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24 SGS Members Visit Robert Seeley's England

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The Seeley tour group in front of the Oliver Cromwell Museum in Huntingdon, England. Immigrant Robert Seeley was christened in St. John Parish, Huntingdon just three years after the birth of Oliver Cromwell. From left to right are: Carolyn Taylor, Kathie Olsen, Colleen Kossin, Thera Clark, LaVona Lewis, John Bauer, Camille Bell, Annette Earl, Debi Lundskog, Margaret Petersen, Ruthetta Hansen, Lynda Simmons, Bett Schwartzkopf, Dian Little, Roger Croshaw, Sue Ann Croshaw, Carol Cox, Jim Seeley, Ann Jorgensen, Montell Seely, Gale Jorgensen, LeAnne Seely, Kathryn Seely, (not Pictured: Rick Samp).

On Sept. 12, 2004, 25 people met in a conference room at the Thistle Euston Hotel. Twenty four descendants, or their spouses of Nathaniel or Obadiah Seeley and one tour director. Some knew each other, but for some it was a chance to meet cousins that they had never seen before.

Kathie Olsen introduced our tour director John S. Hood. John was the perfect tour director for us and by tour's end Friday night he became known as "John Seeley Hood". Kathie then had members introduce themselves, and give any input about the tour. The first thing we learned about from a cousin was the customs officers prejudices about American beef jerky. The itinerary was laid out for the tour and there was discussion about DNA and recent test results. Plans were made for the following morning and the adventure had officially begun.

Monday morning began as all mornings on the tour would with breakfast in the hotel, then on to the bus. As we left London for Huntingdon it was raining.

John told us he felt we would escape the rain at our destination; he was right. Our first stop was the Oliver

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2005 in Abilene, KS. 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.

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The President's Report

Eugene Seelye has agreed to chair the nominating committee to select a new slate of candidates for officers of SGS. George Seeley has agreed to assist him with this important task. The new slate of officers will be elected at the next SGS Reunion in Abilene, Kan. If you would like to serve, contact Eugene at easeelye@epix.net or George at gseeley1@usadatanet.net. The nine elected officers are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Genealogist, and three Directors.



The SGS Board approved upgrading two of the test subject's DNA results, from the original Obadiah Seeley DNA Test, from 10 markers to 37 markers. The objective of this upgrade is to (1) increase our confidence in the Nathaniel Seeley DNA signature and (2) to provide 37 marker signatures for both the Obadiah and Nathaniel lines so that other Seeley males can compare their DNA signatures and help understand their ancestral line. Results of this additional DNA testing will be reported in this Newsletter. **The Nathaniel and Obadiah DNA signatures**, from the matching results we now have, are:

	DYS 19	DYS 388	DYS 390	DYS 391	DYS 392	DYS 393	DYS 389i	DYS 389-ii-1	DYS 425	DYS M426
Nathaniel (4 samples)	14	12	24	11	13	13	09	17	*M	12
Obadiah (3 samples)	14	12	24	11	13	12	10	16	12	12

I encourage male members with a Seeley (spelled various ways) surname to participate in this second (37 marker) Seeley DNA Lineage Project that was announced in the August 2004 Newsletter. The success of this test will increase as more members participate.

I would like to recognize and sincerely thank SGS Member Dr. Ken McCrea and SGS Researcher (and Obadiah Seeley descendant) Fred Hart, Jr., CG for their advice on DNA testing and SGS research. I would also like to thank SGS Member Wesley Waring for directing a successful Obadiah Seeley DNA Test Project. The final report of that project was printed in the August 2004 SGS Newsletter and is posted on the Seeley website at www.Seeley-Society.net. Contact Dr. Ken McCrea at Ken@SeeleyDNA.info if you want to participate in the new Seeley DNA Lineage Project. Results of the new Project are also posted on the Seeley website periodically.

Several members have purchased the SGS CD. There is a column in the files that contain John Seely's ancestor file index that has confused some users of the CD. The "Death" column contains a date, even for living persons. The date shown actually represents the date the person submitted the info to John. It means the person, if deceased, died after that date. The notation "aft" was inadvertently left out of the column heading. As it now stands, the column is appropriately, but erroneously, interpreted as listing the death of an actual living person. This is not the case. It is the date the information was received by John.

The SGS trip to England was a resounding success. See the article summarizing the trip elsewhere in this newsletter by our elected photographer extraordinaire, SGS Member Rick Samp. Kathie Olsen received the sincere thanks from all of us taking the tour for her advance planning and for making our trip so memorable. As Rick said, we didn't

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SGS Trip to England A Resounding Success *(continued from page 1)*

Cromwell museum. Cromwell lived from 1599-1658 and was the first commoner to rule England. He ruled from 1653 until his death.

We then traveled on to Houghton Mill to see a working wheat flour mill. This area brought our first exposure to thatched roofs. From there it was on to St. Mary's parish at Bluntisham Cum (and) Earith. (The two close towns shared the same St. Mary's Church which was the parish church that Robert Seeley attended as well as William his father.)

Tuesday found us at Stratford-upon-Avon becoming more acquainted with William Shakespeare (1564-1616).

John Hood and Kathie Olsen made the trip very special. John spent time as we were traveling from one site to another teaching us about England. None of us will forget his explanations of nursery rhymes and their origins; it was a great history lesson. Also, Kathie had journeyed through Britain previously in order to plan our adventure. She chose the Cromwell Museum, and Shakespeare's birthplace, as those were notable people who were alive when Robert Seeley was. By selecting them we were able to better experience what Robert would have through artifacts and museums. The organization of the tour was well thought out and flowed smoothly from beginning to end. In the afternoon we visited Kenilworth Castle, built in the 11th century. That evening was spent in Coventry home of Lady Godiva, and Peeping Tom.

Wednesday morning we started with a walk through Oxford, and a chance to explore on our own. We then made our way to the historic dockyard at Portsmouth where we visited the Mary Rose, a ship launched by Henry VIII in 1511. It sank in 1545 and raised in 1982 and is currently kept in a controlled environment.

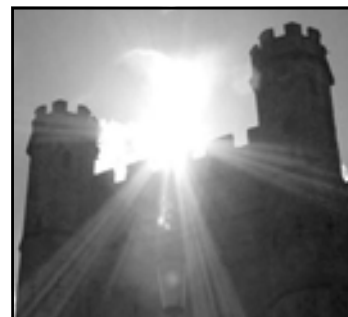
Thursday brought a trip to Battle Abbey in Hastings, site of the Battle of William the Conqueror and Harold in 1066. The tour of Battle Abbey was a walking tour of the Abbey where we could see the area where the battle of Hastings was fought. The next stop was Canterbury with a choice of going to the Cathedral or walking the narrow streets of the town. After Canterbury we returned to London and the Thistle Euston Hotel.

