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Seeley DNS Project Update

Story By Seeley DNA Lineage Project Manager Dr. Ken McCrea

Background Information - What is DNA?

DNA is a chemical in our cells (and most other living things) that provides the “blueprint” for growing an individual. Half comes from your mother, and half from your father. One’s DNA makeup is determined at conception and doesn’t change throughout your lifetime. The current Seeley DNA project uses a form of DNA (Y-chromosome DNA) that is only transmitted from father to son, and therefore usually tracks the surname.

Why it is helpful in genealogy?

Over time, small, rare changes happen in the DNA that is passed on to the next generation. These changes will then be passed on to all future generations. These changes can be used as “markers,” that is a difference that can be detected by DNA testing. Differences in these markers can be used to identify descendants who share a common male ancestor on their paternal line.

Results of the first DNA study

The first DNA project was designed to determine whether the two early 1600’s immigrants to Connecticut, Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley were father and son, as had always been suspected. The results of that study clearly indicated that there is almost no chance that they were related within 10 generations, and can’t have been father and son.

Summary of results from current project

The purpose of the current study is expand our knowledge of the DNA patterns of various lines of the Seeley family, and to use that information to help with unknown lineages, or to confirm lineages done with more conventional genealogical methods (a “paper trail”). The DNA results are listed on the web site <http://SeeleyDNA.info> (and also linked on the Society’s web site). We now have data from 23 subjects. Of these, 9 have been found to match the “Obadiah” profile determined in the first project. Twelve have matched the “Robert-Nathaniel” profile, and two do not match either of those profiles. One of the subjects who didn’t match either profile is from England (who we located and had

tested as part of the project), and the other is a person whose ancestry had been traced back to the Obadiah line (that genealogy is apparently in error).

Potential for further study

Future goals of the project include testing subjects from other known Seeley lines (such as the Isle of Shoals Seeley family, and others). These lines may turn out to be related to either Obadiah or Robert, or may be unrelated.

Additional testing of Seeley men with known lineages has the potential for yielding data that could eventually be used to determine more generations of ancestry on either the Robert or Obadiah line (currently we can only tell which line a person is from). That could be of significant help in determining the ancestry of

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for August 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please advise the editor if your branch or family has plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

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President's Report

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who is involved with the Seeley Genealogical Society in any way. Each member is important. Thanks to all of our officers, elected and appointed. Special thanks to Chris Havnar, our webmaster and Linda Crocker, our query editor. Special thanks to Jim Seeley and Paul Taylor for the wonderful souvenir book from the Connecticut Reunion. It was a huge effort. If you didn't purchase one and you would like one, there may be a second printing. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter. Special thanks to Paul Taylor for the professional job he does with this newsletter. It is a big undertaking. The officers of this organization are all volunteers who give their time and energy freely and I thank them all.



At the conclusion of the reunion in Connecticut, a group of Seeley cousins went on a tour to visit sites associated with the life and times of Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley, both early residents of New England. While we were exiting the First Church in Watertown, Massachusetts, the Pastor gave me a copy of the Covenant which Robert Seeley and about 40 others signed or marked on July 30, 1630 to share among SGS members. You will find that copy in this newsletter. Some of us are among the "unborn" members of his family mentioned in the covenant! Check it out – the first paragraph is one sentence and so is the second paragraph.

The Constitutional Revision Committee with Ramon Hall as Chairperson and Kathie Olsen, Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker and Mary Palley as members, have concluded that no changes are needed to the Constitution at this time. If you have concerns, or suggestions, please contact one of the members of the committee.

A second committee is exploring the possibility of establishing criteria for subsidizing the cost of individual DNA tests. The committee members are Jim Seeley, Wesley Waring, Karl Weiler, Dian Little, Ken McCrea and myself as Chairperson. It is believed that the cost of the individual DNA test is prohibitive for some but the Society could benefit from the knowledge gained by completion of the test. Again, if you have concerns, or suggestions, please let us know.

A meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 2:00 pm in Abilene, Kansas at the Seelye Research Center. A summary of the board's actions will appear in the August 2008 newsletter. In addition to the Board of Directors meeting, we'll gather on May 7, 8 and 9 to continue organizing the resources in the Center. In addition, we expect there will be time for some pleasant association with each other.

I would welcome your ideas for research objectives for Seeley Genealogical Society funds. What additional knowledge should we be pursuing at this time? Please contact me.

Don't forget the next reunion will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from Tuesday, August 4, 2009 until Thursday, August 6, 2009. Activities will include visits to the Family History Library with individual mentoring, meetings of the Society, lunch and dinner gatherings with speakers, a bus tour of Park City, site of 2002 Olympics and Salt Lake City, and attendance at a Tabernacle Choir practice. On Friday morning, August 7, a bus tour will be arranged to take SGS members to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, which was founded by Seely family members, for a family picnic and tour of the community and on Saturday we will visit Emery County, Utah founded by Seely family members from Mt. Pleasant. We will see the sights and have a traditional "lamb fry" but the highlight of the day will be the Castle Valley Pageant, written by our own Montell Seely. This pageant begins at dusk and includes live animals, music taped by the Tabernacle Choir, and a stirring performance of the sacrifices made by our family members to establish settlements and communities in the wilderness. The setting is incredible. The buses will return you to Salt Lake City in

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SGS Plans Second Printing of 2007 Reunion Souvenir Book

Didn't get your copy of the SGS Reunion Souvenir Book from the 2007 Reunion in Wethersfield, Conn.? Now's your chance to get your copy. By popular demand, the Society will order a second printing of the book! Contact former SGS President and reunion organizer Jim Seeley for more information (see contact data on page 15).

During the reunion Jim went to great lengths to capture as many of the events and discussions that occurred so they could be preserved in the reunion Souvenir Book. During the reunion, orders were taken for 41 copies of the souvenir book, we ordered 45, and the printer delivered 47 – all of which sold out in no time. Since selling out, we have received orders for nine more copies of the souvenir book.

The book contains an overview of reunion highlights and the tour of historic Wethersfield and burying ground. It also contains copies of the following member presentations (with photos and illustrations):

- What We Now Know About Robert Seeley by Kathie Olsen
- What We Now Know About Obadiah Seeley by Karl Weiler
- My Seeley Line by Dr. Rev. Richard Seeley
- A Skit: Seelye's in Pioneer Times by Kathie Olsen, Dian Little, and LeAnne Seely
- How I Research Queries by Linda Crocker

The book also features overviews of the guest speaker presentations:

- The Wethersfield Plantation, How it Grew by Anne

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- Cruising Long Island Sound; Tracing its Early Families by Fred C. Hart, Jr., CG
- History and Culture of the Connecticut River Valley by Bill Hosley

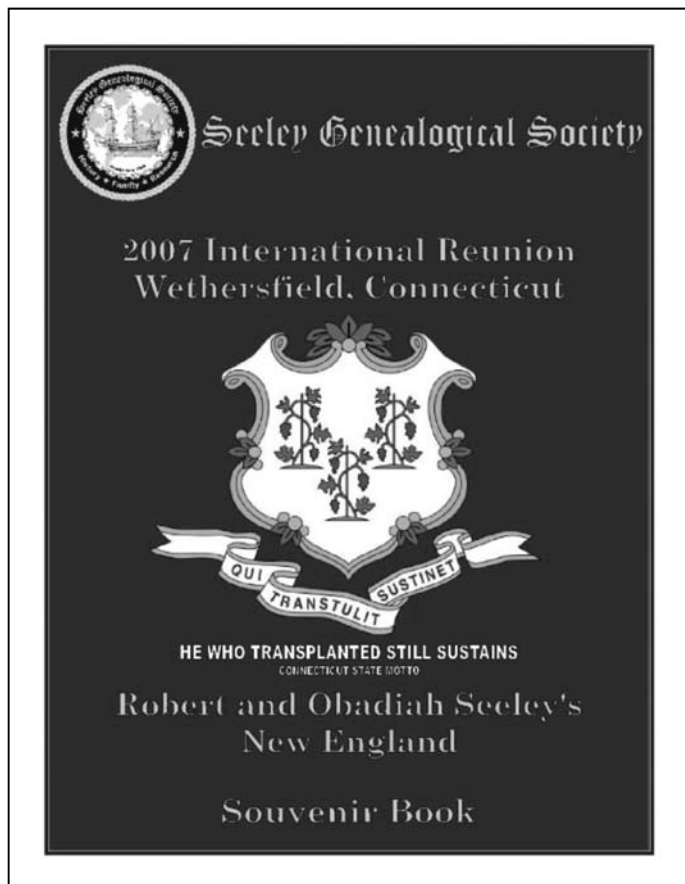
The book also contains the latest approved version of the SGS Constitution and By-Laws, the Treasurer's Report, a list of SGS Officers (past and present), past reunion dates, locations and highlights, and a photo directory of the 2007-2009 SGS Board of Directors (Elected and Appointed Officers). There are also copies and photos of the awards and recognition given at the reunion, a list of reunion attendees, a large selection of color photos, and a recap of the SGS tour of Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England.

