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The State of the Society - *Where SGS is, and where we're heading*

By Jim Seeley, SGS President

During the 2003 SGS Reunion, I gave a presentation on the state of SGS. This year, I decided to publish my evaluation of the state of the society in this newsletter so the membership can read it.

When I assumed the SGS presidency in 2002, the SGS Board of Directors, at my recommendation, set two overarching goals: (1) increase membership and (2) improve volunteerism.

Figure 1 shows the membership trend since 2002. Notice that at the end of each year, we lose many members. So far, we've been able to replace them over the ensuing months so

that in November of 2005 we had 400 members. This is the highest number since I've been tracking membership. The membership chairman has worked diligently to retain members, including sending each member who has not paid their dues a letter encouraging them to do so. However, if they aren't paid by February of the following year, they are dropped from our membership roles. There are 30 societies, libraries, etc. on the newsletter mailing list in addition to our active members.

So, we are making progress on achieving overarching goal number one, but I feel we can do better. How can you help? Consider purchasing a membership for your grown children (remember, membership is available for 1, 2, 3, 5 years or for LIFE). Or, consider purchasing a membership for your county or state genealogical society or research library.

Overarching goal number two, increasing volunteerism, has been more heartening for me. Here are several reasons why!

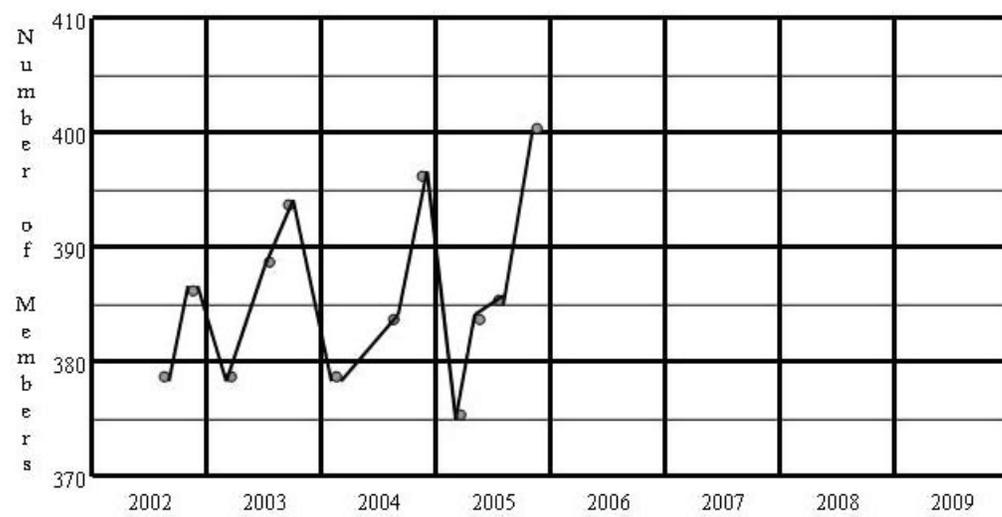
1. Dan Seelye started a Seeley website while he was SGS president. He requested someone relieve him of maintaining a Seeley website. **Chris and Jerry Havnar** stepped up to the plate and hit a homerun! I visit the

FIGURE 1

SGS Membership Trend

Active Members Only—Updated November 2005

Decline at Year's End due to deaths and non-renewal of membership



website at least weekly and I'm surprised at the new things the Havnars keep adding. If you have access to the internet, I encourage you to visit www.seeley-society.net. If you are a Seeley descendant, I think you'll be as proud of this family website as I am.

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The SGS Newsletter is published every February, May, August, and November. Announcements are published for free and are due to the editor by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy, history or biography; amateur or professional. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, SGS counts among its family those with surnames spelled a variety of ways such as: Seeley, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seele, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

\$8 per year, \$15 two years, \$21 three years, or \$30 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$100. (Dues are in U.S. dollars and the membership year runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31)

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2007 in New England. 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.

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Society or the editors, nor are the Society or its editors responsible for errors of fact or opinion. Proved errors will be corrected.

President's Report

One of the most important jobs I have as your president is to appoint a nominating committee to select a new slate of officers for the next two-year term. SGS LIFE Member Veronica Seeley Newell has agreed to accept and chair this important committee. Additional volunteers yet to be named will assist Veronica as committee members. If you are interested in serving on the SGS Board of Directors please contact Veronica at vnewell2005@yahoo.com. The composition of the executive board, i.e., the nine elected positions on the SGS Board of Directors, is listed in the SGS by-laws, article III. The board has agreed that future directors must have e-mail capability. I hope this isn't a great hardship for members who want to serve but it seems most members already have e-mail. I have found that communicating via e-mail is more effective, less time consuming, more timely, and cheaper than using U.S. mail and, in some cases, even the telephone.

I recommend all SGS members retain the November 2005 SGS Newsletter since it contains the approved SGS Constitution and By-Laws. By an affirmative vote at the last membership meeting, future changes to the constitution and by-laws will normally be made by amendment rather than reprinting. The membership chairman plans to provide each new member with a copy of the C&BLs.

I did not give a "State of the Society" presentation at the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene since we had a full agenda. My thoughts on how we are doing are included in a separate article in this newsletter.

I strongly encourage members to use the SGS numbers assigned to the first eight generations of the descendants of immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley in the three SGS publications. If you are submitting a query or discussing ancestors with other members or researchers, the use of the assigned SGS number (when you know it) is of enormous value and saves us all a lot of time.

If you haven't already done so, please send your Seeley ancestor information to SGS Ancestor File Index Coordinator John Seely. John includes your information in his database, and then forwards the information to the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Ks. for retention. John has told me to encourage you to keep sending him your data until he tells us to stop. Nearly 700 Seeley descendants (of various spelling) have submitted data to John. His database is on the SGS CD-ROM along with other compilations and research reports. John is in the process of updating his database from the 2003 version.

I am wrestling with deciding on what research objectives we should pursue with SGS funding. I welcome your ideas. See the reunion souvenir book for an update on our knowledge of immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley's ancestry.

As I write this, we have 34 orders for the Abilene reunion souvenir book. We plan to print a few extra for those who haven't ordered a copy yet. If you would like one, send me a check for \$25, payable to SGS. See page 15 for my address. There will only be one printing and they'll be sold on a first come, first served basis.

There will be a meeting of the SGS board of directors on May 19, 2005 at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Ks. If you have issues you would like the board to address, please send them to me at jrseeley@adelphia.net. A summary of the board's actions will appear in the August 2006 newsletter.