Friday morning we began a tour of London with a



new guide, Owen. John accompanied us, much to our delight. We visited The Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral and other London attractions. The genealogical highlight of the day was a walk down Coleman St., onetime address of Robert, and the church he was married in, St. Stephens.

Friday evening we had our last dinner together as an extended family followed by a group recap. Each person had an opportunity to talk about what they had experienced. After the meeting was over we had trouble leaving; no one wanted the adventure to be over.



(Top) SGS Tourists pose for a photo outside Buckingham Palace. (Middle) Inside St. Mary's Church at Bluntisham where Robert and his family worshipped. (Bottom) The Battle Abbey, site of the Battle of Hastings.

Status Report on SGS Genealogical Research

By Jim Seeley, SGS President and Chairman, SGS Research Objectives Committee

This article continues with my plan to provide a status of SGS research efforts in each SGS Newsletter. It does not repeat information contained in the May and August Newsletters on the status of SGS research.

The August 2004 SGS Newsletter, page 3, contains details on research planed and approved by the SGS Board regarding immigrant Obadiah Seeley's ancestry. However, before initiating those efforts, we are awaiting a copy of the results of some research already done in the Birmingham, England area on Obadiah Seeley and his father William who lived there. Unfortunately, this research may not be available to us until early next year.

The **William Seeley of Birmingham who had a son Obadiah (chr. 1614) also had a daughter Sarah Seeley** who married an Obadiah Bruen. Sarah and Obadiah Bruen also immigrated to America in the 1600s. Dian Little is preparing a presentation to give at the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene that covers the Bruens, among other things. Researcher Jerome Anderson told me recently that he has never found a New England record of the paths of Obadiah Seeley ever crossing those of Sarah and Obadiah Bruen.

Genealogical research often takes surprising and interesting turns. A **report by Mr. Douglas Richardson, M.A.** was brought to our attention recently. Mr. Richardson did some research on Robert Seeley for a Mrs. Luedemann in about 1996. During a recent phone call, Mr. Richardson authorized us to distribute his report to SGS Members and Seeley researchers. Mrs. Luedemann had provided Mr. Richardson with a copy of the Alan Phipps research report on Robert Seeley from which most of our knowledge of Robert's ancestors in England comes. Mr. Richardson's major conclusions were:

1. He could find "no evidence to support the purported (Phipps) pedigree of his (Robert's) ancestry in Huntingdonshire."
2. He believed the possibility exists "that Robert Seeley was related to his fellow immigrants Obadiah Seeley and Sarah (Seeley) Bruen, both of whom Jerome Anderson believes came from Birmingham, co. Warwick."

Mr. Richardson's report appears to have been influenced to a significant degree by a book written by Mr. Phillip Dunn who cautioned genealogists about the possibility of confusing the histories of two men of the same name. Mr. Richardson said "his own feeling is that there were two men named Robert Seeley at the same time in London, both of whom were shoemakers."

I called Mr. Richardson and indicated my surprise at his giving such a high degree of credence to the theory that there may have been two Roberts who

lived in London at the same time, both of whom were shoemakers. I also informed him of our recent DNA test results that indicate there was not a close relationship between immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley.

The story gets more interesting. It was separately and recently reported to me that "Mr. Storrs H. Seeley states Robert's particular branch might have resided in Southwick, half an hour's walk from Robert's Home on Coleman St. in London, south across London Bridge. Here we find contemporary with Robert, a nest of Seeleys, including a George and two other Roberts." Our Chief Genealogist is trying to track down the source of this statement.

SGS Member **John Seeley has volunteered to search cordswainer apprentice records in London for a second Robert Seeley** as recommended by Mr. Richardson. We know of one cordswainer record that states Robert Seeley was the son of William Seeley of Hunt(ingdon). Mr. Richardson also recommends we try to determine if Robert lived close to his Master to help clarify Robert's cordswainer apprenticeship. We also know immigrant Robert worked as a cordswainer (with leather) in New England.

There have been some important DNA results reported over the past three months. See Dr. McCrea's article on DNA testing in this newsletter. Future DNA test results may point to some worthwhile research objectives. Please contact me with your suggestions.

I sometimes assume that the reader already has a basic understanding of the subject I'm writing about. If what I write is not understandable, I apologize. Please contact me, preferably by Email, so I can answer any questions you may have. My address and phone number are on page 15.

Reminder: Dues Due

For any members who have not renewed their expired membership, this will be your final SGS Newsletter. If you do not know when your dues expire, simply check the mailing label on the address page of this Newsletter. If you have lost your notice of your dues being due, you may mail your renewal to Ramon Hall, 155 Bear Drive, Evergreen, CO 80439.

Benefits of membership include: A free subscription to the quarterly SGS Newsletter, details and updates about the semi-annual SGS Reunions, the SGS Web page, access and overview information about SGS genealogical research.

Membership also entitles you to access to the Seeley Ancestor File, the SGS Publications, and the Seeley Research Center.

Update on the Seeley DNA Lineage Project

By Dr. Ken McCrea, Seeley DNA Lineage Project Manager

The second SGS DNA project is now underway. In the second phase of the DNA project we are using a different lab for the analysis. Relative Genetics offers a reasonably priced 37-marker test and has a very fast turn-around time for returning the results. The original project was done at Oxford Ancestors using a 10-marker test. The additional markers give a much clearer picture of the relationships between the people tested.

To get the project started, SGS paid for the cost of having the 10 marker tests of two of the original participants (one each from the Nathaniel and Obadiah lines) upgraded to 37 markers. The original testing found clear differences in the Nathaniel and Obadiah lineages for two of ten markers. When expanded to the 37-marker test, there appear to be 10 markers out of the 37 tested that are different. This definitely confirms that Nathaniel and Obadiah were not closely related.

There are several objectives of the Seeley DNA Lineage Project. These are:

1. Clarify the relationship between the immigrants Nathaniel and Obadiah.
2. Establish a database that can be used by people with unconnected Seeley lineages to help find where they fit in.
3. Help confirm lineages found by researchers.
4. Establish DNA marker profiles for other Seeley immigrants.

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want it to end.

Please review the list of Volunteers Needed. We are an all-volunteer society and your help will make us stronger.

I would like to welcome Jane Carpenter as our Assistant Genealogist and thank her for volunteering to help Dian Little in Dian's important work. We hope to share Jane's bio in the next newsletter. Her contact info is on page 15.

I hope you plan to attend the SGS Reunion in Abilene, Kan., Sept. 14-17, 2005. Details will appear in the February 2005 Newsletter. An application form will be in the May 2005 Newsletter and on the SGS website.

Many thanks to Chris Havnar (SGS Treasurer) and her husband Jerry for their work in developing the SGS website. I think they are doing a wonderful job. The URL is at the bottom of pages 2 thru 16 of this newsletter.

I also want to commend Paul Taylor for his outstanding work in producing our quarterly newsletter. Please report obituaries, births, marriages, and articles of genealogical interest to Paul for his use in compiling the SGS Newsletter.