Not sure if you should order one? Here's what a few satisfied readers said about the book:

"Thank you so much for sending me the Souvenir Book... It was so nicely done, containing a wealth of wonderful information; and the cover so beautifully complete in gold and deep blue with just the right symbols and words..." -- *Rev. Dr. Richard Seeley*

"It was a great day in Fresno today the sun shinning 77 degrees. I decided to sit in the sun and reread the Souvenir Book -- cover to cover -- a couple of times. A great feeling came over me and I really realized what a great job you did in writing this book. I felt it was so good I needed to send a second thank you. The detail of each event was right on."-- *Karl Weiler*

"Great job!! My souvenir book arrived today and it was so fun to go back to New England to the reunion and the tour. Thanks so much!!" -- *Kathie Olsen*



Penn. Seely Reunion Set for July

A reunion of the descendants of James Seely, SGS#3686, will be held on Sunday, 27 July 2008 at the Minnequa, Pennsylvania picnic grounds at 12:00 noon. Bring place setting, your own drinks, and a dish to pass. For directions, contact Jim Seeley."

New SGS Life Members

Walter Vincent & Shellee Case Seely
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President's Report (from page 2)

the afternoon on Sunday, August 9. We will stay in Price, Utah for two nights. Plan now to join us for both the reunion and the tour! It is our hope that a host family can be found for all participants coming for this reunion and tour! You can come early and stay late for more time at the Family History Library!

Thanks to you as members for all you are doing to promote our understanding of our heritage as members of the Seeley family (no matter how we spell it!). And thanks again for your confidence in my ability to lead. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments or concerns.

How I Research Queries for the Seeley Genealogical Society

By Linda Crocker, SGS Query Editor

To answer a query, I just start with the facts, such as starting with an ancestor that is known, like a parent or grandparent, and then I work back in time. I gather information that I am sure of such as name, birth date and place, occupation, brothers and sisters' names, and residence(s). Then I try to verify these facts using census records, birth certificates, marriage license, etc.

Regarding census research, the 1850 to 1930 U.S. censuses list every name in the household and the names are indexed. The 1890 census is lost (except a few fragments) so there is a big gap from 1880 to 1900. To help fill this gap, look for a state census, tax lists, etc. Census records from 1790 to 1840 are indexed but only list the name of the head of the family.

What's in a name? There are problems with any index. First, illiteracy – our earlier ancestors may not have known how to spell their name. Second, the census taker may not have known how to spell the name or wrote it illegibly. Third, abbreviations - for example using Wm. for William, etc. or just recording initials instead of full given names. Fourth, the transcriber may not have been familiar with the names and he or she made a best guess at interpreting the entries made by the census taker. And, finally, typos – mistyped into the index.

Names, Nicknames, Changes: People's use of given names may change over time. For example, parents may change children's names. There may be a change from using a first name to a middle name or vice versa. Examples of the many types of nicknames are Sarah-Sally-Sallie, Abigail-Nabby-Abbie, William-Willie-Bill, etc. A child under one may be listed as "infant," "baby," etc.

Family Ties: I hope for lots of kids to help me trace the same family through the census records. Children with a different surname may be the wife's from a prior marriage, helping you find her prior marriage and perhaps her maiden name! In the 1900 and 1910 censuses, women state how many children they have had and how many are still living. This can be helpful in accounting for children that fall in the 1880/1900 census gap or distinguishing similarly named families or different generations living together.

Brothers and Sisters: Tracing an ancestor's siblings in the census may give more clues. Such efforts may tell me where the family migrated from and with whom. Youngsters sometimes went to live with married older siblings or aunts/uncles or grandparents to help out or because the parents died. Widowed parents often went to live with a child and may have died and been buried there.

Searching the Census on Ancestry.com: Don't narrow your search so much that you miss your target. First, I always search for the given name and Seel*. This gets me Seely, Seeley, Seelye, Seelee, etc. Next I try Seal*, then Sele*, Sale*, Cele*. You can also try Sule*, Suby, Leel*, Lul*. And how about See?y? (Note: the asterisk means the search function will accept anything following it while the ? is like a wild card.)

Given Name Search: If I can't find the head of a family I search for the wife and kids if I know their given names. If I still have no luck, but I know the county or state where they should be and/or their age and birthplace, then I search by first name and leave the surname blank, filling in as much other information as I can (age, birthplace, etc).

Here is an example that illustrates many of these tips

Who is Dewey A. Seeley? A short biography of a Dewey A. Seeley is on the Seeley website, but it doesn't talk about his ancestors. So, who is he? The bio reads: "Mr. Dewey A. Seeley, associate meteorologist, in charge of the Lansing, Mich., station, died Sept. 20, 1934. He was born at Pontiac, Mich., on Aug. 4, 1875. Mr. Seeley entered the (weather) service on August 26, 1898, and served as assistant at Lansing, Albany, Philadelphia, and Chicago, and as official in charge at Peoria and Lansing, serving in that capacity at the latter station for nearly 25 years."

Here is a typical census search screen.

You are here: [Search](#) > [Census](#) > [U.S. Census](#) > [1870 United States Federal Census](#)

1870 United States Federal Census

Exact matches only [Search tips](#)

First Name Last Name

Residence

All

State County City/Township

Personal

+/-

Birthplace Estimated Birth Year

All All

Race Gender

Other

Keyword(s)

[Hide Advanced Search Options](#)

After I entered the information I knew from the biography, here is a search results page for the 1930 census looking for Dewey Seel* born in Michigan in 1875.

Ranked Search Results - 1930 United States Federal Census

You searched for **Dewey Seel*** born in **Michigan** in **1875** [Refine your search](#)

[All Census Results](#) Show All matches Viewing 1-50 | [Next >](#)

Match Quality	View Record	Name	Parent or spouse names	Home in 1930 (City, County, State)	Estimated birth year	Birthplace	Relation	View Image
*****	View Record	Amer D Seeley	Mary J	Greendale, Midland, MI	abt 1877	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Elmer D Seeley	Marian	Davison, Genesee, MI	abt 1878	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Louise D Seelye	Gertrude E, Walter M	Highland Park, Wayne, MI	abt 1877		Wife	
*****	View Record	Claude D Seeley		Lakewood, Cuyahoga, OH	abt 1878	Michigan	Lodger	
*****	View Record	Nellie D Seel		Toledo, Lucas, OH	abt 1878	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Fred Seel	Lida A	Pipestone, Berrien, MI	abt 1875	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Samuel J Seeley	Meriam C	Elk Rapids, Antrim, MI	abt 1874	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Benjamin Seel	Cora	Bainbridge, Berrien, MI	abt 1874	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	John J Seeley	Mae E	Caseville, Huron, MI	abt 1874	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Elsie Seeley	Bess L	Lansing, Ingham, MI	abt 1876	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	Davey A Seeley	Edith L	Meridian, Ingham, MI	abt 1876	Michigan	Head	
*****	View Record	John Seelhoff	Hattie	White Oak, Ingham, MI	abt 1874	Michigan	Head	

Viewing the record of Davey A. Seeley (second

search result from the bottom) we learn that he was 54 years old, born about 1876 in Meridian, Ingham, Mich., race – white, and the household members were Davey A Seeley, Edith L Seeley (both 54 years old), Kate E Sellers age 79, and Alice Tefft age 50. From the record, one may go to the “original image” and from there we learn that: Davey is a mis-reading of Dewey, Kate E. Sellers is Dewey’s mother-in-law, Alice Tefft is a servant, that Dewey’s occupation is meteorologist for the US Weather Bureau and birthplaces for all.

