



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you compare the Treasurer's report in this Newsletter with the one in the November 2001 Newsletter, you'll note that income from dues is significantly lower. This is partly due to more members taking advantage of discounted multi-year dues last year. We are seeking ideas on how we might increase membership. See a summary of the ideas we are working on elsewhere in this Newsletter. Your ideas and your help with implementing all ideas for increasing membership are welcome.

This Newsletter contains recommended changes to the Constitution and By-laws developed by a committee chaired by Kathie Olsen with members Walter Davis and Ray Hall. I would like to thank them for their thoughtful efforts. Many of the changes were discussed during the Board of Director's meeting on 18 May 2002 in Abilene, KS. Article V, Section 1 of the By-laws requires that any amendment proposal must be printed and submitted to the membership in the newsletter at least three

months prior to the reunion. If any member would like an Email copy or a paper copy of the Constitution and By-laws, please let me know and I'll provide it. The latest version has the words "Amended September 1999" printed on each page.

Kathie Olsen has provided ideas in this Newsletter for the SGS trip to England in 2004. Please send her your ideas and a note if you plan to make the trip. Firm commitments are not needed at this time but it is much easier to make plans if she knows about how many to plan for.

A volunteer organization is always looking for more volunteers to help with the work. See the list of projects needing help in this Newsletter.

I will be announcing a Chairperson in the February 2003 Newsletter for the nominating committee to select a nominating slate of officers for your vote during the September 2003 Reunion. This is a very important position. If you are interested, or

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if you know someone you would like to see get the job, please let me know.

Wesley Waring, Project Director for the Obadiah DNA Test Project, needs male volunteers as test subjects from both the Nathaniel and Obadiah line. Please contact him if you can help.

An overall SGS Reunion Agenda for our September 2003 membership meeting is in this Newsletter. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday (2, 3, and 7 Sep) are recommended for sightseeing in the Historical Triangle Area. SGS meetings will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Watch future Newsletters for additional information.

Please consider presenting a paper at the September 2003 Reunion. The paper should be on your family, or genealogy in general or history that you think members will be interested in. Presentations will be scheduled in blocks of one half hour each. More than one block will be assigned if needed. A computer with an electronic overhead projector will be provided or a projector for transparencies may be obtained. Please send a summary of your paper to me, copy to our Program Chairperson, Tammy Graham (wabitlvr@aol.com). You will be

notified well in advance if your paper has been selected.

I would like to compile a list of SGS Members who have a genealogical certification by any certifying organization. If this fits you, please send me details. Please indicate if you agree to have your name and certification published in the Newsletter. Also, please indicate if you do genealogical research for a fee.

SGS Members Ivy Harris, Veronica Newell, and Donna Seeley have volunteered to assist with the Registration Desk at the 2003 Reunion in Williamsburg, so that comes off our list of Projects needing volunteers. Thank you ladies. See the updated list in this Newsletter.

I'm still looking for a volunteer to relieve me as the Query Editor. I have paper copies of queries and responses to turn over in order to maintain consistency.

Please consider contributing articles to the Newsletter. Also please consider contributing your family data to the Seelye Research Center, to our Database Coordinator (John Seely), and to Dan Seelye for addition to his homepage.

Jim Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society

DNA PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Anita Lustenberger, a certified Genealogist has agreed to work with the SGS on structuring the DNA testing program so as to determine if there is a genetic link between Robert Seeley (Nathaniel) and Obadiah Seeley. Three members, Jim Seeley, Dan Seelye and Montell Seeley have agreed to participate; however Ms. Lustenberger feels that we should collect a sample from a male descendant from each male line of descendency from Nathaniel and Obadiah, plus at least two controls from known unrelated lines. A firm decision on laboratory selection has not been made; however Oxford Ancestors seems to be the best choice since they could cross reference with other projects they have done. (This might eliminate the need for control samples.) Any male members who can trace their paternal lines back to either Nathaniel or Obadiah are requested to advise the Project Manager so arrangements can be finalized to perform the testing phase of the Project.