5. Help to answer genealogical mysteries, such as the "two Williams" question¹.

The preliminary results of this project are linked on the SGS web site at <http://Seeley-Society.net>, or can be reached directly at <http://SeeleyDNA.info>. One test for a descendant on one of the "two Williams" has been done, and it confirms that he is an Obadiah descendant. Two people with unconnected lineages have been tested. One was found to be an Obadiah descendant and the other descends from Nathaniel.

As additional people are tested, we expect to be able to define lineages for additional generations after the immigrants using DNA. Several mutations (differences in the values) in other markers have been found by the project. These mutations should eventually be usable to define additional generations once we have a larger database of marker profiles for Seeleys of known lineage.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DO THIS.

Additional test results will be required to achieve our objectives. If your line has not been tested, please contact the project director, Dr. Ken McCrea, to volunteer. Individual participants will pay for their own testing, or can make donations towards the cost of testing for others (kind of a "scholarship" program). The people tested must be 1) male, and 2) have the Seeley surname, or any of its many variations. If you do not have these two characteristics yourself, you can either find a relative who does and have them tested, or make a donation towards the cost of testing for others.

Please consider participating if:

1. You are descended from a Seeley immigrant (any spelling) other than Nathaniel or Obadiah.
2. You have a lineage that has not been tested yet.
3. You haven't identified your Seeley immigrant.
4. You want to confirm your genealogical research using genetics.
5. You would like to help other Seeley researchers find their ancestry.

You can contact the project director at:

Dr. Ken McCrea Ken@SeeleyDNA.info
20 Terrace Ave. (717) 336-5520
Stevens, PA 17578

Footnote:

- ¹⁾ There were two William Seeleys, both Obadiah descendants, whose connection to the established lineage is not clear. One line is: Obadiah (SGS#4), Jonas (SGS#19), Ebenezer (SGS#63), Nathaniel (SGS#189), Samuel (SGS#501), William (SGS#1692), and the other is: Obadiah (SGS#4), Jonas (SGS#19), Samuel (SGS# 59), Joseph (SGS#182), Samuel (SGS#467), William (SGS#1595).

Timeline of Robert Seeley (SGS #1)

By Katherine M. Olsen, SGS Vice-President (updated October 22, 2004)

Sources: Most of the information on Robert Seeley's ancestry in England was taken from the Alan Phipps research report. Robert Seeley's life in New England was taken from sources identified in the SGS First Five Generations Book.

There are many variations of the Seeley name. The records of St. John's Parish, Huntingdon spell the name, Seley. The original records of St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, London spell the name, Seely.

4 Jul 1602. Robert Seley christened at St. John Parish Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdonshire, England. Son of William Seley (christened 23 Feb 1563/4, St. Bartholemew's Parish Church, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England; buried St. Mary's Parish Church, Bluntisham cum Earith, Huntingdonshire, England) and Grace Prett Seeley (buried 5 June 1614 St. Mary's Parish Church, Bluntisham cum Earith, Huntingdonshire, England). William and Grace were married 30 Sept 1584 St. Bartholemew's Parish Church, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England. It seems likely that William Seeley was the son of Thomas Seeley (buried 6 Oct 1579, St. Bartholemew's Parish Church, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England) and Elizabeth Mitchell/Michell Seeley (christened 11 July 1539; buried 24 Feb 1563/4 St. Bartholemew's Parish Church, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England). Thomas Seeley was the son of William (buried 8 Dec 1565, St. Bartholemew's Parish Church, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England) and Elizabeth Seeley (buried 6 Sep 1650, St. Bartholemew's Parish Church, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire, England).

10 Mar 1623. Apprentice record is recorded for Robert Seley in the Cordwainer (originally one who worked with cordovan leather – a shoemaker) Company Records. "Robert Seley ye sonne of William Seley of Hunt in ye county of Hunt bound to John Plomer citt[izen]..." (Now at Guildhall Library, London, Ancient Apprentice and Freedom Book. p. 7, L37 M5/S 7351-1) Normally an apprentice was about 14 years old but it appears that Robert was older and experienced because he only served three years instead of the customary seven.

Between 1 Aug 1626 – 17 July 1627. Robert Seley released from apprenticeship by payment of silver spoon. He was authorized to work in London and also to become a citizen of London.

15 Dec 1626. Robert Seely married at St. Stephen's Church, Coleman St., London, England to Mary Mason (died between 10 Mar 1646 and 1651, New Haven Colony, Connecticut). Possibly this Mary (born about 1590) was a widow having previously married a Mr. Heath and Walter Mason (buried 1 Sep 1625,

St. Stephen's Church, Coleman St., London, England). Mary, the widow, had at least ten children, all of whom were dead before or during 1626.

1627/30. Robert Seely paid tythe; living quarters at 7 Coleman Street. He also paid for 1628/29 and 1629/30.

16 Sep 1627. Son Nathaniel christened St. Stephen's Church, Coleman St., London, England.

29 Mar 1630. Robert left London

8 Apr 1630. Robert sailed from the Isle of Wight as a part of the John Winthrop Fleet. It is not known if Mary and Nathaniel accompanied him or came at a later time.

12 Jun 1630. Winthrop Fleet arrived Salem, Massachusetts.

Jul 1630. Robert was one of forty organizers of The First Church of Watertown, Massachusetts.

18 May 1631. Robert admitted as a freeman in Watertown, Massachusetts.

1636. Robert joined a small group that colonizes Wethersfield, Connecticut.

1637. Robert appointed a Lieutenant and second in command in an expedition against the Pequot Indians.

26 May 1637. Robert severely wounded with an arrow to the eyebrow. He carried the scar for the rest of his life.

Fall, 1638. Robert joined the "Quinpiac" or New Haven Colony. John Davenport, former Curate of St. Stephen's Church, Coleman St., London is leader of group.

Jun 1639. Robert is one of the church members to sign the Fundamental Agreement for the New Haven Colony and appointed Marshall of the Colony. He was reappointed to the office for 1640, 1641 and 1642.

1645. Robert Seeley was requested by the court as to prices and quality of the leather being used by the inhabitants, "that some course may be taken of it to moderate the price of leather and shoes."

Feb 1646. Brother Seeley is assigned to sit in the 4th seat in the middle row and Sister Seeley is assigned the 6th seat in the women's seats in the middle row of the New Haven Church.

May 1646. Robert Seeley appointed "sealer of leather."

June 1648. As "sealer of leather" Robert Seeley complained to the Court that leather not fit to be sealed was being used and named persons doing so.

3 Aug 1651. Robert gave his son, Nathaniel, his house and lands. No mention is made of Mary Mason Seeley, so it is assumed that she has died before this transaction.

