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2007 SGS International Reunion Summary of Events

Story By SGS President Jim Seeley

The 2007 SGS Reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Cromwell Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, Conn. 06416 (near historic Wethersfield, Conn.).

Thursday, Sept. 13

AM Board Meeting, Registration
PM Opening Session, Introductions, Announcements
PM Hotel Dinner w/Speaker: "Old Wethersfield History"

Friday, Sept. 14

AM Bus Tour of Historic Wethersfield
PM Walking Tour of Old Wethersfield Burying Ground
PM Individual Meetings & Review Documents in the Hospitality Room
PM Meeting of Area Coordinators in Hospitality Room
PM Hotel Dinner w/Speaker To Be Determined

Saturday, Sept. 15

AM SGS Business Meeting (elections)
PM Guest Speaker (Mr. Fred C. Hart, Jr.) and Member Presentations

PM Hotel Dinner w/Speaker To Be Determined and Installation of New Board of Directors

Sunday, Sept. 16

11 AM Farewell Breakfast at Hotel
7 PM Meeting at Hotel with Those Taking the Tour of Robert and Obadiah's New England

August 17 is the deadline for making hotel reservations. Call the Crowne Plaza Cromwell hotel at 860-635-2000 or toll free 800-308-4589. It is also important that you pre-register by mailing me the registration form in this newsletter. Although walk-ins are always welcome, meal reservations must be made at least 3 days in advance. A registration folder containing detailed agenda, name tags, etc. will be prepared for each person registering. Noted genealogist Jerome Anderson, formerly a researcher with the New England Historic Genealogical Society, has agreed to speak but has not yet confirmed.

SGS Newsletter Earns Second Consecutive NGS Award

Story By SGS President Jim Seeley

The following Email was received from the National Genealogical Society:

Dear Mr. Seeley & Mr. Taylor:

The Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter has been awarded-Honorable Mention for the Family Association category in the National Genealogical Society Newsletter Competition.

The award will be presented at the NGS Conference in the States being held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center 16-19 May 2007. The announcement and presentation will be made at the opening session, 8:00 AM Wednesday, May 16. Special seating will be provided at the front of the auditorium for representatives receiving awards...

Sincerely,

Ms. Illyce Mac Donald

Manager, NGS Member & Subscriber Services

Congratulations to our Newsletter Editor, Mr. W. Paul Taylor, for his outstanding work! Paul will be attending the NGS Conference in Richmond, VA to personally accept this award on behalf of himself and SGS. This is the second year in a row the SGS Newsletter was recognized

by NGS for the Family Association category. The newsletter competition winner is judged by a three-person panel using the following criteria:

- Material interest, variety and originality
- Writing and editing quality
- Readability and attractiveness
- Overall publication makeup

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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, Seelee, 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 Cromwell, Conn. 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

For the second year in a row, the Seeley Genealogical Society came in second place in the National Genealogical Society's Family Association Newsletter competition, receiving Honorable Mention. The winner was the Morse Society Newsletter. We are so fortunate to have such a talented newsletter editor. Paul Taylor works full time, yet he has never allowed the quality of the SGS Newsletter to suffer. Congratulations and well done, Paul!

Late mail delivery of our award winning SGS newsletter has gone from bad to worse. Several members didn't get their February copy until more than 40 days after it was delivered to the post office by the printer on Feb. 5. Even the newsletter editor didn't receive his copy until 46 days after it was mailed and he lives in the same area as the post office! A lot of my time has been spent over the past few weeks trying to understand the cause of the poor delivery service and implementing actions to correct the problems. We are still looking for ways to improve delivery time without increasing mailing costs.

If you don't receive this issue of the newsletter by May 20, please let me know and include your ZIP code. You can do so by sending me an e-mail or giving me a phone call. My contact data is on page 15. I intend to continue to report late deliveries by ZIP code to the United States Post Office until service significantly improves.

Why did we decide to have the SGS reunion in Cromwell, Conn.? According to the SGS Publication *Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) & Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One Through Five*, published in 1997, Robert joined a small colony that settled Wethersfield, Conn. where his home lot was 3 1/2 acres. Wethersfield is just south of Hartford and just north of the hotel in Cromwell. The reunion hotel is the Crowne Plaza Cromwell, the same building SGS held the 1992 reunion when it was owned by Radisson Hotels. In the Wethersfield town square is a large bolder with a brass plaque inscribed with the names of the "Ten Adventurers", among them, Robert Seeley. The lot that Robert owned is also marked. Thursday evening a member of the Wethersfield Historical Society will give an after dinner talk on historical Wethersfield. The following morning a bus tour, narrated by a member of the Wethersfield Historical Society, will depart the Crowne Plaza hotel for a tour of old Wethersfield. A large group of Seeley's descend from Robert and his son, Nathaniel. A form for registering for the 2007 SGS International Reunion, from Sept. 13 to 16, is located on page 3.

Many thanks to the following SGS members who have made financial donations to the Seeley Genealogical Society over the past several months: David Stewart, Mary S. Page, Sara Evans, Emory Fanjoy, and Mary Flynn Palley. Your donations are sincerely appreciated.

The deadline for signing up for the SGS tour of New England is June 10.

This 7-day tour departs the Crowne Plaza Cromwell hotel in Cromwell, Conn. on Sept. 17 following the SGS Reunion. A sign up form is in this Newsletter and it should be returned to Kathie Olsen with a deposit of \$100 per person.

Sincerely,
Jim Seeley



Registration Form – 2007 SGS Reunion in Cromwell, Conn. September 13-16, 2007

Name	Seeley Line	SGS Mbr? LIFE?	Address	E-Mail

LODGING: Call the **Crowne Plaza Cromwell** hotel at **1-800-308-4589** or **1-860-635-2000** for reservations no later than Aug. 17, 2007 to get the group rate of \$99 per night plus tax. Mention Seeley Genealogical Society. Specify handicap room if needed. For cost of meeting room purposes, please enter the number of room nights between Sept. 12-17 you will use. _____ room nights.

REGISTRATION FEE: _____ # registering X \$20 per person = \$ _____
(Helps pay for name badge, registration folder, guest speakers, and meeting room expenses.)

MEALS: _____ # for Thursday(9/13/07) evening X \$25 (____# Veg.) = \$ _____
 _____ # for Friday evening X \$25 (____# Veg.) = \$ _____
 _____ # for Saturday evening X \$25 (____# Veg.) = \$ _____
 _____ # for Sunday Farewell Breakfast X \$16 = \$ _____

Menus are: Thursday – Chicken Francaise Friday – Baked Scrod
Saturday – London Broil Sunday – a “plated” breakfast.

- For each evening specify number preferring the alternate vegetarian meal.
 - We'll assume the remaining number prefer the main course.
 - Evening meals include salad or fruit cup, rolls, chef's choice of starch, vegetable of the day, dessert, tea and coffee.
- SGS must guarantee number of meals no later than Friday, Sept. 7, 2007.**

TOURS: _____ # for Friday a.m. bus tour of Old Wethersfield X \$25 = \$ _____
 _____ # for Friday p.m. burying ground walking tour X \$3 = \$ _____
 TOTAL = \$ _____

Make check payable to SGS and return to Jim Seeley with this registration form.

The Friday a.m. tour bus will accommodate wheel chair users. It will tour Old Wethersfield with a Wethersfield Historical Society guide. The bus will depart from the hotel about 9 a.m. and return to the hotel at about 11:30 a.m. It will stop at the Robert Seeley home site, the engraved stone commemorating the ten adventurers, and the old warehouse museum on the waterfront.

