesler believes she found Sarah Weed Seely's father in the 1810 census for Pompey, Onondaga County, NY, in the 1820 census for Onondaga, Onondaga County, NY and in the 1830 census for Hastings, Oswego County, NY.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye (SGS President) responded that he believes this Jehu Seely may be SGS # 3279.

**Query # 0108-3:** Submitted by Rich Green, Email [richcontry@aol.com](mailto:richcontry@aol.com).

**Subject: John B. Seeley**

Rich got our E-mail address off a Seeley mailing list on the Internet. He was wondering about the Seeley family. His mother was a Seeley with 9 brothers and sisters. Rich has his family starting out in the Chicago area and moving to Quitman, MO around 1870. This was John B. Seeley (1843 to 1910). His son John Seeley born in MO (1870 to 1940) was Rich's mother's father. There is still one of her bothers alive, Clyde

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Seeley (96) in Detroit. Clyde has lots of info. Rich wonders if the families tie together?

**SGS Interim Response:** After learning of SGS, Rich has become a LIFE member. John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator, responded that he believes John Baker Seely was the son of William Seely (SGS # 3606) and Marilla Stufflebeam. If this is correct, SGS has John B. Seely's line as William (8), Israel (7), William (6), Jonas (5), Ebenezer (4), Jonas (3) and Obadiah. Members, if this is your line and you have additional info to add, help us congratulate Rich as a new member by sharing it with him.

**Query # 0108-4:** Submitted by Judith Wilkins, Email [judithwilkins@home.com](mailto:judithwilkins@home.com)

**Subject: Emeline Seeley Benson**

Judith states she is a descendant of Alden Henry Seely (SGS # 890) whose line is John, Ephraim, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Robert. Judith wonders if SGS has any info on Emeline Seeley (b. 1848 Jackson Twp., Susquehanna, PA, d. 16 Dec 1908 in Binghamton, Broome, NY) and m. Williamson Lewis Benson 19 Nov 1871. Williamson L. Benson was b. 17 May 1847 in Jackson Twp., Susquehanna, PA and d. 8 Feb 1901. Judith does not find these people in the Seeley books.

**SGS Interim Response:** Alden Henry Seeley (7<sup>th</sup> Generation, SGS # 890) is on page 51 of the SGS publication *The Seventh Generation Families* in the *Nathaniel Section*. This entry shows 9 children of Alden Seeley born between 1811 and 1837. If Emeline Seeley is a descendant of Alden Seeley, Emeline may have been Alden's grandchild (i.e., d/o Luther, Daniel, or Erastus Seeley).

Dan Seelye (SGS President) responded with a Family Group Sheet on Emeline Seeley, b. 1848 in Jackson Twp., Susquehanna County, PA, d. 16 Dec 1908 and m. 19 Nov 1871 William/Williamson Lewis Benson (b. 17 May 1847, d. 8 Feb 1901). Some of the info was provided by Susan Doig, Email [hdoig@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hdoig@nycap.rr.com) in June 2000. Susan was looking for information about her gr-grandmother who married Williamson Lewis Benson. Dan suggested Judith and Susan exchange data.

**Query # 0108-5:** Submitted by Barbara Angstadt, Email [bha930@bellsouth.net](mailto:bha930@bellsouth.net)

**Subjects: Harriet Seely and Mary Seeley**

Barbara requested assistance in determining the ancestors of Harriet Seely who m. Joseph Hetzel on 25 Nov 1868 in Chester, Orange Col, NY and Mary Seeley who married Andrew Jones of New Jersey. Andrew lived from 1802 to 1967. Andrew and Mary are listed in the 1850 and 1860 census in Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., NJ.

**SGS Response:** Dan Seelye (SGS President) responded with Family Group Sheets on both Harriet (b. 22 Jun 1835, d. 16 Apr 1889) and Mary (SGS # 1258). Barbara said these were the Harriet and Mary she was looking for, so Dan said he was sending additional information.

**Query # 0108-6:** Submitted by Loretta Wright, Email [lorwr292@planetkc.com](mailto:lorwr292@planetkc.com)

**Subject: Wallace C. Seeley**

Loretta is looking for information on Wallace C. Seeley who married Dora Mae Tull Dormitzer/Poindexter by 1906. They were in Spokane, WA in 1906 according to a deed. Dora Mae Tull Dormitzer was born about 1878 in Iowa. She is the dau. of Francis Marion Tull of Spokane, WA. She was in San Francisco, CA in 1931 when her father died.

