



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have appointed a Nominating Committee to select a slate of candidates for the Executive Board for the Membership vote during the 2003 Membership Meeting (Reunion) in Williamsburg, VA. They are Eugene Seelye (Chairperson), John Seely, and Beverly Smith. Selecting the best leaders for SGS is a very important task and I thank these three former leaders of SGS for accepting the challenge. Please contact them if you would like to serve.

This Newsletter issue and the May and August issues will contain a registration form for the 2003 SGS Reunion. Please complete it and send it to me as soon as possible, but no later than 15 August. Meal and tour planning require at least a couple of weeks advance notice. Don't forget to mention SGS when you arrange your hotel accommodations to get the \$59 (+ tax) special rate. Mention SGS again when you check into the hotel so we get credit for your stay. If we buy at least 200 room-nights during the 2 to 7 September 2003 period, we will owe no more for meeting/hospitality room rent.

Our 2003 Reunion daily schedule is nearly firm. There is still time on the agenda for one or two more presentation of papers. If you would like to present one, please send me a summary.

I am so happy that Linda Crocker has volunteered to be our new Query Editor. See a separate article in this Newsletter introducing Linda.

Thanks to those 28 Members who have stepped forward to volunteer assistance with SGS Projects. See the list of projects needing assistance elsewhere in this Newsletter and the status of volunteer assistance already offered.

I checked out the web site recommended by Jean Seeley Richards in the November Newsletter (page 5) containing the complete text of 1881 History of New Haven by Edward Atwater. The many references to Robert Seeley and the times during which he lived make the book a good subject for a presentation at the SGS Reunion. Any volunteer?

The Board of Directors has voted to continue membership in the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). Dues are \$65 per year. John Seely is our FGS representative.

Male volunteers for the DNA Test Project are needed from Nathaniel's descendants, i.e., Nathaniel (SGS # 5), Robert (SGS # 6), Joseph (SGS # 8), and John (SGS # 9) and from Obadiah's descendant Cornelius (SGS # 18).

Don't forget to provide the Newsletter Editor with info on your local reunions, obituaries on Seeley descendants from your local newspaper, and articles you think may be of interest to Members.

Jim Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society

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DNA PROJECT STATUS REPORT

As reported in the last Newsletter, 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 identify four from the two lines of descendency from Nathaniel and Obadiah as indicated below. The purpose of this project is to try to determine how close the relationship is between descendants of Nathaniel (1627-1675) known son of Robert and Obadiah (about 1614-1657). For this purpose, DNA testing analyses the Y-chromosome, which is from the male line. This test result is sometimes referred to as a signature that can be compared to others. The test lab that we are using is Oxford Ancestors Limited, Killington, United Kingdom. Some samples have been sent to the lab, however we need more volunteers as indicated below.

Male volunteers who can trace their ancestry back to one of the male ancestors listed below are encouraged to volunteer. Each volunteer is encouraged to donate half the testing cost (\$100), and the Seeley Genealogical Society will pay the remainder. If you are interested in participating please contact the DNA Project Director Wesley Waring: wesleyawaring@compuserve.com

A Nathaniel line:

1. Nathaniel (SGS # 5) - No candidate
2. Robert (#6) - No candidate
3. Benjamin (#7) - done
4. Joseph (#8) - No candidate
5. John (#9) - No candidate

B. Obadiah line:

6. Obadiah (SGS # 17) done
7. Cornelius (#18) - No candidate
8. Jonas (#19) - done

The Executive Board of the SGS is very interested in completion of this project as expeditiously as possible in order that the issue of relationship between Robert, Nathaniel and Obadiah may be resolved.

Wesley Waring
DNA Project Director

The Newsletter has a New QUERY EDITOR

SGS Member Linda Crocker has agreed to assume the challenging position as Query Editor. Linda's volunteering for the Query Editor position comes at a most welcome time as I begin the detailed planning for the September Reunion in Williamsburg, VA.

