



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Our world has certainly changed since the tragic events of September 11th. I can't remember a period in our recent history that has been so marked with increased patriotism. Nearly every day we hear of or see acts of kindness toward our friends, family, or neighbors. It is in this spirit of caring for each other that I remind the membership of the Seeley Genealogical Society that the interests of our Society should focus on genealogical issues. One result that precipitates from this theme of caring is to recognize that we are not a political, religious, or ethnic Society. Seeley's (of every variant spelling) come from various backgrounds, political, religious and ethnic. Out of respect for each other, I ask that we keep this focus on our genealogical theme in all publications and Society activities."

On behalf of the Society I signed an Agreement with a hotel in Williamsburg, VA as the site for our 2003 SGS Reunion. See details on page 14 of this Newsletter issue.

One of my objectives is to encourage our members to become more active in SGS. I know many of us have very busy lives, but if you have a little time to spare, please review the article in this Newsletter *Volunteers Needed for SGS Projects* for a list of SGS Projects that could use some volunteer help. Then contact the person listed for those projects that you will help with.

Kathie Olsen agreed to lead a Committee to develop recommended changes to the SGS Constitution and By-laws dealing with the collateral duties assigned to SGS Officers, etc. Please send her your suggested changes for the Committee's consideration. Ray Hall and Walt Davis have agreed to help Kathie with this endeavor. We plan to publish the current Constitution and By-laws in the May 2003 SGS Newsletter along with recommended changes so you can study them and be prepared to vote yea or nay at the September 2003 business

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meeting in Williamsburg. See the May 1999 issue of the SGS Newsletter for the latest printing of the Constitution and By-laws.

Marshall Seelye has agreed to consolidate a list of famous Seeleys and a list of Seeleys who have served on active duty in any of the Armed Services of the United States. See details on page 15 of this Newsletter for the specific information he is requesting.

If you have recommendations for making changes to the 3 SGS Publications, see the article of that subject on page 5 of this Newsletter. We will repeat this guidance periodically to answer this question. It has come up a few times lately.

It seems like more of our queries deal with female members of the greater Seeley Family. To bound the scope of our original 3 SGS publications, only the children of female Seeleys are listed. If you would like to help with a project to develop a book titled *Seeley Women*, please contact me. I'm looking for both a Project Leader and helpers. I believe we (John Seely's Database, Dan Seelye's files, and Terry Tietjens' records at the Seelye Research Center) have a lot of data already. Wouldn't it be great to organize the Seeley Women data in a format similar to our 3 SGS Publications?

Jim Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society

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.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES NOW AVAILABLE

One issue that is crying for the attention and help of the Society membership is the fact that we have reproduced and are sending brochures out to prospective new SGS members that describes the Seeley Genealogical Society and includes a membership application form. If anyone would like me to send a brochure to a recommended prospect, they should send me the complete name and address of the person to receive the brochure. I will mail it after checking with our Membership Chairman to ensure we haven't duplicated efforts. We want to exhaust our supply of brochures before the Postal rates go up as expected in mid-2002.

Jim Seeley, 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.

Objectives 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 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 2003 in the Williamsburg, VA 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.

Member's Home Pages

Seelye Genealogy to Share	Daniel P. Seelye	http://home.att.net/~seelyegen
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Making Changes to the 3 SGS Publications

Each of the 3 SGS Publications contain the following statement: “If you have additions, corrections, comments, or concerns, please send documentation to” Katherine M. Olsen, Seeley Genealogical Society, 639 Eighth Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT, 84103. “Not all records agree. We have had to use ‘discretion and logic’ in trying to assemble family groups. We have had to make some ‘judgment calls.’ Some records may not agree with your collected records. Some problems have been resolved and some have not. It is our wish that what we have done is acceptable. We wanted it to be perfect. We know that is not possible.”

The documentation you send with a recommended change will be compared with the data on hand and the authors will make the change, or not make the change, based on their best judgment.

Jim Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society

Volunteers Needed for SGS Projects

The strength of any Society depends on how active its members are in contributing to their Society’s objectives. Listed below are Projects that need volunteers. Also listed is a person to contact if you are willing to contribute some time. U.S. Mail addresses for each Point of Contact (POC) are found on page 2 of the Newsletter.

