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Schedule for 2009 SGS International Reunion in Salt Lake City

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President



The 2009 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion will be held Aug. 5, 2009 through Aug. 9, 2009 at the Quality Inn Airport Hotel, 1659 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme is:



The Seeley Family: Blazing Trails Along the Way

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open
The Hospitality Room will be open periodically throughout the reunion for use by attendees for side meetings and visiting. Additionally, attendees are encouraged to bring along any research, Seeley artifacts or family history items they would like to share with the rest of the attendees. They can be displayed in the Hospitality Room.

9:00 am-12:30 pm Registration

9:30 am Board Meeting

At Your Discretion Lunch on your own

1:00 pm-2:45 pm Opening Session

The Opening Session will include introductions, announcements, introduction of the reunion theme, and a welcome from Mr. Dallin H. Oaks, former Professor, University of Chicago Law School, former Utah State Supreme Court Judge, Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and descendant of both Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley.

3:00 pm-5:00 pm "What's Happening in SGS"

This is intended to be an informational session for the membership to be brought up to speed on the Society's activities

6:00 pm Dinner with Speaker

Speaker and topic TBA

Thursday, August 6, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open

8:30 am Shuttles leave for Family History Library

9:00 am Tour of Family History Library
10:00 am-6:00 pm Opportunity to use Family History Library Resources

Mentors will be available to assist with your research and for fun we'll also have a "Research Scavenger Hunt."

At Your Discretion Lunch on your own

Other activities on your own could include Conference Center Tour, Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, Church Museum of Art and History, Gateway Shopping Center

At Your Discretion Dinner on your own

7:00 pm Tabernacle Choir Practice

Shuttles return to hotel from Family History Library at 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 9:00 pm.

Friday, August 7, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open

10:00 am-5:30 pm Tour of Salt Lake City and Area

Stops will include Great Salt Lake, Gardner Village (Lunch and Shopping), This Is the Place Heritage State Park, 2002 Olympic Caldron and Museum, Utah State Capitol, Temple Square and many other interesting points along the way.

At Your Discretion Lunch on your own

6:00 pm Dinner with Speaker

Speaker and topic TBA.

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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 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.

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

Can you believe it is 2009? Can you remember how we fretted about the change between 1999 and 2000 (Y2K)? It seems like that was just yesterday. Where has the time gone?

What additional knowledge should we be pursuing at this time? I would welcome your ideas for research objectives to use Seeley Genealogical Society funds. Please contact me at katherinemolsen@comcast.net with suggestions.

I appreciate the willingness of SGS members to volunteer to serve. This organization could not function without volunteers. We still need more! If there is some way you are willing to help, please contact me.

Jim Seeley, our Past President, is the chair of the committee to nominate candidates for the SGS Executive Board election in 2009. Ruthetta Hansen and Ramon Hall are serving with him. The slate of officers has been determined. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve. Reunion attendees may nominate others to be voted on during the Reunion business meeting; however, the person nominated must have agreed to serve and the Secretary, Mary Flynn Palley, must have been notified so she can prepare ballots for the voting.

Unfortunately, Karl Weiler found it necessary to resign as Chief Genealogist in October. According to the Constitution and By-laws, the elected officers vote to select a replacement when a vacancy occurs. Linda Crocker, who was serving as 2nd Vice President and Query Editor has been elected to replace Karl. She will continue to serve as Query Editor as well as Chief Genealogist. George Seeley has been elected to replace Linda as 2nd Vice President. I would like to thank Linda, George and Karl.

I would like to appoint assistant genealogists to assist the new Chief Genealogist. Are you willing to serve as the representative for Robert Seeley's genealogy? How about Obadiah Seeley's? How about representing other Seeley families? Can you help? Contact me at katherinemolsen@comcast.net

The Board established a DNA Testing Assistance Fund. There are times when testing DNA is perhaps of more interest to the Society than it is to the individual involved. The cost of DNA testing could be prohibitive to some of our members and others. I encourage members of SGS to contribute to this fund by sending a donation for this fund to Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer. The committee is working on criteria for SGS providing assistance.

More testing of males with the Seeley surname and with documented lineage to one of the immigrants, Robert or Obadiah, is needed to determine more than one generation from the DNA. Also we need those of the Seeley surname and documented lineage to other immigrants, such as those from the Isle of Shoals, to be tested. If you or someone else you know is willing to undergo the test, go to the web page set up by our DNA Lineage Project Manager, Ken McCrea, <http://SeeleyDNA.info/SignUp.htm>. The process now costs about \$125 per test.

The preservation of SGS documents, both those shelved at the Seelye Research Center and in my home, in the event of an emergency, is a concern for SGS. The importance of scanning documents into electronic format so they can be protected and shared has been discussed by the elected and appointed officers.

There is always work to be done at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kansas. A group of us will be gathering on Thursday, April 30 until Saturday, May 2 to sort and file material concerning Seeley family members. We will also have time for some fun. You are certainly welcome to join us! Please let me know if you are planning to come.

I am so excited for the Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion to be held in Salt Lake City in August, 2009. The opening session will be on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm. There will be an Executive Board Meeting that morning. Activities will include meetings of the Society; dinner gatherings with speakers; a visit to the



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Registration Form

SGS 2009 International Reunion, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 5 - 9, 2009

<i>ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):</i>	<i>ADDRESS:</i>
<i>SEELEY LINE (NATHANIEL, OBADIAH, OTHER):</i>	
<i>SGS MEMBER?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A MEMBER	<i>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</i>
<i>ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):</i>	<i>RELATIONSHIP (SPOUSE, SON, FRIEND, ETC.):</i>
<i>SGS MEMBER?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A MEMBER	<i>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</i>
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<i>SGS MEMBER?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A MEMBER	<i>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</i>

LODGING

Call the Quality Inn Salt Lake City Airport at **1-801-533-9000** for reservations no later than **Wednesday, July 29, 2009** to get the group rate of \$72.00 per night plus tax including breakfast. Mention Seeley Genealogical Society. Specify handicap room if needed, king bed or two double beds, and smoking/non-smoking room. Room occupancy up to 4 persons.