Linda grew up in Rochester, NY and has lived in MD, OH, DE, and Luxembourg. She now is in her 7th year living in the northern part of England. Linda's husband, Bob, works for DuPont. They plan to return to the US when he retires in 5 years. Linda travels to the US several times/year to visit family. She tries to work in side trips of a genealogical nature, especially to NY State, home of her favorite ancestor, Valencourt Seely whom she still can't fit into the known Seely lines.

At home in England Linda keeps busy as churchwarden and monthly magazine editor for her local church where James Cook the navigator and explorer was baptized in the 1700's. Linda's postal address is The Pines, 100 The Pines, Marton, Middlesbrough, TS7 8AP, UK and her Email address is llc100@btopenworld.com.

I have mailed Linda the Query files for the year 2002. She also has copies of the 3 SGS Publications. She plans to use the Query Team as we have in the past to take advantage of the resources several Query Team Members have. However, please help Linda by giving her the SGS number of the subject of your query whenever possible. Please let her know if you are an SGS member or not (i.e., would have access to the 3 SGS Publications). Please give her your complete name and home address. Please keep your queries to a single person. These reminders have been troublesome areas in the past. Her job is to use her SGS query system to share info that SGS has, not to fill in all the gaps in your genealogical data. And, she is a volunteer! She can be most helpful if you communicate with her at her Email address.

A final sad note – Linda's mother passed away on 31 December 2002 while Linda and her husband Robert were visiting over the Holidays. Our condolences to the Crocker family and friends.

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.

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| 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

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| Seelye Genealogy to Share | Daniel P. Seelye | http://home.att.net/~seelyegen |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will hold its 100th Anniversary Conference in Pittsburgh, PA at the David Lawrence Convention Center, May 28-31, 2003. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society (WPGS) will co-host this meeting. For those living in the Pittsburgh area this is an excellent opportunity to participate in a national conference close to home. The expected attendance is over 2000 participants. Further information is available at <http://www.wpgs.org> or <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>

The WPGS will also be holding a Society Fair during the NGS Conference with displays from participating societies and members.

LOCAL REUNIONS

Local Seeley Reunions Planned

On Memorial Day weekend 2003, SGS Member Wendell O. Seeley is planning a 4-day campout at his residence near Gillett, Bradford County, PA. **Descendants of Clyde H. Seeley and his wife Mildred L. Smith are especially invited.** SGS Member Veronica Seeley Newell and their niece Nancy Seeley are helping Wendell with planning the meals and entertainment.

The **descendants of James A. Seeley and his wife Ida Knights** will have their annual Seeley/Knights Reunion on Sunday afternoon, 27 Jul 2003 at the Alba Park pavilion in Alba, PA, just off Route 14 in Bradford County. Bring a lawn chair, your place setting, and a dish to pass. This Reunion has been held every year but one since 1911 (and that was during World War II)! **Other Seeley descendants are welcome.** James A. Seeley (9th generation) is the grandson of William Seeley^{7th}, SGS # 1692, who lived in Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, PA.

OBITUARIES

The following first two obituaries are for husband and wife LIFE Members who passed away during 2002. Following the death of Winthrop Seelye, the Seeley Genealogical Society received a bequest from his estate in the amount of \$500 to be used for research purposes.

Vernadel Seelye died January 1, 2002 at the age of 94. Mrs. Seelye was born Vernadel Keith on March 14, 1907, in Spokane, WA. She graduated from the University of Washington. She was a secretary for North Pacific Grain Growers in Spokane in the early 1930s and later a homemaker. She moved in 1953 to Portland, OR, and was a 49 year member of Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church. In 1932 she married Winthrop Seelye. Survivors include her husband; son, Keith W.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her son Norman L. died in 1999. [Provided by Keith W. Seelye, 16195 SW Division St., Aloha, OR 97007-2538]

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HELEN DAVIS

Walter Davis has advised the Editor that his wife, Helen has had major physical problems. They started with a heart attack and now she has Parkinson's Disease. She is now essentially totally disabled. As a result they will be unable to attend the forthcoming reunion and will miss seeing their friends in the Society.

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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

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. In the November 2002 SGS Newsletter, proposed changes to the Society's Constitution and Bylaws were published. Comments were received concerning the addition to the Bylaws of Section 14. The following revision incorporates the comments received. A complete summary of changes to be proposed at the 2003 Reunion will be published in final form in the May 2003 Newsletter.