The Friday afternoon walking tour of the Old Wethersfield burying ground will start at about 1 p.m. with a guide from the Wethersfield Historical Society. Transportation to/from the burying ground in Old Wethersfield (about 4 miles from the hotel) is up to each individual. Carpools/rides can be arranged during the opening session on Thursday afternoon for those who didn't drive. We hope to be able to identify the names and ancestor lines of the Seeleys buried there.

Mail Check (payable to SGS) and this registration form to:
James R. Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society
108 Westridge Drive
Churchville, VA 24421

Please register early to give Jim time to prepare name tags, meal tickets, and registration folders.

Only 50 Seats for Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England

Story by SGS Vice-President Kathie Olsen

Arrangements have now been finalized for the tour to follow the 2007 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion being held in Cromwell, Conn. from Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 to Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007. This tour has been arranged to focus on the life and times of our ancestors, Robert and Obadiah Seeley and their sons. We will be looking at life in the colonies from 1620 until 1700.

Only the first 50 people who register can go on this tour. Registration will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$100.00 deposit is required. A check payable to Katherine M. Olsen, Seeley Genealogical Society, should be sent along with a completed registration form (see page 5) to Katherine M. Olsen, 777 E South Temple #13H, Salt Lake City, UT, 84102. A receipt will be sent to you along with the mailing

address for the remaining funds which must be sent to the tour company by Aug. 3, 2007. Registration must be completed by June 10, 2007.

Trip insurance is offered for this tour. It is optional but recommended. If you want to purchase it, a separate check should be enclosed with the deposit, for the insurance payment. It should be made payable to Tours of Distinction. The cost of the insurance is \$48.00 per person for those in double or triple rooms and \$73.00 for those in single rooms. See coverage on the registration form. If you have questions, contact Travel Insured International at 1-800-243-3174.

I hope you are planning to join me. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at katherinemolsen@comcast.net or 801-355-0301.

Itinerary for Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England

Sunday -- Sept. 16

There will be a gathering at 7 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, site of the 2007 SGS International Reunion, for all participants.

Monday -- Sept. 17

A deluxe tour motorcoach with driver and tour escort will meet you at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell at 7:30 a.m. We'll depart at 8:00 a.m. for nearby Wethersfield, Conn., where a local historical guide will meet us. This morning we'll visit the **Robert Seeley Home lot, the Town Green and the Rock Monument**. From Wethersfield we'll travel to the Boston suburb of Watertown, Mass. Again a local guide will be waiting to show us the sights including the **church with the model of Arabella** and the **Saltonstall Monument**. This afternoon we'll **ride the Boston Ducks** (The Boston Ducks are a land-water form of conveyance used for tours of historical Boston) through the city streets. The tour is narrated and you will see many historic spots along **Boston's Freedom Trail**. An exciting feature of the Ducks is when they splash into the Charles River and continue the tour by water. In **Plymouth**, lodging for two nights will be provided on the waterfront at the **Pilgrim Sands**.

Tuesday -- Sept. 18

Continental Breakfast is included at Pilgrim Sands this morning and today we'll begin where the Pilgrims first came ashore at historic **Plymouth Rock**. From Plymouth Rock we'll continue with a visit to "**Plimoth Plantation**," a popular living history museum and an exact replica of the Plimoth Colony as it existed in 1627. We'll cross over the Cape Cod Canal to Hyannis and if there is time we will visit the popular **John F. Kennedy Museum** in the center of town. This evening enjoy a wonderful **Cape Cod Lobster Dinner** at the Riverway Lobster House in South Yarmouth. There is Prime Rib or Chicken for those who prefer something other than lobster. Overnight lodging is provided again at the **Pilgrim Sands** in

Plymouth.

Wednesday -- Sept. 19

Continental Breakfast is again included at Pilgrim Sands before we head to neighboring Rhode Island. We'll see the **Narragansett War Monument of the King Philip's War** before continuing into Mystic, Conn. Today we'll visit **historic Mystic Seaport**, a popular living history museum on the Connecticut shore. Lodging is provided at the **Comfort Inn of Mystic**. Dinner will be included tonight at **Captain Jack's in nearby Wakefield, R.I.** This will be a true **New England Lobster Feast** (prime rib for those who would prefer it). This means lobster two nights in a row for those who can't get enough of this delectable treat.

Thursday -- Sept. 20

Continental Breakfast is included at the Comfort Inn and this morning we'll follow the Connecticut shore to **Old Saybrook**. A local historian will be waiting to show you the **Saybrook Fort Monument** and other historic sights. Included will also be a visit to the **Connecticut River Museum**. **Lunch** will be included today at the **historic Griswold Inn** in nearby Essex, Conn. Our destination this afternoon is New Haven where we'll visit the **New Haven Historical Society Museum**, the historic **New Haven Town Green**, the **Robert Seeley Home Lot** and the **Fairfield Pequot War Monument** in neighboring Fairfield. Overnight lodging is provided at the **Sheraton Four Points Hotel** in Norwalk.

Friday -- Sept. 21

Today a local historian will meet us in Stamford, Conn. where we'll visit the **Stamford Historic Society**, the **Hoyt Barnum House** and the site of the **Obadiah Seeley home lot**. From Stamford we continue to Bedford, N.Y. (only a few miles from Stamford). You'll see the **Town Green, the original Bedford Cemetery and Quintessential New England**. In mid-afternoon

Please See Tour Itinerary Page 5

Tour Itinerary

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we'll return to Northern Connecticut and spend our final evening at the **Comfort Inn Suites** just outside Bradley Airport (Hartford – Springfield Airport). We'll stop at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell for those who left cars there while those who will be flying home tomorrow will be brought to the **Comfort Inn. A Farewell DINNER** will be included tonight. After dinner we'll bid farewell to our expert driver and New England tour host.

Saturday -- Sept. 22

Continental Breakfast is included at the Comfort Suites and the hotel operates a **free shuttle van to Bradley International Airport** for your flight home.

TOUR PRICING

- \$867.00 p/p in Double Room
- \$1187.00 for a Single Room
- \$777.00 p/p in Triple Room

Our package as outlined above includes the following:

- Deluxe motor-coach transportation, no handicap lift

- (Driver will stow portable chair in the baggage compartment)
- Five Nights Hotel accommodations
- Room Taxes & Baggage Handling
- Four Continental Breakfasts
- Lobster Feast Dinner at Capt. Jack's of Rhode Island
- Dinner at The Riverway Lobster House on Cape Cod
- Farewell Dinner
- Lunch at The Griswold Inn
- Ride on the Boston Ducks
- Admission to Plimouth Plantation
- Admission to Historic Mystic Seaport
- Admission to the John F. Kennedy Museum in Hyannis
- Admission to the Connecticut River Museum
- Admission to the New Haven Historical Society Museum
- Full time Tour Host throughout
- All local guides per itinerary
- Gratuities for Tour Host, Bus Driver & Local Guides

Robert & Obadiah's New England Tour Registration Form

To be returned before June 10, 2007 with a \$100.00 per person deposit made payable to Katherine M. Olsen, Seeley Genealogical Society

Name 1. _____

Name 2. _____

Name 3. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

If registering separately, roommate(s) _____

Check one

- () Single Room total cost \$1187 (Trip Insurance is an additional \$73.00)
- () Double Room total cost \$867 per person (Trip Insurance is and additional \$48.00 per person)
- () Triple Room total cost \$777 per person (Trip Insurance is an additional \$48.00 per person)

Insurance covers a person while he/she is on this tour. It does not include transportation to or from this tour. It does cover trip cancellation (cost of tour), tour interruption (150% tour cost), trip delay (\$100), emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains (up to \$20,000), emergency accident and sickness medical expenses (up to \$2,000), baggage and personal effects (up to \$500), and accidental death (\$10,000). Emergency Assistance Services are included. Insurance coverage is provided by Travel Insured International, East Hartford, Conn.