Dewey: b. MI, his father b. NY, his mother b. NY,

Edith: b. MI, f. b. MI, m. b. NY,

Kate: b. NY, f. b. VT, m. b. ENG

All Census Search Results: So we have found Dewey A Seeley in the 1930 Michigan census. The next step is to look for him in 1920 and earlier census years using the “All Census Search Results” link. In the 1910 and 1920 census, we learn that Dewey and Edith have 3 children (she had one other that died), Marian E. b. PA, age 20 in 1920, Stuart W. b. IL, age 18 in 1920, and D. Maxwell b. MI, age 16 in 1920. Dewey’s birth places were listed in (1930): MI, NY, NY, 1920: MI, MI, MI, and 1910: MI, MI, NY.

At first I couldn’t find Dewey or Edith Seel* in the 1900 census but I tried again using Pennsylvania as their residence since that is where their daughter Marian was born in that year (see above). I searched for Edith L. Seeley and clicked on the original image. I found that: Dewey is listed as Deroy A. Seiley, Dewey and Edith were both born in Aug. 1875, Marian was born in Sept. 1899, Dewey and Edith had been married one year, and Dewey’s birthplace info this time is MI, MI, MI.

Next I went to the 1880 census record for Dewey Seeley (age 4), Waterford, Oakland County, Mich., clicked on “view original image” and found some additional information. Birthplaces for all were Dewey’s father Charles Seeley (age 30): MI, NY, MI, mother Stella Seeley (age 28): NY, NY, NY, Dewey: MI, MI, NY, Fayette (age 2): MI, MI, NY, Baby: MI, MI, NY, and found that Charles was a farmer. Next door is George Seeley, age 39, b. MI, NY, MI, wife Sarah, age 37, b. NY, NY, NY, with children Thadeus, 12 and Bessie, 6. Next door to George is Matilda Seeley, age 64, widow, b. MI, VT, VT with daughter Elenor age 27, b. MI, MI, NY.

Looking at the 1870 census, same town in Michigan, for Dewey Seeley’s father, Charles Seeley, I found Charles’ father was Iva/Ira C. Seeley, age 58, born about 1812. Household information from the census image includes: Matilda, 54, b. NY, Charles S, 21, b. MI, Eleanor R, 17, b. MI, Lura A, 22, b. MI, 2 farm laborers, C Powell and Jonathan Pratt. Charles and Lura married in April.

In the 1860 census for Ira C. Seeley, I learned that this Charles Seeley has an older brother George, mother Matilda and sister Elenor. Therefore Charles Seeley, father of Dewey in the 1880 census, is identified in this family.

From the original 1850 census image for Matilda Seeley, age 39, b. about 1811, I learned that other family members were Clark Seely, 38, b. NY, Wm, 13, b. MI,

Geo H, 9, b. MI, Mariah, 7, b. MI, Chas., 1, b. MI, and Julia Finch, 16, b. NY. Apparently Ira’s middle name is Clark. I.C. Seeley is listed in the 1840 census of Waterford, Oakland, Mich. with one son under five, himself age 30-40 and a female age 20-30. I don’t find Ira in earlier census records.

Land Records: Ancestry also has a Michigan Land Record database. This shows Ira Clark Seeley buying land in Genesee and Oakland Counties in 1833 and 1838 with an Isaac Voorheis. In 1838 the parcel he bought adjoined that of John E. Seeley, a son of John Beardsley Seeley, SGS #1961. Other Seeleys buying land in these counties 1820 – 1840 include Harvey and Joel who bought together and with Jacob Voorheis, Hezekiah, Isaac, Eleanor, and Lewis. Hezekiah and Harvey are of Seneca County, N.Y.

Other sources that are helpful include our SGS resources, LDS Family Search, US Genweb, and Google.

In the SGS Publications, Ira Clark Seeley is not listed. However, John Beardsley Seeley, William Pease Seeley, Joel Seeley, Hezekiah Seeley and Harvey Seeley are the names of the sons of John Seeley, SGS #611 and his wife Eleanor. Harvey Seeley, SGS #1967, son of John #611, married Elizabeth Vorheis and married second her sister Ellen Jane Vorheis.

The SGS CD lists Ira Clark Seeley as the son of an unidentified William M. Seeley and wife Sarah. However there is a large gap (almost 20 years) between the births of Ira and his supposed brother Ed Harger Seeley (c. 1817) and their much older six siblings (1785 – 98). A William P. Seeley and wife Sarah had a daughter Matilda b. ca. 1817 in Ovid, Seneca, N.Y. who married Josiah Gaylord of Yates Co. N.Y. No children are shown for William Pease Seeley, son of John #611.

From Family Search at www.familysearch.org, I found one listing for Ira Clark Seeley as the son of William Pease Seeley and Sally Harger – no sources cited. William Pease Seeley is SGS #1963, b. 1788 Ballston, Saratoga, N.Y. and d. May 1820 Ovid, Seneca Co., N.Y. He married Sally Harger who m. second Peter I. Covert in December 1821.

I then went to www.usgenweb.org. At this site you choose a state and then a county. Content varies depending on volunteer contributions. You may find transcribed data, links to other sites, surname lists, local history, cemeteries, etc. I searched Oakland County Mich and Seneca County N.Y. and I found no new info.

In Google, enter your ancestor’s name in the search box and add a location to narrow your search. Google books have full transcriptions of many local histories. Many of these also contain biographies. I found a volume containing biographical sketches of leading citizens of Oakland County, Michigan. (Chicago, Ill.. Biographical Pub. Co.. 1903. pages 44-46) In this source I found a biography of HON. THADDEUS D. SEELEY.....”comes of pioneer ancestry, his grandparents settling in Michigan in 1827. He was born at Pontiac, in 1867, a son of George H. and Sarah L. (Prall) Seeley. George H. Seeley was born at Waterford township in

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Mid-Term Report from Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee

As noted in the President's Report of the November 2007 issue of the SGS Newsletter, a committee consisting of Katherine Olsen, James Seeley, Mary Palley, Linda Crocker and Ramon Hall, was named to consider and resolve any issues that might arise regarding the format or content of the Society's Constitution and Bylaws. These Bylaws were previously revised on Sept. 17, 2005 by vote at the Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion in Abilene, KS. To date no issues have been identified either by the general membership or by the committee members requiring consideration by the committee. The committee will remain in place should issues be raised prior to the end of 2008; however any issues raised after that date will be too late for publication in preparation for voting at the 2009 SGS Reunion. Should issues be raised after the end of 2008, they will be considered for any potential revision to be voted on at the Reunion planned for 2011.

Ramon Hall, Committee Chair

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unconnected Seeley families (such as my own line, which I found has the Robert-Nathaniel DNA profile).

Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF)

The SMGF is conducting a large scale project to collect DNA data from thousands of individuals. Volunteers send in DNA samples (at no cost to themselves) along with a pedigree chart to have their DNA tested and added to the study. Data from several of the test subjects used in the Seeley DNA project was obtained from the SMGF web site. It is anonymous, and your identity is not revealed - only the earlier generations on your pedigree chart are listed on their web site. We would encourage all Seeley's (and others) to consider being tested as part of the SMGF study. It may take a year or more for your data to show up on the SMGF web site, but that will provide the data at no cost to you or the Society. If you might be interested, see their web site at: <http://SMGF.org> for details on how to contribute a sample.

Change in DNA lab

One final note on the DNA project - the lab (Relative Genetics) that has done the recent testing for the Seeley DNA project has been "acquired" by Ancestry.com. This has caused problems because of difficulty in getting information from Ancestry. We are currently evaluating another lab for the testing. It is DNA Heritage (<http://DNAHeritage.com>), which has the testing done by the same lab that did the testing for Relative Genetics), but appears to be much more "user-friendly." We are currently awaiting the results from the first Seeley test subject who recently sent a sample to the lab. The results will be posted to the web site as soon as they are available.

For further information on the project contact Ken McCrea at (717) 336-5520 or Ken@GermanNames.com

Covenant of the First Church in Watertown

July 30, 1630

We whose names are hereto subscribed, having, through God's mercy, escaped out of the pollutions of the world, and been taken into the society of His people, with all thankfulness, do hereby, both with heart and hand, acknowledge that His gracious goodness and fatherly care towards us; and for further and more full declaration thereof to the present and future ages, have undertaken (for the promoting of His glory, and the church's good and the honor of our blessed Jesus, in our more full and free subjecting of ourselves and ours under His gracious government, in the practice of and obedience unto all His holy ordinances and orders which He hath pleased to prescribe and impose upon us) a long and hazardous voyage from east to west; from Old England in Europe to New England in America; that we may walk before Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; and being safely arrived here, and thus far onwards peaceably preserved by his special providence, that we may bring forth our intentions into actions, and perfect our resolutions in the beginning of some just and meet executions, we have separated the day written above from all other services, and dedicated it wholly to the Lord in divine employments, for a day of afflicting our souls and humbling ourselves before the Lord, to seek Him, and at His hands a way to walk in, by fasting and prayer, that we might know what was good in His sight; and the Lord was entreated of us.