Kathie Olsen has worked hard since the reunion putting together changes to the three SGS publications. This newsletter contains an article on changes that have been previously published. This newsletter also contains a new Change # 6 to the Sixth Generation Families Book. I hope you will take the opportunity to relay your gratitude to Kathie Olsen for all the work she has done and continues to do to keep the three SGS publications updated with your recommended changes.

Jim Seeley
SGS President



State of SGS *(continued from page 1)*

2. Paul Taylor took over as newsletter editor from the outstanding job done by Ray Hall. Paul is not a guy with lots of time on his hands. He works full time and does a lot of travel with his job. As I write this, he has just completed the reunion souvenir book. Ray improved the newsletter when he took that job. I think Ray agrees that Paul has taken the newsletter to another, higher level. I can't thank Paul enough for the long, professional hours he spends on behalf of SGS.

3. Wesley Waring organized the initial Obadiah DNA Test Project that discovered (1) immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley were probably NOT closely related. And (2), his project also established a DNA profile for the descendants of these two early immigrants to North America. I think these were two remarkable results and we owe Wesley a sincere thank you for his efforts.

4. Dr. Ken McCrea agreed to manage a follow-on DNA project to continue investigating the lineage of the Seeley surname. The Seeley DNA Lineage Project has confirmed the Robert and Obadiah Seeley DNA profiles, using a much more accurate 37-marker test. Now, a male with a Seeley surname can be tested and determine whether he is a descendant of Robert or of Obadiah, or of neither. This will surely help focus ancestral research and hopefully save time and resources. Dr. McCrea has developed test participants through the internet, including one Seeley from England who turned out NOT to be descended from either Robert or Obadiah. Other contacts are still contemplating participating in Dr. McCrea's DNA test project. Those members who find, through DNA testing, that they do not descend from either Robert or Obadiah are strong candidates for SGS assistance with determining their ancestor's line.

5. Kathie Olsen made a preliminary trip to England at her own expense to organize the SGS trip to England in September 2004. Those 24 people who participated had so much fun and enjoyment that they didn't want the trip to end. We recognized Kathie with a Certificate and Letter of Commendation during the 2005 SGS reunion for her tour organization efforts and for completing the three SGS publications. She is now preparing updates for these publications. At my request, Kathie drafted a letter to the Federation of Genealogical Societies for her Mother, Madeline Mills, to recognize Madeline's efforts in compiling the three SGS publications. As a result, SGS was sent a certificate naming Madeline Mills to the FGS Posthumous Hall of Honor. Kathie is serving her third two-year term as SGS first vice president and in that capacity she has been a valuable advisor to me.

6. Linda Crocker assumed the role of SGS query editor over four years ago when she still lived in England. She is living proof that you don't have to live geographically in North America to take on such a major SGS responsibility. The computer e-mail is probably the greatest advancement in communications since the telephone. Having had the query editor job myself, I know the amount of work and time it takes to "unsnarl" the queries she receives, put them in clear English

language, send them to her query team, then provide a summary of the queries and query responses each quarter to the newsletter editor. We finally had the joy of meeting Linda during the 2005 Reunion in Abilene.

7. Dian Little as our Chief Genealogist, **Terry Tietjens** as the Director of the Seelye Research Center, **Ray Hall** as our Membership Chairman, **John Seely** for maintaining the SGS Ancestor File Index and for researching London, England records for another apprentice cordwainer named Robert Seeley (there's only one), and **Bob Seeley** (the one who lives in Oregon) as our SGS CDROM Project Director - - are all SGS volunteers who are setting a wonderful example for those members who might be thinking of contributing to the work of SGS.

8. Ruthetta Hansen, Ray Hall, Ann Hall, Caroline L. Haddon, Pamela D. Turner, and Lisa Seley - the Seelye Research Center Filing System Volunteers - either helped develop the filing system at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene or have agreed to learn it and help do the filing. And most of them live several hundred miles away!

Those members I've mentioned above are not the only ones. I could go on. These members receive no pay for their efforts; in fact most have invested some of their own funds in support of their volunteer SGS positions. I'll continue to list projects needing volunteer help in our newsletters. I hope you'll step up to the bat and hit a home run as well!

So, overall, I believe we are meeting overarching objective of increasing SGS volunteerism. But, yes, there's much more to do.

Financially, we've maintained a constant level of assets in recent years. However, once we decide on research objectives worthy of pursuit, we may need to find additional sources of funds. The latest annual financial statement was in the November 2005 newsletter.

In conclusion, our membership is slowly increasing, our volunteerism is increasing and making solid contributions, and our financial condition is stable. You have every right to be proud of your membership in the Seeley Genealogical Society. Please help us recruit new members.

Ancestry.com Quick Tip

Genealogy Business Cards

Whenever I travel to a genealogy conference, meeting, etc., I take along my genealogy business cards, which have the surnames I'm searching for on the back. Conferences usually have a bulletin board on which to post items. I post two together, one front side out and the other back side out and have made several connections that way.

*Jeri Kimmel
Corvallis, Ore.*

News from the SGS Board of Directors

First Vice President Kathie Olsen: As vice president, I have two assignments that I have been working on since the last newsletter. The first has been to construct an Excel database of all changes to our SGS publications. I have learned a lot working with this program. On page seven of this newsletter you will find a chart of the most recent changes that have been made to the Nathaniel portion of The Sixth Generation Book.

If you would like a copy of all changes that have been made over the years since its publication in 1995, please send me an email at katherinemolsen@comcast.net and I will send it to you. My next task will be to tackle the changes that have been made to the Obadiah portion of The Sixth Generation Book. After that I will work on the "One Through Five" book changes and then The Seventh Generation Book. I want all those who own the books to be assured that they can have access to all changes that have been made!

I have also given some thought to the next SGS tour: *Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England* which is planned for September 2007 immediately following the next SGS reunion. I hope you are planning to come! Put it on your calendar and if you have any suggestions, be sure and let me know!

Chief Genealogist Dian Little: I've been engaged in a search of a connection between Obadiah Seeley in London and Mary Angell Miller or the Slawsons who settled in Stamford, Conn.

I first listed all of the localities and churches listed in Nehemiah Wallington's book -- and there were 53 -- beginning with his residence a few dozen yards from the London bridge on the corner of Philpot Lane and Eastcheap St.

Then I listed the places listed in Slawson or Angell genealogy as found on Ancestry.com or familysearch.org.

There is adequate data to determine that Obadiah likely knew the Slawsons and the Angells in London before he came to Connecticut. It is possible that John Miller brought Obadiah to Stamford to build his house.