**SGS Interim Response:** A search of the 3 SGS Publications, John Seely's SGS Database and Dan Seelye's home page yielded no information on Wallace C. Seeley. If members have any information, please reply direct to Loretta Wright copy to the SGS Genealogist.

**Query # 0108-7:** Submitted by Sharon Griffiths, Email [sgriffiths@home.com](mailto:sgriffiths@home.com).

**Subject: Laurinda Wells Seeley**

Sharon is seeking any information on a possible connection between Laurinda Wells Seeley and General William T. Sherman and on her ancestors. Sharon's father is Richard Wollam, her grandfather is Clinton Wollam, great grandmother is Anna Seeley Wollam and great great grandparents are Herrick Bromley

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Seeley and Laurinda Wells.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye provided Sharon Griffiths a Family Group Sheet on Herrick Bromley Seely (SGS # 3948) (b. 5 Dec 1835, d. 21 Jun 1900 in Jerome, Union County, OH. His father is listed as Thaddeus O'Conner Seely and mother Caroline Bromley. Herrick. m. Laurinda Wells (b. 17 Jul 1843, d. 6 Mar 1925) ca 1862 in Delaware County, OH. Her father was James Wells and her mother was Lavinia (Wells).

**Query # 0108-8:** Submitted by Dick and Pat (Seelye) Fry, Email [pat\\_and\\_dick@juno.com](mailto:pat_and_dick@juno.com)

**Subject: William Seelye** of Peoria, IL

Pat is looking for information on William Seeley, birth date unknown, born in Peoria, IL. He m. Drazilla Wallen 19 Mar 1863 in Beverton, MI. William was a law officer. He and Drazilla had 4 children; Mary, Anna, Bruce and Joseph. Children of William's second marriage were John, Oscar, Maggie, Lena and Ray.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye and John Seely could find no information on William Seeley and Drazilla Wallen, nor could a match be found in the 3 SGS Publications. If members have any information, please reply direct to Dick and Pat Fry copy to the SGS Genealogist.

**Query # 0108-9:** Submitted by Bob Sasman, Email [marbo16@core.com](mailto:marbo16@core.com).

**Subject: Joshua's Rock (Frances Seelye)**

Bob would like any information on the Seelye Stone house and "Owl's Nest" at Joshua's Rock on the shore of Dunham's Bay, Lake George, Queensbury, NY. Bob believes that property is registered as a National Historic site. Frances Seelye, b. 8 Jun 1836, m. Carlos Brienerd and were parents of Bob's grandmother, Ethel Brainerd. Frances Seelye's father was Reuben Seelye (SGS # 2502).

**SGS Interim Response:** No information could be found in the 3 SGS Publications or the SGS Database regarding Joshua's Rock. If members have any information, please reply direct to Bob Sasman, copy to the SGS Genealogist.

**Query # 0108-10:** Submitted by Barbara Savage, Email [bsa4798501@aol.com](mailto:bsa4798501@aol.com).

**Subject: Janette Seeley**

Barbara is requesting confirmation that Janette Seeley is the daughter of John F. Seeley and Sally Ann Thompson. This John F. Seeley is believed to be the son of William Seely of Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, PA (SGS # 1692). The info Barbara provided was:

- (1) a State of New York death certificate showing Janette was the dau of John Seeley and \_\_\_Thompson, d. 7 Oct 1690 age 57 years in Catlin.
- (2) an IGI Index showing a Fanny Genette Seely b. 13 Dec 1832 in a family grouping that corresponds fairly closely with Jim Seeley's data on the family of John F. Seeley and Sally Ann Thompson. The thinking is Janette may be a preferred spelling for Genette.
- (3) an 1850 census record showing Janette living with Watson Cole and wife Nancy. Barbara believes Nancy Cole is Sally Ann Thompson's sister.
- (4) Marriage notice showing Janette was the adopted dau of Watson Cole. (Does anyone have suggestions on how Barbara can access adoption records?)
- (5) an 1850 census of Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, PA that does NOT list Janette in John F. Seeley's family but does show a William Seeley (age 15, corresponding to John F. and Sally Ann Thompson's son William) living with Watson Cole.
- (6) an 1860 census showing a William Seeley (age 25) living with Watson Cole. This William Seeley corresponds to John F. and Sally's son in age.