23 Mar 1652. Robert is present on Long Island, New

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Seely in the Spotlight

Montell Seely Family Man, Historian, Sheep Rancher

If you go on the internet and do a Google search on the name Montell Seely, the results will likely lead you to believe there are quite a few people with that name. There's the Montell Seely who built an overshot waterwheel to power a saw mill, and founded the Intermountain Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills. There's the Montell Seely who is a sheep rancher in Castle Dale, Utah talking about the area's cycles of rainfall. There's the environmentally concerned Montell Seely working to preserve the San Rafael Western Legacy District and National Conservation Area. There's the Montell Seely who led handcart treks across the Mormon Trail in 1996 and 1997. And there's the Montell Seely who, along with his wife Kathryn, was recognized in 2004 with the Mayors Award by the Utah Humanities Council for documenting the history of Emery County and authoring the Castle Valley Pageant, a theatrical production that tells the stories of Emery County's pioneer settlers.

The surprise is that all those folks are actually the same Montell Seely. A longtime member of SGS, Montell has led an interesting life and even now at age 70 has no shortage of enthusiasm.

It all began on the farm he now works with one of his sons. Originally homesteaded by his grandfather Justus Wellington Seely, II in 1877, Montell and his son still raise sheep and cattle on the same 160 acre homestead. But he didn't always want to be a farmer. He started college interested in a career in teaching physical education.

"At the end of that first year I decided that wasn't for me, so I changed my major to agriculture," he said.

But after another year of college he realized he already knew much of what he was being taught, so he returned to the family farm and focused on building up the operation buying sheep and cattle. Then he had something of an epiphany.

"When I was 29 I was still single and I woke up one morning and decided I'd better find a wife," he said. "So I decided to go back to Brigham Young University because that's where all the pretty girl's were."

He registered for agricultural classes as a camouflage to cover his true goal of finding the future Mrs. Montell Seely. It wasn't long before he found himself on a blind date with Kathryn Pincock.

"We fell in love and eventually got married in 1963, but it took two years. So during that time I



During the summers of 1996 and 1997, Montell Seely (above) and his family pulled a 250 pound handcart 1,336 miles on foot from Illinois to Utah.

finished my degree. Then we came back to the farm and started raising a family."

In raising their family Montell and Kathryn have operated with a simple philosophy: "If a man has a deep emotional love for his family and passes it on to his children, his children will be less likely to go down paths that are detrimental to lifestyle, health, and livelihood," said Montell.

So he and Kathryn instilled their love of family history in their six children and 15 grandchildren. In fact, in 1996 and 1997, they followed the journey Montell's ancestors made when they migrated to Utah. They walked 300 miles from Navou, Ill. to Omaha, Neb. in 1996, and 1,036 miles from Omaha to the Salt Lake Valley in 1997, and they did it with three of their children who at the time were aged 22, 19, and 16. The kids enjoyed the experience so much, they talked their parents into joining a similar trek in the "Four Corners" area of the country in the summer of 1998.

"I remember seeing Montell and his family at the SGS reunion in Wethersfield in 1992," said SGS President Jim Seeley. "He and his family put on a skit that told the story of Robert Seeley; it was very informative and entertaining. I hope I can talk them into doing it again in Abilene next year!"

A deeply religious man, Montell says his zest for life and interest in history and family comes from a bible verse: Malachi 4.6.

"My heart is turned to my father's with such an intensity that I want to have everything that I do focus on honoring and showing respect and love for my ancestors," he said. "And, as a father, my heart is turned toward my children and grandchildren and I want to have everything I do provide a positive influence on my descendants."

The Answer Is...

The 2003 Seeley Reunion Family Survey Results are In!

Preparations are underway for the 2005 SGS International Reunion in Abilene, Kan. It will also mark the 40th Anniversary of SGS, and the 100th birthday of Abilene's Historic Seelye Mansion. If that's not enough to get you to Abilene, then how about an authentic wild western town, President Eisenhower's boyhood home, family and friends, plus the opportunity to make new friends and build new memories?

One of the fun things those who attended the 2003 reunion in Williamsburg may remember is filling out a reunion questionnaire. SGS President Jim Seeley got the idea from Ancestry.com. The questionnaire asked six fun questions of those in attendance. We hope to do something similar next September in Abilene, but until then, here are some of the answers you gave to the 2003 questionnaire.

1. Name three people who you would most like to have lunch with (irrespective of any era, geography, or language barriers) and why.

- a. Mother Eve (she was the first great-grandmother), Anna Duncan (to get her ancestor history), Joseph Smith (to hear of his life and witness of God, the Father & Son Jesus Christ)
- b. Jesus Christ (I would love to be taught by and worship him), George Washington (I would like to thank him for his dedication to the great cause of liberty), The Prophet Joseph Smith (He was such a humble and kind man yet great in the hearts of his people)
- c. Robert Seeley (to learn of the Seeley origins), Michelangelo (to hear him talk about his art), Ramses II (Egyptian pharaoh – to discuss Egypt's art)
- d. President George Bush, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, Dame Judy Dench (British Actress)
- e. No Answer
- f. GGG Father William Seeley I, GGG Mother Mary Louise Louck
- g. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, General Ulysses S. Grant
- h. Ancestor Seth Seeley (ancestor pioneer life in New Brunswick), Author Edward Rutherford (Have questions for him about England), Great Grandfather Thomas Wade (Raised in England where my father was born)
- i. Eleanor Roosevelt (For her wit, humor & political savvy), A great grandmother on my mother's side Melissa Jane Derr (for obvious reasons), Obadiah Seeley (To see how he tied in with our family)
- j. Robert Seeley (I would like to visit with him and

give him my appreciation that he came to America), Jesus Christ, Abraham Lincoln (I would like to give him my appreciation for holding America together).

- k. My wife, Ann; Jesus Christ; St. Joseph.
- l. Jesus Christ, Alexander the Great, Robert Seeley(ye)
- m. Emeril Lagasse (great chef, very knowledgeable about food), George W. Bush (insight to the goings on of our nation), Jesus Christ (insight to God's word)
- n. Obadiah Seeley (To ask about his parents and training as a carpenter – he built John Miller's house)
- o. Mahatma Ghandi, Dalai Lama, Jesus Christ (All holy men – would like to know them personally)
- p. Jesus Christ, Mary (our heavenly mother), Teresa of Avila (founded of reformed carmelites), My husband (he's fun to be with)
- q. Sarah Edmunds Seeley, Anne Bolyn
- r. Eleanor of Acquitaine (I would like to know how she coped as queen of England and France), My great grandfather James Seeley, Obadiah Seely (to learn about his past)

2. Since our last reunion, what single achievement or activity are you most proud of?

- a. This last year I have spent more time getting to know and being with grandchildren. Building a relationship with 28 grandchildren takes time and is very enjoyable.
- b. I compiled a book of short biographies of 23 of my pioneer ancestors (those who immigrated to Utah 1847-1869) for my brother and sisters and their children.
- c. My work with the Tioga County, Penn. Historical Society
- d. Success of historical research
- e. Successful annual family conferences (2) for JASFO
- f. This is my first reunion – so I must send you my Seeley info before the next meeting
- g. This is my first reunion
- h. Learning computer skills, amateur stage trip to England, and meeting relatives we found through research.
- i. No Answer
- j. I am grandmother of (soon to be) nine grandchildren.
- k. Completion of the Gress and Roberts Families Genealogy.
- l. Being with Evelyn and helping through cancer illness.
- m. Career achievement & goals
- n. Database activity, helping the query team
- o. Serving as chair of the elders of my church for two years
- p. Completing a genealogy book on the Roberts,

Sager, and Seeley families.