Assistant Genealogist Karl Weiler: I was asked by Dian Little to follow up on the references mentioned in the book "Wallington's World" concerning Obadiah Seeley.

My first contact was with Paul S. Seaver, Department Head of History at Stanford University. Seaver was the author of the book "Wallington's World". We exchanged e-mails included below is one I received from him.

Dear Karl Weiler,

I'm fascinated that you are a descendant of Obadiah Seeley, and that there is a Seeley genealogical society. I'm not surprised that he emigrated, so many Puritans did in the 1630s, including Wallington's closest friend. You will find more information about Seeley on p.236, n.36; his apprenticeship is recorded in the Turners' Company apprenticeship bindings (Guildhall Library MS 3302/1) and his contract as a journeyman is recorded in the Turners' Company minute book (Guildhall

Library MS 3295/2). All of Wallington's apprentices shared his religious position in one way or another as far as I can tell, but I would dearly love to know how a son of a Birmingham panner found his way to Wallington's shop.

*Best regards,
Paul Seaver*

I also contacted the Guildhall Library in London England three times but I was told they were very busy. I then sent an e-mail offering a donation of \$50.00 and the information came the next day by e-mail. The e-mail follows:

Dear Mr Weiler,

Thank you for your email of 1st December.

In response to your enquiry, I have consulted the apprentice binding books for the Turners' Company which contain apprenticeships started in 1636/7 (Guildhall Library Ms 3302/1). I have extracted the following information from the original Latin entry:

"Obediah Seeley son of William Seeley, Birmingham in the County of Warwickshire, draper, [apprenticed to] Nehemihe [sic] Wallington for 9 years from the feast of St Michael Archangel last." This entry is dated 11th January 1626/7 and the fee of 2s 6d is recorded as having been paid.

In addition, the freedom register (also in GL Ms 3302/1) records that William Seeley was made free on 13th October 1635, and that a payment of 13s 4d was made on this date.

I have briefly examined the court minutes of the Turners' Company (GL Ms 3295/2), but regret they do not record apprenticeships or freemen being admitted to the company.

Thank you for your generous offer of a donation to our Special Purchases Fund. As previously stated, sterling cheques (payable to the Chamberlain of London) or sterling drafts drawn on London are much preferred to cash or cheques in foreign currency. If you wish to donate by credit card then the best way of doing this is to telephone Guildhall Library Bookshop on 020 7332 1858, and let them know you wish to make a donation to the Special Purchases Fund. We only acknowledge donations of £10 sterling or more; please state if you do not wish to receive an acknowledgement.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Freeth

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Seeley's in Pennsylvania Land Warrants

By *SGS Member, Dr. Kenneth D. McCrea*

A land warrant was (in most cases) the first document issued by the state or province in the process whereby land was transferred from the government to private ownership. The warrantee was the original property owner. The following records are extracted from a CD-ROM-based publication I am working on. When completed, it will include all of the Pennsylvania land warrants starting in 1732. This list includes all Seeley's (all spellings) from 65 of the 67 Pennsylvania counties (excluding Northampton and Luzerne Counties, which I have not yet completed). The "County" column shows

three "application programs" which produced a somewhat different set of documents. These programs ran between 1765 and 1769. They were: ES = East Side [of Susquehanna River] Application number; NP = New Purchase Application number; WS = West Side [of Susquehanna River] Application number.

For additional information on land warrants in Pennsylvania, see the Pennsylvania State Archives web site at:

<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/landrec.htm>

Warrantee	Acres	Warrant Date	County*
Celly, Charles	300	3 APR 1769	NP-2461
Sealy, Samuel	50	31 MAR 1750	Lancaster
Seeley, Alfred	400	30 July 1831	Bradford
Seeley, Edward	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, George	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, Henry	400	27 APR 1792	Northumberland
Seeley, Henry	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, James, Jr.	400	30 July 1831	Bradford
Seeley, John	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, Jonathan	400	27 APR 1792	Northumberland
Seeley, Joseph	400	27 APR 1792	Northumberland
Seeley, Joseph	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, Peter	400	27 APR 1792	Northumberland
Seeley, Richard	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, Richard, Jr.	400	18 DEC 1793	Huntingdon
Seeley, William	400	30 July 1831	Bradford
Seely, Charles	150	9 NOV 1768	ES-3700
Seely, Charles	200	29 MAY 1769	ES-4022
Seely, Christopher	200	2 JUN 1762	Cumberland
Seely, Christopher	200	2 JUN 1762	Cumberland
Seely, Christopher	300	2 MAY 1765	Cumberland
Seely, Christopher	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4141
Seely, Christopher Jr.	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4137
Seely, Daniel	400	16 JUN 1794	Bedford
Seely, David	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4135
Seely, David	400	16 JUN 1794	Bedford
Seely, Isaac	300	1 JUL 1784	Northumberland
Seely, Isaac	200	6 APR 1785	Cumberland
Seely, Israel	100	29 MAY 1769	ES-4023

40 Years Ago in SGS -- Notes From Garner Osborn

Editor's Note: It's a lot of fun for me to look through the older issues of the SGS Newsletter (this is the 127th issue, by the way) and kind of watch as the organization takes shape. I found the notes below from SGS Founder Garner Osborne in the April 1966 -- or 5th -- issue.

Miss Marion and Miss Helen Seelye of Box 337, Abilene, Ks. are among our most recent of discoveries. Their modesty does not permit me to brag on their beautiful home in Abilene. But we can say that their father, Dr. Alfred Seelye, started in once to rally the Seelyes together and he and a cousin were gathering material for a Seelye book when his death stopped it all, 25 or 30 years ago. We are beginning to get access to the work started by he and his cousin.

We are confronted with the necessity of making a start on our proposed Robert Seely Genealogical Society. As we are far from having a complete knowledge of all Seely, Seeley, Seelye, Seally, etc. families in the Americas we feel that in order to hold our ground, we begin with a temporary organization till a more representative organization can be formed.

Traveling costs can be very prohibitive on a nationwide basis, so we have hit upon the device of a temporary organization in the middle west until we know better what we want. We could call a meeting of middle west Seelyes if necessary and meet with more success than in calling out the whole nation and getting only a small representation because of traveling costs. Your editor has known some of the middle west group for several years and has studied their gifts of personality. We have recently been in correspondence with these and we venture a few nominations which all understand are on a temporary basis.

We nominate the following:

Mr. John C. Seelye of 146 Palisades Circle, Manitou Spgs, Colo. 80289. Mr. Seelye is a business man and is in middle life.