Wesley Waring, Wesleyawaring@compuserve.com
DNA Project Manager

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\$2.00 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTIONS TO LDS ANCESTRAL FILES DATA

Katherine Olsen, SGS First Vice President, has agreed to facilitate any corrections to previously submitted ancestral files. If a change is necessary, the submitter is requested to send the change, along with all supporting documentation to her so she can work with the LDS Ancestral Files Manager to make the changes.

MISPLACED MEMBERS

Two members have become "Misplaced" since the last Newsletter.

Katherine Horvatt
Great Mills, MD

Nell Wheeler
Salt Lake City, UT

Any help in locating their current addresses would be appreciated:

George Seeley, 2nd VP
Membership Chairman

ENGLAND IN 2004

For those of you awaiting information on the trip to England for 2004, we submit the following preliminary ideas and a suggested schedule:

1. The trip would be scheduled for the week of Sept. 12 - 18, 2004.
2. All participants would make their own transportation arrangements to and from London, England.
3. Participants would meet in London, England on Sunday, Sept. 12 in the early evening at a designated hotel for dinner and a participants meeting.
4. Price, still to be determined, will include all meals and hotel accommodations for six nights, and transportation.
5. Ground transportation will be provided by a chartered bus coach.
6. Sites to visit will include but not be limited to London, Huntingdonshire, and Birmingham, England.
7. Breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 18 will be the concluding activity.
8. You will have time on your own before and after the tour depending on your own arrangements.

We would welcome any comments, questions and concerns, as well as indications of intent to participate in this activity.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Katherine Olsen, davidkathie@mstar2.net
Camille Bell
Richard Green
Tom Seeley

1881 HISTORY OF NEW HAVEN

Quinnipiac University has the complete text of Edward Atwater's 1881 History of New Haven on the Internet at their site: <http://www.invictus.quinnipiac.edu/colony.html> There are many references to Robert Seeley, which may be of interest to those who have not researched this book in the past. (furnished by SGS member Jean Seeley)

CLYDE SEELEY NAMED AS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Clyde Seeley of Granville Township, PA, who cannot walk without crutches, keeps busy doing a variety of volunteer work. For all that he does for his community, Seeley was named as The Review's Outstanding Citizen for January 2002. Clyde Seeley, a retired farmer spends one or two hours each week helping adults learn how to read. He is also a volunteer coordinator for the Farm Museum in Troy, and patrols 35 miles of country roads on his four-wheeler to pick up trash along the road. For the past 20 years, Seeley has had a neurological condition which has impaired his sense of balance, which coupled with his Arthritis, has made it difficult to walk. In the summer, Seeley regularly drives over to the Farm Museum with a mower towed behind his truck. He then mows the lawns of the Farm Museum and the nearby Mitchell House historical building. [Towanda, PA, Daily/Sunday Review] (Note: Clyde Seeley is a brother of James Seeley, and is a longtime SGS member. He was originally recruited by our past President, Bob Cox.)

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Loreen Wells
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Salem, OR

Would You Like to Help Us Increase Membership?

SGS can be more effective in providing information on our common ancestors if we can keep our membership growing. Here are some ideas on how we can do that. I ask each member to help us implement these ideas and send our Membership Chairperson any additional ideas you may have.

- ?? Work to keep the members we have.
 - ?? Make our Newsletters more "newsy."
 - ?? Publicize our Society by attending or writing to area Genealogical Societies.
 - ?? Publicize our Society in Genealogical publications.
 - ?? Members publicize our Society and our SGS Reunions in their local newspapers.
 - ?? Give membership as a gift to your children, grandchildren, and/or your local genealogical society.
 - ?? Donate a copy of the three SGS Publications to your local genealogical society or the genealogy section of your local library.
 - ?? Encourage family members to join.
- George Seeley, 2nd VP
Membership Chairman

EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

If you are truly interested in the latest developments in the field of genealogy, and in obtaining helpful information to aid in your own research, or if you just want to have a continual test of the proper functioning of your E-mail program, you must subscribe to the EASTMAN'S ONLINE GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER. It is free and consists of a weekly E-mail publication direct to your E-mail inbox. In the past articles have been abstracted for inclusion in the SGS Newsletter; however, there are too many good articles to continue to do so. To subscribe, go to: <http://www.RootsForum.com> Past issues are also available at that address.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Your input to future SGS Newsletters is earnestly sought to make it more "newsy." Local meetings, Obituaries, News Items, Research Notes, and other items of potential general interest to the membership, 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.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

A committee chaired by Katherine Olsen, and consisting of Walter Davis and Ray Hall was appointed by the SGS President, Jim Seeley, to draft proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society. Initial changes proposed by the committee are listed below.