For in the end of that day, after the finishing of our publick duties, we do all, before we depart, solemnly, and with all our hearts, personally, man by man, for ourselves and ours (charging them before Christ and His elect angels, even them that are not here with us this day, or are yet unborn, that they keep the promise unblameably and faithfully, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus) promise and enter into a sure covenant with the Lord our God, and before Him, with one another, by oath and serious protestation made, to renounce all idolatry and superstition, will worship all humane traditions and inventions whatsoever in the worship of God; and forsaking all evil ways do give ourselves wholly unto the Lord Jesus, to do Him faithful service, observing and keeping all His statutes, commands and ordinances, in all matters concerning our reformation, His worship, administrations, ministry, and government, and in the carriage of ourselves among ourselves and one toward another, as He has proscribed in His holy word.

Further swearing to cleave unto that alone, and the true sense and meaning thereof to the utmost of our power, as unto the most clear light, and infallible rule, and all sufficient canon, in all things that concern us in this our way.

In witness of all, we do ex animo and in the presence of God hereto set our names or marks, in the day and year above written.

The Rise and Fall of the John Mason Statue

Story by Jim Streeter, A Connecticut Historian

Over the years there has been a considerable amount of controversy concerning what has been called the Pequot "War" that took place on "Pequot Hill" in the village of Mystic River and the Town of Groton in 1637. During this battle, Captain John Mason led an expedition of approximately 90 men and defeated the Pequot Indians at their fort in Mystic. An estimated 400 to 700 Pequots, including men, women, and children, were killed during the battle. Mason was subsequently promoted to the rank of major.

Some 250-plus years after the battle, the state of Connecticut commemorated it by erecting a statue of John Mason on Pequot Avenue in Mystic, reportedly close to the area where the battle took place.

The purpose of this article is not to discuss the merits or particulars of that war but rather to relay the details and history of the statue itself that, from 1889 to 1995, was a familiar Groton landmark. It is unknown why it took so many years before the idea of erecting a memorial to commemorate the Pequot War was initiated, but it is believed the idea was promoted by the Rev. Frederick Denison of Mystic. The reverend suggested a "boulder monument" be used to mark the site of the battle. The New London Historical Society subsequently appointed a committee to locate the exact site of the fort and to develop suggestions for the type of monument to mark the spot.

There was a considerable amount of divergence of opinion as to the type and style of monument to be erected. Interestingly one of the suggestions was to have a "combined representation of the Indian and white races."

In 1867 the matter was brought before the Connecticut Legislature, and, although there was a considerable amount of opposition, a resolution was passed authorizing Governor Phineas C. Loonsbury to appoint three commissioners to procure and place a "boulder monument" on the site of the battle. Once the boulder was in place, it was directed that "a suitable bronze statue, of heroic size, of Captain John Mason" be erected on this boulder. The resolution authorized state funding for the statue not to exceed \$4,000.

After the resolution was passed, the New London County Historical Society appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions toward the purchase of a stone pedestal. A total of \$935 was raised.

The committee subsequently purchased a 23-ton block of rough-cut granite from the Smith Granite Company of Westerly, R.I. Five models and one photographic reproduction of a model of Major John Mason were submitted to the committee. Sculptor J.G.C. Hamilton of Westerly was selected to design the 9-foot-tall statue that was placed on top of an 11-foot stone pedestal. The statue of Mason was cast at the Ames Manufacturing Company in Chicopee, Mass.

The unveiling ceremony for the statue was held on June 26, 1889. A large crowd gathered as Charles E.



The above photo shows the Mason statue on a flat bed truck after it was taken down and just before it was moved to Windsor. Photo by Westerly, R.I. Sun Newspaper

Dyer of Norwich, chairman of the monument commission, presented the statue to then Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley. The statue was then unveiled.

For the next 100 years or so, the statue was little more than a landmark familiar to residents and a frequent target of vandalism. In 1992 the Groton Town Council received a petition from a member of the Eastern Pequot Indian Tribe requesting that the statue of Mason be removed as they felt it glorified the death of hundreds of Indians.

The town formed a committee to evaluate the request and after lengthy study and debate it was recommended that the statue be relocated. The Windsor Connecticut Historical Society requested that the monument be moved to the Palisado Green near Mason's former residence.

In May 1995 the state removed the statue from its Mystic site and placed it in storage. It was subsequently moved to Windsor and rededicated on June 26, 1996. A new plaque was installed on the statue that removed any reference to the 1637 Pequot War.

Sergeant Sealy Named NCO of the Quarter

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Anthony S. Sealy has been named Squadron-level Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter.

Selection was based on Sealy's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement, specific achievements, notable accomplishments, and community service and support.

Sealy is the assistant first sergeant for the 1st Special Operations Logistics Readiness Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The technical sergeant has served in the military for 17 years.

He is the son of Dorothy Sealy of E. Broadway Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., and Anthony Sealy Sr. of Florence, Ariz. His wife, Bambi, is the daughter of Virginia Sims of Washington St., Hahira, Ga.

Sealy received an associate degree in 2007 from Community College of the Air Force.

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1841 and is a son of Ira C. and Matilda (Dewey) Seeley, the former of whom was born in Seneca County, New York. Ira C. Seeley came with the pioneers of 1827 to Oakland County and settled in Waterford township, where he remained until 1852, when he removed to what is known as the old Harvey Seeley farm.....His death occurred in 1878, at the age of 67 years. In his early manhood Ira C. Seeley was a Whig, but became in later days a Republican.... He was a consistent member of the Congregational Church. The grandmother of our subject was born in Orion township, Oakland County, and was a daughter of Josiah Dewey, who came to Michigan from Vermont. He was locally known as Deacon Dewey on account of his activity in the founding and supporting of the Congregational Church."

CONCLUSION: Ira C. Seeley is likely related to John Seeley, SGS #611, possibly as a son of John's son William Pease Seeley or one of his brothers. More research is needed to identify Ira's father. I will ask Kathie Olsen what she has in her files and then issue a query.

Addendum: Of course sometimes the most powerful

tool in your genealogical toolbox is LUCK. At the reunion, I had just finished my presentation using the above example, when Kathie Olsen came up to me and told me she thought she recognized Ira C. Seeley from indexing she had been doing at the Seelye Research Center. She powered up her laptop and sure enough, she had three children listed for William Pease Seeley: Ira C. Seeley b. Oct. 17, 1811 Ovid, Seneca Co. N.Y., Edward Harger Seeley and Matilda Seeley.

The 1820 census of Ovid, Seneca Co., N.Y. shows Sally Seely with two males age 10 or under, one daughter age 10 or under and herself age 26 – 45. This confirms the various bits of information above (three children, two boys, one girl b. between 1810 and 1820, William P. dying before 1820 census, wife named Sally).

Also, one of the benefits of belonging to an organization like SGS is that you have access to a vast network of genealogists who are all engaged in research in family lines that are likely close to yours. If you hit a brick wall, send a query in to the SGS Newsletter, perhaps somebody out there has your answer.

SGS Queries

(Data As of April 18, 2008)

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 0802-4 Re: Boyd Ferguson Seeley

There was a mistake with the email address of the submitter, William Kernan. It is wlkernan@hotmail.com. We are still trying to identify Obadiah Seeley b. NY about 1794, residing 1820 and 1830 Orangeville, Genesee, NY and by 1840 Erie Co. PA.

NEW QUERIES:

0805-1 Submitted by Diana Waddell (mrsygpc@hotmail.com)

Diana is searching for information on Albert Seeley, married to Martha Booth. They had two children, Clarence, born 1887 in Minnesota, and Mabel, born 1900. Martha died giving birth to Mabel. They lived in Quasqeton Iowa at the time. All she knows about Albert is that he was born around 1867.