Mr. Preston Seelye of 1100 Jasmine, Denver, Colo. He has helped from the beginning with the keeping of

financial accounts. He is prompt, is very careful, a thoroughly good man.

Miss Marion Seelye of Abilene, Ks., Box 337 has but recently come to our attention. She is near the big backlog of Seelye information gathered by her father, Dr. Alfred Seelye. She is a very busy woman but has agreed to act as secretary on a temporary basis.

Offers have been made of Seelye books, photographs, etc., for the memento work which should be a part of the Seeley organization. We nominate for the post, the name of Charles Martin (a cousin) of 407 9th. Ave., Charles City, Iowa 50516. Charley is very much interested in the Seelye hunt; the reason -- his mother was a Seelye. This too, will be on a temporary basis. Write him if you have something in mind.

There will need to be regional directors. This can come later. Matters of by-laws, etc., will be discussed later. A site for a Seeley center will be needed later. Be on the look-out for a good place. A name will be needed for the organization. Give us your suggestions. It should include the name of Robert Seeley and his dates. We welcome suggestions from all of you.

Please do not send any dues till the newsletter asks for them. Contributions for the costs of the Seeley Newsletter are acceptable though. It may be continued as an informational organ of the Seeley Society. At any rate, any left over monies will go to it if something else is decided on. Send us your questions and give us all you can of your Seeley history.

Editor's Post Script: The names of those nominees may sound familiar to our more experienced members. Marion Seelye served as SGS Secretary until February 1983, Charles Martin served as custodian until November 1983, Preston Seelye Served as SGS Treasurer until November 1986, and Garner Osborn remained active in SGS until his death on June 5, 1976. The name "Seeley Genealogical Society" actually pre-dates the newsletter from which the above is excerpted. It first appeared in the newsletter in the third issue in Sept. 1965.

Previously Published Changes to the 3 SGS Publications

By Jim Seeley and Kathie Olsen

The original **Descendants of Robert and Obadiah Seeley, Generations One through Five** book was compiled by SGS Member Esther Houtz Walter and was published in 1977. This book was revised by SGS Members Madeline Mills and Kathie Olsen, and then reprinted in 1997. The only errata (which we will call "Change 1") to this book were published in the February 1998 SGS Newsletter. This change is included with copies purchased from the Seelye Research Center.

The **Sixth Generation** book was published in 1995 by Madeline Mills and Kathie Olsen. Errata to this book were published as follows:

Change 1, published in the November 1995 Newsletter.

Change 2, published in the February 1996 Newsletter.

Change 3, published in the May 1996 Newsletter.

Change 4, published in the November 1996 Newsletter.

Change 5, published in the February 1998 Newsletter. (Note: Change 5 appears to have included Changes 1 through 4.) Change 5 is included with copies purchased from the Seelye Research Center.

New - Change 6, published on the next page of this newsletter contains updates to the Nathaniel Section of the Sixth Generation book only.

The **Seventh Generation** book was published in 2000. No errata or update to this book has yet been published.

Kathie Olsen is in the process of compiling a change to the Obadiah Section of the Sixth Generation Book. Please be sure and remember to include documentation with any changes you may recommend and send them to Kathie. Her contact information is on page 15 of this newsletter.

Latest Changes to SGS Pubs

By Kathie Olsen, SGS Vice President

Change # 6 (dated 10 Jan 2006) to the Sixth Generation Book – Nathaniel Section

SGS #	PAGE #	NAME	CHANGE SUMMARY	REFERENCES
SGS #609	N 02	Seeley, Daniel	Add m 1st, 18 Mar 1775, Redding, CT, Lydia Comstock (b 1755, New Fairfield, CT) Daughter of Samuel and (SGS #435a) Mary Beardsley Comstock. Add m 2nd, about 1785, Phoebe Wood.	Add Kellerman, Richard Correspondence
SGS #613	N 02	Seeley, Mary	Delete final s from Coles. Should be Moses Cole.	
SGS #258	N 15	Seelye, David	Delete unnamed. Add m Isabel/ Sybil (b 1779; Arlington, VT; d about 1865, Springfield Township, Erie Co., PA)	Add Strathman, William Correspondence
SGS #757a	N 15	Seelye, Abel	(b 1822, probably Springfield Township, Erie Co., PA; d 30 Oct 1891, Erie Co., PA) m 1st, Julia A. Tuttle. M 2nd, Demeris.	
SGS #783	N 18	Seelye, Polly	Add marriage place, Kingsbury, NY	
SGS #281	N 21	Seelye, Joseph	Add /Mercy to Mary Tupper's name	Add <i>Thomas Tupper and his Descendants</i>
SGS #830	N 21/22	Seelye, Mary	Delete m information. Mary S. Falkner is daughter of Augustus Seeley (lineage unknown)	Add Little, A. Dian research
SGS #832	N 22	Seelye, Orange	Delete marriage date, 20 Feb 1835	
SGS #834	N 22	Seelye, Philo	Delete death date, 1798	
SGS #291	N 27	Seelye, John		Add Seely, Hank correspondence
SGS #948	N 33	Seeley, Mary Ann	Change to MARY ANN SEELEY Add * to #.	
SGS #975	N Index	Seely, Prudence	Add Seely, Prudence 35 to index	
SGS #1085a	N 42	Seelye, Parmelia	Add SGS #1085a Parmelia Seelye m Frazier	
SGS #1086a	N 42	Seelye, Son	Add SGS #1086a Son Seelye (dy)	
SGS #1086b	N 42	Seelye, Daughter	Add SGS #1086b Daughter Seelye (dy)	
SGS #1086c	N 42	Seelye, Sheldon	Add SHELDON SEELYE (b 1798) Add * to #. m Lola	
SGS #1086c	N Index	Seelye, Sheldon	Add Seelye, Sheldon 42 to index	
SGS #1087a	N 42	Seelye, Daughter	Add SGS #1087a Daughter Seelye (dy)	
SGS #1175	N 51	Seeley, Joseph	Change to JOSEPH SEELEY Add * to #.	
SGS #381a	N 53	Seeley, Solomon	Change Mehitable Nichols to Mehitable Curtis Nichols. Delete: No issue found. Add: Children (7): SGS# 1196a* Stephen J. Seeley (b 1791) SGS# 1196b John Seeley (b 1795) SGS# 1196c Huldah Seeley (b 8 Nov 1799) SGS# 1196d Ruth Seeley (b 1809)	Add Thresher, Evelyn Family Group Sheet Submission
SGS #1212	N 54	Seeley, Daniel Hawley	Change death date to 28 Jun 1892. Change marriage date to 2 Sep 1829.	