Group: Seeley Family; Tour Date 9/16/07 - 9/22/07; Tour/Policy # 7X0917SG

We accept () or decline () the insurance.

We have enclosed a check for # _____ people in the amount of \$ _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Mail Form & Payment to:
Katherine M. Olsen
777 E South Temple, #13H
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

What's New in SGS Queries

Story By Linda Crocker, SGS Query Editor



I thought you might like to know the different spellings and transcriptions of the name Seeley I have come across just in researching these current queries. I amaze myself that I find these people at all when this is how some of them are indexed.

Seelye, Seeley, Sealey, Seley, Saley, Celey, Se Lee, Suly, Suby, Luly, Suley, Seeney,

Luley. All those last ones really are Seely/ey but the transcriber can't read the census taker's writing and then they get indexed that way. I often find them by searching just by first name, hoping I have a less common one to work with and I have some idea of the location. I do try to remember to post a correction so the next researcher will have a better chance of finding the right person.

Notes from SRC Librarian

Story By Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center



In May, there will be a newsletter index for the library of materials in the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Ks. Carol Haddon is currently in the process of indexing all copies of the SGS Newsletters so researchers will have another avenue of information to look at for Seeley names. She has indexed the newsletters up into the 1980's and hopes to have all the

newsletters done by May. There will be more information on this when the index is completed.

Also, since May is right around the corner, please make sure you e-mail me with any corrections that you know need to be made to the SRC Filing System. I would also like to know if there are any family groupings in the FC section that need to be filed together that currently are filed separately. I want to make sure that family information is filed together to make it easier on future researchers.

On an unrelated note; I have been thinking about what the library should be. I am new to both genealogy and the Seeley Society and I am wondering how useful the library is to our general membership. Right now it seems as if the library is a great storehouse of Seeley information that the filing team is in the process of indexing, but where does it go after that? If you think the library can or should be more than it currently is, I would like your feedback. Please e-mail me with your thoughts and write "Seeley Library" in the subject line please so I don't delete your message. Thank you for your feedback in advance.

Seeley-Society.net Celebrates Three Years of Service

Story By Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster

In early May 2004 – a mere three years ago, Jerry and I took over the SGS website from Daniel Seelye who wished to retire from web hosting.

We took the information that Dan had, and have attempted to expand on it to celebrate all things Seeley.

Currently we have added more than 950 current (late 1990's to present) obituaries. There are 139 biographies donated or found in non-copy righted publications which have been transcribed and are on the website. We have started a Veterans Page, celebrating Seeley/y/ye/etc. veterans of various wars and campaigns. Just recently we found some invalid pension petitions and have added those images to the website.

When we know of state archives that freely post copies of vital images we have linked to those webpages.

We have developed pages with images of copies of Oregon death certificates and some obituaries. Oregon considers deaths 50 years old to be in the public domain and releases those death certificates to the archives at reduced cost. The death certificates have been purchased from the State of Oregon. Copies are on the website, and the original copy has been sent to the SGS Research Center in Abilene, Ks.

In California Vital Statistics, we are attempting to replicate the binders that were donated to SGS in Williamsburg with updates for obituaries as we have been able to locate them. At one time California allowed transcriptions of Death Certificates. Many death certificates were transcribed for SGS. This project is on-going and officially labeled as "Under Construction."

We host a section which lists the SGS queries in the hopes that members of the public will see family members and respond and add information to what is currently known.

We also have what we have called "Attic Treasures." These are miscellaneous finds. Currently we have some patent information, product and business information, authors, and some other miscellaneous information.

We have found some directories and have transcribed the Seely information and posted it to the website. The underlying data has been donated to the Seelye Research Center.

In the course of research on my greater family, I have transcribed some counties census information for Seeley/y/ye and that information is also posted to the website.

We host some information about recent past reunions, recent past newsletters, and we have started an "In Memoriam" section, where we mourn those of our society who have passed from us.

We would welcome any and all donations of additional information, and hope the next three years pass as quickly and are as exciting and interesting as the past three years.

This Memorial Day, SGS Honors War on Terrorism Sacrifice



In the last newsletter, it was suggested that, for Memorial Day, we honor Seeley's who have lost their lives in the War on Terrorism. The same issue featured the sad news of the death of U.S. Army Sgt. Michael T. Seeley, 27, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, who died Oct. 30, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device

detonated near his vehicle. Seeley was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

There may be other Seeley's who have died in the war, but a search of casualty lists revealed no others and no names were received from SGS members.

Rather than try to come up with words to honor Sgt. Seeley and his sacrifice, it was determined to let the people who knew him do so. Below are some words of remembrance left for Sgt. Seeley at various online memorial sites.

"Hey, Seeley: We miss you very much brother, you were one of the best team-leaders anyone could have asked for. I just wanted to let your family know that you were one of the best men I've ever known, you taught our team a lot, and put up with a lot. Seeley, brother, friend and comrade: you will always be remembered and never forgotten. Rest in peace."

-- Pablo "Guti" Gutierrez (Fort Hood, Texas)

"Hey buddy, we had some good times. I wish we could have had some more. I'll never forget you!!!"

-- Andrew Lupo

"Seeley, I learned more from just watching you than anyone could have told me verbally any day! I'll never forget that morning we kicked that can all the way to the chow hall. If I had known that'd be the last time I'd see you, man... I don't know... We all miss you, bro."

-- Shane Padden (Killeen, Texas)

"Mike, you inspired me in so many ways! You will live on in our memories and in our hearts."

-- Tracy Whitlock (Fredericton, New Brunswick)

"We miss you Mike. We are all so proud. You would be proud of your family man!"

-- Reen Taylor (Fredericton, New Brunswick)

"Mike, you grew from a little boy to a great man. I miss you badly. Rest in peace, handsome."

-- M. Taylor (Fredericton, New Brunswick)

"To the Seeley Family: My name is Chris Metallic, I'm a Mi'Gmaq from Listuguj; I remember Mike from the Corps. We went to Parris Island together. I remember Mike as someone who loved to laugh and smile -- I rarely saw him without a smile. We became good friends."

-- Chris Metallic

After graduating High School in 1998, Sgt. Seeley joined the Canadian Forces, then enlisted with the U.S. Marines Corps the following year. He spent four years as a Marine, serving in Japan, South America, Africa and Iraq before joining the U.S. Army. On this Memorial Day, please add a prayer for Sgt. Seeley, his family, and his friends to your personal remembrances.

Standards for Sharing Information with Others

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society

At the reunion in Tacoma, SGS voted to encourage the use of NGS's genealogy standards. They've published standards for six types of research which can be found at: <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/comstandsharing.cfm>.

Conscious of the fact that sharing information or data with others, whether through speech, documents or electronic media, is essential to family history research and that it needs continuing support and encouragement, responsible family historians consistently:

Respect the restrictions on sharing information that arise from the rights of another as an author, originator or compiler; as a living private person; or as a party to a mutual agreement.