SGS Response: 1900 census La Porte, Black Hawk, IA

Seeley, Albert R.(?), age 32, b. June 1867 MN, father

b. Scotland, mother b. ENG, day laborer
Seeley, Martha D., age 33, b. July 1866 IL, f. b. MI, m.
b. OH, married 15 years, 2 children, 1 living
Seeley, Clarence F., age 12, b. June 1887 MN, f. b.
MN, m. b. IL

1885 census Chatfield, Fillmore, MN

Seely, Albert, age 26, b. MN,
Seely, Martha, age 17, b. IL
Booth, Aurelia (Audra?), age 55, b. VA
Booth, Leuther, age 13, b. IL

1880 Battle Plain, Rock, MN

Rexford, Harriet, age 46, b. NY, parents b. NY, farmer,
divorced
Seeley, Albert R., son, age 21, b. MN
Seeley, Maggie A. dau., age 20, b. MN
Rexford, Job W., age 13, b. MN

1875 census Winona, Winona, MN

Willis, GW, age 65, b. NY, parents b. NY
Willis, Harriet, age 61, b. NY, parents b. NY
Willis, Jennie, age 25, b. WI, parents b. NY
Willis, Henry J., age 22, b. WI, parents b. NY
Seely, Maggie, age 15, b. MN, parents b. NY (GW
and Harriet Willis are her grandparents)

1870 Bloomfield, Fillmore, MN

Rexford, Vincent, age 38, b. Canada, farmer
Rexford, Harriet, age 36, b. NY
Rexford, Willis, age 3, b. MN
Rexford, Harriet, age 7 mos., b. MN
Seely, Albert, age 12, b. MN
Gates, Henry W., age 61, grocer, b. NY

1860 Chatfield, Fillmore, MN

Seeley, John, age 40, b. VT
Seeley, Harriet A., age 26, b. NY

Seeley, Albert H., age 2, b. MN

Seeley, Margaret, age 1, b. MN

I can't identify the correct John in the 1850 census.

1910 Jordan, Fillmore, MN

Seeley, Albert R., age 51, b. MN, f. b. NY, m. b. IA, 2nd marriage, md 7 years

Seeley, Betsy S., age 52, b. IN, f. b. NY, m. b. PA, 2nd marriage, md 7 years, 1 child, 1 living

Murphy, Clifton, age 15, stepson, b. MN, f. b. IRE, m. b. IN

1920 Jordan, Fillmore, MN

Murphy, Clifton, age 25, b. MN, f. b. IN, m. b. Ireland

Murphy, Fannie, age 21, b. MN, parents b. Bohemia

Seeley, Albert, age 61, step-father, b. MN, father b. ENG, mother b. NY

There is a 1916 death certificate filed in Fillmore Co. MN for a Betsy Seely.

Burials in Oakridge Cemetery, Wapsinonoc Township, Muscatine Co. IA

Seeley, Clarence F. b. 20 Jul 1887, d. 4 Mar 1967

Seeley, Elizabeth, b. 01 Sept 1791, d. 20 Aug 1873

Seeley, Ellen E., b. 27 Oct 1887, d. 20 Oct 1973

Ellen E. is the wife of Clarence F. Seeley. They appear together in the 1910, 1920, 1925 and 1930 IA census. Their dau., Margaret C. is age 19 in 1930. I can't identify Elizabeth.

Does anyone have data to verify that Albert R Seeley is the son of John Seelye and Harriet Willis? Can you identify John Seelye in the 1850 census? Did John have any siblings? What happened to Maggie, Albert's sister?

Query 0805-2 Submitted by Kimberly Miller (cansing64@hotmail.com)

Kimberly is searching for the lineage of her paternal ancestor, William W. Seeley, born in New York State in 1831 and married to Harriet C. Seeley. William and Harriet had sons Frederick and DeForest (Forest).

SGS Response: The latest census entry for William W. Seeley is in 1910 in Jamestown, Chautauqua, NY with his son, Fred O. Seeley, age 40, b. PA, parents b. NY. William W. is listed as age 83, b. NY, parents b. NY, widowed, has own income.

The 1900 and 1880 censuses of Stockton, Chautauqua, NY tell us that William W. was b. Dec 1830 NY and he is a carpenter. He was married about 1868 to Harriet C. (Hattie) who was b. Aug. 1841 NY to parents b. NY. They have 2 children: Fred O. b. Oct (or Aug) 1869 and De Forest/Forest L. b. Aug 1876 NY.

Civil War soldiers of Chautauqua County, NY

SEELEY, William W., of Ellicott, CC-85

William W Seeley ,

Enlistment Date: 26 July 1862

Distinguished Service: Side Served: Union

State Served: New York

Unit Numbers: 1371 1371

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 26 July 1862 at the age of 34

Enlisted in Company A, 112th Infantry Regiment New York on 04 August 1862.

Promoted to Full Sergeant on 03 January 1865

Wounded on 15 January 1865 at Fort Fisher, NC

(1890 veterans census says he has a shell wound on right cheek)

Mustered out Company A, 112th Infantry Regiment New York on 13 June 1865 in

Raleigh, NC

* pensioned 1889 as an invalid, NY

Can anyone identify the parents of this William W Seeley?

Query 0805-3 Submitted by Jessica Seely Howard (charles@cut.net)

Jessica has found several Seeley families in Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois, and has been able to connect them to our main Seeley lines. However in the 1850 census of Rushville, Schuyler, Illinois she found a record for the family of David J. Seeley age 35 Born MO, his wife Melissa J., age 30, b. MO and their children:

Cynthia J. Seeley age 12 b. MO

Mary L. Seeley age 9 b. MO

Ezekiel O. Seeley age 8 b. MO

Martha W.W. Seeley age 4 b. IL

James W. Seeley age 3 b. IL

John P.R. Seeley age 4 mos. B. IL

She has searched later censuses and can find no later (or earlier) references to these Seeleys.

SGS Response: I found a marriage record for David J. Seeley's son Ezekiel:

IL Marriage Index

Seeley, Ezekiel C. md Chester, Eliza J. on 03/24/1870 in Union County.

1880 Gainesville, Greene, AR

Seely, Ezekiel O., age 36, b. IL, parents b. IL, carpenter

Seely, Eliza J., age 28, b. IL, parents b. TN

Seely, Edward J., son, age 7, b. AR, parents b. IL

Seely, John, age 25, b. AR, parents b. IL, carpenter

Civil War service Ezekiel Seely

Residence: Jonesboro, Illinois (Union County)

Enlistment Date: 14 Aug 1862

Side Served: Union

State Served: Illinois

Service Record: Enlisted as a Musician on 14 August 1862.

Enlisted in Company A, 109th Infantry Regiment Illinois on 11 Sep 1862.

Transferred into Company H, 11th Infantry Regiment Illinois on 1 Apr 1863.

Transferred out of Company A, 109th Infantry Regiment Illinois on 1 Apr 1863.

Ezekiel filed an invalid pension on Sept 29, 1866. His widow Eliza J filed for a widow's pension in AR on Nov 17 (?) 1895.

There are also two other Seeley/Seely enlistments from Jonesboro/Union Co:

14 Aug 1862 John Seely, private; into Co A 109th Inf. Reg't 11 Sep 1862; deserted 9 Mar 1863

15 Aug. 1862 Edward Seeley, private; into Co. E, 81st Inf. Reg't 26 Aug 1862; died 10 Sept 1862 South Pass, IL

Civil War service David Seely:

David Seely's wife Melissa filed for a widow's pension.

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The date is Feb 29, year is illegible

I also found another Ezekiel:

IL Marriage Database:

Seeley, Ezekiel R. md. Powell, Hester A. on 11/24/1853 in Union County.

Missouri Land Records:

Ezekiel Rufsell Seely of Cape Girardeau Co. bought land in Bollinger Co. on 1 Mar 1848.

Ezekiel Seely of Cape Girardeau Co. bought land in Cape Girardeau Co. on 6 Nov 1823 and 15 Oct 1833

1860 census Township 12 S Range 3 W, Union, IL

Sealy, O E R, age 40, b. MO, farmer

Sealy, Hester, age 34, b. OH

Sealy, Robert, age 16, b. MO

Sealy, William, age 14, b. MO

Sealy, Sydney, age 5, b. IL

Sealy, Jackson, age 3, b. IL

Sealy, America, age 7 mos., b. IL

1850 District 14, Cape Girardeau, MO

Seely, E R, age 30, b. MO, stonemason

Seely, Lucy J., age 25, b. MO

Seely, Robert E., age 6, b. MO

Seely, John W., age 5, b. MO

Seely, Mary J., age 2, b. MO

These would both be Ezekiel R Seeley, brother of David Jackson Seeley, according to an online pedigree (which has some errors so this would need to be verified). David J. and Ezekiel R are both listed as sons of Ezekiel Seeley (1780 - abt 1845) and Jane McCleskey/McClusky. This line goes back via Ezekiel's father Peter to John Seeley and Jean Jagggers of Chester Co., SC. We do not know the ancestry of John Seeley. See Query 0605-4.