For cost of meeting room purposes, please enter the number of room nights you will use between August 1 – 10.
_____ room nights (# of rooms x # of nights = room nights).

REUNION EXPENSES

Registration Fee (REG. FOLDER, SPEAKER, MEETING ROOM EXPENSES)	# of guests:	@10.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Wednesday Supper (Beef Stroganoff)	# attending:	@\$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Wednesday Supper (Vegetarian)	# attending:	@\$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Thursday Family History Library Tour/Visit	# attending:	@ NO CHARGE	Subtotal: \$0.00
Friday Salt Lake City Bus Tour	# attending:	@ \$25.00	Subtotal:
Friday Lunch (Box Lunch)	# attending:	@\$7.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Lunch (Vegetarian)	# attending:	@\$7.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Supper (Chicken Cordon Bleu)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Supper (Fish)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Supper (Vegetarian)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Saturday Lunch (Picnic)	# attending:	@ \$3.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Saturday Supper (Finger Foods, Desserts, Cash Bar)	# attending:	@ \$7.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Sunday Farewell (Brunch)	# attending:	@ \$13.00 ea.	Subtotal:
TOTAL:			



Send check (payable to SGS) along with this registration form to:
 Katherine M. Olsen, President
 Seeley Genealogical Society
 777 East South Temple, Apt. 13H
 Salt Lake City, UT 84102-1214

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KATHIE AT (801) 355-0301 OR katherinemolsen@comcast.net

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE KATHIE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS, MEAL TICKETS AND REGISTRATION FOLDERS. ALSO SGS MUST CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF MEALS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009.

Filing and Much More Going On at the Seelye Research Center

Story By Pam Turner, SRC Librarian

The indexing and scanning of the obituaries that were on file at the Seelye Research Center have been completed and copies of the obituaries have been sent to Chris Havnar for inclusion in the website. So don't forget to check out the website.

Also a decision has also been made regarding the scanning (digitizing) of our papers. My original hope was that we would eventually be able to scan our documents and then be able to search them; but after researching what was involved I realized that was not feasible. So, we will be scanning our source documents for the SGS number lines first and then continue on from there, with the purpose of making sure we have copies of the documents for protection and accessibility.

Because we will not be able to search our scanned documents, I will be adding information to our 8th generation index to allow us to find documents easier. Look for the update to this index on the website after our May filing session.

A Librarian's Research Tip: Since the New Year has begun and many of you will be getting back to research projects, may I suggest you visit your hometown library? Many libraries have programs to teach you how to do genealogy research along with contact information for local societies that might be able to help you out. Not only does my library have a sizable research area, they also have subscriptions to various on-line databases that can be accessed from home with a library card. Most of the services are free and the people in the library really like to help you out. So check your local library, it's a great place to get started.

2009 Reunion (continued from page 1)

Saturday, August 8, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open
 9:00 am-11:00 am Business Meeting
Election of Officers, Selection of next Reunion Site, etc.
 11:30 am Group Photo
 12:30 to 4:00 pm Joint SGS/JASFO (Justus Azel Seelye (SGS#836) Family Organization) Family Picnic.
North Bowery, Sherwood Park, 1500 West 400 South. Transportation provided.
 4:15 pm New Board Meeting
 7:00 pm Installation of New Officers and Reception
Finger foods and desserts. Cash Bar -- Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks

Sunday, August 9, 2009

8:30 am Shuttles Leave for Conf. Center
 9:30 am Tabernacle Choir Performance
 10:15 am Shuttles Return to Hotel
 11:00 am Farewell Brunch, Poolside at Hotel
 1:00 pm Late Check-out

Update and Research News from SeeleySociety.net Webmaster

Story By Chris Havnar, SGS Web Master

We've been pretty busy, but most of our work has been invisible to. We had performed a lot of housekeeping activities, regrouping files into separate folders.

We have continued to add obituaries. Currently we have 952 Seeley obituaries, 583 Seely obituaries, and 149 Seelye obituaries.

We have added a Weddings Collection. These are newspaper articles about marriages at least 50 years in the past. Currently most of the entries are from New York newspapers. The entries are broken into Brides and Grooms listing by each last name group.

Of note to internet genealogy researchers interested in Northern California, many of the records of San Francisco's Halsted N. Gray, Carew and English Mortuary are available online.

The earliest records are now available for free at FamilySearch. This is a major database for pre-1906 records! The search index is only partially done, but the images are available.

SFgenealogy.com has also completed the first phase of indexing the Halsted Mortuary Records database on its site. Accessible for free, the database includes digitized images of over 45,000 mortuary records, along with a searchable index, for the years 1923 to 1960.

This is a particular boon for researchers. Due to the 1906 earthquake and subsequent fire, many official vital records in the city and county of San Francisco were destroyed. Prior to the donation of these records by the Halsted N. Gray, Carew and English Mortuaries, researching was restricted to newspaper mentions, directories, and census records.

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Family History Library with individual mentoring, if desired; a bus tour including sites of the 2002 Olympics, Heritage State Park, Utah State Capitol, land marks of Salt Lake City; and a joint picnic with SGS and JASFO (The Justus Azel Seelye (SGS#836) Family Organization) on Saturday. The reunion will conclude with a brunch after the Tabernacle Choir performance on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009. See the summary of events for a more detailed listing.

Quality Inn Airport will be the reunion hotel. It has newly renovated guest rooms with King or Two Double Beds. It is conveniently located between downtown and the airport with shuttle service to both. It has the largest outdoor swimming pool in Salt Lake City! It is reasonably priced.

Plan now to join us for the reunion. You can come early and stay late for more time at the Family History Library! Mark your calendar now! Early registration will be appreciated! See the registration form in this newsletter.