Meet Your Board of Directors

Editor's Note: It's been my true pleasure to work with the hard-working (and fun) volunteers of the SGS Board of Directors over the past two years, and as I begin my second "tour of duty" as the editor of the SGS Newsletter, I'm looking forward to working with them for at least two more years! I thought you would like to get to know them a little better as well, so I hope to be able to include bios and photos of all of them in the coming issues of the newsletter.



Dian Wilcox Little, Chief Genealogist

Dian was born in southern Utah. Her ancestors were among the early pioneers to Utah. In 1935, after the depression years, her Dad finally found work as a hard rock miner in Park City, Utah. Dian left Utah shortly after graduation, living in Denver, Colo., Oregon and Washington. Her son Rick was born in Oregon. Dian moved to Seattle during the 1962 World Fair and was divorced when Rick was four years old. A few years later she married Jack Little.

She worked for Pacific NW Bell for 30 years, retiring in 1987 on a Friday the Thirteenth. Since then she and Jack traveled extensively. Much of their travel took them to family history sites in Ontario, Canada; Upstate New York; Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Jack died in March 2005 and Dian now lives alone in a condo near Rick and his family so she can visit with her grandchildren Kris, Elizabeth and Theron.

Dian has travel plans for four places: Bradford Co., Pa. and Orange Co., N.Y. in April for research, then the SGS meeting in Abilene, Ks. and Wilcox Reunion in Orangeville, Utah in May.

Chris Havnar, Treasurer/Webmaster

Chris was born in San Diego, a ninth generation Californian. Her mother was born Elizabeth Seely in San Jose, Calif. Chris' great-grandfather, Charles R. Seely (1830-1907) came to California numerous times from Iowa and Illinois. It was 1869 that a large contingent of the Seely family came by covered wagon to California, just prior to the railroad era. On that trip Charles' sister Ellen Steward had a child August 23rd, Truckee Nevada, at the Truckee River on the Nevada side: a covered wagon baby.

Chris' grandfather, Edward was 11 when Charles died, so he didn't have all the family stories to pass along. In attempting to research the family in early 2001, Chris researched obits and death records from the children of Charles' first family to attempt to find information regarding Charles' parents. Eventually Chris found enough information that when she contacted SGS president at the time, Dan Seelye through his website, a connection was made to Charles' parents Norman and Lydia Crook Seely. In an odd happenstance, Chris located Lydia Crook Seely's burial place in the Winters California cemetery, the town to which Chris' sister recently moved.

Chris' first SGS reunion was the 2001 reunion in Tacoma. Chris is married, with a college senior son, hoping to eventually work for a company such as Genentech. Chris is employed by the federal government by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which is currently implementing Medicare Part D, and all the employees are directly involved in the program, either in the implementation or as case workers resolving initial difficulties for "dual eligibles" that were transferred from Medicaid to a Medicare drug plan.



Chris and her husband, Jerry, assumed the SGS website, developing, expanding, and attempting to position the website for the next generation of SGS members to continue.

Ramon Hall, Membership Chairman

Ramon Hall is the spouse of Ann Marie Seela Hall, a tenth generation descendant of Obadiah Seeley, whom he married in 1955. He was born and raised in Washington State, and after college worked for thirteen years at the Hanford Nuclear Plant as a nuclear engineer. He then spent three years verifying readiness for launch for space vehicles (rockets) including the third stage of the Apollo space vehicles that were part of the moon landing program. His final years of employment were again in the nuclear engineering field, culminating in retirement from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1994, and followed by five years of consulting in support of several nuclear power generation plants.

He finally retired in 2002, and now spends his time doing volunteer work at his and Ann's church, skiing in the winter and RVing, gardening and golfing in the summer. Ann and Ray live in Evergreen, in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains west of Denver, Colo.



Military Notes

Marine Remembers his "Best Friend"

Story and Photo by Cpl. Thomas Sloan

CAMP RAMADI, AR RAMADI, Iraq (Aug. 11, 2005) -- Lance Cpl. Steven R. Seeley, a machine gunner with 4th Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, knelt down in front of a photo of fallen Lance Cpl. Adam J. Strain and paid his respects during a memorial ceremony here Aug. 11.

Marines and Sailors with Camp Pendleton, Calif., - based 1st Battalion, 5th Marines mourned the loss of 21-year-old Strain, a machine gunner with Company B, who fell on Ramadi's urban battlefield Aug. 3 while fighting terror. Seeley and Strain served together and were best friends. Strain was from Smartsville, Calif., and leaves behind his parents, Rob and Karen Strain, and fiancée, Barbara Ann Wyclef.

"We were best friends," said 21-year-old Seeley from Beaverton, Ore., and machine gunner with 4th Platoon, Company B. "He was one of the best men I've known."

While speaking at the memorial service, Seeley explained that he and Strain became friends a year and half ago while attending The School of Infantry (SOI) West at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"We were rack mates and immediately became close," said the 2002 Westview High School graduate.

Seeley and Strain became machine gunners at SOI and received orders to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, where they were placed in 4th Platoon, Company B. Their friendship continued to strengthen over time.

"We did everything together," said Seeley.

Seeley said they would often go to the movies and out to eat together. In addition to being a fun-loving guy who made every outing enjoyable, Seeley said his friend had a kind heart and was loyal to those he cared about.

Seeley said Strain took pride in being a machine gunner and that he was "one of the best, always studying his machine gun knowledge and practicing to become better. He was in the back of the formation whenever we'd go out, and we could do our jobs with the comfort of knowing that Strain had our backs."

Seeley's eulogy also revealed his late friend loved his family more than anything. His parents and fiancée "were the core of his life," he said. "He often talked highly about them."

Seeley joked about how, prior to deploying, he often loaned his cellular phone to Strain so he could call Barbara.

"He didn't have a cell phone, and he always wanted to borrow mine to call his fiancée," he said.

Seeley had the opportunity to witness first hand Strain's immense love for those close to him when he visited Strain's Smartsville country home near Grass Valley north of Sacramento before they deployed to Iraq.

"When I went home with him," Seeley recalled, "I saw just how important his mom and dad and fiancée were to him. He loved them so much."

Seeley said Strain's mother loved to stand outside



Lance Cpl. Steven R. Seeley kneels down in front of a photo of his fallen comrade Lance Cpl. Adam J. Strain and pays his respects during a memorial ceremony Aug. 11.

and watch her son play with his two dogs, Nugget and Whiskey, in their yard.

"He was always someone I could talk to," he said. "He always had his Marines' backs, which is how he died; watching our backs."