<u>Project</u>	<u>POC</u>
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Compile a “Famous Seeleys” list	Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com
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Nominating Committee for 2003 Election	Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com
Plan Trip to Great Britain in 2004	Kathy Olsen, davidkathie@mstar2.net
Host for SGS Reunion in 2005	Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

Most of these projects are summarized in the President’s Report, November 2001 Newsletter. No matter how little time you have, it would be wonderful if each member could contribute to at least one Project.

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*Inadvertently omitted from November 2001 list of New Life Members

EDITOR'S ERROR

The November 2001 edition of the Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter contained an admonition to those whose dues were due to refer to the mailing label for that Newsletter. A compilation error by the Editor resulted in an incorrect roster being used to prepare the computer file provided to the printer. As a result, several who had paid their dues prior to November 2001 were shown as unpaid—some of whom sent in an additional dues payment. That error has been corrected so dues expiration dates are correctly shown on the labels for this edition. The Editor apologizes for any confusion or inconvenience.

ENGLAND IN 2004

Several individuals at the Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion in Tacoma last September expressed interest in going together to England in 2004 to visit Seeley Family sites. If you are interested in going on such a trip, please write a short note to Kathie Olsen at 639 8th Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84103-3124 or send an E-mail to david-kathie@mstar2.net. The dates and itinerary are open to suggestion; and the final arrangements, including costs will be determined at a later time depending on the interest.

CORRECTION TO THE DESCENDENTS OF ROBERT SEELEY (1602-1677) AND OBADIAH SEELEY (1614-1657): GENERATIONS ONE THROUGH FIVE BOOK

4 OBADIAH SEELEY (2) (?William) (?chr 5 Jun 1614, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England).

Add the question mark (?) before the christening date. This record has yet to be confirmed to be that of our ancestral Obadiah. More research is needed before this date can be confirmed.

Kathryn Olsen
Author

NOTICE

Elizabeth T. Seeley of 294 Hrubetz Rd. SE, Salem, OR 97302-4985, has notified the SGS of the death of her husband, James Henry Seeley on August 13, 2001.

QUERIES

SGS QUERIES (Data as of 11 January 2002)

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

Please note:

Please send queries to Jim Seeley at the Email address listed on page 2 of this Newsletter or to your Area Coordinator, listed elsewhere. Jim assigns Query numbers for tracking purposes and forwards the query to the Query Team comprising Dan Seelye, John Seely, Kathie Olsen, Ray and Ann Hall, and Terry Tietjens. He then consolidates all responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query # to the SGS Newsletter Editor.

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query # 0111-7 The submitter was Elizabeth Kommersmith, Email bessyjane@hotmail.com and her query was:

Re **George Washington Seeley**, SGS # 3900.

William R. Knoop (Email Wrknoop@aol.com) responded that he is a descendant of George Washington Seeley's oldest sister, Cornelia B. Seeley (SGS # 3896). Mr. Knoop provided excerpts from the Will of their father, Charles Seely (SGS#1763) and evidence that this Seely family lived in Lockport, NY in the 1850 to 1860 timeframe. He also offered to share additional information with Ms Kommersmith. Mr. Knoop's Email was forwarded to Dan Seelye, John Seely, and Terry Tietjens for adding his data to their files.

NEW QUERIES

Please send a copy of any information you might develop regarding the following queries to the submitter and copy to Jim Seeley. Query numbers beginning with SR-2001 means these queries were submitted for posting at the September 2001 Seeley Reunion in Tacoma, WA.

Query # SR-2001-1: Submitted by Rick Schoen, Email rmschoen@worldnet.att.net

Subject: Joseph Seely (1823-1902)

Rick is looking for information on Joseph Seely who was born in New York ca 1824. On 16 Apr 1846 he mar Caroline S. Richards in Washington County, Ohio. Caroline was b ca 1827 in Ohio and d on 17 Sep 1858 in Barlow Township, Washington County, OH. Joseph and Caroline had six children: Ellen E., Hulda J., Adda R., William W., George W., and Rufus F. After Caroline's death, Joseph married Mary M. Laughlin on 8 Feb 1860 in Washington County, OH. Joseph and Mary had 5 children: Elfrida, Lucy M., Hannah F., Joseph G., and Mary E. Mark is a descendant of Joseph and Caroline's dau Adda R. Seely.