Kathie Olsen (Katherine M. Olsen)
 President, Seeley Genealogical Society

Seeley Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report

For the Period October 1, 2007
To September 30, 2008

BEGINNING BALANCE (Oct. 1, 2007)	\$19,931.36
RECEIPTS	
Dues	\$1,983.00
LIFE Membership	\$700.00
Reunion Souvenir Books	\$600.00
SGS Books	\$337.00
CD's	\$140.00
Research Donations	\$137.02
DNA Fund Donations	\$50.00
Bank Interest	\$71.01
Other Income (refund tour bus)	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,218.03
DISBURSEMENTS	
Postage	\$891.92
Supplies	\$153.18
Newsletter Printing	\$2,531.25
Other Printing	\$643.60
Seeley Research Center	\$750.00
FGS Dues	\$75.00
Other	\$320.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,364.95
ENDING BALANCE (Sept. 30, 2008)	\$18,784.44
CASH ACCOUNTS	
Checking account: NBT Bank	\$3,714.14
CD #1 (5 months)	\$1,535.15
CD #2 (5 months)	\$1,535.15
CD #3 (15 months)	\$2,000.00
CD #4 (25 months)	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
	\$18,784.44

Sally Seeley
SGS Treasurer
Submitted Oct. 2, 2008

SGS Welcomes New Members

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Helen Houskeeper
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Military Notes

Private Jacob Seeley, U.S. Army

Dec 09, 2008 -- Army Pvt. Jacob D. Seely has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Seely is the son of Darrell D. Seely of Tahlequah, Okla.

The private is a 2008 graduate of Tahlequah High School.

Robert Seely, British Army



Robert Seely, a British soldier with the 15th Physiological Operations Group, plays Backgammon with residents in Basra, Iraq, Oct. 10, 2008. U.S. Army photo by Spc. Karah Cohen.

Petty Officer Victor Seeley, U.S. Navy



GULF OF OMAN (Oct. 23, 2008) Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class James Page, left, Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) Airman Jean Blair and Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 3rd Class Victor Seeley stencil hoses that will be used in SCRUB-X exercises aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Roosevelt is conducting operations focused on reassuring Southwest Asia regional partners of the U.S. commitment to security, stability and global prosperity. U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class John K. Hamilton.

Presidential Airlift, Logistics, and Communications

The 89th Airlift Wing and Chief Master Sergeant Robert Sealey

On Jan. 20, 2009, millions of Americans watched as the 44th President of The United States, Barack Obama was sworn in.

There are a number of Seeley links to the White House and the Presidency. Architectural Historian William Seale is the author of *The President's House: A History*, *The White House: Actors and Observers*, and *The White House: The History of an American Idea*. He also serves as the editor of the White House Historical Association's journal *White House History*.

Ron and Mary Evans Seeley own the most extensive collection of White House and presidential memorabilia in the nation.

And Chief Master Sergeant Robert L. Sealey is the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Md. widely known as the unit that transports the President onboard Air Force One.

With a combat-ready force of more than 1,000 Airmen, the 89th Airlift Wing provides global Special Air Mission (SAM) airlift, logistics, aerial port and communications for the President, Vice President, Combat Commanders, senior leaders and the global mobility system as tasked by the White House, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Air Mobility Command. The 89th Airlift Wing maintains 24/7 alert, operating the Executive Airlift Training Center and Government Network Operation Center.

As the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Sealey is the principle advisor to the wing commander on matters influencing the health, morale, welfare, readiness and effective utilization of all enlisted members of the Wing.

Additionally, as the Wing's senior enlisted leader, Sealey serves as a role model and mentor for junior



Airmen.

"There is no doubt leadership is the most important concept that governs our life in the military," said Seeley in a recent editorial. "The training of strong leadership qualities within our personnel has always been a hallmark of the American military tradition; but it is passion, when focused through the prism of vision, that ignites those qualities and traits into action."

Sealey advises up-and-coming Air Force leaders to "always remember that leadership is a gift, and it's given by those who follow. So be worthy of the honor and exercise it with a vision-focused passion."

Sealey was born in 1966 in Zanesville, Ohio and graduated from Zanesville High school in 1984. He enlisted in the Air Force in December 1986 and completed basic military training, security police technical training, and air base defense training at Lackland AFB in June 1987. He is a USAF-level recipient of the prestigious Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award and deployed as the Security Forces Manager for the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Assignments:

- 475th Security Police Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan
- 10th Security Police Squadron, RAF Alconbury, UK
- 20th Security Police Squadron, Shaw AFB, South Carolina
- 390th Intelligence Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
- 569th US Forces Police Squadron, Ramstein AB, Germany
- HQ USAFE Security Forces Directorate, Ramstein AB, Germany
- 435th Security Forces Group, Ramstein AB, Germany
- 49th Security Forces Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
- 49th Mission Support Group, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.
- 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Ali Al Salem AB, Kuwait
- 89th Airlift Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Awards, Decorations and Achievements:

- Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters
- 1989 John L. Levitow and Academic Achievement winner, NCO Preparatory Course
- 1996 John L. Levitow and Academic Achievement winner, NCO Academy, Kadena AB, Japan
- 1998 USAF Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award
- 2003 Distinguished Graduate and CMSAF James M. McCoy Academic Achievement Award, SNCO Academy
- Additionally, Sealey has so impressed his leaders throughout his career that he has been named Airman, NCO or Senior NCO of the Year 10 times.

What Do We Know About Obadiah Seeley?

Story by *Dian Little, SGS Director*



There is considerable evidence that the immigrant Obadiah Seeley who appeared in Stamford, Conn. records in the 1640's is the same Obadiah Seeley who was born in Birmingham, England in 1614, but the considerable evidence we have is circumstantial. There is no "smoking gun" that we've found so far to solidly connect the two. Obadiah Seeley's associations with people in England and America may shed

light on what little we know about Obadiah's immigrating to America. This article discusses some of those associations.

An Obadiah Seeley was christened at St Martins, in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England according to a research report by certified genealogist Frederick C. Hart, Jr.. When he was between two and three, his brother Samuel died, and his mother Alice/Alyce died (probably as a complication of childbirth of twin girls, Mary and Elizabeth). When he was six, his sister Sarah Seeley married Obadiah Bruen.