- q. Visiting England to find a cousin of my father – who was not a Seeley – and to meet many second cousins of my own. Also to commemorate the marriage of my grandparents – one hundred years to the day – at the place they were wed.
r. No answer

3. What of our family history are you most interested in learning about? Who do you think may be able to provide information about this?

- a. My interest at this time is looking for Mehittabel Bennet's ancestors. She was married to Justus Azel Seeley in 1800 in Bradford County, Penn. Her parents are Amos Bennet and Anna Duncan. They probably came from Connecticut. Dian Little is the person of most help to me as she is actively accumulating information on these grandparents.
b. Robert & Mary's ancestors
c. I am interested in the Obadiah-Nathaniel-Robert relationship.
d. Robert's life – 2004 reunion
e. I would like to learn about how the first Seeley immigrants lived and made a go.
f. I want to learn my Seeley ancestral line back from William I and Mary Louise Louck Seeley
g. Here as a spouse
h. DNA project. Would like to connect Seeley families in Ontario in order to see if they are related in any way – naturally SGS would be the way
i. We have a "problem" with our two Williams. I am not sure how to resolve it.
j. Robert Seeley in England
k. Seeley lines other than Obadiah & Nathaniel
l. Colonial life, my research
m. Women who have made outstanding contributions to society
n. Jerome Anderson Nehgs
o. No answer
p. Is there a medical problem that follows family lines? I am not sure...
q. No answer
r. No answer

4. What are your three most favorite things to do in your free time that are NOT child-related?

- a. 1-Hiking and being out in nature. 2-Reading. 3- Sewing & crafts.
b. 1-Traveling. 2-Reading. 3-Skiing.
c. 1-Travel. 2-Work with local history projects. 3- Antiquing.
d. 1- Genealogy research. 2- Genealogy research. 3- Genealogy research.
e. 1-Genealogy. 2-Reading. 3-Hiking.
f. 1-Library research. 2-Cemetary research. 3- Family meetings.
g. 1-Travel. 2-Golf. 3-Reading.

- h. Travel – scenery and historical sites, not big city attractions
i. 1-Reading. 2-Genealogy research. 3-Gardening.
j. 1-Golf. 2-Reading. 3-Crocheting.
k. 1-Skiing. 2-Volunteer Work. 3-Camping.
l. 1-Ebay Selling. 2-Assist Son. 3-Travel.
m. 1-Reading. 2-Watching movies. 3-Spending time with family
n. 1-College football. 2- Visiting library genealogical sections
o. 1-Quilting, embroidery, & other crafts (have not been able to do stained glass for a while but would like to get back to it) 2-Cooking. 3- Traveling.
p. 1-Reading. 2-Handwork like crocheting. 3- Research and genealogy
q. 1-Needle crafts. 2-Bird watching. 3-Historical research.
r. 1- Needlepoint. 2-Crochet. 3-Reading.

5. What single piece of wisdom would you like to leave for the next generation?

- a. Daily scripture study is as important to our eternal

Please See 2003 Reunion Page 10

History, Heroes, and Hospitality

That's the banner the Abilene, Kansas Chamber of Commerce uses to promote the site of the

Seeley Genealogical Society 2005 International Reunion

Wed. – Sat., September 14 – 17

The reunion will feature the informative sessions you've come to expect, plus a chance to visit with family, as well as experience Abilene, Kansas and the remarkable history of the Great Plains!



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2003 Reunion Questionnaire (continued from page 9)

- (or spiritual) welfare as daily food is for our physical or temporal welfare.
- b. Live a Christ-centered life and serve others. Have integrity and value your freedom in this land.
 - c. You can't tell where you are going until you know where you've been.
 - d. If a dull life is equal to a strait line – the peaks are equal to the valley in a fulfilled life.
 - e. Talk to grandparents and get their stories (with details) before they die!!
 - f. To face the future, you must study the past
 - g. To get back to being more independent & less dependent on the government.
 - h. Get old young. Don't party only, learn as well.
 - i. Set high goals, but remember your roots – you will be a part of our great history
 - j. Enjoy your freedom; many died to give you the freedom you enjoy.
 - k. Learn and practice the attribute of responsibility.
 - l. Your life work should be enjoyable: then it's not work. Also, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."
 - m. Learn from the mistakes of those that came before you, then go on to make your own and learn from them too.
 - n. Don't wait for tomorrow, do what you can today.
 - o. No answer
 - p. You are created in the image & likeness of God. You are unique and no one else is exactly like you – God loves you!
 - q. Nothing lasts forever, tomorrow is another day.
 - r. No answer.
- 6. Describe your dream vacation. You have one month off, free from all responsibility and unlimited spending money. Where would you go?**
- a. I would go back to Papua New Guinea (north of Australia) where my husband and I lived for 18 months in 1994-95. It's called the land of the unexpected and is an exciting place. The people are what I would go to see because of the love we have for them.
 - b. If I had a week, I'd go to Bora Bora, Tahiti. If I had a month, I'd like to see Europe, Scandinavia, and the Mediterranean countries.
 - c. I would visit unusual architectural sites in the world – Taj Mahal, Macchu Picchu, etc.
 - d. Penn., Bradford County, Upper Canada (Ontario), Saratoga N.Y.
 - e. We would take all our children, their spouses and our grandchildren to the Holy Land (Israel, Jordan, Egypt)
 - f. To go back to England and visit our ancestors homes & cemeteries.
 - g. A trip back to Germany where I served in the military.
 - h. First to the highlands of Scotland. Then through all of England. I would visit my daughter in Switzerland for a year. Finally to New Zealand. Everywhere I would mix with the common folk at pubs and eating establishments.
 - i. Listening to "cousins" talk about their travels around the United States. I long to see the same wonderful places.
 - j. Tahiti. It is like the island of Mora is in the 50's. You feel carefree and the island is so beautiful.
 - k. Canada and Alaska.
 - l. Around the world cruise.
 - m. I'd travel throughout Europe starting north and heading south ending in Italy.
 - n. Salt Lake City for research. Tour where our ancestors lived and visit the cour houses there.
 - o. Travel – Sailing- through the islands of the South Pacific & snorkeling on the Great Barrier Reef.
 - p. A villa in Spain
 - q. England, Scotland, and Ireland.
 - r. The British Isles – British history has long been an interest of mine.