Constitution

Article IV: Officers

- Section 1. Delete on the second line after First Vice President - for Membership. (This would have the effect of removing the mandatory collateral duty of Membership Chairman from the chair of the First Vice President.) Revise the last sentence to read: "The President shall appoint an Ancestral Files Chairman, a Membership Chairman, a Publications Editor, a Judge Advocate, and a Director for the National Research Center."
- Section 3. Revise to read: The officers and directors term of service shall begin on the first month following election or re-election of officers at the national reunion. (delete the phrase "held every second year.")

Article V: Meetings

- Section 4. Add: Five elected officers constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

Bylaws

Article III: Duties of Elected Officers

- Section 1. Add: The President shall serve as the chairperson of the committee to organize the membership meeting conducted per Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- Section 3. The First Vice President shall (delete) have charge of membership, promotion for the Society, act on behalf of the President when required (add) perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.
- Add
- Section 14. A membership chairperson, responsible for the promotion of the Society shall be appointed by the President from the Executive Board. (This would make the Membership Chairman a collateral duty of any member of the Executive Board.)
- Section 15. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named.

Additional suggested revisions can be submitted to the above named committee for consideration. A final proposal for revision of the Constitution and Bylaws will be published in the May 2003 Newsletter such that they may be voted on at the 2003 Reunion.

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

If you haven't done so already, check out the following web site: <http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/>
It has many links of specific interest to those of us who will be attending the SGS Reunion next September.

SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002

Beginning Balance October 1, 2000		\$22,076.72
Add Receipts		
Dues	\$1,937.00	
Fifth Generation Books	477.00	
Sixth Generation Books	272.00	
Seventh Generation Books	612.00	
Life Membership	600.00	
Research	84.00	
Bank Interest	170.74	
Prepaid DNA Test	100.00	
Newsletter	3.00	
Total Receipts		\$4,255.74
Total Available Cash		\$26,332.46
Less Disbursements		
Postage	\$955.59	
Supplies	434.57	
Newsletters	1,669.95	
Donation to Seelye Archive	500.00	
Dues for Fed. Of Gen. Societies	65.00	
Dues for NYSCOGO	25.00	
Fed. Of Gen. Soc. Convention Expenses	161.00	
Plaque for Past President	53.60	
Seventh Generation Books	1,613.77	
Bank Charge	6.00	
Total Disbursements		\$5,484.48
Ending Balance September 30, 2002		\$20,847.98
Ending Balance included in the following three accounts:		
Regular Checking Account	\$9,829.94	
Don Eff Memorial Research Account	1,518.04	
Life Membership Certificate of Deposit	9,500.00	
Submitted by:	William J. Thresher	September 30, 2002
	Treasurer	
	Seeley Genealogical Society	

QUERIES

SGS QUERIES (Data as of 13 October 2002)

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

Please send queries to Jim Seeley at jrseeley@aol.com 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 responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query # to the SGS Newsletter Editor. Contact Jim and the query submitter if you have information to add.

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query # 0202-6 Re: John Brown Seeley The submitter was Janet Lewellen, Email jadonlew@aol.com. The February 2002 Newsletter provided an interim response but we were unable to find a John Brown Seeley in our SGS database. In July, Janet discovered that John's daughter, Melissa E. Seeley [Lissie Seeley Farr] was b. 1867 in Richfield Twp., Genessee County, MI. Genessee County, MI research yielded a couple of Seelyes. One was Abel Seelye. **Janet now asks if anyone has info on Seelye's who settled in Genessee County, MI between 1837-1867.** She believes they may be the link to her John Brown Seeley who m. Sarah Elizabeth Miller from Canada abt 1857. Dan Seelye responded that he found, in the 1880 census for Prairie City, McDonough, IL, a 45 year old John B. Seeley, a 42 year old wife Sarah E. Seeley with two children: 18 year old George A. Seeley and a 14 year old daughter, Melissa E. Seeley. Meanwhile, Janet has been in contact with two cousins who have joined the search for John Brown Seeley's parents; they are Lou Ann Moore and Darlene Seeley Baker.