When Obadiah Seeley was twelve he was living in London as a servant and later an apprentice for Nehemiah Wallington, a second generation Puritan.¹ We know from Wallington's writing that Obadiah was there in 1625 until at least 1635 when he completed his apprenticeship. This is the last recorded date of Obadiah Seeley in England that we know of.

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

During the time he was living in the Wallington household he was treated like a family member as was customary of Wallington who lived out his life in the tiny parish of St. Leonard's Eastcheap a few dozen yards north of London Bridge. The Wallingtons remained in London during the plague of 1625.

Nehemiah Wallington was a London Puritan artisan whose long life (1598-1658) left almost no discernible impact on his time. Yet he was nevertheless in almost every respect an exceptional Englishman. During this era of high mobility many Englishmen moved sometimes great distances in search of work, of better economic prospects, or of means to escape from religious persecution.

Wallington drew up a list of "31 articles for my family for the reforming our lives," to which the adult members of the family "set our hands." Besides the signatures of Nehemiah and Grace, the document contained that of the apprentice, James Weld, and the three servants—

Obediah Seeley, Theophilus Ward, and Susan Pate. Such a document suggests that Wallington tended to see "family" as simply another term for "household."

Wallington was admitted as a Master by the Turner's Company in 1620. Between 1610 and 1620 the Turners Company bound some 265 apprentices. Only 8.3% during that period seem to have been London born so it is not too unusual then for Obadiah to be from as far away as Warwickshire.

Obadiah and Slawsons/Slawsons.

Within the guild system, the turners were prevented from expanding into the larger trade in wooden household furniture by the jurisdictional boundaries of the more powerful Joiners' Company, on the one side, and the construction business by the even more powerful Carpenters, on the other. In fact after 1630 they would have been fined "a 10/fine each week."³

Wallington mentions many trips across the London Bridge to the Southwark area. Because of Nehemiah's trade, both Obadiah and Wallington could have become familiar with the Slawsons of Southwark, Surrey.

We don't know if Obadiah Seeley crossed the Thames into Surrey to become a carpenter. But, when Obadiah first came to Stamford, Conn. he built John Miller's house. This would give weight to his learning house building skills in England before he came to Stamford where he was not bound by the woodcraft guilds of London.

It is possible that Obadiah formed a connection to Millers, Slawsons and/or Angells. Obadiah's associations in Stamford included the Slawsons. George Slason/Slawson, the son of Richard and Anne Angell Slawson was born in Southwark, Surrey, England about 1615. He was in America by 1637 and married in Stamford in 1642. His home was adjacent to Obadiah's in Stamford.

Obadiah Seeley's Connection to the Bruen Family

A Guildhall manuscript lists Obadiah's father, William of Birmingham, as a draper. There is a likely connection between William, a draper and his daughter Sarah's husband Obadiah Bruen of Shropshire, near Warwickshire. Obadiah Bruen became a draper at Shrewsbury in 1633.⁴

The Bruen family of Bruen-Stapleford in Cheshire is well documented in *The Bruen Family Collection*⁵ and Obadiah and Sarah Seeley Bruen were in Shrewsbury in Salop/Shropshire in 1634, when their first child, Mary was baptized at Saint Julian 12 June 1634.

It is speculated that Obadiah Seeley could have come to the Piscataqua area with Obadiah Bruen and Obadiah Seeley's sister Sarah in 1635 when he was released from his apprenticeship. In 1635, Obadiah Bruen purchased property in the Shrewsbury Patent in Piscataqua, now known as Stratham Maine.⁶ In 1640 he sold his property and moved to Gloucester, now Mass.

Richard Percival, one of the Shrewsbury (Eng) men

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who received a patent from the crown for lands at Dover and vicinity sold his share May 4, 1640, to Obediah Bruen. Though Obadiah and Sarah Bruen settled in New London, Obadiah Bruen's half-sister Mary married John Baldwin and lived in Stamford Conn. Bruen's daughter Hannah also married a Baldwin and lived in Stamford where Obadiah Seeley is recorded as owning land.

With John Underhill in England and New England

John Underhill was another who could have been an associate in Warwickshire, England and Stamford. He came from Warwickshire, England as did an Obadiah Seeley. Underhill migrated in 1630 to Piscataqua (now known as Boston and Exeter) He was paid for military service 1630; Deputy from 1631 – 1634, removed to Dover. He was also granted land and taxed in Stamford Oct. 1642. In 1643 he was associated with George Slawson, [Obadiah's neighbor] in Stamford.⁷

James Cole

Nehemiah Wallington mentions his friend James Cole several times according to the book *Wallington's World* by Paul S. Seaver. In August or September 1634, Cole was writing from Warwickshire. Wallington corresponded with Cole after he came to New England in 1640. Cole settled in Hartford, Conn.

Did Obadiah Seeley marry John Miller's wife in 1642 shortly after Miller died? In the ancient town records it is recorded: "In reassessing the situation in Stamford after the large Long Island group, one finds that of the fifty-nine men that arrived in 1641 and 1642 there remained only twenty-eight. These founding men were remarkably

hardy, for in spite of toil and turmoil, only one of their number died during these early year. John Miller, who had arrived in 1642, died that same year. His wife married Obadiah Seely *shortly thereafter*, and his three young sons, John, Jonathan, and Joseph grew up in the Seely household."⁸

Passenger List

On a final note, Obadiah Seeley was found in a Passenger and Immigration Index 1500s -1900s, place Connecticut, 1642; listed as primary immigrant, permanent entry number 1019185, source publication number 260.⁹

End Notes:

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2. Manuscripts.guildhall@corpoflondon.gov.uk, 1 Dec. 2005, memo to Karl Weiler
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7. Great Migration.
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SGS Queries

(Data As of January 23, 2009)

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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 0102-1 Re: Samuel Seeley b. 1810 PA

Debbie Kempf (skempf@erols.com) had contacted us about the lineage of her g-g-grandmother Nancy Jane Seeley Mangus, born 1840 Blair County, PA whose death certificate named her parents as Samuel Seeley b. Crawford Co. PA and Catherine Benner. We had reported that we didn't have information on this couple. In researching the ancestors of Richard J Seeley who died in 2008 in Johnstown, PA I found Samuel and Catherine in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses. They were in

Wheatfield, Indiana, PA in 1850, in Jenner, Somerset, PA in 1860 and in Millville, Cambria, PA in 1870. Their children include Nancy age 9 in 1850 and age 18 in 1860. We do not know the lineage of this Samuel Seeley. Please contact me if you recognize this couple or any of their relatives.