Volunteers Needed

Listed below are SGS Projects that need volunteers. Also listed is a person to contact if you are willing to contribute. U.S. Mail addresses for each POC are found on page 15 of the Newsletter.

Project

Volunteer as an Area Coordinator]
 Assist with planning SGS Genealogical Research
 Assist at SGS Research Center, Abilene KS
 Plan for SGS Reunion in 2005
 Present Paper at SGS Reunion in 2005
 Submit names for "Famous Seeleys" list
 Submit names of Seeley Vets in Armed Forces
 DNA Test Subject (see article this Newsletter)
 Establish SGS as a nonprofit organization
 Constitution & By-laws changes
 Contribute to SGS Newsletter
 Increase SGS Membership
 Update SGS History

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It would be wonderful if each SGS Member would contribute to at least one Project.
 About 20 members, plus folks who respond to queries, do SGS volunteer work now. Each has my sincere thanks.

SGS 20 Years Ago Safeguarding SGS Research

In the Nov. 1984 Newsletter, then-president Robert Cox described a project he undertook to safeguard the research that resulted in the formation of SGS.

"September came with a bang. I took two days and drove out to see Charles and Martha Martin in Charles City, Iowa. I have a project of copying Rev. Osborn's old original records which formed the beginning of the Seeley Genealogical Society. Charles is the keeper of the original documents and a Seeley descendant. I returned the first half of the records and picked up the last half. Two sets will insure against losing them in case of fire or other damage. The records include many letters from Seeley descendants all over the country including letters which we wrote to Garner Osborn many years ago. The genealogical data has already been extracted from these records by Esther Walter and put on standard charts and forms, and into the first five generations. I thought it would be nice to preserve the original information in the familiar book form in which Garner had kept them."

Those documents are now kept at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan.

Robert Seeley (continued from page 6)

York when Indian Chief Yokes gives possession of Shelter Island.

1653-54. Robert appointed Captain of New Haven forces fighting against the Dutch and the Indians on Long Island.

1655-61/2. Robert apparently returns to England.

Feb 1662. At a town meeting in Huntington, Long Island, it was ordered that a boat be sent to Connecticut to bring Captain Seeley to Long Island.

28 Apr 1662. New Haven General Court requests encouragement for Captain Seeley to settle among them.

14 May 1663. The Court ordered the Town of Stratford to pay Robert 25 pounds in exchange for him giving up all rights and titles to land holdings there. At the same session, Robert is appointed commissioner for the town of Huntington, Long Island.

1655. Robert and several others settle Elizabeth, New Jersey.

About 1666. Robert marries Mary Manning Walker. It is believed that they lived on the Manning Estates on Manning's Island off the coast of New York City.

11 Oct 1667. Robert died intestate in New York City. It is believed he was buried at Manning Estates.

19 Oct 1668. Letters of administration were given to his widow, Mary Manning Walker.

2 Nov 1668. Land holdings in Elizabeth, N.J. sold.

15 Jul 1669. Land holdings in Huntington, Long Island, New York sold.

Seeley Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year 2004
October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004

Beginning Balance October 1, 2003	\$22,629.17
Receipts	
Dues	1207.00
Books	444.00
CD	60.00
Reunion Books	324.00
Prepaid DNA Tests	100.00
Life Membership	500.00
Donation to Research	21.00
Bank Interest	<u>221.86</u>
Total Receipts	2877.86
Total Available Cash	\$25,507.03
Disbursements	
Postage	531.45
Supplies	369.90
Newsletters	2266.42
Printing Reunion Booklets	376.20
Donation Seelye Archives	750.00
Due Federation Gen. Soc	65.00
DNA Sample Kits	520.00
Bad Check Charges	<u>25.00</u>
Total Disbursements	4903.97
Ending Balance Sept. 30, 2004	20, 603.06
Regular Checking Account	6612.45
Research Account	2478.04
Life Membership CD	11,512.57

Submitted by Chris Havnar
Treasurer, Seeley Genealogical Society
October 27, 2004

Ancestry.com Quick Tip Make Note of Cemetery "Neighbors"

When visiting the cemetery as you conduct genealogical research, look not only for your ancestors who are buried there, but look around at the tombstones adjacent to your ancestors. Sometimes ancestors are buried next to other ancestors. They may not have the same name, but still may be related. Just a few minutes of notetaking might save you another trip to the same cemetery later. Just a little tip on searching.

Submitted to Ancestry.com by Darlene Kneaves

SGS Queries

(Data as of October 15, 2004)

Query number is 2 digit year, 2 digit month of newsletter, query sequence number

Please send your queries to Query Editor Linda Crocker at llc100@btopenworld.com or mail to Linda at home (see page 2) or to P.O. Box 1326, Harwich, MA 02645. Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any information on the queries below contact the submitter but remember to also send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query 0408-2 Re: Samuel Brown Seeley

Gail Jensen (JensenG@ldsmail.net) was looking for information on the family of Samuel Brown Seeley who was b. 27 March 1838 at Mallet Creek, Medina, OH. SGS member Donn Seeley found Samuel with his parents Jessie and Prudence Seeley in the 1850 census of Medina Co. OH where Donn also has Seeley ancestors. Jessie is listed as age 42 and b. in NY and Prudence is age 44 and also b. NY. They have 14 children including Samuel age 12, b. OH. All are resident in Mallet Creek, York Township.

With this information John Seely was able to identify Jessie (Jesse) in the SGS database. Jesse Seeley is a son of David Seeley (SGS #1993) and Ursula Sweetman. Jesse was b. 8 Aug. 1808 in Carlisle, Schoharie, NY and d. 9 Jan. 1888 in Mallet Creek.

Please let me know if you have any further information on this query or any earlier queries.

NEW QUERIES

Query 0411-1 Submitted by Shawn Thornsberry (s_thornsberry@hotmail.com)

Subject: Almira Jane Seelye

Shawn is searching for the parents of his ancestor Almira (Almyra) Jane Seelye b. 4 March 1817 in Albany, NY, died 4 July 1888 who married Walter Perrin Belknap (b. 9 Sep 1814 Randolph, Orange, VT, d. 14 Jan. 1885) on 29 June 1836 in Albany, NY according to contributors on LDS. They indicated Almira's father was John Seelye and her mother was named Susan. During his research, Shawn found a record that John Seelye Jr. m. Susan Witt in Dan Seelye's database. He also found a cemetery record for Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester, Monroe, NY: John Seelye, 25 Dec. 1793 – 24 April 1883, Susan Witt, 15 May 1790 – 26 Oct.