Based on the census data Dan Seelye provided, Janet's cousin Darlene developed a "hunch" that John Brown Seeley's parents may be George Seeley and Henritta Taylor. George was b. abt 1797 in Norwalk, New London County, CT. No birth info on Henritta. **Darlene asks if anyone has info on the children of George and Henritta.** Darlene states George Seeley's parents were Elisha Seeley [b. 5/16/1762 New Canaan, CT, d. 8/6/1816 Norwalk, CT] and Elizabeth Brown [b. 6/24/1769 Norwalk, CT, d. 3/19/1822]. Since the only son for George and Henritta that shows up is a George W. Seeley, **Darlene [dbaker@ci.Glendale.ca.us] wonders if one of Elisha and Elizabeth's other sons could be the father of John Brown Seeley.** If anyone has info that would help identify the ancestry of John Brown Seeley, please contact Janet and Darlene, copy to Jim Seeley and reference SGS Query # 0202-6.

Update to Query # 0205-4 Re: Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye The submitter was Pepita Ferrari, Email pepich@pop.total.net. She is a Director/Producer for Films Piche Ferrari Inc. She was seeking any updated information from SGS since her last contact with us in 1997. Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye was a Canadian girl who enlisted in the Civil War as a man, Franklin Thompson. In 1857, Sarah married Linus H. Seelye of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. The May 2002 Newsletter provided an interim response in which Terry Tietjens listed the documents held at the Seelye Research Center. As a result of that query and interim response, Rena Mooney [Email mooneytree@hotmail.com] notified Ms. Ferrari and SGS that a couple of references not listed in the interim response were: (1) A screenplay by J. Myra Kopell titled *She rode with the Generals*, and (2) a book of the same name and Rena provided the following "BIBLIOGRAPHY: Sylvia G. L. Dannett, *She Rode with the Generals: The True and Incredible Story of Sarah Emma Seelye, Alias Franklin Thompson* (New York: Nelson, 1960). Betty Fladeland, 'Alias Franklin Thompson', *Michigan History* 42 (December 1958). Betty Fladeland, 'New Light on Sarah Emma Edmonds, Alias Franklin Thompson,' *Michigan History* 47 (December 1963). Mary Hoehling, *Girl Soldier and Spy: Sarah Emma Edmundson* (New Your: Messnor, 1959). *Houston Post*, September 7, 1898, June 2, 1901, February 26, 1967."

Thank you Rena. Rena is a descendant of Schubel Seeley, SGS # 2486 in the Nathaniel line.

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New Queries

Query # 0211-1: Submitted by Rhonda Seeley, Email cowgrlrj@yahoo.com

Subject: William Henry Seeley

Rhonda requests any information on her gggrandfather, William Henry Seeley, b. 1846, d. 1905. He married Leah Belle Staley, b. 1874. No location information [city, county or state] was provided.

SGS Interim Response No information was found regarding this William Henry Seeley in the 3 SGS Publications. Although there are three William Henry Seeley's in the 7th Generation Book, none is a match in either dates or wife's name. It is recommended the submitter try to determine where William Henry Seeley lived and then start consulting census records and contact the State's Department of Vital Records for birth certificates, etc. If anyone has info that would help Rhonda, please reply to her, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-2: Submitted by Annabelle Seelye Fhur, Email fuhrs@tiadon.com.

Subject: J. Randall Seelye

Annabelle was born in Houston, TX on 30 Dec 196?, was separated from her father, J. Randall Seelye, and grew up in foster homes. His last known address was Ishpeming, Michigan. Annabelle is requesting any information on her family.

SGS Interim Response No response has yet been received with information on J. Randall Seelye. There is a chance he could be found in the 1930 census in either Michigan or Texas. State (Vital Records) or the County Clerks' Office may have info on him. Contacting a local genealogical society in Michigan might result in other leads. If any member can help Annabelle, please respond to her Email address above, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-3: Submitted by Kelly S. George, Email norstar_k9@hotmail.com.