SGS Response: This query was posted on the query board at rootsweb.com and it received a reply from Bill Seely (wkseely@aol.com). Bill believes he descends from Joseph Seely's brother, William Jackson Seely, b. 1832 in Sullivan Co., NY the youngest child of William Gedney Seely and Hannah Ferris. Rick Schoen responded that he believed there was a match. With this info, Dan Seelye was able to send Rick a Group Sheet on William Gedney Seely, SGS # 1633, a SGS Seventh Generation Family in the Obadiah line.

Query # SR-2001-2: Submitted by Richard and Terri Moberly, Email rmoberly@swbell.net

Subject: Walter Hughson Seeley and Frank Melvin Seeley

Walter and Frank Seeley (brothers) married sisters, Ora Sophronia and Ota Minerva Lane, respectively. The Moberlys are looking for descendants of these two marriages.

SGS Interim Response: John Seely, the SGS Database Coordinator responded that according to data submitted to SGS, the parents of Walter Hughson Seeley were Moses Carpenter Seeley and Mary Josephine Hughson. Moses (SGS # 3558) is recorded in the SGS 7th Generation Book as being in the 8th generation of Robert Seeley, in the Obadiah line. John stated he had additional information and requested how the Moberlys are connected to this line. No response to the Moberlys was received as of 28 December 2001.

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Query # SR-2001-3: Submitted by Jeff Darlington, Email dargenes@aol.com

Subject: Ancestors of Obadiah Seely

Jeff states that he has his family traced back to Obadiah Seely (1614-1657) of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, who married Mary Angel Miller (-1665). (Question 1) Has anyone been able to track Obadiah's or (Question 2) Mary's family back any farther? (Question 3) Or the related Osborn Family? (Question 4) Is anyone else there related to Martha Patty Seely (-1806) who married my (Jeff's) George McConnell?

SGS Interim Response: In response to questions (1) and (2), the Seeley Genealogical Society has hired professional Genealogists to help us determine Obadiah's ancestry. To date, we have found no primary source that genetically links Obadiah to the immigrant Robert Seeley (1602-1667) or that Obadiah originally hailed from Birmingham, Warwickshire, England. Additionally, Mr. Frederick C. Hart, Jr., CG concluded in a report to the SGS in June 1999 that "it is unlikely that Mary ____, the wife of (1) John Miller and (2) Obadiah Seeley was named Mary Angell." The results of our research have been published in SGS Newsletters dated February 2000, August 1999, February 1999, August 1997 and before. Copies of these and other SGS Newsletters may be obtained for \$1.00 each from Mr. Terry Tietjens at terryt@access-one.com. If anyone has information that differs from the above, we would be very grateful if you would share it. Seeking a resolution to the ancestry of Obadiah Seeley remains a high research objective of SGS. No information was received on questions (3) and (4).

Query # SR-2001-4: Submitted by Anne Denny, Email ja-denny@msn.com or US Mail at 4445 Catalina Place, Tucson, AZ 85718

Subject: Hannah (or Katherine) Seeley (Seelye)

Anne is seeking background information on Hannah (or Katherine, records differ) Seeley (Seelye) b. ca 1770 in England, m. Thomas Lidwill of Ireland, were in Troy, NY by about 1800, moved to Essex County, Ontario, Canada by the end of 1809. Children born during the period 1797-1810 were Elizabeth, Hannah, Abner, Nary, Robert, Thomas Jefferson, and Julie. Hannah (Katherine) died in Amhersburg, Essex County, Ontario, Canada about 1812.

SGS Interim Response: No information was received at this writing.

Query # SR-2001-5: Submitted by Nancy Hammes, Email nhammes@net66.com

Subject: Fielding Seal

Nancy is seeking info regarding her G-G-G Grandfather Fielding Seal, b. ca 1770 in PA, VA, or possibly SC. Nancy is now going on the theory that he may have changed his surname (or first name) in some way. He m. Jane Bales in Boutetourt County, VA in 1810.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded that his files show no information on Fielding Seal or Jane Bales. No other information was received on this query.