Observe meticulously the legal rights of copyright owners, copying or distributing any part of their works only with their permission, or to the limited extent specifically allowed under the law's "fair use" exceptions.

Identify the sources for all ideas, information and data from others, and the form in which they were received, recognizing that the unattributed use of another's intellectual work is plagiarism.

Respect the authorship rights of senders of letters, electronic mail and data files, forwarding or disseminating them further only with the sender's

permission.

Inform people who provide information about their families as to the ways it may be used, observing any conditions they impose and respecting any reservations they may express regarding the use of particular items.

Require some evidence of consent before assuming that living people are agreeable to further sharing of information about themselves.

Convey personal identifying information about living people—like age, home address, occupation or activities—only in ways that those concerned have expressly agreed to.

Recognize that legal rights of privacy may limit the extent to which information from publicly available sources may be further used, disseminated or published.

Communicate no information to others that is known to be false, or without making reasonable efforts to determine its truth, particularly information that may be derogatory.

Are sensitive to the hurt that revelations of criminal, immoral, bizarre or irresponsible behavior may bring to family members.

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SGS Queries

(Data As of April 13, 2007)

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators for their input. 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 also remember to send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

QUERY UPDATES:

Update to Query 0505-1 Re: Wilbur H. Seelye

Roger Seeley (rsee246@msn.com) was surprised to learn that there were 2 Arthur Seelyes – his father and grandfather between him and his supposed grandfather Wilbur H Seelye and asked for details.

Census research:

- 1880 census Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI
- Seeley, Barney, b. abt 1821 NY (this would be SGS# 941, Barnabus Seelye)
- Seeley, Mary, b. abt 1835, NY
- Seeley, Bertie, b. abt 1859, MI
- Seeley, Wilbur H., b. abt 1864, MI
- Seeley, Edgar B., b. abt 1870, MI

1900 census Bear Creek, Emmet, MI

- Seelye, Edgar, b. June 1869, age 30, b. MI, parents b. NY
- Seelye, Mary E, mother, b. Apr 1835, 5 children, 3 living, married 35 years, widow b. NY, f. b. CT, m. b. NJ

1900 census Decatur, Van Buren, MI

- Se Lee (yes, it is entered this way), Wilber, b. Apr 1865, MI, parents b. NY married 12 years to Elizabeth, b. Jan 1866, NY, f. b. NY, m. b. Eng., 3 children all living:

Agnes F. b. March 1892, MI

Arthur V., b. Dec 1874

Wilber M., b. Mar 1899

1910 census Ann Arbor Ward 6, Washtenaw, MI

- Seelye Elizabeth, age 44, b. NY, father b. NY, mother b. Eng. widow, 3 children, all living
- Seelye, Agnes F., age 18, b. MI, father b. MI, mother b. NY
- Seelye, Arthur B., age 15, b. as above
- Seelye, Wilbur M., age 11, b. as above

1920 census Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, MI

- Seelye, Elizabeth, age 54, widow, b. as above
- Seelye, Agnes F, age 27, teacher - physical training
- Seelye, Wilber M., 20, attended school

1920 census Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

- Seelye, Arthur, age 25, b. MI, dairy farmer
- Seelye, Almira, age 21, b. IL, f. b. IL, m. b. OH

1930 census Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

- Seelye, Elizabeth, 64, widow, b. NY, etc
- Seelye, Ralph, 24, nephew, clerk, clothing store

1930 census, Oshtemo, Kalamazoo, MI

- Seeley, Arthur, age 35, b. MI, f. b. MI, mother b. NY, dairy farmer
- Seeley, Almyra, age 31, married at 21, b. IL, f. b. IL, m.b. OH

Seeley, Avis, age 8, b. MI

Seeley, Arthur Jr, age 8, b. MI

Seeley, Carol, age 6, b. MI

Seeley, Roger, age 1, b. MI

- Tolman, Alonzo, 62, b. IL, f. b. MA, m. b. NY boarder 1900 census, Spring Rock, Clinton IA, information on Almyra/Almira Tolman, wife of Arthur and mother of Roger

- Tolman, George, b. Nov 1860 IL, parents b. CT married 4 years to
- Tolman, Emma, b. Oct 1865, OH, parents b. OH 1 child, 1 living (so this is husband's 2nd wife)
- Tolman, Almira, b. July 1898, age 1 (census taken in June 1900), b. IL
- Tolman, Arthur E. July 1891, age 8, b. IL, parents b. IL
- Tolman, Glen, b, Dec 1884, age 15, b. IL, parents b. IL

1910, Green Valley, Shawano, WI

- Tolman, George R., age 49, b. IL, f. b. CT, m. b. NY runs creamery
- Tolman, Emma W., age 44, b. OH, parents b. OH, married 14 years, 2 children
 - Tolman, Elmira, age 11, b. IL
 - Tolman, Jean, age 9, b. IL

Update to Query 0611-5 Re: Charles Grove Seeley and his ancestor Stephen Seeley (SGS # 612)

Paul Seeley (paul.seeley@gm.com) has sent in his DNA for testing, copies of various records and tombstone photos and is planning a trip to NY State this summer. He is interested in knowing the name of the granddaughter that Ruth Odell Seeley (widow of Stephen) was living with at the time of her death and the places of burial for both Stephen and Ruth Odell Seeley.

Update to Query 0702-1 Re: Benjamin Seeley
Submitter Kristyne Whitmore's email is kew70@hotmail.com. Kristyne is interested in a Benjamin Seely/Seeley born about 1836 in NY State and who appears in the 1860 census (age 25) for Ripley, Chautauqua Co., NY.

I recently found the following:

1850 census Machias, Cattaraugus, NY

- Seeley, Sheldon (indexed as Saley), age 52, b. NY, farmer
- Seeley, Lola, age 41, b. VT
- Seeley, Olive, age 20, b. NY as are all children
 - Seeley, John, age 18
 - Seeley, Benjamin, age 16

Seeley, Sally A., age 13
 Seeley, Alexander, age 3
 Seeley, Margaret E., age 6 months

Sheldon Seeley is SGS #1086c and his son Benjamin is #2753. Now the question is : Can anyone prove that this Benjamin is the same as the Benjamin who married Juliana Thorpe in 1854 in Kane Co. IL and resided in Ripley, NY in 1860?

Update to Query 0702-3 Re: Effie Seeley

Effie's father (grandfather of Renee Mizar, reneemizar@yahoo.com) was identified as Rionel Seeley, a son of SGS # 2278.

Kathie Olsen checked the resource files for the Seventh Generation Book and we have little further information on Rionel Floyd Seeley. We have his record as a child of Abner (SGS #2278) and Julie Ann Rose Seeley. He was born on 28 June 1852, no place mentioned and died on 1 Aug 1928, no place mentioned. He was married to Margaret Sarah Thompson. Kathie does have a picture of Abner and Julie Ann Rose Seeley and a little history. It is not a very good copy, but she would be happy to send it along to anyone who would like it. There is also a family group of his brothers and sisters. Emily his sister was married to Edwin O. Wright. Julie Ann Rose was a descendant of Edward Fuller of the Mayflower. There is a chart of the Mayflower application submitted by Janet Jordan Oberhelman, a descendent of Horace Burr Seeley, one of Rionel's brothers.

NEW QUERIES

Query 0705-1 Submitted by Ryan Seeley (Ryan.Seeley@saralee.com)

Ryan's family comes from Northeast Ohio. He says that his grandfather, Charles Seeley was born in Ohio ca. 1920. He lived in a small town called Wellington, Medina Co., Ohio. His parents lived there for a long time before that. Ryan would like information on Charles Seeley's ancestors.