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Section 14. A membership chairperson, responsible for the promotion of the Society membership shall be appointed by the President from the Executive Board exclusive of the Treasurer. (This would make the Membership Chairman a collateral duty of any member of the Executive Board except the Treasurer. The Treasurer is excluded to assure independence in handling of SGS funds.)

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Winthrop Seelye died May 9, 2002 at the age of 94. Mr. Seelye was born September 12, 1907, in Winchester, MA. He graduated from the University of Washington and received a Master's Degree from New York University. He moved to Portland, OR, in 1953 and was an accountant for Continental Can Co. In 1932 he married Vernadel Keith (see above). Survivors include his son, Keith W.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. His son Normal L. died in 1999. [Provided by Keith W. Seelye, 16195 SW Division St., Aloha, OR 97007-2538]

Martha Seeley of McLean, VA, died February 20, 2002 at her home in McLean after a long illness. She was one of the founding partners of West Group. She was born in Mexico City in 1918, the youngest of four children born to Dr. Sidney and Ethel H. Ulfelder. A surgeon, her father helped to found the American British Coudrey Hospital in Mexico City. Her first husband, John N. Poto died in Portugal in 1943 while

serving in the U.S. Army. She married Col. Rudolph G. Seeley in 1949. Together they developed the West Gate and West Park office parks. Mrs. Seeley is survived by her two daughters; Julie of Falls Church and Maggie of San Diego, CA.; her son Jack of Great Falls; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Theresa M. "Althea" Wilson died August 27, 2002 at the age of 92 in the Lutheran Retirement Home. She was born February 19, 1910, in Randolph, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Seeley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen Wilson, whom she married November 10, 1934, and who died June 19, 1982, and by her sister Olieta White and a step-sister Leanna Colburn. [From the Post-Journal, submitted by Walter Seeley, 2375 Carlson Rd, Jamestown, NY 14701-9333]

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.

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Volunteers Needed for SGS Projects

Listed below are SGS 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>Points Of Contact</u> |
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| SGS Newsletter Query Editor | Linda Crocker, llc100@btopenworld.com |
| Area Coordinator for Queries | Ann Hall, ramonhall@prodigy.net (6 members volunteered.) |
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| Assist at SGS Research Center, Abilene KS | Terry Tietjens, terryt@access-one.com |
| Plan for SGS Reunion in 2003 | Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com (6 members have volunteered.) |
| Present Paper at SGS Reunion in 2003 | Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com (8 members have volunteered) |
| Contribute to a <i>Seeley Women</i> book | Dian Little, little44@msn.com |
| Compile a "Famous Seeleys" list | Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com |
| Compile list of Seeley Vets in Armed Forces | Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com |
| Obadiah DNA Test Project (male vols.) | Wesley Waring, Wesleyawaring@compuserve.com |
| Plan Trip to Great Britain in 2004 | Kathy Olsen, davidkathie@mstar2.net (3 members volunteered) |
| Host for SGS Reunion in 2005 | Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com |

It would be wonderful if each member could contribute to at least one Project. About 20 members, plus folks who respond to queries, do SGS volunteer work now. Each has our gratitude.

QUERIES

SGS QUERIES (Data as of 15 January 2003)

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

Please send queries to our **new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at l1c100@btopenworld.com** or to your Area Coordinator listed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Linda 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. She then consolidates responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query number, to the SGS Newsletter Editor. Contact Linda and the query submitter if you have information to add.

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query # 0105-10 Re The Two William and Two Samuel Problem The submitters were Tere Seeley, Email tjseeley@plantationcable.net, and Jim Seeley, Email jrseeley@aol.com. (Please note Tere's new Email address.) J. Kelsey Jones, Email Montrose@npacc.net, has provided Tere, Jim, and SGS with some info on the William who lived in Wells Township of Bradford County, PA. This William is probably Tere's ancestor and J. Kelsey Jones believes he may possibly be the son of Nathaniel Seeley and Jemima Collins. The other William lived, and is buried, in neighboring Ridgebury Township of the same County and his parentage is also unproven. What we don't know, for sure, are the parents of the two Williams. The two Williams were born in the 1783 to 1792 timeframe and are listed in the SGS Publications as SGS # 1595 and SGS # 1692. If any researcher is interested in this line, please let Jim Seeley know and he will forward J. Kelsey Jones' fairly lengthy Email to you.