Query # SR-2001-6: Submitted by Bob Smith, Email loong40@infinet.com

Subject: Matilda Seely

Bob is looking for info on his G-G-Grandmother Matilda Seely, b. ca 1834 in Indiana. In the 1850 census she is listed with her mother Sarah, sister Lydia and a brother Charles. She m. Creighton W. Larmore in 1852 and she d. in 1868. She is buried in Rush County, IN with her husband Creighton.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye sent Bob a Group Sheet with data he received from Bob Smith and Janet Pease. He provided Janet's address and suggested Bob contact her to share data. The Group Sheet does not tie Matilda Seely in with the Seeleys listed in the 3 SGS Publications.

Query # SR-2001-7: Submitted by Bill Seely, Email waseely@aol.com

Subject: Frank Seely

Bill was told that his ancestor, Frank Seely, b. 1852, came to New York from Germany ca 1875. Bill asks if anyone is aware of any Seely folk from Germany?

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SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded that he could find no Frank Seely/Seeley/Seelye who came from Germany in his files. No other information was received on this query.

Query # SR-2001-8: Submitted by W. John Bauer, Email wjbauber@worldnet.att.net

Subject: Isaiah Seelye

John's Isaiah Seelye was b. 1777 Litchfield, CT and d. aft. 1850 prob. Sullivan Twp., Tioga County, PA. John would like to know (1) the name of Isaiah's spouse and date and place of the marriage. (2) did he have more than one spouse? (3) Do the names of his sons George Richmond Seelye and Lent D. Seelye provide any clues? (4) Was the spouse a Richmond? A Lent? A Dunning? Or a Dorsett? Or was her maiden name something else starting with a d? (5) Where, specifically was his daughter Mary Ann born in NY or his son Lent born in PA? (6) What was the name, and other information, about the female child listed in the 1810 NY census. (7) What was the date and place where Isaiah died? (8) Where was Isaiah interred? (9) What was the name of Isaiah's unit in the War of 1812? And (10) can anyone provide additional information about Isaiah from tax assessment and court records in NY or PA?

SGS Interim Response: The Isaiah Seelye for whom Mr. Bauer is seeking information is likely SGS # 306. The SGS Publication *The Sixth Generation Families*, pages 32 and 33, list data that generally corresponds with that Mr. Bauer provided. No additional information was received on this query.

Query # SR-2001-9: Submitted by Richard Shafer, Email rlshafer@concentric.net

Subject: Ida Clara Seeley

Richard is seeking info on Ida Clara Seeley, b. 14 Jul 1859 in Wayland, Steuben County, NY, d. 1 Mar 1903 in Cohocton, Steuben County, NY. Her parents were William Seeley (1820-1909) and Roxana Brooks (1821-1907).

SGS Interim Response: No Ida Clara Seeley was found in any of the 3 SGS Publications and no additional information was received on this query.

Query # SR-2001-10: Submitted by Georgiana ??, Email RgSte48398@aol.com

Subject: Mary/Polly Seeley

Georgiana's last name is unknown. Her original query was not received. Dan Seeley, however, subsequently forwarded correspondence regarding her query. Georgiana requested info on the ancestry of Mary "Polly" Seeley, b. 20 Oct 1785 in CT and d. 4 Nov 1857, bur. in North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington, Oakland Co., MI. She m. Eber Harger, who was b. 13 Sep 1781 in Derby, New Haven County, CT and he d. in 1839. Georgiana provided considerable data on the children and grandchildren of Eber Harger and Mary/Polly Seeley.

SGS Response: Mary/Polly Seeley, SGS # 1974, appears to match Georgiana's ancestor Mary "Polly" Seeley. Per the SGS Publication *The Seventh Generation Families*, Mary/Polly Seeley, SGS # 1974, was b. 20 Oct 1785 in Stratford, CT and d. 4 Nov 1857 in Farmington, MI. She m. Eber Harger who was b. 31 Jul 1781 in Derby, CT and d. 10 Jun 1839 in Farmington, Genesee County, MI. Mary/Polly's Seeley ancestors are Stephen (SGS # 612), Hezekiah, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Robert. Additional info may be found in the 3 SGS Publications.

Query # SR-2001-11: Submitted by Anne Seely Havard, Email ASH 321496@aol.com

Subject: Dwight Horace Seely

Anne is researching the family of her grandfather, Dwight Horace Seely, b. 1895 in Iowa. His parents were Fred Dwight Seely and Hattie Jane Moss, also of Iowa. She would appreciate any information we may

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have on her ancestors.