SGS Response: As you may remember Wellington is where the graves of Charles W. and Lucy Seeley were paved over last year (see article in SGS newsletter of August 2006). Charles W. is SGS #3445, in the Obadiah lineage.

I started with the 1930 census and worked backwards to check Ryan's ancestors. Ryan's grandfather is listed in the 1930 census of Wellington, Lorain, OH as follows:

- Seeley, Orville J., age 46, b. OH, parents b. OH a merchant in a grocery store
- Seeley, May A., age 47, b. OH, parents b. OH
- Seeley, Charles W., age 13, b. OH, parents b. OH
- Puder, Ralph W. age 36, listed as son-in-law but brother-in law has been written over the entry
- Puder, Anne R., age 36, sister-in-law
- Puder, Lucille E., age 14, Betty I., age 12 and Lois M. age 12, nieces

In 1920 Orville Seeley, age 35 is in Toledo, Ward 9, Lucas Co. OH with Mae, age 36, Marrion, age 12 and Charles, age 3 yr 1 mo.

In 1910 Orville J. Seeley, age 25 is in Norwalk, Huron

Co. OH with Mae, age 26 and Marion, age 2. Next door is Wesley A Seeley, age 47, married 27 years to Dora M., age 45 who has borne 4 children, all still living, Pearl, age 21 and Grace D., age 19.

1900 census of Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

- Seeley, Wesley A. b. Feb. 1864 in OH, parents b. OH (indexed incorrectly as Seeney)
- Seeley, Dora M., b. July 1864 OH, parents b. OH
- Seeley, Orva J. b. June 1884, OH
- Seeley, Walter E., b. Dec 1886 OH
- Seeley, Pearl, b. March 1889 OH
- Seeley, Grace D., b. May 1891, OH

There is no 1890 census

1880 census Wellington, Lorain, OH

- Seeley, George D., age 41, b. OH, parents b. NY laborer
- Seeley, Harriet, age 33, b. OH, parents b. NY
- Seeley, Westley A., age 17, Joseph age 15, Geo W., age 13, Mary J., age 12, Chas L, age 10, Hattie M., age 4, all b. OH

1870 census York, Medina, OH (Post Office Mallett Creek)

- Seeley, George O., age 31 farmer, Harriet, age 33, Wesley O., age 7, Joseph W., age 5, George W., age 3, Mary J., age 2 and Louis, age 3 mos. (b. April), all b. OH

The 1860 and 1850 censuses of York, Medina, OH show George to be a son of Jesse Seeley and his wife Prudence. There are 14 children of Jesse and Prudence listed in the 1850 census with the 6 oldest b. in NY and the younger children b. in OH beginning about 1838. George's next older brother is Samuel Brown Seeley who was the subject of Query 0408-2. In a response to that query we identified Jesse Seeley as a son of David Seeley and Ursula Sweetman. David Seeley is SGS# 1993, a descendant of Nathaniel Seeley. According to the SGS database Jesse was b. 8 Aug. 1808 in Carlisle, Schoharie Co NY, d. 9 Jan 1888, Mallett Creek, OH. He married Prudence Brown 18 Feb 1830, possibly in Schenectady, NY. Prudence was b. 21 Oct 1809 in Carlisle, NY and d. 22 Oct 1883 in Mallett Creek.

So, despite having the same name and living in the same small town there seems to be no close relationship between Ryan's grandfather Charles W Seeley and the Charles W. Seeley who is buried in Wellington.

Andrew Waber, Area Coordinator for sent the following Lorain Co links:

Lorain County, OH has its probate court records online at <http://www.loraincounty.com/probate/search.shtml>

The Lorain County cemeteries are at

<http://home.centurytel.net/lorgen/cemetery/cemetery.htm>

The Amherst News-Times is online at

<http://www.amherst.lib.oh.us/obituaries.asp>

In a basic search of the probate records, three hits for Charles W Seeley show up; the most interesting of which is pasted at the top of the next page and labeled Figure One.

Query 0705-2 Submitted by Dana Sharpton (aziz@acegroup.cc)

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ESTATE OF: SEELEY, CHARLES 1997 ES 01076 (Figure 1, for Query 0705-1)			
Docket Date	Description	Amount	Amount Due
09/09/1997	AFFIDAVIT/APPLICATION RELIEVE ESTATE FROM ADMINISTRATION - \$2,000.00 OR LESS (ES136)	19.50	0.00
09/09/1997	SURVIVING SPOUSE, NEXT OF KIN, LEGATEES & DEVISEES DOD ON/AFTER 5/31/90 (ES1.0A)	0.00	0.00
09/09/1997	WAIVER OF NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO RELIEVE ESTATE FROM ADMINISTRATION; BY CHARLENE BRUMFIELD, THOMAS SEELEY, LELAND SEELEY, DOUGLAS SEELEY (ES5.2)	0.00	0.00
09/09/1997	COPY OF PAID FUNERAL BILL FILED	0.00	0.00
09/09/1997	ENTRY RELIEVING ESTATE FROM ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS E SEELEY, COMMISSIONER (ES5.6)	5.00	0.00
09/10/1997	3 CERTIFIED COPIES OF J.E. AUTHORIZING ESTATE RELIEVED.		

Dana noticed that we have a Clarissa E Hadley married to a Franklin E Seely, SGS #3916. She wonders if the Clarissa E Hadley we have is the one from her family tree. Her Clarissa E Hadley was born to Hiram Moses Hadley and Moriah E Day ca.1830. Dana was hoping we had information about Moriah Elizabeth Day.

SGS Response: Dana's Clarissa Hadley is indeed the same as ours. Clarissa and Franklin Seely are listed in the 1860 census for Bloom, Richland, WI next door to Hiram Hadley and his family and she is shown with them in the 1850 census, before her marriage to Franklin. Does anyone have information on the Hadley family, particularly Moriah Day Hadley?

Query 0705-3 Submitted by Robin Deems (rdeems@san.rr.com)

Over a year ago Robin received a set of eleven schoolbooks from 1930 that had been owned by Vesta Seeley and her brother, James Seeley, of Rushville, IL. She is trying to find descendants of either Vesta or James that might want these. They are literature classics--Shakespeare, etc. and have notes, drawings and musings of Vesta and James. They are really neat!!

Here is what Robin found on this Seeley family: Vesta was born abt. 1917, James born abt 1922 in Illinois. The family is in Rushville, Schuyler Co., IL in the 1930 census; in Buena Vista Township, Schuyler Co., IL in 1920.

The father of Vesta & James is Lewis Franklin Seeley b. 30 Apr 1880 in Rushville. His parents are William Alfred Seeley and Flora V. Bodenhammer. William Alfred & Flora V. married 30 Apr 1889 in Schuyler County, IL. William Alfred b. 11 Nov 1933, Flora b. 10 Feb 1943, both in Schuyler Co. IL.

The parents of William Alfred are Nathaniel B. Seeley b. abt 1825 in NY and Elizabeth Campbell b. abt 1827 in OH. They married 13 Jun 1844 in Schuyler Co., IL. The children of Nathaniel and Elizabeth are: Edward, Electa Anna, Douglas, Alfred, Alice, Luke.

SGS Response: Nathaniel B. Seeley is a son of Luke Seelye, SGS #2255 and his 1st wife Electa Owen,

according to the SGS database.