1840 census Byrd, Cape Girardeau, MO

Sely, Ezekeal, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 50-60, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 50-60

Sely, David, 1 male 30-40, 1 female under 5, 1 female 20-30

If anyone has further information on this family please contact me.

Query 0805-4 Submitted by Steve Miller (SLM658@AOL.com)

Steve is a descendant of Jane Seeley (1796-1885), who married Eda Burrows, through their son Charles H. Burrows. Papers from his uncle say that Jane was the daughter of John Seelye who married Ruby Morehouse. He wants to know more about her lineage.

Steve has this information about Jane Seelye and her children and grandchildren:

Jane Seelye (1796—1885) married Eda Burrows (1793—1838).

Their son was Charles Henry Burrows b. 7 Sept 1823, NY, d. 28 Mar 1875, Atlanta, IL. He married Mary Catherine Wikel (or Weikel) who was b. 23 Aug 1829 PA and d. 27 Apr 1911 Atlanta, IL. They were md on 25 Apr 1847 in Butler Co, Ohio. Charles and Mary Catherine were in IL by 1851; they had several children. He knows the names of four of them:

Oscar Burrows b.1849 most likely in OH.

Mae Burrows most likely born in IL.

Carrie Burrows Turner who d. 1934, husband: Benjamin Turner; married 4 Mar 1877 in McLean Co, IL. Carrie was born in IL.

Genevra Jane Burrows Mueller b. 31 Dec 1852 and d. 1937; husband: Adolph Conrad Mueller (1843—1908); md on 17 June 1873; both buried in Atlanta, IL cemetery.

Adolph was an immigrant from Germany, arriving in this country in 1854. Genevra Jane and Adolph Conrad were Steve's great-grandparents.

SGS Response: I can't find Charles Burrows in the 1850 census.

1855 census Township 21 range 1 Logan Co. IL

C H Burrows: 1 male under 10, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 30-40; 3 females under 10, 1 female 20-30

1860 census Atlanta, Logan, IL

Burrows, C H, age 36, b. NY, lecturer (Phrenology) (definition: someone who claims to read your character from the shape of your skull)

Burrows, Mary C, age 30, b. PA

Burrows, Oscar G, age 11, b. OH

Burrows, Mary L., age 9, b. IL

Burrows, Jenevera, age 7, b. IL

Burrows, Albert P, age 4, b. IL

Burrows, Carry S, age 8 mos., b. IL

1870 census Atlanta, Logan, IL

Burrows, Chas, age 46, b. NY, prenologist

Burrows, Mary, age 40, b. PA

Burrows, Oscar, age 21, b. OH

Burrows, Ida, age 19, b. IL as are all remaining children

Burrows, Neva, age 17

Burrows, Albert, age 14

Burrows, Carrie, age 10

Burrows, May, age 8

Burrows, Maud, age 5

1880 Atlanta, Logan, IL

Burrows, Mary C., age 50, widow, b. PA, father b. PA, mother b. MD

Burrows, May, age 14, b. IL, f. b. NY, m. b. PA

I found this at http://libsysdigi.library.uiuc.edu/oca/Books2007-06/historyofdiscipl00hayn/historyofdiscipl00hayn_djvu.txt

1868. The most significant discussion of this year was that held at Atlanta between O. A. Burgess and Dr. Chas. H. Burrows, a noted infidel. The Atlanta Christian Church was feeble at that time and held in contempt by the other churches of the place. Two of its members, Andrew Wright and Jefferson Houser, went to the "union" prayer-meeting that was held the first week in January, and were met at the door of the M. E. Church and requested to leave, as no "Campbellites" were wanted in the meeting, they having been unanimously voted out as arch-heretics. There was a "Freethinkers" club at Atlanta which included a number of the representative men of the place. Mr. Burrows was their leader and champion. For more than a decade he had traveled and lectured on

Free Thought, Phrenology, Spiritualism and Mesmerism. He boldly assailed the doctrines of denominationalism and held out a standing challenge to those who would defend them.

He first met in a public discussion, in Atlanta, Owen Davis, a farmer and pioneer Baptist preacher, January 16-18, 1868, in the Christian Church. The results were not satisfactory to the Christian people of the community. Mr. Davis was an inferior debater. Shortly after, he met Minister Orvis of the Congregational Church in a debate. Mr. Orvis was a man of good education and well informed on the questions involved, but not much of a debater. After this, Mr. Burrows, like Goliath of Gath, defied the hosts of Israel. The Freethinkers were exultant, the friends of truth and righteousness discouraged.

Andrew Wright, father of J. H. Wright, was making wagons in those days. He was a mild-mannered, gentle-speaking man, but counted it a part of his business to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. This was his opportunity, and in the month of May he had his David, in the person of O. A. Burgess, on the ground.

Mr. Burrows affirmed that "the Book called the Bible is of human origin and fallible in its teachings, and that Jesus was nothing more than a man, born of woman, as other people are." The crowds attending were immense, men coming from other States. The interest was intense, the occasion crucial. Some parts of the discussion were thrilling and climacteric. In speaking of the virgin birth of Jesus, Mr. Burrows said, "It is impossible for any father to swear to his own child," to which Mr. Burgess replied, "This is a high compliment to Dr. Burrows' mother," which so angered Dr. Burrows and his followers that Mr. Burgess was threatened with some of the "hell fire" which he was in the habit of preaching to his people.

In answer Mr. Burgess said: "I suppose you saw me going out through that window. I have stood where bullets flew thick and can not be intimidated by words. Dr. Burrows well knows that when one party generalizes, his opponent has permit to particularize." John S. Sweeney passed Mr. Burgess a note which read, "Give it to him; we are all here."

The threat of violence was dismissed, and this incident closed, by Mr. Burgess, as he spoke in his lion-like manner: "Bah ! a threat. The last refuge of a lost cause."

In speaking of special Divine Providence, Dr. Burrows said: "I am an old infidel. Why does not God afflict me?" His defiance of the Almighty was blasphemous. While trimming hedge that season a thorn punctured his hand, causing blood poison, which necessitated several amputations, and he was left with one arm and one leg.

Two of his grandchildren were baptized into Christ at Atlanta in 1893, and several since that time, one now working in the Christian ministry.

Mr. Burgess, at the close of the discussion, was presented with a floral bouquet, by Mrs. J. M. Brooks, for the Christian women of Atlanta, as a public expression of their appreciation of his impassioned defense of womanly

virtue. Infidelity lost much of its arrogance in Atlanta, after this.

March 28, 1875, at the age of fifty-one years and six months, Dr. Burrows died as he had lived, without God and without hope.

From familysearch.org

JANE SEELEY - International Genealogical Index / NA, Birth: 10 DEC 1796 New Baltimore, Greene, New York to John Seeley and Ruby Morehouse and d. 1885, married 3 Dec 1815 Eda Burrows (d. 1838) son of Caleb Burrows and D. Rebecca Mattison

Eda Burrows is in the 1830 census for Moreau, Saratoga, NY (as Eddy Burrows) and is also buried in Moreau.

We have John Seeley who m. Ruby Morehouse as SGS# 779 (son of Nathaniel Seelye and Lucy Graves) but only have 2 sons for him.

Please let me know if you have proof that Jane is the daughter of John and Ruby Morehouse Seeley or details of her marriage to Charles H Burrows.

Query 0805-5 Submitted by Gerry L. Reynolds (glreynolds@oh.rr.com)

Gerry is associated to the Seeley lineage through his gr, gr gr grandfather Thomas S. Seeley of North East Township, County of Erie, Pennsylvania. He would like to know his line back to the Seeleys of Connecticut. His studies have been through Ancestry.com, LDS on line records, The Stetson Genealogy records, and old letters from a Seeley family member.