SGS Interim Response: No info was found on this line in the 3 SGS Publications and no info has yet been received on this query.

Query # SR-2001-12: Submitted by Warren Axtell, Email AXTELLW@cs.com

Subject: Jesse Seely

Warren is looking for the parents of Jesse Seely, b. about 1776 in Redding, Fairfield, County, CT. Marriage data on his first wife is unknown. He m. 2nd Deborah Deforest, b. about 1785 in Redding, CT. He also lived in Delaware County, NY.

SGS Interim Response: No match for this Jesse Seely was found in the 3 SGS Publications and no info has yet been received on this query.

Query # SR-2001-13: Submitted by Lesley Graham, Email lpghistory@yahoo.com

Subject: Permilla Seeley and John Mills, Jr.

Lesley is seeking info on the descendants of Permilla Seeley and John Mills, Jr. (No other information was received.)

SGS Interim Response: No match for Permilla Seeley or John Mills was found in the 3 SGS Publications and no info has yet been received on this query.

The following Queries were received after the deadline for the November 2001 Newsletter.

Query # 0202-1: Submitted by Diana Stuck, Email dreamer55_98@yahoo.com

Subject: Schubel Seeley

Dianna would like to connect with, share info with, and compare notes with anyone researching Schubel Seeley and his wife Martha Sarah Moon and their children. Schubel Seeley died in Crawford County, PA. She states her husband's line is Louise, Thomas, Schubel, Justus, David, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Robert Seeley.

SGS Interim Response: The SGS Publication *Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) & Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657) The Seventh Generation Families* lists who appears to be Diana's Schubel Seeley as SGS # 2486 in that the wife's name is the same, i.e., Schubel is listed as "m. 27 Jul 1812 Martha Moon" and the line is similar. SGS recommended Diana review the note in the Nathaniel Section, page 44 of the *Generations One Through Five* Book. That note essentially changes her husband's line somewhat from - Schubel, Justus, David, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Robert Seeley - to Schubel, Justus, David, Justus, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Robert Seeley; then review the resulting data in 6th and 7th Generation Families books to see if she agrees. If Diana's data disagrees with the family listing per the 3 SGS Publications, she was requested to provide information that would justify her position so any new evidence can be considered for a possible change to the publication(s). Meanwhile, Diana would like to hear from cousins who believe they are descendants of Schubel Seeley. Also see Query # 0202-8.

NOTE: Schubel Seeley (SGS # 2486) is a member of the EIGHTH Generation. Members are encouraged to send their 8th Generation Family information to John Seely (jrnmb@aol.com), Dan Seeley (seelyedan@worldnet.att.net), and Terry Tietjens (terryt@access-one.com).

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Query # 0202-2: Submitted by Bill Shull, Email wshull@kc.rr.com

Subject: Emeline Seely

Bill's son-in-law descends from Emeline Seely who married John Oscar Barton. He believes Emeline was born in Salt Lake City in 1851 and that she is the daughter of William S. Seel(e)y and Elizabeth DeHart. Bill is seeking further info on Emeline's ancestors.

SGS Response: The SGS 7th Generation Book lists a William Stuart Seely (SGS # 2336) who m. 1st, 24 Nov 1832, Elizabeth Dehart (d. 6 Apr 1873, Mt. Pleasant, UT). William was b. 18 May 1812, Pickering, Ontario, Canada and d. 16/18 Sep 1896, Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, UT; he was bur. in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. This William appears to be a match. His line is listed as Justus Azel, Justus William, Joseph, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Robert Seeley. Dan Seelye sent Bill a GEDCOM file of the ancestors of Emeline Seely and John Barton and requested Bill provide a GEDCOM file of Emeline's descendants.

Query # 0202-3: Submitted by Esther Sue Blackburn, Email EEssysue@aol.com

Subject: Frank Edward Seeley

Esther is seeking further info on the descendants and ancestors of Frank Edward Seeley who was b. in Illinois on 2 Oct 1869 and d. in Minden Mines, MO on 12 Jan 1916 and who m. Alma Alene. They lived in Frontenac, KS and had 9 children: George Green; Mitt; Paul; Stephen; Hattie M.; David; Frank; Eugene; and Sara K. (Esther's mother). Frank's father was Samuel Seely who was born in NY.