Subject: Freeman Hall Seeley

Kelly is seeking information about Freeman Hall Seeley (b. 1830, d. 1916) and Harriet Maria Mount (b. 1845, d. 1937). Their son, Riley Mount, was Kelly's great-great grandfather.

SGS Response: The SGS Publication *The Seventh Generation Families* list Freeman Hall Seeley, Jr. as SGS # 2791. He was b. 17 Feb 1830, Long Hill/Weston, CT; d. 26 Mar 1916, Chester County, TN; bur. at Sweet Lips, TN; m. 1st, 1849, St. Louis, Mo, Catherine Churchill (d. New Orleans, LA); m. 2nd, 26 May 1862, Cairo, IL, Mary Gilkey of Athen, IL; m. 3rd, Esther Martha Smith (d. 1863); m. 4th, Mrs. Esther King; m. 5th, 20 May 1866, Jackson, TN, Martha J. Graham; m. 6th, Mar 1879, Chester County, TN, Harriet Maria Mount (b. 7 Aug 1845, Jack's Creek, Chester County, TN, d. 9 Nov 1937, Chester County, TN). His father was Freeman Hall Seeley, SGS # 1100 in the seventh generation of the Nathaniel Seeley line. His line was Agur/Augar, Joseph, Joseph, John, Nathaniel, Robert. If any reader is in this line and you can provide Kelly info not found in the 3 SGS Publications, please contact her, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-4: Submitted by Volney J. Powers. Email volneyp@webtv.net. Volney asks that anyone who has info on his query also send it to his brother, Al Powers at alpowers@wideopenwest.com and to his cousin Melanie Richards at mmrichards@comcast.net.

Subject: Richard Seeley Townsend

Volney is seeking a Seeley connection to Richard Seeley Townsend (1827-1902) who m. Elizabeth Warmingham, 1836-1904. His parents were John Townsend and Sarah Seeley (no dates). Volney says Richard was born in Ireland. His mother, Sarah Seeley was also born in Ireland. Her husband, John, was born in England. They came to the US in 1832. Richard and his wife died in Cayuga County, NY.

SGS Interim Response: This Seeley line from Ireland is interesting. A check of the 6th and 7th Generation SGS Books found no match for either Sarah Seeley or John Townsend. However, there are many Sarah Seeley's listed for which there is little or no information known. Most of the Seeley's listed in our SGS Publications were descendants of Robert and/or Obadiah who immigrated in the 1600's whereas, Sarah immigrated

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QUERIES (Continued)

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from Ireland. This appears to be a Seeley line for which we have no info. If any reader has information on this line, please let Volney and Al Powers and Melanie Richards know, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-5 Submitted by Gene Burgess, Email geneburgess@san.rr.com.

Subject: Deborah and Electra Seelye

Gene has info that shows Oliver Leanard Millard married Electra Seelye (no dates provided). A friend's bible shows Oliver L. Millard b. 24 Feb 1793 m. Deborah Seelye on 24 Feb 1816. Gene wondered if two Oliver Millards married into the Seelye family.

SGS Response: According to the SGS 7th Generation Families book, Deborah Seelye (SGS # 790) was b. 20 May 1795 in Kingsbury, NY and m. Nov 1817 Oliver Leonard Millard. As a widower, Oliver m. as 2nd wife, his wife's niece, Electa Seelye, SGS # 2222. Electa was the daughter of Deborah's brother, Benjamin. Deborah is a 7th generation Seelye in the line of Nehemiah, Benjamin, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, and Robert (1602-1667). Dan Seelye provided a Group Sheet that agreed with the 7th Generation book and Marshall Seelye (the Query Area Coordinator for NY) provided additional information from the files of Judge John Austin of Queensbury. If anyone has additional info on Oliver L. Millard descendants, please send it to Gene Burgess, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-6: Submitted by Gerry Field, Email gfld@attbi.com

Subject: John Seely

Gerry is seeking info on the origins of John Seely, Hannah Gardner and their children. John and Hannah are his 4th-great grandparents who lived in the North Square area of Boston, MA in the 1760s and 1770s and were Loyalists. Gerry has found baptism records from the Old North Church for their children Elizabeth, David, James, Sarah, and Love. Gerry believes John is the John Ciely listed in Stark's *The Loyalists of Massachusetts and the Other Side of the American Revolution*. John's daughter, Sarah, married Gerry's ancestor John Field at St. Paul's Church in Halifax in June 1789.