Update to Query # 0205-4 Re Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye According to SGS Member Arthur Wade of Campbellford Ont., Emma's husband, Linus, was Arthur's great uncle. Linus returned to NB Canada, and changed his name back to Seeley.

Update to Query # 0205-6 Re Jesse Seeley The submitter was Darlene Seeley Baker who has since joined SGS. Darlene was seeking info on the descendants of Jesse Seeley who is possibly the son of SGS # 1993 David Seeley and Ursula Sweetman. The SGS response in the May Newsletter listed Jesse Seeley and Prudence Brown's 15 children. On 14 July, SGS Member Jackie Maurer sent Darlene an extensive file [from Email address searcher@mindspring.com] on the descendants of Jesse Seeley and Prudence Brown. On 22 October, Tim Kalee, Email tim.kalee@dcsnich.com, wrote Darlene that he was descended from Jesse Seeley's son Samuel Brown Seeley, Tim's ggg-grandfather. Tim is also seeking info on Jesse Seeley's descendants.

Update to Query # 0211-1 Re William Henry Seeley The submitter was Rhonda Seeley, Email cowgrlrj@yahoo.com. Rhonda requested any info on her gggrandfather, William Henry Seeley, b. 1846, d. 1905 who m. Leah Belle Staley b. 1874. Two SGS Members responded. First, Judith Wilkins found William and Leah Belle in the 1880 census. William was listed as age 25, b. IL. Leah B. is listed as a 6-year old, b. IL, living with her father George W. Staily and mother Mary Staily in Sumpter, Cumberland, IL. Second, Dan Seelye provided a file which was forwarded to Rhonda containing info on William's parents (William A. Seeley and Clara Budd), on William Henry's first wife (Catherine Ann Stirewalt) and their 6 children, and on William Henry's second wife, Leah Belle Staley and their 6 children. No match for William A. Seeley who m. Clara Budd was found in the 3 SGS Publications.

Update to Query # 0211-4 Re Richard Seeley Townsend The submitter was Volney J. Powers, Email volneyp@webtv.net. SGS Member Arlene Sealy Patterson, in replying to this query, reported that she has Townsends in her family line. Arlene's Email address is patterson553@wmconnect.com if anyone wants to share data with her. She said that she sent a report on the John Sealy Family (submitter # 599), as did her cousin, Lucille Hastings (submitter # 631).

Update to Query # 0211-9 Re Martin Seley The submitter was Michele Seeley Proke, Email kproke@shaw.ca.

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QUERIES (Continued)

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Michele requested info on Martin Seley who was b. ca 1816 in Upper Canada. Again, two SGS Members responded. First, Arthur Wade (Email awade@sympatico.ca) of Campbellford, Ontario sent Michele an Email saying he had info regarding Martin Seeley and he began an Email dialog sharing information with her. Second, SGS Assistant Genealogist Dian Little sent Michele an Email stating a Martin Seeley living in 1878 in Hastings Co Ontario was listed on p77 of *Illustrated Historical Atlas of Hastings & Prince Edward Co's 1878*, Mika Publishing Bellville 1977. Dian also found a listing for Martin Seeley, Stirling Hanstings Co, sawmill in *The 1857 Directory of the Province of Ontario in The Ontario Register, 1780s – 1870s CD # 204, FTM Genealogical Records*.

Note: Query responders are encouraged to copy the Query Editor when exchanging information so that any information shared, which may be helpful to other SGS Members and Seeley Researchers, can be published in the Newsletter.