SGS Interim Response: John Seely responded that he could find no connection between Frank Edward Seeley and the Seeley's in his SGS Database. A review of the 3 SGS Publications also revealed no connection and no further info has yet been received on this query.

Query # 0202-4: Submitted by Marilyn Seely VanStory, Email MVanStory3@aol.com

Subject: Martin Van Buren Seely

Marilyn states her Great Grandparent Martin Van Buren Seely was b. 30 Jan 1834 and d. in Prophetstown, IL. Her G-G Grandfather was Ebenezer Seely, b. 6 Nov 1802 in Cataaugus County, NY (?) and d. 6 Jan 1886. Marilyn is seeking info on Ebenezer Seely's father (name, dob, location) and she would like to locate any living Seely relatives. She is aware of none.

SGS Interim Response: A review of the 3 SGS Publications revealed no connection and no further info has yet been received on this query.

Query # 0202-5: Submitted by Richard Holmes, Email rholmes@cinci.rr.com

Subject: Lawrence Sealey

Richard is researching his G-G-Grandfather, Lawrence Sealey, who was b. ca 1795 in Ireland, immigrated in the 1840's, lived in Cohoes, Albany County, NY in 1860. He m. Margaret b. ca 1801 and she was still alive in 1880, but apparently Lawrence was not. Their dau. Mary m. Henry Holmes. Lawrence was naturalized in Albany County but filed his dec-

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claration of intent in Rensselaer County, NY. Richard has Lawrence's naturalization papers. Richard is particularly interested in birth and death info on Lawrence and where and when he was born in Ireland.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded that he has no data on this Lawrence Sealey. A review of the 3 SGS Publications revealed no connection and no further info has yet been received on this query.

Query # 0202-6: Submitted by Janet Lewellen, EmailJadonlew@aol.com

Subject: John Brown Seeley

Janet is looking for ancestors and descendants of John Brown Seeley b. 3 Jun 1835 in NY. He m. Sarah Elizabeth Miller, b. 23 Sep 1837 in Canada. Their children were George Avery Seeley b. 1862 in WI, Melissa Seeley b. 1866 in MI, and Susan Seeley b. 1868 in IL. George Avery Seeley is Janet's Grandmother's father.

SGS Interim Response: Neither a review of the 3 SGS Publications nor the SGS Database provided a link to John Brown Seeley. John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator, responded that he received a query from Lou Ann Moore in 1993 regarding John Brown Seeley and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Miller. John provided Janet Ms. Moore's address. A somewhat remote theory the query submitter may want to pursue is as follows: John Brown Seeley may have been a descendant of either Jonas Seely, Jr. (SGS# 1736) or Peter Townsend Seely (SGS # 1742), or one of their brothers. Jonas and Peter both married sisters whose last names were Brown, i.e., Temperance Ann and Mary Caroline respectively. Jonas had 2 children with middle names of Brown. The second one, Joanna Brown Seely died when she was only 23 months old on 4 May 1837. Jonas named their next child, who was born on 8 May 1837 - just 4 days after Joanna Brown Seely's death, Joanna Seely. Given the youngster's untimely death, the propensity for giving middle names to honor mother's maiden surnames, and the timeframes these brothers' children were born, it's possible a "missing" John Brown Seely could fit into one of these family groups.

Query # 0202-7: Submitted by Herman J. Seelye, Email ehseelye@pacbell.net

Subject: Charles H. Seelye

Herman is interested in information on the descendants of Charles H. Seelye (b 1840; d 1919) SGS #2600 (see 7th Generation Book, Obadiah Section, page 65) and his wife, Julia Rockwell (b 1848; d 1926). They lived in Lindley, NY. He is especially interested in the descendants of the daughters: Anna who m. Alfred C. Brown; Stella who m. 1st Eugene J. Harrington and 2nd Linus Inman; and Catherine who also m. Linus Inman. There were also five sons in the family, Joseph W.; Frank; John Emerson; Herman W. (b 1874; d 1912) and Lyle G. (b 1872). Lyle G. had a daughter, Hazel (b 1896) who m. a Mr. Baker. Herman was interested in her (Hazel's) descendants as well.