**SGS Interim Response:** Jim Seeley has been researching the ancestors and descendants of John F. Seeley's brother, James. His research indicates that the 1840 census for Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, PA

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lists a John Seely with a wife and children whose ages match those of Jim's records with two exceptions – first, there is an extra female with an age in the 1830 to 1835 grouping corresponding to the suspected birth year of Barbara Savage's Janette Seeley and second – John's birth year doesn't match Jim's records. Jim also recommended Barbara consult Joyce M. Tice's Web Site at [www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/jmtindex.htm). This web site contains considerable genealogical data for the Tri-County areas of Chemung County, NY, Tioga County, PA and Bradford County, PA. John Seely, the SGS Database Coordinator, had no further data to contribute.

**Query # 0108-11:** Submitted by Lorraine Seeley Buell, Email [Shipmates2@home.com](mailto:Shipmates2@home.com).

**Subject: Captain Robert Seeley**

Lorraine would like some information about her ancestor, Captain Robert Seeley. She wonders if he was a Captain in the Army? Navy? Other? Lorraine's father was a career Navy man who, along with her uncle Francis "Bob" Seeley, went down with the USS Rowan when it was torpedoed and sunk by German boats. Lorraine's father was Lewis Everett Seeley, his father was Everett Seeley, and Everett's father was Luke Seeley.

**SGS Interim Response:** John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator, reports that he has some data on Lorraine Edna (Seeley) Buell and her husband, Kenneth that was received from her father in 1989. If this is the same Lorraine Seeley Buell, she is a 13<sup>th</sup> generation of Robert Seeley in the Nathaniel line per SGS records. However, it is possible Lorraine is a descendant of Luke Seeley (SGS # 2255), an 8<sup>th</sup> generation descendant in the Nathaniel line making Lorraine a 12<sup>th</sup> generation descendant. No connection to a Captain Robert Seeley was found other than Robert Seeley, SGS # 1 who was commissioned a Captain of Artillery on 22 May 1648 (see page 3 of the SGS Publication *Descendants of Robert Seeley 1602-1667*) & *Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One Through Five*).

**Query # 0108-12:** Submitted Heather Davis, Email [Heather\\_bygrace@hotmail.com](mailto:Heather_bygrace@hotmail.com)

**Subject: David Seeley**

Heather is seeking information on David Seeley. Her line to David is via her grandfather Hugh Benjamin Evans, his mother Grace Landon Seeley, her father Chester Leander Seeley, his father John Van Kirk Seeley and his father David.

**SGS Response:** Dan Seelye provided Heather a Family Group Sheet of David Seeley (SGS # 1991) (b. 15 Mar 1787, d. 30 Jun 1867) who married Ursilla (aka Ursula) Sweetman in 1807 in Ballston, Saratoga County, NY. The Group sheet lists 12 children and lists David's parents as Jesse Seeley (SGS # 620) and Lois Bennett.

**Query # 0108-13:** Submitted by Barbara A. Fowler, Email [baadt@msn.com](mailto:baadt@msn.com)

**Subject: David W. Seeley**

Barbara is looking for descendants of David W. Seeley, (b. Jan 1821 in Montgomery County, NY, d. 29 Jul 1903 in Albany, NY) and Maria Loucks (b. 4 Aug 1822, d. 17 Mar 1890, bur. Prospect Hiss Cemetery, Guilderland, NY). David W. was son of Nathan Seeley (1788-1862) and Elizabeth Taylor. Children of David W. Seeley and Maria Loucks were (1) John Nathan, b. 1842, served in the 175<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Albany; (2) Harvey, b. 1844 in Montgomery County, married Alice Olmstead (b. 1857) on 13 Jul 1869. Harvey and Alice lived in the city of Rensselaer and were listed as a railroad foreman.

**SGS Interim Response:** This query was submitted just in time to get it into the August SGS Newsletter so no responses have yet been received from any of the Query Team members. If anyone has any information that would help Barbara, please send it to her direct, copy to the SGS Genealogist listed on page 2 of the Newsletter.

# INTERNET NOTES

## 1900 Federal Census Online

**BE CAREFUL OF THIS ONE**—The web site for Genealogy.com has published a notice that they have the entire 1900 Federal Census on-line. The published subscription price is \$79.99 for one year, and for this they advertise the entire 1900 U.S. Census, indexed and searchable online. They say that their web site lets you search all US States and Territories, and view images of actual census records. Their database represents approximately 75 million people from more than 3,000 counties. To subscribe to this service, they send you to: <http://www.Genealogy.com/1900story> **BE-WARE!** The advertisement carries the statement “Conveniently, your subscription will renew automatically, reflecting the standard price at that time.” Should you forget to cancel your membership before the end of the first year, they could bill you or your credit card for any amount they might choose for the second and subsequent years.