I also found James A. Seeley's obituary (published in the Sacramento Bee on 1/26/2005). It has now been posted on the SGS website.

SEELEY, James Alfred

Passed away in Sacramento, CA, on January 24, 2005 after a heroic battle with pulmonary disease. He was born on June 4, 1920, in Rushville, IL. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran like his wife and two sons, he served his country from Dec. 29, 1941, to Jan. 11, 1946, in the Southwest Pacific Area from Feb. 23, 1942-Jan. 15, 1945, and participated in the landing on Vella, LeVella, BSI, from Aug. 15, 1943-July 15, 1944. He was a man of generosity and compassion with a great sense of humor. Continuous devotion to his late wife, June M. Seeley, who passed away in 1989. Loving father to his son, Frank W. Seeley, who passed away in 1982. Most beloved father to James A. Seeley Jr. and his wife, Sandra Lee, who cared for him and loved him always until he passed away. Also survived by one sister, Vesta Reynolds Stark of Pittsfield, IL, five grandchildren and a several great-grandchildren. You will be greatly missed, and we thank you for the memories. Private family services.

Robin has already replied. She was pleasantly surprised to learn that Vesta was still alive. Using the information I provided she found Vesta's address and phone number and is shipping the books to her ASAP.

Query 0705-4 Submitted by Shelley Cardiel (cardiels@comcast.net)

Shelley "rescued" the original marriage certificate belonging to Rev. Joseph Alexander HARPER of Greenburg, New York and his bride Laura Seely ARCHER of Mamaroneck, NY. The wedding took place in Greenburg, NY on November 13th 1896 with Pastor David COLE officiating. Shelley doesn't know if SEELY was the bride's middle name or a married name and this a second marriage, however based on limited research she believes that this was probably a second marriage for both the bride and groom. She's been able to trace their families through census records as follows:

1880 census of Cortlandt, Westchester Co., NY:

- Joseph A. HARPER, age 40, born Ireland, a Minister, parents born Ireland
- Lorena L. HARPER, wife, age 37, born NY, Keeps House, parents born NY
- Grace E. HARPER, dau, age 13, born NY, at School
- Edith L. HARPER, dau, age 3, born NY, at Home
- May W. HARPER, dau, age 1, born NY, at Home
- Marget HINSLEY, other, age 22, born NY, a Servant, parents born NY
- Sophire HINSLEY, other, age 13, born NY, a Servant, parents born Germany

1880 census of Scarsdale, Westchester Co., NY:

- William ARCHER, age 57, born NY, a Farmer, parents born NY
- Sarah ARCHER, wife, age 53, born NY, Keeping House, parents born NY
- E. Seaman ARCHER, son, age 30, born NY, a Farmer
- Laura ARCHER, dau-in-law, age 28, born NY, parents born NY
- Clara ARCHER, granddau, age 7, born NY, parents born NY
- William ARCHER, grandson, age 4, born NY
- Frank ARCHER, grandson, age 1, born NY
- John ARCHER, grandson, age 6 months, born NY
- Thomas B. WARD, brother-in-law, age 67, born NY, Works on Farm, parents born NY
- Peter RILEY, other, age 18, born NY, Works on Farm, parents born NY
- Edwin RILEY, other, age 14, born NY, parents born NY

1900 census of Greenburgh, Westchester Co. NY:

- Joseph A. HARPER, age 60, born Sept 1839, married 4 years, born Ireland, parents born Ireland, to USA 1849, a Clergyman
- Laura O. HARPER, wife, age 48, born Dec 1851, married 4 years, 5 children/2 living, born NY, parents born NY
- Charles W. HARPER, son, age 35, born Nov 1864, born NY, parents born Ireland/NY, in Lumber Business
- May W. HARPER, dau, age 21, born May 1879, born NY, parents born Ireland/NY
- John K. ARCHER, step-son, age 20, born Nov 1879, born NY, parents born NY, in US Navy

1910 census of Cortlandt, NY:

- Joseph A. HARPER, age 70, 2nd marriage 14 years, born Ireland, parents born Ireland, to USA 1850, a Retired Clergyman
 - Laura O. HARPER, wife, age 58, 2nd marriage 14 years, 4 children/2 living, born NY, parents born NY
 - Charles W. HARPER, son, age 46, born NY, parents born NY, a Pattern Co. Bookkeeper
 - William UNDERHILL, servant, age 13, born NY, parents born NY/VA, an Errand Boy
- Shelley is hoping to locate someone from this family so that this wonderful old document can be returned to its

rightful place with family.

SGS Response: According to the SGS Database Laura I Seeley, daughter of Aaron M Seely (SGS #3116) and Hannah Elizabeth Underhill, married E. Seamon Archer on 21 Dec 1871, her 20th birthday. John K Archer, Laura's son, m. Maud E Levinnus/Leviness on Apr 11 1903, according to a One World Tree listing on ancestry.com. John K. and Maud are listed in the 1930 census for Scarsdale, Westchester, NY with their 2 sons, Joseph S. age 24, a NYC RR inspector and Harold, age 23, a chauffeur for a meat business.

So far I haven't been able to locate Joseph S or Harold Archer after 1930. If you can identify any descendants of Laura Seely Archer Harper please let me know.

Query 0705-5 Submitted by Charles Walther (apcompany4@covad.net)

Charles, a new SGS member, is related to the John Seely buried in the Seely/Hale plot in West Aurora Cemetery, Aurora, Kane, IL with his wife Fanny and daughters Lamira and Mary. The stone says he was born in 1809. Charles noticed that we have John Seely (SGS# 3327) b. 1811 to Joseph and Mary/Polly Newland Seely and say that he moved to Aurora, Kane, IL.

Charles provided the following: About 1831 John Seely married Fanny Law. Their children: John Jr b. ca. 1832 NY, Lamira b. 17 July 1833, North East, Erie, PA, Isabelle b. 25 Aug 1836, North East, Amarette b. ca. 1838 North East, Mary, b. ca. 1846, North East, Josephine b. November 1855 PA.

SGS Response: From the 1860 census for Oswego, Kendall, IL.:

- John Seeley (indexed as Suby), age 60
- Mary, age 60
- Mary age 14
- Josephine, age 5 All listed as b. PA

Next door is William Loomis with wife Isabelle and 2 children. Fanny appears with this family in the 1870 and 1880 censuses as William's m-in-law.

1850, North East, Erie, PA

- John Seeley, age 40, farmer, b. NY
- Fanny, age 38, b. PA
- John J., age 18, b. PA as are all children below
Lomira, age 17,
Isabella, age 14,
Emerette, age 12,
Mary, age 4

1840 North East, Erie, PA

- John P Seely: males: 1 age 5-10, 1 30-40; females: 2 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 20-30

Can anyone verify that John Seely is really SGS #3327 or offer another lineage for him?

Query 0705-6 Submitted by Chris Havnar (ichavnar@sbcglobal.net)

Chris posted the invalid pension for Aaron P Seeley on our website under the Civil War veterans heading. She wondered if we could identify his Seeley lineage.