SGS Interim Response: According to a Family Group Sheet provided by Dan Seelye, Hazel Seely's son, Dr. Lyle Abelbert Baker (b. 25 Jul 1921 in NY and d. 2 Dec 1981 in Merced, CA) was a veterinarian and died in an auto accident. Dr. Lyle Baker's father, per the Death

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Certificate (and probably Hazel's husband), was Archie Baker. No further info has yet been received on this query.

Query # 0202-8: Submitted by Karen Merrill Martin, Email kmmartin@nehalem.tel.net

Subject: Phebe Seelye and Elam Merrill

Karen is trying to determine the parents of her Great grandfather Sherman M. Merrill. She has two possibilities: (1) Elam P. Merrill and Phebe Seelye or (2) Selah (Seelye?) Merrill and Lois Fuller. Her Great grandfather Sherman was b. 28 Oct 1828 in NY State and was m. 11 Jun 1849 to Cordelia Stafford at Danby, VT (he was from Kingsbury, NY and she was from Plattsburgh, NY). Sherman m. 2nd Susan B. Walton, 25 Feb 1875 in Gallatin, TN. Karen would appreciate any help.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded that according to his files Phebe Ann Seeley's parents were Justus Seelye (SGS # 315) and Betsy Fuller. However, the *Generations One Through Five* SGS book contains a note on page 44 of the Nathaniel Section that says Justus was, in the author's opinion, previously incorrectly listed and that Justus was the son of David Seelye (SGS # 298). The *Sixth Generation Families* SGS book assigns this Justus Seelye SGS # 914 [Justus Seelye (b 26 Apr 1771; "died in the West"), m 19 Oct 1790, Elizabeth Fuller (d 2 Dec 1832, Queensbury, NY)]. The *Seventh Generation* SGS book lists 15 children for Justus and Elizabeth Fuller, the 9th being Phebe Seelye (SGS # 2493). According to this reference, Phebe was b 10 Feb 1804/5, d 19 May 1856, and m 1832 Elom/Elam Merrill. The *Generations One Through Five* SGS book note (page 44, Nathaniel Section) states "There are still questions to be resolved."

Be an ACTIVE MEMBER – if you have additional info, please respond to the queries.

Please send all queries to Jim Seeley (jrseeley@aol.com) or to your Area Coordinator. Jim assigns Query numbers for tracking purposes and forwards the query to the Query Team comprising Dan Seelye, John Seely, Kathie Olsen, Ray and Ann Hall, and Terry Tietjens. He then consolidates all responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query # to the SGS Newsletter Editor.

OBITUARY

PHYLLIS MAY SEELEY, 49, Curle Rd, Eustis, died Tuesday, Nov. 7. Mrs. Seeley was an office manager. Born in Saranac, NY, she moved to Central Florida in 1971. She attended First Baptist Church of Eustis. She was a Marine Corps veteran. Survivors: husband, Richard; sons, Richard II, Twenty-Nine Palms, CA, David, Eustis; daughters, Stacy McLain, Apopka, Angela Seeley, Eustis; mother, Arline Sweet, Bloomingdale, NY; brother Harold Cook, Robert Sweet, both of Bloomingdale, Paul Sweet, Plattsburgh, NY; sister, Melissa Boucher, Keeseville, NY. [The Orlando (Florida) Sentinel, Nov. 9, 2000]

Dear Ancestor,
Your tombstone stands among the rest;
neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
on polished, marble stone.
It reaches out to all who care, it is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist,
you died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you,
in flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
entirely not our own.
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled one hundred
years ago,
Spreads out among the ones you left who would of
loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew
That someday, I would find this spot,
and come to visit you.

Author Unknown

SGS 2003 Reunion at Williamsburg Virginia

An agreement has been signed with the Holiday Inn Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA to host the 2003 SGS Reunion. It has a restaurant and very good meeting facilities. There are other excellent restaurants close by. SGS plans to arrange shuttle transportation to Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens Theme Park and Water Country USA, and we'll arrange tours to Jamestown, Yorktown, and other areas of interest. Details will be published in a future Newsletter.

Dates: 2 – 7 (Tuesday – Sunday) September 2003. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Reservations: Call the Holiday Inn Patriot at 1-800-446-6001 before 15 August 2003.

Ask for the negotiated SGS rate of \$59 plus tax (presently 9.5%). To waive meeting and hospitality room rental fees, 200 or more room nights must be rented to SGS Reunion attendees during the 2-7 September period.