Update to Query 0108-1

Re: Henry S Seeley
Henry S Seeley resided Poughkeepsie NY in 1880 (census) and 1885 when his daughter Minnie married George J. Miller (wedding announcement). Paul Northrup Miller (millers@albany.net), the submitter, had placed Henry in the family of William and Sally Seeley of Stanford, Dutchess, NY (1850 census). Our response in 2001 was that this William could be William Henry Seely b. 1803 Carmel, Putnam Co. NY.

Further research has shown that William Henry is a son of William Henry Seely SGS# 3174 and his wife was named Mary Ann, not Sally.

I found burial records for Stanfordville, Dutchess, NY. William Seeley died 20 Aug 1878 age 75 yr-4 mo-20 days. In the same cemetery are 4 children of William and Sally Seeley who died as young children named Harrison, Victoria, Willie J and Sylvanus B. (7 additional children were identified from census records as well as Minnie's brothers and sisters). Also in the same cemetery are Sylvanus Seeley who died 27 March 1835 age 59-2-

19 and Sarah Seeley, wife of Sylvanus Jr. who died 29 June 1847 age 41-9-14. It seems likely that William was the son of Sylvanus Seeley Jr b. Feb 1776.

Who is this Sylvanus? Is he the father of William?

Update to Query 0808-1 Re: Louis Seeley

In the last issue we published an update to this query identifying the father and uncle of Louis Seeley as Augustus and Philip Seeley, sons of James Seeley and his 2nd wife Mary/Polly Servos/Serviss. James is a son of Augustus Seeley the UE Loyalist. Bill Lavery (lavery@nrtco.net) sent us a record from the 1901 Canadian census giving Philip's birth date:

District: ON GRENVILLE (South/Sud) (#63)

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Details: Schedule 1 Microfilm T-6468

32 32 Gallinger Matthew M Head M Jul 18 1854 46
b. Ontario, urban

33 32 Gallinger Margaret F Wife M Dec 23 1853
47 b. Ontario, rural

34 32 Gallinger Bertha F Daughter S May 2 1884
16 b. Ontario, rural

35 32 Seely Philip M Father-in-law W Dec 23 1814
86 b. Ontario, rural

Update to Query 0811-3 re: Franklin B. Seeley b. 1884 PA

The original query was submitted by Butch Willsey (awillsey@stny.rr.com).

We had found census records for Frank L. Seeley b. Feb 1884 PA, married to Pearl Little 1913 and residing in Tioga Co. PA. He is with his mother Mary Seely age 37, married 19 years and sister Polly (18?) in the 1900 census of Jackson, Tioga, PA living as boarders in the home of Samuel Marvin.. We suggested that perhaps he was a son of Elias Seely, son of Chester and Polly Alvord Seely. Chester is SGS# 2645.

We received an email from Anne P. Lugg (aelugg@penn.com) stating that Elias died in 1885/6 and although he was married to Mary Davis they had no children. Mary Davis Seely was remarried in 1890 to Theodore Pierce and they had several children. Anne's information is from Mary's grand-daughter by her 2nd husband.

I found a WWI Draft Reg'n for Frank Lee Seely of Tioga Co. PA b. 5 Feb. 1884.

J. Kelsey Jones has information on Tioga County Seeleys on Joyce Tice's Tri-Counties website. He shows a Franklin Seeley born to Benjamin F Seeley and his wife Mary L Burrows (married 1880 Chemung Co NY). Benjamin married a 2nd time (in 1905 according to 1910 census) Anna Louise Rowe.

Looking again at our database I found entries for Franklin or Franklin B Seeley as a son of Benjamin Franklin Seeley and Mary L Burrows. Then I found BF Seeley in the 1900 census of Jackson, Tioga, PA, md 19 years with 4 children: Anna 12, Elmer 11, Will 7 and Jennie 4. Note that Mary his wife is in the same town with two other children. Did they divorce?

Can anyone find evidence that Franklin, son of Benjamin F is the same man as Frank Lee Seeley b. Feb 1894?

NEW QUERIES

Query 0902-1 Submitted by Tom Seeley (tomseeley@hotmail.com)

Tom contacted us about Edward F. Seeley, born July 1852, in Michigan (Genesee county?), married Frances C Freeman (born Sept 1952, NY) on Sept. 13, 1872 in East Saginaw, MI. The 1900 census states that they had 4 children living with them in June 1900. The youngest of the four was Tom's grandfather Reu Seeley. He was born July 1886 according to the census. Reu L Seeley and Bertha M Kile were married on June 27, 1911 in Flint MI. However Tom cannot find any records at all for Edward F. Seeley's ancestors. All he can tell from the 1900 census is that Edward was born in MI and his father was born in KY and his mother in MI.

SGS Response: This query relates to **Query 0805-8** which was about Reu's brother Roy:

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

2 households before:

Seely, Elias age 14 and Eugene age 13 are living
with Mark Seely (age 30 b. KY) his wife Mary age
27 and their 1 yr old son David.

1850 census Hampden, Saginaw, MI

Seeley, Judson, age 34, b. NY, sawyer

Seeley, Armina, age 26, b. NY

Seeley, Elias age 7, Eugene age 5, Edward age 3, all
b. MI

Judson is a son of Stephen Seely, SGS# 1975, b. 3 Apr 1788 and his wife Elizabeth Kent. In the 1870 and 1880 censuses Judson is remarried to a woman named Phebe and has young children.