Strain was conducting an early-morning foot-patrol through a section of the Al Anbar capital with his platoon Aug. 3 when the Marines came under enemy fire, said Seeley.

"Strain was in the rear of the formation providing security while we rushed for cover," he said.

Strain was shot by a sniper as he provided covering fire for his comrades with his squad automatic weapon, a light machine gun.

"It was the worst day of my life," Seeley said, eyes tearing up. "I lost my best friend."

Airman Joshua Seeley

Air Force Airman Joshua J. Seeley has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Seeley is the son of Colleen Seeley of East Fifth St., Mishawaka, Ind.

He is a 2005 graduate of Mishawaka High School.

SGS Board News *(continued from page 4)*

Institute of Historical Research's History Server (Address: www.history.ac.uk/gh/).

The manuscripts section has organized a series of free events with the aim of encouraging the use of archives. Details are available on the section's website at www.history.ac.uk/gh/news98.htm.

If you would like to receive a copy of the manuscripts Section's new electronic newsletter, send an e-mail to manuscripts.guildhall@cityoflondon.gov.uk. The newsletter contains information about talks, tours and exhibitions, newly-catalogued archives, volunteer projects, what goes on behind the scenes, and much more. A good read - and it's free!

The LDS Church filmed Nehemiah Wallington's Diary on film # 1468817. Obadiah Seeley is mentioned in this diary. Visitors who come to my web-site (www.deesnetworks.com/karl) will see I have all the research documents available for view. On the upper right hand top of home page click on "research" and many of the documents on Obadiah Seeley are there for you to see.

Diane Little asked me to review the book "The Story of The Early Settlers of Stamford, Connecticut 1641-1700" by Jeanne Majdalany.

There are many references to Obadiah Seeley in this book all of the pages are included on my web-site under "research."

I believe the Obadiah in England who served an apprenticeship as a wood turner is same Obadiah Seeley in Stamford, Conn. On page 56 it mentions in the inventories of Obadiah Seeley that he had a large number of carpentry tools. Obadiah built the home of John Miller and after his death he married his wife.

SGS Ancestor File Index Coord. John Seely: I've been going through a list of the submitter files which I found missing at the Seelye Research Center during the 2005 reunion and making copies of any material I had overlooked in my Carson files. I will be forwarding this additional data to Terry so that I can put them in the submitter file cabinet during the May board meeting period.

I am also adding new families to the NON-SEELEY Ancestor File which were previously not entered due to disk space. I purchased a new Sony laptop which has a 100 GB hard drive, so space is no longer a problem. I expect to have the new format reports ready for the next CD revision by the May board meeting.

No new submitters for this period, but I have plenty of "things to do" for the time being.

SGS Webmaster Chris Havnar: Currently Jerry and I are working on getting extracts from directories up on the website (www.seeley-society.net/directories.html). I've been transcribing and just finished the Colorado directory.

What might be in a directory?

- A geographical description of a county including its geology, soils, agriculture, industries, transport, etc.
- The history of the county, descriptions of the individual towns and villages including the amenities

such as schools, churches, hospitals, work houses, etc.

- Lists of the inhabitants that have trades, and in most of the later directories even street by street, house by house lists of all householders.

Is my ancestor going to be found in a directory?

Not necessarily. The early directories included people with trades. This doesn't mean just businesses and shops, but anyone with a recognized trade, such as a farmer, a sawyer, a teacher, or a dress maker working from home. Apprentices and laborers were seldom included, although in the later post 1900 directories, that had street listings of people in major towns, such people were included. In any case, only the head of household was listed in a directory, not wives or children, and not lodgers.

Check out the site and you'll see what I mean. I'd love it if other folks could give me something similar for states that they are familiar with.

Membership Chairman Ramon Hall: Annual renewal for 2005 has resulted in sixty-one renewals. Twenty-seven members failed to renew and have been deactivated. As of January 1, 2006, there are 404 who receive the SGS Newsletter. Of these 404, fourteen are genealogical societies, and sixteen are libraries with genealogical research departments. Of the remaining 374, 134 are LIFE members.

As a new initiative, I plan to update the membership computer roster to include e-mail addresses, and to add the primary line of descendency for each member, i.e. Nathaniel, Obadiah, Both, Other (specify if known). To facilitate this, it would be appreciated if all members would send me this information. See contact data on page 15.

SGS Reunion Souvenir Book

Here is a summary of the table of contents of the SGS 2005 International Reunion Souvenir Book.

- *Dedication, Acknowledgements, and Welcoming Remarks*
- *Reunion Highlights*
- *Where the Chisholm Trail Ends: Abilene, Kansas*
- *Historic Seelye Mansion*
- *Member Presentations (12 in all)*
- *SGS Constitution & By-laws (updated)*
- *Treasurer's Report*
- *After Dinner and Guest Speaker Presentations*
- *Awards, Reunion Facts, Photos*

To order your copy, send a check for \$25, payable to SGS, to Jim Seeley (address is on page 15). If you signed up and paid for your copy at the reunion, we have your name and address so you're all set. For those who couldn't attend, I think this reunion souvenir book is even better than the 2003 book; I think you'll enjoy having a copy. The one printing will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

PA Seeley Land Warrants *(continued from page 5)*

Warrantee	Acres	Warrant Date	County*
Seely, James	400	16 JUN 1794	Bedford
Seely, Jane	300	4 AUG 1769	NP-3712
Seely, John	300	6 SEP 1766	ES-1879
Seely, John	300	4 AUG 1769	NP-3717
Seely, John	400	3 MAR 1794	Northumberland
Seely, Jonas	50	8 MAY 1751	Lancaster
Seely, Jonas	50	2 SEP 1751	Lancaster
Seely, Jonas	47	7 NOV 1752	Berks
Seely, Jonas	47	7 NOV 1752	Berks
Seely, Jonas	300	5 AUG 1765	ES-191
Seely, Jonas	300	1 AUG 1766	WS-56
Seely, Jonas	209.80	4 AUG 1769	Cumberland
Seely, Jonas Jr.	250	6 SEP 1766	ES-1881
Seely, Jonas, Esq.	300	2 JUN 1762	Cumberland
Seely, Jonas, Esq.	300	13 SEP 1765	Cumberland
Seely, Jonas, Esq.	300	1 AUG 1766	Cumberland
Seely, Jonathan	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4136
Seely, Joseph	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4148
Seely, Joseph	400	16 JUN 1794	Bedford
Seely, Joshua	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4142
Seely, Mary (wife of Samuel Seely of Providence, Philadelphia County)	200	4 SEP 1769	ES-4154
Seely, Samuel	150	7 MAR 1749	Lancaster
Seely, Samuel	100	9 MAR 1749	Lancaster
Seely, Samuel	300	6 SEP 1766	ES-1876
Seely, Samuel	297.28	26 FEB 1813	Wayne
Seely, Samuel (son of Christopher)	300	29 AUG 1769	ES-4134
Seely, Sarah S.	95	21 SEP 1881	Potter
Seely, Sylvanus	300	1 AUG 1766	WS-37
Seely, Sylvanus	300	4 AUG 1769	NP-3711
Seely, Sylvanus	320.112	21 SEP 1807	Wayne
Seely, Sylvanus	334.88	14 NOV 1820	Wayne
Stake & Seely	217.51	17 MAY 1785	Northumberland (Lottery)
Stake & Seely	322.25	17 MAY 1785	Northumberland (Lottery)
Stake & Seely	288.16	17 MAY 1785	Northumberland (Lottery)
Stake, Christopher, & Isaac Seely	223.1	17 MAY 1785	Northumberland (Lottery)