New Queries

Query # 0302-1: Submitted by Ione Paul, 206 Brookhaven Court, Slidell, LA 70461-3400 via Terry Tietjens

Subject: Charlotte Seeley

Ione Paul is seeking information on Charlotte Seeley, b. ca 1805, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ontario, Canada and d. after 1870 and wonders if Charlotte is listed in one of the 3 SGS Publications. Charlotte m. Mathew Beebe, b. 1798, Whitingham, Windham, VT and d. 1890, Grand Traverse Col, MI. They had a dau Josephine/Joanna Beebe b. 20 Jun 1842, VT, d. 25 Mar 1895 Chebanse, IL and bur. there. Josephine/Joanna m. Dr. John Dixon DeVelving and they are Ione's great grandparents. Ione has Charlotte's parents listed as Justin and Matilda (Reed) Seeley.

SGS Interim Response:

Query # 0302-2: Submitted by Danielle Furrow, Email dfurrow@morsemuseum.org

Subject: Ruth Seely Dunning

Danielle is seeking information regarding Ruth Seely Dunning. "We have a memorial window that was made for her in our collection."

SGS Interim Response: The SGS Seventh Generation Families of the *Descendants of Robert Seeley (1607-1667) & Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)* lists 2 Ruth Seelys who married a "Frank Dunning". The first is SGS # 3856, an 8th Generation Ruth Seely whose line is Albert (SGS # 1746), Henry, Josiah, Ebenezer, Jonas, and Obadiah. This Ruth Seely is listed as b. 1828, d. 1890, m. 18 Feb 1852, Benjamin Franklin Dunning (b. 1819; d. 1896), son of Benjamin Dunning. Dan Seelye provided Danielle a Group Sheet on this Ruth Seely. The second Ruth Seely listed in the *Seventh Generation Families* is SGS # 3877 and she is the daughter of Selah Tuthill Seely (SGS # 1751) a brother of Albert (SGS # 1746). This Ruth is listed as b. 3 Sep 1848 and m. Frank Dunning, resided in New York City, NY. The 3 SGS Publications contain much more information on Ruth Seelys' ancestors. If anyone has additional information that would help Danielle, please reply to her copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-3: Submitted by Sandra Cozzolino, Email sandycoz@earthlink.net

Subject: Samuel Seeley

Sandra Cozzolino (a new SGS Member) is trying to link Jesse Seeley, b. 1735/6, d. 1801 and who m. Mary Husted to her great great grandfather Samuel Seeley who d. 6 Jun 1845 and m. Margaret Smith, b. 1790, d. 10 Oct 1845. Both were bur. in the Commerce St. M.E. (?) Cemetery Bridgeton, NJ. Since her original query, she now believes her Samuel is SGS # 1253, son of Elias Seeley SGS # 393, and grandson of Jesse Seeley SGS # 144. However, Sandra reports a discrepancy in Samuel's birthday. SGS's book *The Seventh Generation Families* lists his birth as "about 1799". Her family bible lists this death as "departed this life June 3rd 1845 at age 56 years" which would indicate he was born in 1789.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye provided Sandra a Family Group Sheet on Jesse Seeley (SGS # 144) and the URL for his homepage. Sandra's updated query was a result of consulting Dan's homepage. The actual birth date for Sandra's Samuel, and therefore his ancestry remain in doubt. If anyone has additional informa-

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tion that would help Sandra, please reply to her copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-4: Submitted by Richard Fowler, Email Ziffphlebs@aol.com

Subject: Thomas Ceely or William Ceely

Richard Fowler wonders if his family is connected to any of the Seeleys of the Seeley Genealogical Society. Richard descends from William Cely, who lived from the 1720s to the 1790s in Brunswick County, VA. The oldest known Ceely in Elizabeth City County, VA (close to Brunswick County) is Thomas Ceely who came to VA in the 1620s and was a member of the House of Burgesses, off and on, between 1629 and 1639. Thomas' only known son was Thomas Ceely, Jr. who died in 1697 leaving the following children: Cassandra (b. 1688) Rebecca (b. 1688), and Charles (b. ?, d. 1738). Richard is very interested in a Thomas Ceely of Cornwall who d. in St. Mary's County, MD in Jul 1676.