We still would like some proof that the Edward F. of the 1900 census is the same man as Frank E. of the 1880 census.

Query 0902-2 Submitted by Larry Sizer (lsizer@woh.rr.com)

Larry has been researching Morris Seely/Seeley for

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the past five or six years as part of his interest in the history of Dayton, OH. He has a link on his web site devoted to Morris:

www.communicationart.net/SeelysDitch.htm Larry would like to learn the family history of Morris.

SGS Response: From Wikipedia: Seely's Basin

Future Dayton Mayor and son-in-law of William A. Huffman, Morris Seely, had Seely's Basin built in 1832. The canal, first known as Seely's Basin, then Seely's folly, Seely's ditch, the old ditch, and now as "the ditch." was an enterprise intended by Mr. Seely to benefit the property through which it ran. The water was taken from the canal at the east side of Wayne street. immediately at the bridge, then running south along the east side of Wayne to near Lodwick street (Fifth), thence southeasterly across Lodwick to Simpson street, and east along the north side of Simpson, crossing Plum and Pearl streets where a basin was formed extending up to Lodwick street (Fifth). From Simpson street, the race led south between Mad River and Pearl streets. crossing Wayne at Richard street and following its present course to Warren street and to the old basin at the Fair Ground Hill.

Mr. Seely's vision was that property along this race, especially where wharves and docks could be constructed, would be greatly enhanced in value.

One of the items on Larry's website is an 1818 land transaction by Morris Seely of Benton, Ontario (now Yates) Co. NY. I located many (11) transmitted deeds there but none linked Morris to another Seely. The only other Seelys listed were Rachel (1 transaction), Samuel S. (2) and Schofield (1).

Morris Seely married Catherine Huffman in 1827. He died before the 1850 census. If you have any information about Morris Seeley please contact me.

Query 0902-3 submitted by Lynn Davis (Lklem01@comcast.net)

Lynn is doing research and is curious about Euphemia/Affa/Effie Seeley, SGS# 2274. She needs proof that her father was Abner Seeley, SGS# 816. According to our information, Euphemia was born in New Milford, Litchfield, Connecticut on 23 Jan 1793. However, while New Milford does have records of other Seeley children born to Abner Seeley and Eunice Smith, they do not have records of the birth of Euphemia or Affa or Effie Seeley.

SGS Response: Euphemia appears as Effie Ferdon age 56, born CT in the 1850 census of Callicoon, Sullivan, NY with her husband Zachariah Ferdon, a farmer age 66 and born in NY. Listed with them are Anthony H. Ferdon age 22, Seth Ferdon age 18, Harriet Ferdon age 11 and Eunice Seely age 21, all born NY. According to the SGS database this Eunice Seely is a daughter of David Seelye and his first wife Mary Bonk. We have David Seelye, SGS# 2277, listed as a brother of Euphemia/Effie.

Does anyone have proof that Abner Seeley is Euphemia's father or can you place her in another family?

RESEARCH QUERIES

Research Query 2008-A Cyrus Seeley md to Eliza S Ross of Monroe and Orleans Co. NY

I found the short bio below while researching something else... I was able to find quite a bit of info on John R Seeley and his siblings, all children of Cyrus and Eliza S (Ross) Seeley. However I can't track down anything definite on Cyrus' ancestry - just some clues - see below.

From *Landmarks of Orleans County, New York* by Isaac Smith Signor, Henry Perry Smith 1894, p. 92-3

Seeley, John K. was born in Cattaraugus County July 26 1836 and is a son of Cyrus and Eliza S Seeley. He has three sisters, the youngest, Mrs PM Hayford came to Holley in 1878, where she now resides. She had three daughters and one son. His brother, Anson J Seeley, at our country's call in 1861 enlisted. He served his country two years, was taken prisoner and sent to Andersonville where he died in 1863. John R Seeley came from Monroe County in 1864 and settled in Murray where he is a farmer. For several years during his early residence here he taught school. He is a member of the A.O.U.W. of Holley. In 1861 Mr Seeley married Pauline Reed, daughter of Daniel W. and Electa Reed of Murray. They are both members of the Baptist Church of Holley.

(The John K seems to be a typo - see data below)

Andersonville Prison Records (US Parks Service Civil War Soldiers and Sailors):

Seeley, Anson J.: Private in 140 New York Infantry – Company A. He was captured 26 May 1864 at Bethesda Church, VA.

From the SGS database:

CYRUS b.1803 RI, d. 1837 md. ROSS, LIZA in 1826

However Cyrus didn't die in 1837 since I found Cyrus Seeley and Eliza in the 1830 census of Greece, Monroe, NY; 1840 census of Clarkson, Monroe, NY; 1850 Greece, Monroe, NY; 1860 Murray, Orleans, NY; and 1870 Clarkson, Monroe, NY. Eliza is a widow living with daughter Phoebe Hayford in Holley, Orleans, NY in 1880. From census records the children of Cyrus and Eliza are Anson J. b. 1829, Esther S. b. 1834, John R. b. 1837, Phebe M b. 1840, Charles b. 1850. There is another dau. age 5-10 in the 1840 census. The census always has Cyrus b. NY.

In 1870 Martha E and Annie E Way are living with Cyrus and Eliza.