SGS Response: Searching the census I found:

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1900 census Palmyra, Wayne, NY

- Seeley, Aaron P b. Nov 1834 CT, age 65, married 44 years, treasurer of (illegible)_works
- Seeley, Sophia, b. Sept 1835 NY, age 64, m. 44 years, 3 children, 3, living

1890 Veteran's Schedule shows Aaron P Seeley living in Palmyra, Wayne, NY and serving from 20 Aug. 1862 - 20 Aug 1864 as Lt Col in Company A 111th NY Inf

1880 census Palmyra, Wayne, NY

- Seeley, Aaron P, age 47, Canal superintendant, b. CT, parents b. CT
- Seeley, Sophie E., age 45, b. NY, parents b. NY
 - Seeley, Coles A., age 13, b. NY
 - Seeley, Abner, age 8, b. NY
 - Seeley, Harry, age 4, b. NY
- Hilimire(?), Esther, age 26, servant

1870 census Palmyra, Wayne, NY

- Aaron Seeley, age 38, b. CT, asst US assessor, is listed in a household with several other families and single people including an Abner Seeley, age 30, b. NY, carriage maker

There is a mark against Aaron's name and at the bottom of the page are added: Seeley, Sophia, age 37, boarding (possibly with Aaron or maybe with MH Adams, a physician)

Seeley, Coles, age 3

1860 census Palmyra, Wayne, NY

- Seely, Aaron P., age 27, master carriage maker, b. CT
- Seely, Sophia, age 24, b. NY
- Seely, Abner, age 20, painter, b. NY
- Zeigler, Jacob, age 25, blacksmith, b. Prussia
- Rainer, Emory, age 17, blacksmith app., b. NY

1850 census of Williamson, Wayne, NY

- Seely, Munroe, age 50, farmer, b. CT
- Seely, Eliza M., age 46, b. CT
 - Seely, Sabra, age 15, b. CT
 - Seely, Sarah, age 13, b. CT
 - Seely, Abner, age 10, b. NY

1840 census Williamson, Wayne, NY

Seeley, Munson - males: 1<5, 1 5-10, 2 10-15, 1 40-50;
females: 1<5, 1 5-10, 2 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 30-40

1830 census Bridgeport, Fairfield, CT

Seeley, Munson - males: 1<5, 1 5-10, 1 30-40, 1 60-70;
females: 2 20-30

From the SGS database:

- Aaron Platt Seeley/ye b. ca 1830 Elmira?, Chemung, NY and m. ca 1854 Williamson, Wayne, NY to Kane, Sophia E. b. Chatham, NJ
- Aaron's father: Seeley, Munson and mother: Platt, Eliza Maria
- Munson Seeley/ye is SGS #2091 b. 6 OCT 1800 Monroe, Fairfield, CT, d. Apr 1878, Palmyra, NY and m. Platt, Eliza Maria
- Munson's father: Seeley, Abner (SGS #652) and mother: Lyon, Sabra Lane

- Other children of Munson are Mary, Sarah J, Armina Delyon, Elizabeth, Sabria

Burials in Palmyra Village Cem., Palmyra, Wayne, NY:

- Seely, Sophia E., wife of Aaron, May 31, 1910, 75y 8m 28d
 - Seely, Aaron P., husband of Sophia, Dec. 30, 1920, 88y, Civil War
 - Seely, Abner, Mar. 15, 1875, 35y, Civil War
 - Seely, Munson, husband of Eliza, Apr. 29, 1878, 78y
 - Seely, Eliza, wife of Munson, Aug. 26, 1888, 84y
- An Ancestral File on familysearch.com shows
- Coles Able Bloomer b. 1 Jan 1804 m. Mahiah Kane Bloomer 1830 NY and Charlotte Johnson 3 Apr 1831 Huron, OH
 - Sophia Kane Bloomer b. 1832

A Family Group shows Aaron Platt Seeley b. 8 Nov 1832 Weston, Fairfield, CT to Monson and Elizabeth Maria Platt and married Sophia Boomer 28 Nov 1852. Another shows he married Sophia Kane Bloomer 28 Nov 1854 Williamstown, Wayne, NY.

Considering that Aaron and Sophia named their first son Coles I would guess that she is a Bloomer. Can anyone verify this?

Query 0705-7 Submitted by Robert Protzmann (protzy41@optonline.net)

Robert is asking about SGS# 3267, Sarah Scofield Seely, dau. of William Seely and Elizabeth Braydon and SGS# 3217 Sarah Schofield Seely, a daughter of Seth Seely and Anna Squires. He is a descendant of Sarah Scofield SEELY and John HAYWARD (m. May 26, 1835, Carleton, St John Co), New Brunswick Canada. John went to CA during the gold rush, with his brother Samuel, but died shortly after getting there. Sarah came to NY and NJ with her young children, and was followed by her married daughter, Emma (m. George IRELAND), Robert found the SEELY connection in "The Seelys of New Brunswick", Harold N. Fanjoy and C. G. "Hap" Ward, St. John, NB, Ronalds printing, 1992. ISBN 0-9696285-0-1. This text shows her parents as William SEELY and Elizabeth BRAYDON. Recently, he has come across several references (on various websites, including the SGS Web pages) claiming that Sarah Scofield SEELY was the daughter of William's brother, Seth and his wife Ann SQUIRES. Which is correct? What are the primary sources? What is known about Ann SQUIRES' background?

SGS Response: According to the SGS Pub 7th Generation in the Obadiah line the daughter of Seth and Anna died at age 2 and the daughter of William and Elizabeth is the one who married John Hayward. If you have access to sources for the information about these two Sarah Scofield Seelys send it to me and Robert.

Query 0705-8 Submitted by Barbara Surratt (geninut39@yahoo.com)

Barbara is seeking information on Davidson Seeley/Seelye born in Kentucky in 1822 and resident in

IL.

SGS Response: I have only been able to find him in the 1850 census for Mason Co IL, age 28, with wife Catherine age 21, both b. KY, son William age 2 b. IL and brother(?) Bartlett age 21 also b. KY. Davidson and Bartlett are also not listed in the SGS Database. If you have any information on these Seeleys born in KY please let me know.

Query 0705-9 Submitted by Barbara Surratt (geninut39@yahoo.com)

Barbara is also interested in Bartholemew L. F. Seeley/Seelye, born 25 Jan 1828, in Ohio and also a resident of Mason Co. IL. She believes his father was Jonathan Seelye, born about 1808 in Ohio or Canada.

SGS Response: I have found him in the 1870 and 1880 censuses of Manito, Mason IL. He is born on 1828 (Jan 25 according to the SGS CD) in OH and the 1880 census indicates that his father was b. in Canada and his mother in NJ. His wife in both censuses is Sarah E (Sarah E Sherer b. 14 Feb 1825 in IL according to the SGS CD) and his children include William b. 1851, Joseph b. 1855, Commodore b. 1859, Jonathan b. 1862, Robert b. 1864, Milton b. 1866 and Marietta b. 1868, all children b. in IL. I can't place Bartholemew before 1870 although he must be in IL since his kids are born there.

Query 0705-10 Submitted by Andy Young (Andy.Young@tevaneruo.com)

Andy is searching for information on the children of Daniel J. Seeley, b. 1798 (SGS #3440) and Abigail Griswald (b. ca. 1807). He is a descendent of their son Lyman but he has no other info on Lyman's siblings.