The most revealing document was the recording of a will of Thomas S. Seeley who was buried in the Grahamville Cemetery, Erie County Pennsylvania. Thomas S. Seely died May 8, 1860 at the age of 62 years. In Erie Co Will C:290 Probated 21 May 1860 he names:

Wife: Betty Seeley
 Son: Edward Seeley
 Daughter: Fanny (Married Harry P. Hall)
 Son: Timothy W. Seeley
 Son: Francis J. Seeley (Married Janet Catherine Stetson his gr, gr Grandfather)
 Daughter: Mary R. (Married to James Barnes)
 Daughter: Sarah A. Married to Joseph Dickenson),
 Daughter: Nancy (Married to Samuel Barnes),
 Daughter: Lucinda (Married toChappell)
 Daughter: Julia (Married to Ephraim Rich)

SGS Response: 1850 census North East, Erie, Pa Dwelling 203, household 211

Seely, Thomas, age 56, b. CT, farmer
 Seely, Betsey, age 56, b. Ireland
 Seely, Timothy, age 25, b. PA, farmer
 Seely, Edward, age 16, b. PA, laborer
 Seely, Lucinda, age 14, b. PA
 Seely, Julia, age 13, b. PA

Dwelling 185, household 193

Seeley, Francis J., age 25, b. PA, blacksmith, married within last year (census date 21 Oct 1850)
 Seeley, Jenette, age 20, b. NY
 Seeley, Eliza, age 1 mo., b. PA

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Dwelling 186, household 194
 Barnes, James, age 38, blacksmith, b. NY
 Barnes, Mary, age 27, b. PA
 Barnes, Antoinette, age 6, b. PA
 Barnes, James K., age 4, b. PA
 Barnes, Furman, age 2, b. PA
 Barnes, Norris, age 2 mos., b. PA

Dwelling 39, household 41
 Hall, Harry P., age 44, carpenter, b. NY
 Hall, Fanny, age 26, b. PA
 Hall, Sarah, age 17, b. NY
 Hall, Mary, age 16, b. NY
 Hall, Isaac Jr, age 3, b. PA

Dwelling 223, household 231
 Burns, Samuel, age 33, farmer, b. NY
 Burns, Nancy, age 20, b. PA
 Burns, Jane, age 1, b. PA

Dwelling 385, household 401
 Webster, Seneca, age 36, farmer, b. NY
 Webster, Jerusha, age 68, b. CT
 Seeley, Sarah, age 12, b. PA (indexed Suley)
 Webster, Lucinda, age 33, b. NY

In 1860 I find Francis J., Timothy, and their families in Ripley, Chautauqua, NY

Julia is with husband Ephraim Rich and son George, age 1 in North East, Erie, PA next door to Betsey Seeley, age 54, b. NY, Rebecca Philip age 56 and Rebecca's 2 sons.

Going back in 1840 North East, Erie, PA

Thomas Seely: Males; 1 5-10, 1 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 40-50; Females; 2 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 10-15, 2 15-20, 1 20-30, 1 40-50

1830 North East, Erie, PA

Thomas Seeley; Males: 1 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 30-40; Females: 3 under 5, 1 10-15, 1 30-40

1820 North East, Erie, PA

Seeley, Henry (indexed as Keeley)
 1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45; 1 female 10-16

I do not know who Henry is or if he is related to Thomas. There is no further information on this Thomas in our database. Let me know if you have information or suggestions.

Query 0805-6 Submitted by Janice Jordan (jnrose@webtv.net)

Janice is seeking parent's names and birth town of Leaton [Layton] Seelye/Seely/Sealy born ca 1886 either in SD or ND. His father was born in NY and his mother born in MO.

From South Dakota Births, 1856-1903

Leaton J Seelye b.17 Oct 1886, Gender: Male, County: Sully, Father's Name: George Seelye, Mother's Name: Alice Seelye

SGS Response: Chris Havnar found some information and I added to it. Here is what we have:

1930 census in Clyde, Wayne, NY.

Seelye, Leaton [Layton], age 43, b. SD, father b. NY, mother b. MO machinist
 Seelye, Edith E., age 42, b. NY, f. b. NY, m. b. NY

Seelye, Mary A. age 16, b. NY, NY, NY
1900 Census of Rose, Wayne, New York

Leaton SEELYE, age 13, living with his step-father Theron WILSON & Theron's wife Alice E. WILSON in the first year of their marriage. Alice was the mother of one child, one child living. This census shows Alice age 35 as born Jan 1865 in Missouri both parents born England, Leaton as born in South Dakota, Father born New York, Mother born Missouri, Step-Father Theron D. WILSON was a 48 year old Carpenter born Nov 1857 in NY, both parents were born in CT

Seelye burials in Rose cemetery, Rose, Wayne, NY

Surname	Given Name	Maiden	Spouse	B	M	D
Seelye	Alda C	Luffman	Frank E.	1892	0	0
Seelye	Alice E	Leaton	George S.	1865	1882	1938
Seelye	Arthur J		Dema G.	1896	0	1971
Seelye	Dema G	Gaylord	Arthur J.	1895	0	1976
Seelye	Edith Estelle	Lockwood	Leaton J.	1887	1910	1978
Seelye	Ernest O			1859	1882	0
Seelye	Frances E	Osgood	James Judson	1836	0	1901
Seelye	Frank E		Alda C.	1891	0	1968
Seelye	George S		Alice E.	1861	1882	1894
Seelye	James Judson		Frances E.	1837	0	1909
Seelye	Leaton J		Edith E.	1886	1910	1958

From "Rose Neighborhood Sketches" by A.S. Roe published 1893

- p. 21: (Joe Wade) sold to Cornelius Marsh, a native of the Town district of Rose. Mr Marsh's wife was the Widow Leaton, a daughter of Mr Whitehead, an industrious Englishman, well-known in the vicinity. her daughter, Alice, became the wife of Geo. S Seelye and is now in Dakota.
- p. 57-58: ...the house of J.J Seelye, better known in Rose as "Jud". Some years hence, with his son Ernest, he went to Sully county, Dakota, where he now is. His wife, who was Frank Osgood, remains on the place. Ernest O. married first Mattie Chase of Hamilton, niece of Mrs Kendrick Sheffield and, after her death, united his fortunes with those of Edith, daughter of Winfield Chaddock, deceased. Together with her mother, they set forth for their home in the extreme west, and are trying to make the prairie bud and blossom. George S., the younger son, who married Alice Leaton, and for a while lived at this home, has also gone to Dakota. It was here (in Rose) that Mr Seelye (J. J.) made his first essay at farming and housekeeping. He set out trees, vines and shrubs. he has tried all the schemes that farming affords; but now claims to find dakota a much happier locality. He served during the rebellion in the 9th Heavy Artillery. ... (goes on to talk about the previous owner of the farm and his family)...then there is an addition: (J.J. Seelye has returned from Dakota and lives in the Valley. George S. also came back, and after several years' struggle with disease, died in June 1893 at the age of 32 years. He left a son, Joseph Leaton.)
- p. 3-4 (George Seelye) had early wedded Polly

Catherine, the younger daughter of Aaron Shepard, the first settler in the district, but he never took his wife to his new home as she died in 1829, leaving a daughter, Polly Catherine, who married in 1833, Austin M. Roe, the youngest son of Austin Roe, one of the early comers to the neighborhood. In 1834 Mr Seelye married Sarah Ann, daughter of Dr James Sheffield, of Sherburne, Chenango County, who survives him. His son, James Judson, who served in the 9th Heavy Artillery, married Frances, daughter of Artemus Osgood, long a resident of the district, ... Mr Seelye enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, was a life-long Baptist, and in early life was very active in the state militia, holding, in succession, the offices of adjutant, major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel of the 186th Regiment. The titles of colonel and deacon were indifferently applied to him.

Earlier census information I found (1850 – 1880 censuses of Rose, Wayne, NY) confirm the line from George Seelye (SGS#2234) (Joseph, Nehemiah, Benjamin, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Robert) through his son James Judson to his son George S. to Leaton James/James Leaton Seelye. Please contact me if you want the full census data for this family.

Query 0805-7 Submitted by Martha Class <marthacla@mac.com>

Martha is the Senior Vice President/Webmaster of the Sarah Emma Edmonds Detached Tent #4, Houston, TX. of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. Our Tent was just Chartered on February 11, 2007. She ran across our website while trying to find an obituary for Martha (Norris) Seelye who married Melvin Harry Seelye. I have been researching the family of our Civil War Heroine, Sarah E Edmonds Seelye, in order to find "living" descendants of hers. At some point in the future our Tent hopes to do a DUVCW grave marking of her gravestone in Washington Cemetery, Houston, TX., & we would like to invite members of her family to the ceremony.