Burials Hillside Cemetery, Clarendon, Orleans Co., NY:

Seeley, A.J., b. Aug 1828, d. Sep 15, 1864 at Andersonville, Son of Cyrus Seeley & Eliza E., Civil War, Section No Div 25

Seeley, Cyrus, b. Oct 1802, d Feb 24, 1873, Hus of Eliza S., Section No Div 25

Seeley, Eliza S. Ross, b. Jan 25, 1806 d. Dec 22, 1892 at Holley, NY, Wife of Cyrus, Dau of John Ross & Mary, Section No Div 25

Seeley, John R., b. Jun 25, 1836, d. Jan 20, 1904, Murray, NY, Hus of Pamela Reed, Son of Cyrus Seeley & Eliza S. Ross, Section No Div 25

- Seeley, Pamela Reed, b. Feb 5, 1839, d. Mar 19, 1907, Wife of John R., Dau Of Daniel W. Reed & Electa Hubbard, Section No Div 25
- Hayford, John Henry, b. Sep 1873, d. Dec 18, 1904, Son of Charles Hayford & Phoebe Seeley, Section So Div 81
- Hayford, Millicent J., b. May 1, 1864, d. Sep 14, 1939 at Rochester NY, Dau of Charles Hayford & Phoebe Seeley, Section So Div 81
- Hayford, Phoebe M. Seeley, b. 1839, d. Apr 22, 1918, Wife Of Charles, Dau of Cyrus Seeley & Eliza S., Section So Div 81
- Orleans Co. NY Marriages:
Way, Anna E., b. 1861 at Greece, NY, Dau of David & Esther Seeley, of Holley, NY m. Arthur D. Storms, 31 Mar 1888 – Murray
- <http://files.usgwarchives.org/ny/orleans/bible/seeley.txt>
This file has birth, marriage and death records for the Seeley and Hayford families.
- 1860 census Yankee Springs, Barry, MI
Way, David, age 30, b. Canada, farmer
Way, Esther, age 27, b. Canada (I think this is an error on the part of the census taker)
Way, Martha, age 3, b. MI
Way, Walter, age 2, b. MI
Since Martha and her younger sister (born after 1860 census are living with Cyrus and Eliza Seeley in 1870 I imagine that David Way (and maybe Walter) died and Esther remarried (her Bible death record is as Esther Cotter)
- Burials Yankee Springs Cemetery, Barry Co MI
Way, Walter, b. Mar 20 1859, d. Jul 13 1860
- 1880 census Clarkson, Monroe, NY
Cotter, James, age 56, b. Canada, parents b. Ireland, farmer
Cotter, Ester, age 46, b. NY, f. b. VT, m. b. NY
Cotter, Frank, son, age 22, b. NY, Canada, NY, at home with sprained ankle
Cotter, George, son, age 13, b. NY, Canada, NY
Cotter, Etta, dau., age 10, b. NY, Canada, NY
Hayford, Charles, laborer, age 40, b. NY, NY, NY, farm hand
- 1870 census Clarkson, Monroe, NY
Cotter, James, age 45, b. Canada, farmer
Cotter, Esther, age 34, b. NY
Cotter, Henry, age 14, b. NY; Frank age 10 b. NY, George age 3, b. NY, Esther, age 1 mo (b. May 1870) NY
- 1860 Clarkson, Monroe, NY
Cotter, James, age 34, b. Canada
Cotter, Caroline, age 26, b. NY
Cotter, Henry, age 6, Wm, age 4, Francis age 2 and Alice age 1 all b. NY
- Burials in Garland Cemetery, Clarkson, Monroe, NY
Cotter, Caroline E. (Christian); w/o James 30 Feb 12 1864 7 15 NSF
Cotter, Alice; d/o James & Caroline 3 1859 Mar 19 1862 7 15 NSF
Cotter, William Barney; s/o James & Caroline (Christian) Cotter Feb 5 1856 Sep 12 1931 2 2
- Cotter, William; b. Ireland 90 Nov 13 1793 Dec 20 1883 2 2
Cotter, Frank J.; s/o James & Carrie Dec 16 1857 Aug 11 1942 4 9
Maw, Charles A.; s/o Elisha & Christine (Robertson) Maw Nov 4 1867 Dec 22 1950 7 126
Maw, Etta Jane; w/o Charles; d/o James & Esther Seely Cotter May 29 1870 Nov 11 1938 7 126
Maw, Leora Lucille; w/o Walter; d/o Isaac & Dolly Winters Blodgett May 10 1911 Aug 25 1999 8 151
Maw, Walter Albert; "Scoop"; s/o Charles & Etta J. Jan 10 1910 Dec 22 1987 8 151
- Burials in West Clarkson Cemetery, Clarkson, Monroe, NY:
SEELEY
Cyrus, son of Justus & Sarah H.; d Sept. 20, 1850 æ 2 y
Frederick, son of Justus & [illegible]; d [illegible] 1845 æ [illegible]
Norman; d July 5, 1853 æ 33y
- From the SGS database:
Seeley, Norman, Gen.09, b. 1820 in Saratoga, NY, m. Crowe, Lavelle, Parents: Rhoda and Bennett Seeley
Seeley, Justus, b. 1813, NY d. 1890, Cerro Gordo IA, m. Sheldon, Sarah H., 1836, VT, Children Of Justus Seeley And Sarah Sheldon:
Calvin -- b. 1841 WI, d. 1893
Charlotte A. -- b. 1843 NY, d. 1924 IA, m. Gould, Lucius Ezra in 1869, Dane, WI
Frederick -- b. 1845 WI, d. 1845
Lemira -- b. 1846 WI, d. 1894, m. Chrisler, Willard
Cyrus -- b. 1848 WI, d. 1850
Sarah Sheldon -- b. 1850 WI, d. 1928 ???
George B. -- b. 1853 Dane, WI
Emily -- b. 1837 WI, d. 1865, m. Spooner, ?
Esther -- b. 1839 WI, d. 1890, m. Barker, S.A.
- According to the 1850 census of Clarkson, Monroe, NY, Justis and Sarah Seely are there with Emily, Esther, Calvin, Charlotte, Lemira and Cyrus, ages as in database but all b. NY.
- 1869 Business Directory Clarkson, Monroe, NY
Seeley, Cyrus, (Clarkson), lot 11, T. 4, farmer 54.
Cotter, Francis, (Clarkson), lot 4, T. 4, farmer 59.
Cotter, Geo., (Clarkson), lot 4, T. 4, farmer 59.
Cotter, James, (Clarkson), lot 9, T. 4, farmer 60.
Cotter, John, (Clarkson), lot 4, T. 4, farmer 60.
Cotter, Richard, (Clarkson), lot 6, T. 4, farmer 60.
Cotter, William, (Clarkson), lot 10, T. 4, farmer 180.
- 1900 census Clarkson, Monroe, NY
Mau, Charles, b. Nov 1867 NY, parents b. England, Canada, farmer, md 1 year
Mau, Etta J., b. May 1870 NY, NY, NY
Mau, Morris, son, b. Jan 1800 NY, NY, NY
Charles Partridge and Frank Maley ages 34 and 21, boarders, farm laborers
Cotter, James, father-in-law, b. Mar 1823 NY, Ireland,