SGS Response: We only had Lyman and his sister Nettie(Jennette) in the SGS database. I found more... 1840 census Avon, Lorain, OH

- Seely, Danl
males: 1 <5, 1 5-10, 1 15-20, 1 40-50
females: 1 <5, 2 5-10, 3 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 30-40
- 1850 census Chemung, McHenry, IL
- Seely, Daniel, age 52, b. NY, farmer
- Seely, Abigail, age 49, b. NY
Seely, Ulsina, age 21, b. OH as are all children
Seely, Lyman, age 19, farmer
Seely, Harriet, age 16
Seely, Martha, age 14
Seely, Mark, age 12
Seely, Charles A, age 10
Seely, Jenett, age 4
- 1860 census Chemung, McHenry, IL
- Seely, Daniel, age 62, b. NY
- Seely, Abigail, age 53, b. NY
Seely, Martha, age 23, b. OH
Seely, Newell, age 20, b. OH
Seely, Jennette, age 14, b. OH
Seely, Lyman, age 39, b. OH
Seely, Jemima, age 28, b. OH
Seely, Infant, age 1 mo., b. IL
- 1870 census Chemung, McHenry, IL
- Sealey, Lyman, age 37, b OH
- Sealey, Adelia, age 36, b. NY

- Sealey, Arthur M, age 5, b IL
- Sealey, Emily, age 2, b. IL
- Gardner, Charles, age 15, works on farm
- 1870 census Chemung, McHenry, IL
- Newell Seeley, age 25 b NY working as a farm laborer in the household of David H and Mary Bentley
- 1880 census Chemung, McHenry, IL
- Seely, Lyman, age 48, b. OH, parents b. NY
- Seely, Adela, age 46, b. NY, parents b. NY
- Seely, Arthur, age 14, b. IL
- Seely, Gertrude, age 11, b. IL

From the IL Marriage Index:

- Seeley, Lyman m. Pease, Jemima on 04/27/1858 McHenry Co.
- Willard, Jonathan m. Seeley, Alcinea on 04/27/1858 McHenry Co.
- Slawson, Leander B m. Seeley, Nettie A on 04/18/1867 McHenry Co.
- Duval, Fred Henry m. Seely, Gertrude Emily on 04/13/1892 McHenry Co.

From the IL Civil War Database:

- Seeley, Newel, pvt. of Chemung, McHenry Co, IL, age 23, b. Oneida Co OH, Blue eyes, fair complexion, auburn hair, 5' 6 1/2" Joined 6 Aug 1862, mustered in 4 Sep 1862 95 IL US INF out 17 Aug 1865 (There isn't an Oneida County Ohio but his father was born in Oneida County NY)

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUERY

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

Be specific and detailed: Give us all the information you have about the person or family in question, **especially dates and locations.**

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS publications or website? The census? Cemetery records? County histories? Family Bible? Others? (specify)

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Ancestry of Thomas and Sophronia Seely

By Linda Crocker

SGS Webmasters Chris & Jerry Havnar discovered the U.S. House of Representatives report at the right. SGS President Jim Seeley asked me to look into whether or not we could tie the Seeley's mentioned in the report to any of the descendants of Robert or Obadiah. Here's what I found:

From the SGS database:

Seely, Jonas Horton

SGS # 4002

b. 27 Jan. 1812 Ontario, Canada

d. 20 Feb. 1896 Tampa, FL and

m. 10 March 1839 Vigo Co., IN to Bishop, Sophronia who was

b. 3 May 1807 NY

and d. 7 March 1877 Terre Haute, Vigo, IN.

Jonas' father is Seeley, Jonas (SGS #1789) and his mother is Mary Hopkins.

Children of Jonas and Sophronia:
Mary

b. ca 1840 Terre Haute, Vigo, IN
Ruby

b. ca 1841 Terre Haute, Vigo, IN
Thomas

b. ca 1842 Terre Haute, Vigo, IN
Sophronia

b. ca 1844 Terre Haute, Vigo, IN
Charles

b. ca 1846 Terre Haute, Vigo, IN

So the children Thomas and Sophronia are those mentioned in the report. Although at the top of the report it seems to be about Thomas it is actually Jonas who is the Capt. and pensioner.

In 1900 census of Greencastle, Putnam, IN

Saphronia Seely, age 57

b. October 1842 IN is living as a cousin with Anna C Faris, age 43, George Faris, son age 21, Ruby C Faris, dau. age 17 and William Daniiles, a servant.

Interesting to note that the U.S. Representative in the petition is George W. Faris, Congressman from Terre Haute IN.

56TH CONGRESS, } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. { REPORT
1st Session. } { No. 410.

SOPHRONIA SEELY.

FEBRUARY 22, 1900.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MIERS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8405.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8405) granting a pension to Sophronia Seely, submit the following report:

Thomas Seely, the officer named in this bill, served as captain of Company M, Seventy-seventh Indiana Volunteers (Fourth Indiana Cavalry), from August 29, 1862, to June 20, 1863, when he resigned by reason of debility from diarrhea. He was pensioned at \$20 per month on account of chronic diarrhea and catarrh of service origin, and died February 20, 1896, leaving, so the Pension Bureau was advised in September, 1896, no wife nor child under 16 years of age surviving him. He was 90 years of age at the time of his death.

No one has applied for pension on account of the soldier's death.

There has been filed with your committee the following statement of Hon. G. W. Faris, a member of this House:

I have the honor to submit the following facts in support of H. R. 8405, granting a pension to Sophronia Seely:

She is the only daughter of Jonas Seely, late captain of Company M, Fourth Regiment Indiana Cavalry; is about 57 years old; is of delicate health and subject to hard sickness, just lately recovering from a three weeks' spell, and is poor and dependent upon her own efforts for a living, either as house or sewing woman in families.

Captain Seely's home was a farm at Seelyville, Vigo County, Ind. His family consisted of wife, two sons, and the beneficiary of this bill. The father enlisted, as above, in August, 1862, and the elder son, Thomas, at 18 years of age, enlisted and served in Company F, Fourteenth Indiana Volunteers, thus leaving the wife, the other son, then a lad and since deceased, and the daughter at home on the farm.

The captain was well to do and gave his children a fair education. By the close of the war the mother's health was broken, and she died about 1873. From the death of the mother the daughter continued to keep house with the father, who never married again, until his death, in 1896, at the age of 90 years. As age crept upon him his property slipped away, until, in the last years of his life, he was practically dependent upon his daughter and his pension of \$20 per month. To add to his daughter's burden, in the days of his prosperity he was charged with the trust of a

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SOPHRONIA SEELY.

mentally weak kinswoman, who had some means in his hands, which means disappeared with his own. He felt that he must support the kinswoman, and did keep her in the family, and the daughter to this day faithfully attends to this charge inherited from the father and provides her with an abode either with herself or with good families. Thus the case is that this good woman, just at the budding of her womanhood when the war came, was clothed with responsibilities by reason of the enlistment of father and elder brother in the country's service, followed by the mother's death and the father's loss of property, from which she has never for one day been free, and which kept her from the usual opportunities of marriage and home making for herself. She helped to keep a home for her old father, and now, as age begins to bear upon her, she is homeless.

I have known this family well for above twenty-five years—from a little before the mother's death—and the important facts herein are given as true on my honor as a Representative.

I bear cheerful testimony to the uprightness and good repute of Miss Seely and to her great fidelity to her old father from her youth until the end.

The sacrifice she made well merits for the rest of her life the pension proposed in the bill.

Very truly,

FEBRUARY 17, 1900.

G. W. FARIS.

In the light of the above facts your committee recommend that the beneficiary be granted the rate of pension provided for dependent daughters, and recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

In line 4, after the word "roll," insert the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws."

In line 6 strike out the word "of" before the words "Company" and "Indiana;" in the same line, after the word "Indiana," insert the word "Volunteer."

In line 7, after the word "pension," insert the words "at the rate;" in the same line strike out the word "thirty" and insert the word "twelve."

And when so amended the passage of the bill is recommended.

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