SGS Interim Response: The 3 SGS Publications have no information on this Ceely line and no member of the SGS Query Team responded with information. It is suggested that Richard try sending a query to the Virginia Genealogical Society (free for members, \$3 for non-members). The address is Query Editor, 5001 West Broad Street, Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023. If anyone has information that would help Richard, please reply to him copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-5: Submitted by Arlene Seeley Patterson, Email Patterson553@wmconnect.com

Subject: John & Nancy Edwards Sealy

SGS member Arlene Patterson is researching John and Nancy Edwards Seely. From the history of Sealy, TX she learned that Robert and Mary McCarty Sealy came to New Jersey in 1818 from Cork, Ireland. They had 2 sons and 8 daughters. "One was John Sealy of the Texas Railroad fame." Arlene's grandmother was told that 4 Sealy brothers came to New Jersey from (?), one went west and the other 3 stayed in the east. Arlene wonders if one of them was Robert Sealy (form Cork, Ireland).

SGS Interim Response: Readers should see Query # 0211-4 (November 2002 Newsletter) for info on other Seeley ancestors from Ireland. If anyone has information that would help Arlene, please reply to her copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-6: Submitted by Donn M Seeley, Email donn@bsdi.com

Subject: Levi Seeley

Donn has been researching his Seeley ancestors for years but has reached a "dead end" with his GGGGrandfather, Levi Seeley, b. 10 Jan 1789 somewhere in NY State. His wife, Betsey Ann Webster was b. 30 Oct 1801, also in NY State. Donn provided considerable data from his research but some of it does not connect. The data can be provided to any reader who might be helped with info on Levi and Betsey Webster Seeley.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded that he had no info on this query but he provided Donn with the URL for Dan's homepage. If anyone has information that would help Donn, please reply to him copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-7: Submitted by LeeLonee Rice, Email LoneeJohn@aol.com

Subject: Nancy Seeley

SGS Member LeeLonee Rice is seeking information on the parents of Nancy Seely who was b. about 1828 in either Steuben or Chemung County NY. Nancy m. James Monahan in 1848 in Southport, Chemung County, NY. James' mother, Harriet Seely, d. 1826 when James was only 2. It was reported that James was taken in by his Seely Grandmother, Mercy Bartlett Seely who died about 1840 in Almond NY.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye sent LeeLonee a Family Group Sheet from John Seely's files. John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator, provided LeeLonee answers to several questions she had and the names of individuals who had provided John info on the query subject. A match was not found in the 3 SGS Publications for either Nancy Seeley or James Monahan. If anyone has information that would help LeeLonee, please

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reply to her copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-8: Submitted by Arthur Wade, Email awade@sympatico.ca

Subject: Loyalists that came to Adolphoustown Ont.

SGS Member Arthur Wade would like to see or obtain a list of Loyalists that came to Adolphoustown Ont. in the year 1785. He has seen a number of queries that lead back to that landing. So far he has not been able to find any lists.

SGS Interim Response: If anyone has information on such a list, please reply to Arthur copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-9: Submitted by Larry Seid, Email LnMSeid@aol.com

Subject: Sarah Augusta Seeley

Larry is searching for info on the ancestors of Sarah Augusta Seeley (b. 1839, Bangor, NY) who m. William K. Sawyer. Her father was William Seeley from Bangor, NY area. Her mother was Margaret (?). Sarah's siblings are Charles, Annabelle, Susan, and Henry. The family may have moved to Preston, Filmore County, MN then to Three Oaks, MI.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded that the only data he had was from John Seely's database listing Sarah Augusta Seeley, b. ca 1840 MA; father William L or S Seeley and Mother Margaret (?). Larry provided Dan Seelye with considerable data on the descendants of Sarah Augusta Seeley and Dan passed that info on to members of the SGS Query Team. That data showed Sarah as the dau. of William S. Seeley (b. ca 1807). If anyone has information that might help, please reply to Larry, copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Query # 0302-10: Submitted by David Bruce, Email Dbruce9901@aol.com

Subject: Charles Harvey Seely

David is seeking info on his wife's Seely ancestors and has reached a "roadblock" with Charles Harvey Seely (b. 1826, d. 1891). David says Charles and his family spent most of their time in KA and MO.