NARA Fund Supports Microfilm

By John Seely, Ancestor File Index Coordinator

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) is the official collection agency for the Malcom H. Stern - NARA Gift Fund. FGS promotes and publicizes the idea of one dollar per society member per year to finance this fund.

The money collected makes possible the creation of finding aides and the micro-filming of valuable research materials now preserved in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in Washington, D.C. The microfilm copies, produced without government funding, are distributed to the NARA Regional Archives for use by researchers. These records are also available through any LDS Family History Center in the world.

Currently, funds are being sought for the microfilming of:

- War of 1812 Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Records
- United States Colored Troop (USCT) Compiled Service Records.

Other examples of completed projects of the Stern NARA Gift Fund:

- Microfiche of Street Indexes to the 39 larger cities for the 1910 census.
- Galveston Passenger Arrival Records 1896-1948.
- 1920 Census Enumeration Districts.
- Index of War of 1812 Prisoner of War Records.

Access to this information is through any of the regional National Archives, but also through any LDS (Mormon) Family History Center in the world.

Additionally, the FGS NARA Filming Committee will continue to take suggestions for items to be microfilmed. Ideas are solicited from anyone interested in genealogy. The aim is to find material at the National Archives, or its branches, of major interest to genealogists.

I urge you to contribute your dollar to the Stern NARA Gift Fund and support the microfilming of NARA records.

Research Aides

By Bob Seeley, SGS CDROM Project Director

The online genealogical research world continues to expand offering more and more opportunities for genealogists to conduct meaningful research from the comfort of their own homes.

The LDS Family History Library has announced that it has begun the process of digitizing and making available on the Internet all of the Family History books in their collection. About 5000 books have been digitized and are available, and they have announced that they are adding about 100 titles a week to the on-line collection.

Go to the web site of the Harold B. Lee Library at BYU, <http://www.lib.byu.edu/>. At this site's homepage, choose:

- "Find Other Materials"
- "Electronic"
- "On Line Collections at BYU"
- Choose the TAB "Text Collections"
- And, finally, "Family History Archive"

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Volunteers Needed

Here is a list of SGS projects that need volunteers. Also listed is a person to contact if you are willing to help. U. S. Mail addresses for each POC are found on page 15 of the Newsletter.

Project

*Area Coordinator (Assist with Queries & Membership)
Plan SGS Genealogical Research
Present paper at 2007 SGS Reunion
Submit names for "Famous Seeleys" list
Submit names of Seeley veterans in Armed Services
Participate in Seeley DNA Lineage Test
Establish SGS as a non-profit [501 C (3)] organization
Contribute to SGS Newsletter
Recommend sites to visit during 2007 New England trip
On Site Rep for 2007 SGS Reunion [Wethersfield, CT]

*The only areas covered are Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, New York (Warren, Washington, & Saratoga Counties only), Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and Quebec Canada. For duties, see the February 2005 Newsletter, page 3.

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SGS Queries

(Data as of January 21, 2006)

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

Please send your queries to Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see contact information on page 15). 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

None this Quarter.

NEW QUERIES

Query 0602-1 Submitted by Rich Moore (moore.rich@comcast.net)

Rich is researching Joseph Sealy who was born in 1825 in NY. He appeared on the census in 1880 in Brooklyn, Kings, New York. He died after 1880. He was a carpenter. Harriet Dufocier was born in 1829 in Isle of Guernsey, England. She died on 24 Sep 1913 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. Joseph Sealy and Harriet Dufocier had the following children:

1. Harriet Sealy was born about 1850 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY.
2. Benjamin Sealy was born in 1854 in NY. He died on 14 Sep 1919 in Manhattan, NY.
3. Mary L. Sealy was born in 1856 in NY. She died after 7 Oct 1900.
4. Harriet Sealy was born in 1860 in NY.
5. William A. Sealy

William A. Sealy was born on 28 Jan 1866 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. He resided 307 49th St in 1897 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. He was a Clerk in 1899. He died on 15 Oct 1942 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. He was buried on 18 Oct 1942 in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. He was married to Adelaide E. Putnam (daughter of Charles H. Putnam and Henrietta C. H. BROWN) on 16 Jun 1897 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. Adelaide E. Putnam was born on 24 Mar 1873 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. She resided 269 Fourteenth St in 1897 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. She died on 7 Apr 1956 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY. She was buried on 10 Apr 1956 in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn, NY. William A. Sealy and Adelaide E. Putnam had the following child:

1. William Valentine Sealy, (b. 14 Feb. 1866 Brooklyn, Kings Co. NY, d. 5 Oct 1975 in Largo, FL.)

Rich would like to find information on the parents and grandparents of Joseph Sealy.

SGS Response: The SGS CD lists:

WILLIAM A. – b. 1866 NY d. 1942 NY m. PUTNAM, ADELAIDE E. in 1899 (his parents) LORRAIN, HARRIET; SEELEY, JOSEPH, (source) SEELY-L

We have no further information to date. If you can help, please contact Rich and me.

Query 0602-2 Submitted by David Bruce (DBruce9901@aol.com)

David is looking for information on Charles Harvey Seely, b. 31 Aug 1826, died 30 June 1891, married Cynthia Foster.

SGS Response: The SGS CD lists:

SEELY, CHARLES b- 1826 MO? m. FOSTER, CYNTHIA in 1845 LAWR MO

If you have any information on this Seeley such as his parents or place of birth please let us know.