SGS Interim Response: A search of the 3 SGS Publications did not find a match for the John Seely that Gerry is seeking. If anyone has info on John Seely or his wife Hannah Gardner, please pass it to Gerry Field, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-7: Submitted by Dwight Fisher, Email dfisher@ezi.com

Subject: Becky Seeley

Dwight is seeking help or suggestions in finding the ancestors of Job Tripp and his wife Becky Seeley. They may have lived in Wysox Township, Bradford County, PA or in Huntington Township, Luzerne County, PA during the time period 1795 to 1805 then moved to Washington County, PA in 1806. Some sources state Job's wife was Mary Martin so Dwight may be working on more than one Job Tripp. Dwight has not been able to document the parents.

SGS Interim Response: Terry Tietjens, Seelye Research Director, responded that he could not find these names in his SGS data at the Research Center. However, he said that the 1790 census records for Luzerne County, PA showed TWO Job Tripps', one had a wife, 3 daughters, and 3 sons. The other had a wife, one daughter and no sons. (Wives names aren't listed in census records before 1850.) Terry says the 1800 census enumerates a Job Tripp in Huntington Twp., Luzerne County, PA with a wife, 5 sons, and 3 daughters. The 1800 census shows another Job Tripp in Tunkhannock Twp., Luzerne County, PA listing a son and a daughter. The 1830 census for Abington Twp., Luzerne County, PA lists Job Tripp (age 70 – 79), a wife (age 50-59), two sons (age 15-19 and age 20-29) and two daughters (age 15-19 and age 20-29). **Suggestions include:** contacting the County Clerk for Luzerne County for Tripp land records, County Historical Society for documented histories that may include Tripps (for example, neighboring Bradford County that includes Wysox has published two county history books, one before and one after the 1890s). Abington, Huntington and Tunkhannock Township church records may list birth, death, or marriage info. Local tax records and cemetery listings may also be helpful and might be found on local genealogical society web sites. If anyone has additional info that will help Dwight, please contact him, copy to Jim Seeley. [Also see Query #0208-3 Regarding Becky Seeley.]

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Query # 0211-8: Submitted by Tammy Taylor, Email tammytaylor@snowcrest.net.

Subject: Cm and Catherine Seley

Tammy is seeking info on Dr. Cm (?) and Catherine Seeley of San Francisco and has a photo of Catherine that she hopes someone might recognize. Tammy says her great grandmother lived at her (Catherine's?) address and Tammy says her great grandmother's sister is buried with Catherine (no location given).

SGS Interim Response: Chris Havnar, the SGS Query Area Coordinator for Northern California, asked Tammy some questions regarding her query and nothing had been heard by Newsletter deadline. Tammy also provided the adjacent electronic copy of the photo of Catherine to the Newsletter Editor. If anyone has any info that might help Tammy, please contact her, copy to Jim Seeley.



Query # 0211-9: Submitted by Michele Seeley Proke, Email kproke@shaw.ca.

Subject: Martin Seley

Michele is seeking info on Martin Seley, b. ca 1816 in Upper Canada. He m. Irena Cummings ca 1842 and had the following children, all born in Hastings County, Ontario, Canada: Samuel [b. 1843], George [b. 1845], Ann [b. 1847], David [b. 1850; this is Michele's great grandfather], John [b. 1852], Martin J. [b. 1855], Charlotte [b. ca 1860], and William H. [b. ca 1863]. Martin had a brother Samuel, b. 1812 who died in 1868 unmarried. In 1861, he shared a 300-acre lot in Rawdon, Canada (?) with a 42-year-old Levi Seeley and Levi's wife Abigail.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye could find no match in his files. A check of the 3 SGS publications also came up negative. If anyone has info that would help Michele, please contact her, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-10: Submitted by Terry Birch, Email tbirch@starband.net.