SGS Interim Response: Dan Seelye responded by providing David a Family Group Sheet, which speculated that Charles Harvey Seely's father might have been Elijah Seely. Elijah received land for military service and was a minister of the Baptist Church near Gravette, MO. If anyone has information that might help, please reply to David, copy to the new Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llc100@btopenworld.com.

Signing Off

I want to thank the 6 people who responded to SGS queries since the November Newsletter. This is the most since I have been Query Editor and I hope it means more of our members are answering the request to become more active in SGS. Keep up the good work everyone. Considerable work goes into our query process. New info on many of our lines, and new members, are the result of your contributions. Finally, my sincere thanks go to Linda Crocker for assuming the position as Query Editor. Info on how to contact her will be added to page 2 of each newsletter. Jim Seeley, retiring Query Editor.

Be an ACTIVE MEMBER

If you have additional info, please respond to the queries. Please send all queries to Linda Crocker (llc100@btopenworld.com) or to your Area Coordinator. Linda 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. She then consolidates all responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query # to the SGS Newsletter Editor.

SGS 2003 Membership Meeting and Reunion at Williamsburg, VA

The 2003 SGS Reunion will be held in Williamsburg, VA at the Holiday Inn Patriot from **2 to 7 September 2003**. A Registration Form has been included with this Newsletter. Please complete the form and return it to Jim Seeley, 108 Westridge Drive, Churchville, VA 24421 by **15 August 2003**.

The dates of 2, 3, and 7 September are primarily for taking tours of the interesting Historical Triangle of Virginia that consists of Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. See the web sites listed in the "Tour Section" of the Registration Form for tours you may want to take. List the tours on the Registration Form and return it to Jim Seeley by 15 August to help our Tour Coordinators arrange the tours you want. **The SGS Business Meetings will take place on 4 to 6 September.**

Please see page 14 of this Newsletter for an overall schedule. A detailed schedule will be included in your Registration Packet that you will receive when you arrive.

You must make your own **hotel reservations** by calling the **Holiday Inn Patriot at 1-800-446-6001** before 15 August. Be sure to mention SGS in order to obtain the reduced rate of \$59 plus tax per night. To waive meeting and hospitality room rental fees, 200 or more room nights must be rented to SGS attendees during the 2 to 7 September period.

Evening meals on Wednesday (pay as you go), Thursday and Friday nights (pay ahead with registration form) will be at the hotel. A separate restaurant is being sought for the coat and tie dinner on Saturday night. The hotel offers breakfast and lunch. There are numerous other restaurants close by to choose from

The detailed agenda for Thursday to Saturday is getting full, but **if you would like to present a paper**, please let Jim Seeley know by 15 MARCH. A **list of area churches** with a map and directions will be included in your registration packet.

The **Richmond Airport** is about 30 minutes away and offers services similar to the **Norfolk Airport**. The Norfolk Airport is 45 minutes to an hour and getting there is subject to tunnel traffic delays. Both airports offer easy access to Interstate 64. **Driving directions to the hotel** – take I-64 to Exit 234. Follow the signs to Rt. 60 east and Williamsburg. The Holiday Inn Patriot is on the right, a couple of miles down the road on Rt. 60. **Area RV Parks** are expensive. Those with more reasonable rates are not highly rated. If you are interested, let me know, I'll attempt to get a group rate below what you see in your RV Guide.

As of 15 January, the following **members have volunteered to present papers**: Jim Seeley, Ray Hall, John Seely, Dian Little, Kathie Olsen, Joan Phillips, Chris Havnar, and Dan Seelye.

Speakers have not been finalized. We're seeking interesting speakers on genealogical topics of interest to SGS Members or on local history. Speaker arrangements should be complete by the August Newsletter.

An agreement with Holiday Inn Patriot in Williamsburg, VA was approved by the Board and signed by the President. Members interested in the details please contact Jim Seeley, Email on page 2.

Members assisting me with Reunion planning are Tammy Graham (Program Coordinator), Tom Seeley (Location Coordinator – SGS interface with the hotel), and Carolyn and Paul Taylor (Tour Coordinators).

Jim Seeley, SGS President

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.