1875. They are with Charles E. Seelye (12 May 1839 – 10 Mar. 1913) and Sarah M. Seelye (13 Jun 1839 – 31 May 1921).

SGS Response: John Seelye is SGS # 2216 (page 30 of The Seventh Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley). Dan Seelye has sent Shawn a file on John Seelye's ancestry. Shawn would still like help finding information about Almira and her siblings.

Query 0411-2 Submitted by Margot Cahalane Hayes (EmjayHayes@aol.com)

Subject: Hiram H. Seelye

Margot's grandmother's half aunt Lucile Henrietta **Heness** married a physician named Hiram H. **Seelye** in New Haven, CT in 1888. According to his marriage record he was born in 1856 in Hudson Falls, Washington, NY. They lived in Amherst, MA in 1900 before moving to Key West, FL by 1910. They had two children: Priscilla H. (1889) & Seth H. (1891). Margot is currently working to find the ancestors of Hiram Seelye or his children Priscilla and Seth.

SGS Response: John Seely was able to identify Hiram as a ninth generation Nathaniel descendant, the son of Edward Eli Seeley (SGS # 2070). Hiram graduated from Amherst in 1879 and is noted in the Amherst Biographical Record. Using this information Margot found Edward Eli with his wife Priscilla and children Hiram and Mary in the 1860 census for Schenectady, NY. Edward is listed as an R.P.D. clergyman. Does anyone know what those initials stand for? Margot is sending her information on the children of Hiram and Lucile to be added to the SGS database.

Query 0411-3 Submitted by Frank Manning (frankmanning@sbcglobal.net)

Frank Manning has done extensive research on the Manning Family but has been unable to uncover information on Mary Manning Walker Seeley, second wife of Robert Seeley (SGS # 1), other than the one document that identifies her brother as Captain John Manning. In his research he has suggested that Mary is a Maverick rather than a Manning. John Manning's first wife was Abigail Maverick. It is possible that Abigail's sister Mary, who married first a James Parker, may have subsequently married a Mr Walker, been widowed again and then married Robert Seeley. Mary might then have still referred to John Manning as a 'brother' as he was her brother-in-law when married to her sister.

SGS Interim Response: We are grateful to Frank Manning for sharing his research with us. We still don't have definite proof as to the identity of Mary and any help from our members would be most

welcome.

Query 0411-4 Submitted by Steve Hollands, 812 Greenwood Cir. Apt 2, Tacoma Park, MD 20912.

Subject: Elizabeth Seeley

Steve wants to know if we have any information about an Elizabeth Seeley b. 1634 Norwalk, Fairfield Co., CT and married 8 Jun 1655 in Norwalk to Matthias St John. Matthias and Elizabeth had 4 children (surname St John).

SGS Interim Response: The Query Team hasn't discovered any information on Elizabeth. If you think you might be able to help out with anything about her, please contact your Query Editor.

Query 0411-5 Submitted by Judy Kindall (BUNCHAKINDALL55@aol.com)

Subject: Esther Ann Seeley and Reuby Seeley

Judy is researching the following two women: Esther Ann Seeley, b. 28 Sept. 1821 Ohio, d. 1 July 1869 Bristol, Elkhart, Ind. (buried St. John's) and m. 19 Sept. 1841 in Goshen, IN to James Salisbury. He was b. 14 Mar 1803 Otsego, NY and d. 16 Apr. 1857 New Buffalo, Berrien, MI. Living next door in the 1850 and 1860 census is the Benton family; the wife's maiden name was Reuby Seeley. She was related to Esther Ann, probably an Aunt. Reuby Seeley, b. 30 June 1797 PA (Bradford Co.), d. 17 Feb. 1887 Creston, Union, IA and buried Graceland Cem. Lot 19, Creston, IA. She was m. 2 Feb 1818 in Franklin, OH to Edward William Benton who was b. Vt and d. 1841 Elkhart, IN. Reuby's name may have been Rebecca or Ruth but on several legal documents in Elkhart it is always spelled Reuby. The Bentons lived in Madison Co. OH in 1830. A biographical sketch of Reuby's son George lists his mother as Rebecca Sealy. Judy is frustrated to not be able to find the parents of either of these women. She has investigated and eliminated various other individuals.

SGS Interim Response: Neither Esther nor Reuby appear in our database. Anyone with information or suggestions should contact Judy and remember to copy me your information.

Query 0411-6 Submitted by Gerry L. Reynolds (gl.Reynolds@comcast.net)

Subject: Frank J. Seeley

Gerry is a direct of Frank J. Seeley, and he is attempting to determine his link to other Seeley families. Frank J. Seeley was born June 1824 or possibly 1825 in Pennsylvania, and died in 1905. He married Jeanette Catherine Stetson, July 4, 1849, daughter of John Stetson and Mary (Mina) Peck. She was born January 10, 1829 in Westfield, New York (or possibly October 1, 1829), and died September 12, 1898. She was buried in East Ripley Cemetery, September 20, 1898.

Children of Frank Seeley and Jeanette Stetson are:

1. Eliza, b. 1850 (Penn.)

2. Julia, b. Dec. 10, 1852 (Penn.)

3. Sarah, b. 1853 (Penn.)

4. Frank, b. 1856 (N Y)

5. Janet, b. 1858 (Penn.)

6. Warren, b. 1860 (NY)

7. John, b. 1864 (NY)

8. Mary, b. 1866 (NY)

9. George, b. 1869 ((NY)

SGS Interim Response: I found records for Frank **Seely** (age 55) and Jeanette (age 50) with the 3 youngest children in the 1880 census for Ripley, Chatauqua Co. NY. It shows Frank b. in PA but his father b. in NY and his mother in Ireland. Jeanette's parents are both b. in NY. Frank does not appear in the SGS database. If you have further information on Frank J. Seeley, please let Gerry know and copy to me.

Query 0411-7 Submitted by Patty Theurer (seymour784@yahoo.com)

Subject: Daniel Seely

Patty is descended from Willis A. Seely a son of Daniel Seely This Daniel was b. 7 September in Oswego, Oswego Co., NY and d. 25 May 1899 in Wittenburg, WI. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Iola, Waupaca Co. WI. He married Mary O. Blaisdell McCorison 16 Sept. 1851 in Ostrander, Waupaca Co. Mary was married previously to Moses McCorisen. According to the 1880 census and a history of Waupaca County, WI Daniel was b. in NY and Mary was b. in ME. Patty has information on Willis and his siblings and their families but cannot find Daniel's ancestors.

SGS Interim Response: Daniel doesn't appear in the SGS database nor does Dan Seelye have information on him. Anyone who can help with this query should contact me and Patty.

Query 0411-8 Submitted by Donna J Cole (thecoales44@netzero.com)

Subject: Martin Seeley

Donna is looking for information on her great-great grandparents Martin and Liddy Seeley. In the 1860 census for Locke township, Ingham Co. MI she found M. Seely age 50, b. PA; L. Seely age 41, b. PA, and several children b. in PA and the 2 youngest aged 4 and 2 b. in MI. In the 1870 census Liddy is age 54 and b. NY and the children's names are David, age 30, Delano, age 19, Thomas D., age 16, Susan A. age 14, Tallman A. age 12, Harriet age 10. Tallman is Donna's ancestor. He changed his name to John and was also known as Jack.