Subject: Joseph Pennock Seeley

Terry is seeking proof of a legal name change for Joseph Pennock Seeley. He was b. 22 Feb 1765, the son of James Pennock & Margaret Seelye. "Family lore" says Joseph was a pharmacist who gave a customer the wrong prescription and died so he took his mother's maiden name and fled town, moving to New York where he lived until he died. Joseph later discovered that the woman had died before taking the prescription. Joseph m. Chloe Castle (b. ca 1763) in Woodbury, CT ca 1783.

SGS Interim Response: No info was received on this recent query. If anyone has info, please contact Terry, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0211-11: Submitted by Kris Seely, Email kiseely@holycross.edu.

Subject: Jesse Seely

Kris is seeking info on the ancestors and siblings of Jesse (sp?) Seely who shows up in the 1900 Brooklyn, NY census. He was b. in May 1865 in NY and m. Ellie (b. in England) with four children – Adele, Abenzyer (sp?), Harry, and Welling.

SGS Interim Response: No info was received on this recent query. If anyone has info, please contact Kris, copy to Jim Seeley.

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Query # 0211-12: Submitted by Andrew Waber, Email brainiac1082@netzero.net.

Subject: Harriet (Seeley) Vedder

Andrew is seeking a connection between his great great grandmother, Harriet Seeley Vedder and Capt. Robert Seeley (assume Robert Seeley 1602-1667).

SGS Response: Dan Seelye responded to Andrew that he and Dan share common ancestors and thus the same line back to Robert Seeley (SGS # 1), the Winthrop Fleet immigrant.

Note: Two additional queries were received on 14 October 2002, just after the Newsletter deadline. They will be included in the February 2003 Newsletter.

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.

HELPFUL IDEAS

Creative Name Searches

Sometimes the spelling of a name—even a simple name—can be unexpected. We had a Basil Tucker whose first name was never spelled the same twice. Reportedly, he had a second wife, but we weren't able to find any record of the marriage in the State Index. I had almost concluded that (they) were married in another state when I spotted a Tucker widow with a Tucker child and a young Lee family also living at her location. So instead of Tucker I tried Lee for the wife. Up jumped my Basil Tucker as Basel Toker. We've got to be "loose and creative" in our searches sometimes because other people surely were with their spelling. *Thanks to Cleo Bryant for today's Quick Tip!*

Enlarging Photographs

My dad lent me his photo album to scan. Most of the pictures were extremely clear but very small (2 by 3 inches). While I was copying e-mailed photos to share with family, I also enlarged and copied some of the group shots from my father's album. My dad had already identified the folks in the photos so I wasn't expecting anything extra. However, something about those pictures being bigger opened the memory floodgates. At first, I thought I had upset him, but he thanked me for the larger picture and said it really was a simpler, care-free time (he was about five). He shared some stories about each person and I got to know them (and him) a little better. Later, I compared the enlarged picture against the original. It wasn't as clear but the bigger picture showed each person's expression and it FELT different to look at it. Since then, I have used the zoom button a lot more often and have loved the results even if the picture loses clarity. *Thanks to Karen in Florida for today's Quick Tip!*

Searching Cemeteries

I have spent many hours in cemeteries tramping up and down the rows looking for those "hiding in plain sight" tombstones. One day, while trying to read the inscriptions from afar, across the expanse of a hilly cemetery, I thought, "I wish I had my binoculars." (You know, the small but powerful kind you take to concerts when you can only afford to be in the balcony seats?) Eureka! What a great idea. Now my binoculars hang around my neck with my camera, bringing the tombstones to me, and saving me many footsteps in my search for elusive ancestors. *Thanks to Kathleen Richmond for today's Quick Tip!*

These helpful ideas were abstracted with permission from Ancestry.com.

SGS 2003 Reunion at Williamsburg, Virginia

Agenda for SGS Reunion, 2-7 September 2003 (Rev 10/14/02)

4 – 6 September are the “basic” SGS Reunion dates; 2, 3, and 7 September are primarily for registration, touring (Note 5) and getting acquainted.