Please register by 15 August 2003. Mail to Jim Seeley, 108 Westridge Drive, Churchville, VA 24421

1. Registration Fee (\$5 per person, e.g., \$10 /couple) (Use the back if more space is needed):

Email address:

Phone # (For questions):

2. Meals: The hotel has a restaurant and there are many restaurants close by. Evening meals on Thursday and Friday are planned at the Hotel. If you would like to join us, the cost is \$25 for a complete meal (includes taxes and gratuities). The “coat & tie” evening meal Saturday is planned for **Nick’s Seafood Pavilion** in Yorktown and the cost is \$26. An informal “pay as you go meal” at the hotel is planned for Wednesday evening.

Thursday: at 6 PM, Holiday Inn -- make selections and put in totals: Speaker planned.

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| Chicken Breast Marsala | (number ____) | X \$25 each = | \$ _____ |
| Salmon Filet | (number ____) | X \$25 each = | \$ _____ |
| Pork Loin | (number ____) | X \$25 each = | \$ _____ |

Friday: at 6 PM, Holiday Inn -- make selections and put in totals: Speaker planned.

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|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Chicken Cordon Bleu | (number ____) | X \$25 each = | \$ _____ |
| Crabmeat Stuffed Flounder | (number ____) | X \$25 each = | \$ _____ |
| Roast Beef | (number ____) | X \$25 each = | \$ _____ |

Saturday: at 6 PM, **Restaurant TBD** -- make selections and put in totals: Entertainment planned.

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| Chicken | (number ____) | X \$26 each = | \$ _____ |
| Beef | (number ____) | X \$26 each = | \$ _____ |
| Fish | (number ____) | X \$26 each = | \$ _____ |

TOTAL (of 1 & 2): Make checks payable to **Seeley Genealogical Society** \$ _____

Number desiring low calorie desert as opposed to a regular desert _____ at each meal.

3. Lodging: How many rooms do you plan to rent? ____ How many nights do you plan to stay? ____ Make your own reservations at Holiday Inn Patriot, Williamsburg, VA, Phone: 1-800-446-6001. Be sure to mention SGS to get the special rate of \$59 plus tax (Currently 9.5%). To avoid additional charges, we need to rent at least 200 room/nights.

4. Airports: The Richmond, VA airport is about 45 minutes from the Holiday Inn Patriot. It serves several major airlines and has rental car facilities. The Norfolk, VA airport has similar facilities but it is about one hour from the hotel and you may experience tunnel traffic delays.

5. Tours (2, 3, 7 September): In order for our Tour Coordinator to arrange tours, we need to know about how many are interested in what tours and on which days. Availability and cost will depend on responses received by 15 August. There is a shuttle⁴ from the hotel to Colonial Williamsburg daily except Sunday. Please indicate below.

Note:

1. There may be a minimum number requirement for each of the tours.

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2. See the page 14 of this Newsletter for the overall Reunion agenda.
3. For other possible tours, see the websites at www.visitwilliamsburg.com/, www.williamsburg.com/, www.sunnydayguide.com/cg/, or www.colonialwilliamsburg.org.
4. The City shuttle from the hotel to Colonial Williamsburg is \$1.25 each way.

| <u>Tour</u> | Number on Tour | Preferred Tour Days (Circle one, two, or all three) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 1. Bus/Van to Jamestown & Yorktown | — | Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday |
| 2. Hampton Roads Naval Bases | — | NOTE: Organized tours are not |
| 3. Colonial Plantation Tour | — | planned from noon Thursday thru |
| 4. Other (list) ³ | — | Saturday during SGS meetings. |

COLUMBIA DISASTER

As this edition was going to press, the news of the loss of the Shuttle Columbia and all seven members of her crew was received. Our prayers and condolences are sincerely extended to the following crew members and their families: Commander Rick Husband of Amarillo, TX; Pilot William McCool of Lubbock, TX; Payload Commander Michael Anderson of Spokane, WA; Dr. Kalpana Chawla originally from India; Dr. David Brown, U.S. Navy; Dr. Laurel Clark of Racine, WI; and Ilan Ramon from Israel.



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