Query 0602-3 Submitted by Robert Saxton Taylor (rtaylor1@twcnny.rr.com)

Robert is searching for information on his gr gr gr grandmother - Sarah Seeley, b. 1750(?), d. 18 Dec 1830 in Schaghticoke, Rennsalaer, NY, buried in Old Presbyterian Cem, Schaghticoke. (tombstone still standing). She married Thomas Ireland, b. 1745(?) in Huntington, Long Island, NY, d. 10 Dec 1811 in Schaghticoke, buried in Old Presbyterian Cem in Schaghticoke. Robert wishes to find out Sarah's date and place of birth, her parents, and her siblings. He thinks she may have been from the Saratoga area. County boundaries were changing at that time: Rennsalaer may have been Albany or Washington County. Robert has lots of information on the Ireland family.

SGS Response: We have had 2 previous queries on Sarah and Thomas Ireland (0402-1 and 0105-7) with no response. I found a copy of Thomas Ireland's will on the internet by doing a Google search. Then Dian Little sent the following:

"I have been researching Sarah Seley Ireland for quite sometime as a possible sister of Augustus Seeley. I have been contacted and sent some information to three relatives working on their line: Marlene Hartle, Ross Doherty and Joan Best who found my name from my Augustus Seeley Time Line on the web.

"Sarah and Thomas were married in Newburgh, Orange, NY. Augustus' youngest children were baptized in Schaghticoke. All of Thomas and Sarah's Children were born in Schaghticoke. Sarah and Thomas died in Schaghticoke. Sarah was laid to rest in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery. Their son Selah is in the Albany 1850 census.

"Joan said Augustus wrote to his nephews to encourage them to come to Canada where land was cheap. In 1801 three of Thomas and Sarah's children went to Brockville [formerly Elizabethtown] and bought land near Augustus Seeley - Isaac, Losee and (___) Milke. Isaac spent the rest of his life there and many of his descendants continue to live in Canada, The above named Marlene one of them. A Thomas Ireland Jr. was on the 1842 Tax Record in Nauvoo.

"The Irelands are originally from Warwickshire, England. The first Ireland came about the same time as

Please See SGS Queries Page 14

SGS Queries (continued from page 13)

Obadiah Seeley. Thomas, husband of Sarah Seeley was born in Huntington Long Island New York."

If anyone finds further information on Sarah Seeley's lineage contact me, Dian and Robert.

Query 0602-4 Submitted by Dick Hunsinger (rhunsi2@ptd.net)

Dick is looking for the given name of a "Seeley" who married a Lillian Dorothy or Dorothy Hunsinger abt. 1939/1940. She was born abt 1922 in Chemung Co., N. Y., probably the Elmira area. They had 3 children; Michael Waldo born 6/21/1940, Sonja, DOB unknown and Thomas, DOB unknown but died at about age 2. He left Dorothy and took Sonja with him. Dorothy remarried and her 2nd husband, Elmer Young, adopted Michael. Any help on a first name for Mr. Seeley would be appreciated. Dick is working on the Hunsinger Genealogy.

SGS Response: There is no information about this Mr Seeley on the SGS CD. In a few years the 1940 census will be available which might help. Perhaps local newspapers for that time period in Elmira or Corning would be a place to look. Meanwhile if anyone recognises this family send us your information.

Query 0602-5 Submitted by Teddie Seeley (teddie_grams@hotmail.com)

Teddie's father's name was Owen F. Seeley, born Dec. 26, 1926. Owen F. Seeley's mother's name was Dorcas Parker, born June 19, 1909, married to Owen Seeley, date of birth Dec. 8, 1904, died Nov. 29, 1927. Who are the parents of Owen Seeley?

SGS Response: Neither Owen appears on the SGS CD. If you have information or suggestions, please contact me.

Query 0602-6 Submitted by Vicky Stradley (dynamitefisher007@yahoo.com)

Vicky is looking for the parents of William D. Seeley b. in NY in 1865. Vicky's mom was Betty Frances Seeley born Nov.14, 1938 in Garber, OK, a daughter of Edward B. Seeley born Aug.18, 1891 in Denver, CO. and died Aug.18,1964. His father was the William D. Seeley above. William married Laura Belle Krug in Enid, OK abt. 1888. They met in Denver, Colorado where William was performing in the circus as an acrobat. William died Oct.17, 1926 in AZ. His father was born in Scotland and mother in NY according to the census.

SGS Response: According to the 1900 census of Vermillion Co. IL. William and Laura had 4 children: Edward B. (above), Lincoln b. OK, age 5 in 1900, Laura R., b. NY, age 8 in 1900, and Izetta M., b. MO and age 3 in 1900. I haven't been able to find them in earlier censuses. There isn't any other information on the SGS CD.

Query 0602-7 Submitted by John P. Felt (jajufelt@aol.com)

John wonders if anyone has found the tombstone of Revolutionary War Patriot Eliphalet Seeley, #65 in the Obadiah Seeley line? Eliphalet Seeley died in New Canaan, CT on 3 May 1784. He served as a Lieutenant

in the militia of New Canaan in 1779 at the age of 78.

SGS Response: If you know where this tombstone is contact John and send a copy to me.

Query 0602-8 Submitted by John P. Felt (jajufelt@aol.com)

On another subject, John Felt has sent a photo of the tombstone of Catharine Seely, wife of John T. Wood, b. Aug. 8, 1781; d. Oct. 19, 1869. He spotted this tombstone in the Noroton River Cemetery in Darien, CT but didn't find her name in the Generations One Through Five book.

SGS Response: Catherine Seely appears twice on the SGS CD as below:

SEELY, CATHERINE - m. WOOD, JOHN THURSTEEN 1800 ORANGE Co. NY source IGI-73-

SEELY, CATHERINE b. 1780 NY m. WOOD, THURSTEEN 1800 ORANGE Co. NY source IGI

Contact us if you can place Catherine in one of the Seeley lines.

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? Others? (specify)

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.

WHAT'S NEW IN QUERIES

It has been fairly slow with the holidays but I hope for lots more queries AND responses in the months ahead. We did receive a couple of queries where the submitters wanted information we were able to send them without having to issue a query.

Ancestry.com Quick Tip **Beat the Busy Signal**

I use a dial-up connection to connect to my ISP, and of course I receive complaints about the line being busy. To remedy this, I activate the call-forward feature to route incoming calls to my cell phone before I go online. At the end of the session, I just deactivate the feature.

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 - a. Lawre(n)son/Seeley Events
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 3. Origin of Early Stamford Settlers
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 - c. Stamford Settlers Before 1700
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 - a. Doubtful Angel
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