NOTES:

Monday, 1 Sep 03	Tuesday 2 Sep 03	Wednesday 3 Sep 03	Thursday 4 Sep 03	Friday 5 Sep 03	Saturday 6 Sep 03	Sunday 7 Sep 03
	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel	Breakfast at hotel
	Early Registration 0830-0930 Note 1 - (Jim)	Early Registration 0830-0930 1500-1700 (Jim)	Registration 0800-1130 1530-1700 (Ivy, Veronica, Donna)	Registration 0800-0900 1530-1700 (Ivy, Veronica, Donna)	Final Registration 0800-0900 (Ivy, Veronica, Donna)	
	Tours	Tours	Tours - am	Meetings	Meetings	Tours
			0800 - 2100: Open Hospitality Room	0800 - 2100: Open Hospitality Room	0800 - 2100: Open Hospitality Room	0800 - 1200: Open Hospitality Room
			0900 to 1100: Director's Meeting	0900-1130 Business Meeting, Election of Officers, Decide site of next Reunion, Old business	0900-1130 Presentation of Papers, Genealogy 102, Guest Speaker	0830-1000 Alternate time for New Director's meeting
		No host Lunch at Hotel	1130- No host Lunch at Hotel	1200- No host Lunch at Hotel	1200- No host Lunch at Hotel	Picnic TBD
			1300-1500 Opening Meeting, Welcome, Introductions, Announcements	1300-1630 Presentation of Papers. Note 4. Genealogy 101, Guest Speaker	1300-1500 Final Business Meeting. New business 1530-1700 Director's meeting.	
			1800-Pay ahead Dinner at Hotel. Door prize. Introductions. Note 2	1800- Pay ahead Dinner at Hotel w/ after dinner speaker. Door prize.	1800- Note 3. Dinner. Install new officers, after dinner speaker	

1. Registration fee is \$5 per person. Registration packets will be provided.
2. Dinner on Thursday & Friday evenings will offer a choice of 3 entrees; cost will include afternoon refreshment during the meetings, taxes, and gratuities.
3. Saturday night dinner will be coat & tie at a restaurant a short drive from the hotel.
4. There will be a charge for a copy of each of the papers being presented to cover reproduction.
5. The City of Williamsburg runs a shuttle from the hotel to the Williamsburg historical district for a per ride fee.

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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 POC are found on page 2 of the Newsletter.

<u>Project</u>	<u>POC</u>
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Plan Trip to Great Britain in 2004	Kathy Olsen, davidkathie@mstar2.net
Host for SGS Reunion in 2005	Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

No matter how little time you have, it would be wonderful if each member could contribute to at least one project.

SGS Numbers Confusing?

There are several numbering systems in use by SGS Members and unless you know what they are, they can be very confusing. Here is an explanation of the ones I know about. If there are errors here or if I've missed some, please contact me.

1. **SGS Number** – This phrase should always be reserved for the number assigned by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen to the Seeley descendants listed in the 3 SGS Publications. Please do not use this phrase for other purposes when communicating with SGS Members.
2. **SGS Database Submitter Number** – John Seely assigns a number to each person who provides him info on Seeley descendants for use in the SGS (his) database. It helps him connect “cousins” who give him info on the same relative. It is only used for access to information in his data base and to file the information submitted to the Seeley Research Center files.
3. **Dan Seelye's Homepage Number** – If any of you have received info from Dan, you may have seen a number assigned to people he has entered in his homepage. He has over 52,000 names on his homepage and his “BK database” assigns its own number. However, he will include the SGS number and a number denoting the generation number of the individual where they exist or if he has that information. He will attempt to clarify the different numbers he uses.
4. **Newsletter Mailing Address Paid To Date** – The Membership Chairperson provides this date to the Newsletter Editor as a means of keeping the individual members aware of the expiration of their current membership. The format is month and year of expiration. Life Members are indicated as LIFE. If you have questions regarding the Paid To date on your label, or the lack of one, please contact George Seeley (address on page 2). [Note: In the past the label also contained a number corresponding to the SGS Database Submitter Number (#2 above); however, this has been discontinued to avoid confusion with the SGS Number defined in 1 above.]

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