She already has obituaries for Melvin H. Seelye, his father Harry E. Seelye, & his wife Vera May (Weeman) Seelye. So far Martha has not been able to find out what happened to the other children of George Frederick Seelye & his wife Lucy Leticia (Sterling) Seelye, nor Sarah Seelye's other son Charles Finney Seelye.

SGS Response: We have 3 items about Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye on our website but they do not give any information on her children other than to say that she had three.

One article I read said that Linus H Seelye and Sarah/Emma had 3 children that died young and then they adopted George and Charles; others say they had 3 sons. Unfortunately there is no census between 1880 and 1900.

1870 census Charlevoix, Charlevoix, MI

Dougherty, Archibald, age 36, carpenter, b. New Brunswick

Dougherty, Mary M., age 32, b. New Brunswick

Dougherty, Alva E., age 9

Dougherty, Andrew B., age 6, both b. new Brunswick
Seely, Mary E., age 60, b. New Brunswick (she is also with this family in Antrim Co, MI in 1880, invalid, mother-in-law of Archibald))

Seely, Linus N., age 39, carpenter, b. New Brunswick

Seely, Linus B., age 1, b. MI

1880 census District 204, California, Moniteau, MO

Seelye, WT, age 47, b. New Brunswick as were parents, carpenter

Seelye, Emma, age 41, b. New Brunswick as were parents

Seelye, George, age 7, b. OH, parents b. New Brunswick

Seelye, Charles, age 7, b. OH, parents b. New Brunswick

Burnett, Mary, age 66, b. KY, parents b. KY, keeping house

1900 census District 98, Justice Precinct 3, Harris, TX

Seelye, George F., b. Mar 1872 OH, parents b. New Brunswick, carpenter, married 9 years to

Seelye, Lucy L., b. Dec 1875 IL, parents b. VA

Seelye, Harry E., b. Apr 1892 KS

Seelye, Carrie L., b. June 1894

1900 census Elk Rapids, Antrim, MI

Dougherty, Archibald, b. June 1835 Canada, immigrated 1871, ship carpenter, md 40 years to

Dougherty, Mary b. Aug. 1838 Canada, immigrated 1871

6 children ages 20 - 36, 2 eldest b. Canada, 4 others b. MI, a servant, and

Seeley, Linus H., bro-in-law, b. Apr 1833 Canada, widower, carpenter, immigrated in 1871 (indexed Luley but clearly Seeley)

1910 District 45, Fort Scott Ward 5, Bourbon, KS

Seelye, Fred G, age 37, b.OH, parents b. Canada, carpenter

Seelye, Lucy L, age 35, b. KS, parents b. VA, md 19 yrs, 6 ch., 5 living

Seelye, Harry E., age 18, b. KS, carpenter

Seelye, Carrie B., age 14, b. TX

Seelye, Freddie L., age 9, b. TX

Seelye, Leona L., age 6, b. TX

Seelye, Alice L., age 4 mos., b. KS

Seelye, Linis H., father, age 78, widower, b. Canada as were parents, carpenter, immigrated in 1872

1920 district 39, Fort Scott Ward 2, Bourbon, KS

Seelye, Lucy L., head, age 44, married, b. IL

Seelye, Blanch, dau., age 24, b. TX, confectionery proprietor

Seelye, Frederick L., son, age 19, b. TX, clerk, confectioner's

Seelye, Leona L., dau., age 16, b. TX, clerk, confectioner's

Seelye, Alice L., dau., age 10, b. KS, at school several lodgers

1930 Fort Scott, Bourbon, KS

Seelye, Harry E., age 37, b. KS, mill man at planing mill

Seelye, Vera M, age 35, b. SD

Seelye, Kenneth L., age 16, b. KS

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Seelye, Melvin H., age 13, b. KS

1930 Scott, Bourbon, KS

Seely, Fred G, age 56, b. OH, father b. New Brunswick, mother b. Canada

Seely, Ada M., age 45, b. KS, father b. MO, mother b. KS

WWI Draft Reg'n cards (1917-18):

Frederick Leroy Seelye b. 19 Aug 1900, 120 1/2 S. Main St. Ft Scott, Bourbon, KS

occupation: soda dispenser, employer: Miss Blanch Seelye, nearest relative: mother: Mrs L L Seelye

Harry Earnest Seelye b. 17 Apr. 1892, 706 Hill, Ft Scott, KS, claims exemption from draft because supporting wife, sister, mother and 2 children

Missouri Marriage Licenses

Leona L Seelye of Bourbon Co. KS md. Glenn H Louderback of Bourbon, KS on 15 Jan 1940 at Kansas City, Jackson Co. MO

If you have other information and sources on the children of Linus H. and Sarah Emma Edmonds Seelye please let us know.

Query 0805-8 Submitted by Scott Butler at Seelye GenForum

Scott asked about his ancestor Roy H Seeley. I don't have his email info but I have sent a response to the forum and suggested he visit our website.

1920 census Richfield, Genesee, MI

Roy H Seeley, age 38, b. MI, parents b. MI, farm laborer

Edith M., age 24, b. MI, parents b. MI

Floyd H., age 5

Edward F., age 4 and 9/12

Clinton L, age 1 and 8/12, all ch. b. MI

In 1910, working as a hired hand for the Riegel family in Richfield

In 1900 Richfield, Genesee, MI

Seeley, Edward F. b. June 1852 MI, father b. KY, mother b. MI, farmer

Seeley, Frances C., b. Sept 1852 NY as were parents, md 27 years, 7 ch., 5 living

Seeley, Mae, b. June 1879 MI

Seeley, Roy, b. July 1881 MI, farm labor

Seeley, Eunice, b. Aug 1884 MI

Seeley, Reu (?), son, b. July 1886 MI

1880 Forest, Genesee, MI

Seely, Frank E., age 27, b. MI, OH, MI farmer

Seely, Frances C., age 27, b. NY, NY, NY

Seely, Ella L, age 5, b. MI

Seely, May, age 11 mos (b. Jun 1879)

In 1870 there is a Frank Seely b. MI age 21 in college in Ann Arbor

1860 Forest, Genesee, MI

Seely, Stephen, age 71, b. NY, farmer

Seely, Elizabeth, age 67, b. VT

Seely, Judson, age 45, b. OH, sawyer

Seely, Francis, age 8, b. MI

Thomas, Bertha (?), age 24, b. NY, servant

Thomas, May, age 8 mos, b. NY

So it looks like Francis/Frank/Edward F is a son of Judson, son of Stephen Seely, b. 3 Apr 1788 who is a son of Stephen Seeley (SGS# 612) and Ruth O'Dell of Saratoga County, NY. His wife was Elizabeth Kent.

If you can find a birth record or other data to verify that Francis is the son of Judson and the same person who married Frances C. please contact me.

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)

What exactly do you want to know? Parents' names and details? Sibling information? Information on a family marrying into the Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed please keep us informed about any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested or related to your line.

We will publish an update to your query with any new information we receive. This may lead to even more information. One more name, date or place may be the key to linking your line to another. Your query will also be posted on our website. Make sure we have your current contact details – sometimes we get new information months or even years after your query appears.

HOW TO ANSWER A QUERY

If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, Query Editor. **Please include the Query number**, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.

WHAT'S NEW IN QUERIES?

In researching queries I often come across other Seeley information. This quarter while researching one of our website biographies I found the family of Ephraim Seeley, SGS# 3453 in an 1850 census listing. According to a son's biography Ephraim and his wife Abigail had 9 children. Seven are listed in the 1850 census of Milford, Lagrange, IN. Looking at the 1840 census it is evident that there were 2 older daughters who are probably married off by 1850.

I have been able to identify the lineage for several more of the biographies on our website – have you visited lately to see all the great information that Chris Havnar, Webmistress, has been busy posting there? Once in a while I find a biography that Chris doesn't have (such as E.H. Owen Seeley, a son of Luke Seeley, SGS# 2255) and I send it to her. Do you have any biographies in your files that you could submit?

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2. *The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
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 - Folder E: 2006 Research Rpt on Obadiah Seeley (old English records), Clifford L. Stott, CG
5. The SRC Document Index (with change 2 entered) lists documents shelved at the Seelye Research Center (U.S. \$10).

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