## SEELEY LAKE, MONTANA

The Seeley Lake Historical Society has a new web site that describes the early years of settlement of the area surrounding Seeley Lake by Jasper Seeley. The web site provides an interesting bit of history of the area and also has a photo of Jasper and his wife. The site is: <http://www.seeleyswanpathfinder.com/> (Furnished by Albin C. Hammond, E-mail: [lmach@digisys.net](mailto:lmach@digisys.net) )

**LATE FLASH**

### Seattle-Tacoma Airport Transportation

Planners for Reunion 2001 have found that the only direct ground transportation from the Seattle-Tacoma airport to Tacoma for a reasonable price is the “Airporter” service. The cost is about \$30 per family (small group). The La Quinta Inn does not provide transportation. For those who do not want to use the Airporter service, and prefer not to rent a car, Jim Seeley has volunteered to provide pickup and return service using his personal vehicle for a limited number of members. To arrange for pickup, send Jim an E-mail at: [jrseeley@aol.com](mailto:jrseeley@aol.com) giving him your arrival time and flight number and the number of persons needing transportation. If he can accommodate you, or your group, he will confirm his agreement back to you. In case of delay or schedule change, it will be very important to call Jim at his room in the La Quinta Inn since there is no curbside waiting at the Sea-Tac terminal. He will allow time for baggage pickup and meet you at the curbside in front of the terminal. Should there be a mix-up in pickup, call Jim on his cellular phone 1-517-212-1517 or Ray Hall on his cellular phone 1-303-548-0498.

## REUNION NOTES

### Seeley Reunion 2001

September 6th-8th, 2001

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 6 Sep 2001	8:00 AM	Executive Board Meeting	TBA
	8:30 AM	Registration	Lobby
	10:00-3:30	Bus Tour of Tacoma Area Lunch included	
	All Day	Hospitality Room	7 <sup>th</sup> Floor
Friday, 7 Sep 2001	8:30 AM	Registration	Lobby
	9:00 AM	Main Business Meeting	Meeting Room
		Reports	
		Old/New Business	
		Election of Officers	
		Site Selection for 2003 Reunion	
	Noon	No Host Lunch	
	1:00 -3:00	Beginning Genealogy—Janet Nixon Baccus*	
		Questions and Answers-Janet Nixon Baccus	
	6:00 PM	Salmon Dinner--After Dinner Speaker “What's Available in the Local Area” Janet Nixon Baccus, Confidential Intermediary	
All Day	Hospitality Room	7th Floor	
Saturday, 8 Sep 2001	8:30 AM	Registration	Lobby
	9:00 AM	SGS Genealogist Issues	Jim Seeley
	10:00 AM	Computer Use for Genealogy	Dan Seelye et. al.
		Software/hardware needs	
		GEDCOM import & export	
		Why Web Pages?	
	Noon	Lunch, No Host	
	2:00 PM	Closing Meeting	
	4:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting	
	6:00 PM	Banquet--Prime Rib Dinner Installation of New Officers After Dinner Speaker--"Coast to Coast 50 Years" Janet Nixon Baccus, Confidential Intermediary	
All Day	Hospitality Room	7th Floor	

\*Janet Nixon Baccus—Please see page 5 for the Reunion Speaker’s Biographical Sketch.

**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 \$3.95 for Priority Mailing. All funds must be in U.S. dollars or equivalent. Please make checks payable to: Daniel P. Seelye

**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

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**Activities:**

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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

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After June 15, 2001, mail to:

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**Tacoma Day Bus Trip**  
**6\* September 2001 - 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

- 10:15 AM      Pick up - La Quinta Inn - Port of Tacoma tour with step-on guide.  
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 toric homes, downtown, theater district, Old Town  
 Ruston Way
- Noon              Lunch at *Anthony's at Point Defiance*, Point Defiance Park  
 Tour continues including stops at scenic spots for photo op-  
 portunities, and View of Tacoma Narrows Bridge.  
 Steilacoom, Short tour with step-on guide
- 3:30 PM        Return to La Quinta Inn

**Cost: \$42.00 per person includes transportation, staff, lunch, and beverages as you travel**

\* Date erroneously published as 7 Sept. in May Newsletter



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