Preliminary Overall Agenda:

2, 3 September – Tours.

4, 5, 6 September – SGS meetings, evening dinners with after dinner speakers.

7 September – Tours and possibly an afternoon picnic.

Registration: The SGS Board will set a nominal registration fee during a meeting in May 2002. A Reunion registration form will be published in the November 2002 and succeeding Newsletters.

AREA COORDINATORS

During Reunion 2001, the concept of **Area Coordinators** was discussed and adopted. Area Coordinators will become actively involved in processing queries received which concern their designated area(s), both by coordinating the query with the submitter, and by evaluating the benefits of further research, utilizing the resources available in their designated area(s).

Initial volunteers for Area Coordinators were:

Terry Tietjens	Kansas
Ann Hall	Rocky Mountain West including Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, and Montana.
Marshall Seelye	New York Counties of Warren, Washington and Saratoga
Jeffry A. Allred	Utah
Dian Little	Ontario, Canada

"Famous Seeleys" & "Seeleys in the Military" Lists being Prepared

SGS Members' help is needed to compile two Seeley (any spelling) lists.

Both lists will include women & men. A female named with other than a Seeley surname should specify their line with a Seeley listed in the 3 SGS Publications.

Famous Seeleys List: we would like: Full name; dates of birth and death; lineage including parents names; education; field of expertise, and a short biography that would explain to a third party why the individual is considered famous.

Seeleys in the Military List: information should also include the branch of service, dates served, highest rank obtained.

All items should include the name & address of submitter. Selected items will be included in newsletters as space allows & the lists will ultimately be put in booklet form and made available to any one interested. There may be a small fee to cover repro and mailing costs. The information will also be available at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS.

Please submit inputs to Marshall B. Seelye, 945 Vaughn Rd. Hudson Falls, NY 12839; or mseelye@localnet.com. If practical, please use of Microsoft Word for submissions.

To start this collection, Marshall has furnished the following Famous Seeley Sketch as both an example and for general information:

Elwyn E. Seelye was the son of Elwyn & Elizabeth (Eggleston) Seelye. He is # 10 descended from Robert # 1 through Nathaniel.

Elwyn E. was born August 20, 1884 @ Dunhams Bay, Warren Co. N.Y.--Died December 28, 1959 at White Plains, N.Y.--age 75. He married Eleanor Janeway; attended Lake George N.Y. schools & graduated from Cornell University with an engineering degree in 1904. After working for New York Central Railroad, he opened an office in New York City in 1912, becoming senior partner in the firm of Seelye, Stevenson, and Value & Knecht. Among his projects were design of part of I-87, work on a 600 foot radio telescope tower at Sugar Grove, WV, The Dew Line (The early warning system in the arctic) & the Jefferson Memorial in Washington D.C. Elwyn authored several engineering textbooks used in colleges. Elwyn may have also served in the U.S. Cavalry, but this will need to be confirmed.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Your input to future SGS Newsletters is earnestly sought. Obituaries, News Items, Research Notes, etc., are only published if they get submitted. This is your Newsletter—Please contribute to make it more beneficial to other members. If space is limited for any one Newsletter, the items will be held and published as space becomes available.

PROPER ETIQUETTE FOR THE AMERICAN FLAG

Treat all flags with respect.

Always hold the flag carefully, never let it touch the ground the floor or water.

To display the flag on a wall, it should be displayed with the union (the blue filled portion of the flag) uppermost and to the observer's left.

To display the flag on a staff, the flag should hold the position of prominence in advance of the audience and to the speaker's right.

When the flag is displayed as a lapel pin, it should be worn on the left lapel—over the heart.

It is proper to fly the flag at night, but only if it is in a spotlight.

The American flag takes precedence over all other flags when flown in the United States.

To properly fold the flag, two people face each other, each holding one end of the flag. Stretch it horizontally at waist height and fold in half lengthwise. Fold the flag in half lengthwise again. The union (blue field) should be on the outside with edges held together. One person holds the flag by the union while the other starts at the opposite end by making a triangular fold. Continue to fold in triangles until the flag resembles a cocked hat with only the blue field showing.

At a parade or public event, stand when the flag is presented or passes by, remove hats, salute or cover your heart with the right hand or assume an attitude of respect.

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