SGS Interim Response: So far we have been unable to identify Martin Seeley. If you recognise this family please pass your information to Donna and send me a copy.

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Canadian Corner



Editor's Note:
While conducting internet research I

found some interesting information about a Seely from Canada who distinguished himself as a mariner during the War of 1812. Capt. Caleb Seely commanded the privateer *Liverpool Packet* from 1813 to 1815. During the war, ship commanders were given letters of Marque from the crown, essentially authorizing them to become pirates on behalf of the King. I found Capt. Seeley's letter at <http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/~jacktar/packetmarque.html>. It reads in part: "Whereas, by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain bearing Date the 13th Day of October in the year of Our Lord 1812, and in the 52d Year of His Majesty's Reign, the Lords Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral are required and authorized to issue forth and grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal to any of His Majesty's Subjects or others, whom we shall deem fitly qualified in that Behalf for apprehending, seizing, and taking the Ships, Vessels and Goods belonging to the United States of America, or to any Persons being Subjects of the United States of America (save and except for any Ships to which license has been granted) and to bring the same to Judgement in any of His Majesty's Courts of Admiralty with his Dominions, for Proceedings and Adjudication and Condemnation to be thereupon had, according to the Court of Admiralty, and the Laws of Nations; These are, therefore, to will and require you to cause a Letter of Marque and Reprisals to be issued out of the High Court of Admiralty unto Caleb Seely Commander of the *Liverpool Packet* Burthern of about sixty seven tons, mounted with five Carriage Guns carrying Shot of twelve, six & four Pounds Weight and navigated with Thirty men, Under Captain Seely." *Liverpool Packet* earned a reputation as a fast and successful prowler off Cape Cod, Boston and other American ports. The success of this tiny raider caused hysterical fear in American ports where newspapers, in anger and fear, often exaggerated her success. She was sold after the war to owners in Kingston Jamaica and her subsequent fate is not known.

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Queries (continued from page 13)

Query 0411-9 Submitted by shirley.h@rcn.com

Subject: Richard Seeley Reeves

Shirley contacted us via our new website. She wants to know if we can identify Richard Seeley Reeves as a Seeley descendant. Richard was b. 26 May 1823 in Canton, Salem Co. NJ. He married Sarah Ann Bennett on 26 April 1849 and he d. 8 Oct. 1900. He and Sarah are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, NJ.

SGS Interim Response: This query only arrived recently – no information yet. Richard isn't listed in the SGS publications.

Query 0411-10 Submitted by Donna Gardiner (donnalor@erols.com)

Subject: Sylvia Seeley

Donna contacted us wondering if we could help her find information on a Sylvia Seeley who married a William Montgomery and lived in Rochester, Monroe Co. NY. She had encountered Sylvia Montgomery listed as 'mother' b. in VT in various censuses with the family of Daniel Leary and his wife Caroline W. Montgomery and their children.

SGS Response: According to The Sixth Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley, Sylvia Seeley is a 7th generation descendant of Robert Seeley through his son Nathaniel. She is listed as SGS # 758, 1st born child (1806) of Abel Seelye (b. 18 Dec. 1783, Arlington, VT; d. 17 Dec. 1820 Sunderland, VT) and his wife Edith Montgomery (b. 1797; d. 9 June 1863, Arlington, VT.). Our information is that she married William Montgomery of Rochester, NY who died before 1842.

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUERY

If you would like to submit a query please follow a few guidelines.

Be specific and detailed: Give us as much information as you have about the person or family in question, **especially dates and locations. What resources have you already consulted?** The SGS Publications? The census? Cemetery records? Ancestry.com? **What exactly do you want to know?** Parent's names and details? Information on siblings? Information on a family marrying into the Seeley family?

After your query is printed please keep us informed about any information you receive or any further progress you make on your own. Other members may also be interested or related to your line. One more name, date or place may be the key to connecting your line to another. Your query will also be posted on our website. Make sure we have your current email and normal address – sometimes we get information several months after publication.

SGS Publications

The SGS publications *The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657): Generations One Through Five, 1997 Edition*, and *The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition*, are both available for \$17 including postage. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition*, is also available for \$25 including postage. Prior issues of the **SGS Newsletter** can be purchased for \$2 each. The publications and back issues of the newsletter can be ordered from Seelye Research Center Director Terry Tietjens (contact info at right).

Also available is a CD-ROM containing the **SGS Ancestor File Index** (John Seely's *Blue Books*) and the **three SGS pubs** described above, and the **five research reports by Fred C. Hart, Jr., CG on Obadiah Seeley**, all in easy-to-use and searchable Microsoft Word format. This SGS CD-ROM is available for \$15 from SGS President Jim Seeley (contact info at right). All Checks should be made payable to SGS.

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Seeley Military Notes

Private Robin Seale

(Army/Air Force Hometown News Service) - Army Reserve Pvt. Robin R. Seale has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training (AIT) course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train soldiers to establish and maintain stock records and other documents such as inventory, materiel control, accounting and support reports, automated and manual accounting records; perform stock record/warehouse functions pertaining to receipt, storage, distribution and issue and maintain equipment records and parts; review and verify bills of lading, contracts, and purchase orders; repair and construct shipping crates for equipment and supplies, and perform prescribed loads and shop stock lists in manual and automated supply applications.

Seale is the son of Dorn Seale of Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Staff Sergeant Scott Seelye

SGS President Jim Seeley spotted the following note in the Oct. 14, 2004 issue of the Canton Penn. *Independent Sentinel*.

Staff Sgt. Seelye Deployed to Kuwait

Staff Sgt. Scott A. Seelye, Sr., a Canton graduate

and son of Leroy Seelye, Canton, has been deployed to Kuwait.

He would like to hear from his friends. Notes, cards, and greetings may be sent to him at: A-11, 109th FA, Camp Doha, Kuwait, APO-AE 09304.

His wife Cheryl and his five children live in Plymouth, PA.

Editor's Note: Having spent some time overseas in the military, I can tell you receiving words of encouragement, thanks and praise goes a long way toward boosting morale and making the time go by faster. Care packages are even better! (Though if you send something to military personnel overseas, make sure you send unopened pre-packaged items — there are some folks out there who would like to do harm to our servicemen and women, so Army and Fleet post offices thoroughly screen packages going overseas and destroy items that look suspicious.)

I scan a number of online sources for information about military personnel in our family, but obviously do not catch them all. If you have a note about a Seeley in the service that you would like to see in print, please send it to me (contact info on page 15). Please include your contact data. This is also a great way for us to support Marshall Seelye's "Seeley Veterans" project.



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