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Ireland, widowed

With all this information I am supposing that Cyrus may be a grandson of Nathaniel Seeley, SGS# 601. Bennett Seeley (SGS# 1908) is in the 1830 and 1840 censuses of Clarkson, Monroe, NY. Perhaps he is an uncle of Cyrus. There is one record on Familysearch.org indicating a Cyrus b. to Anson Seeley (SGS 1907?) but there are no sources. As you can see the Justus Seeley md to Sarah Sheldon named a son Cyrus and lived in the same area. Could he be a brother of Cyrus?

Research Query 2008-B Edgar Whitmore Seely

Chris Havnar found an obituary for Morene Ethel Seely who d. 5 April, 2002 in Spearfish, SD. I am trying to find the line for her husband, Edgar Whitmore Seely. From the obituary: On Dec. 28, 1942, she married Edgar Whitmore Seely in Hartington, Nebraska. See our website for the rest of the obituary.

From WWII Veterans Records Edgar W Seely was b. 23 Feb 1907 and d. 25 Oct 1982. His service is listed as TEC 4 US ARMY, WORLD WAR II, service start date 11 Jul 1942. He is buried at Black Hills Nat'l Cemetery.

WWII Enlistment records show that he was born in IA and the Social Security Death Index confirms the birth and death dates and lists his last residence as Nisland, Butte, SD.

1930 census Logan, Lyon, IA

McCarty, George age 25, his brother and partner Roy age 23 and Seeley, Edgar, age 23, b. IA, MO, England, employee, farm laborer

1920 census Sioux, Lyon, IA

Parkinson, Willard W, age 21, b. SD, IA, IA, farmer
Parkinson, Sylvia A., wife, age 21, b. IA, Germany, IL
Parkinson, Genevieve A, dau., age 6 mos, b. IA, SD, IA

Seely, Austin, ward, age 11, b. IA, IL, IL

Seely, Edgar, ward, age 12, b. IA, IL, IL

1920 census Sioux Falls, Minnehaha, SD

Seely, Levi, age 40, b. IA, IA, IA, widower, laborer for ice co.

Seely, Delia, age 10, dau., b. IA, IA, IA

1910 census Larchwood, Lyon, IA

Seely, Levina(Levie?), age 35, b. IA, parents b. IL, dray man for city

Seely, Lillian, age 30, b. MN, US, England, md 4 years, 4 children, 3 living

Seely, Edgar, age 3, b. IA, IA, MN

Seely, Austin, age 2, b. IA, IA, MN

Seely, Alelia, age 2 mos., b. IA, IA, MN

I can't find Levi Seely in the 1900 census.

1885 Rock, Lyon, IA:

Seely, Edwin, age 47, farmer, b. NY

Seely, Adelin, age 44, b. OH

Seely, Vet O, age 20, b. IL

Seely, Frank, age 16, b. IL

Seely, Elsie, age 14, b. IL

Seely, Mamie, age 12, b. IL

Seely, Levi W., age 10

Seely, Egburt W. age 6

Seely, Harry, age 2

Austin, Harmond W, age 40, farmer, b. NY

1880 census Riverside, Lyon, IA

Seely, Edga A., age 44, b. NY, NY, NY, farmer

Seely, Adelia, age 40, b. OH, NY, NY

Seely, Vett age 16, Frank age 11, Elcia age 9, Mamy age 7, all b. IL, NY, OH; Levi age 6 and Egbert age 1 b. IA, NY, OH

Seely, Eliza age 73, mother, b. IA, NY, OH (sloppy census taker I think)

I also can't find Edgar/Edwin/E A with Adelia and children in the 1870 census nor earlier

1860 census Rockton, Winnebago, IL:

Edgar Seely age 22, b. NY living as a laborer with family of Silas B Parker age 44 b. NY, farmer.

There are women named Adelia Whitmore in neighboring Boone Co IL (one b. 1842 NY, one b. 1837 OH) and also one in Lee Co (2 counties away) b. 1841 OH.

I found a death certificate for Egbert A Seely of Seymour, Webster, MO: Born 11 Feb 1879 Larkwood, IA to Edgar A Seely b. NY and Harriet Whitmore b. OH Egbert d. Nov 6 1945 at Springfield, Greene, MO. Usual Occupation: Rural Mail Carrier, Informant: Wife: Clara Seely, Burial: Seymour Cemetery 8 Nov 1945

1910 census Justice precinct 4, Deaf Smith, TX

Saeger, Robert, age 39, b. IL, parents b. Germany, farmer, md 12 yrs to

Saeger, Mayme, age 38, b. IL, NY, OH, 1 child, 1 living

Saeger, Edgar, son, age 10, b. IA, IL, IL

Seely, Delia, mother-in-law, age 69, widow, b. OH, parents b. NY, 8 children, 7 living

Seely, Harry, bro.-in-law, age 27, b. IA, NY, OH, farm laborer

(Missouri Marriage records: Mr Harry Seely, age 34, md to Miss Emma Lee, age 29, at Howell, Howell MO on 3 Jan 1917)

1930 census East Dallas, Webster, MO

Lea, Sarah V, widow, age 76, b. MO, TN, TN

Seely, Harry, age 47, md at age 34, b. IA, NY, NY

Seely, Emma G., age 43, b. MO, MO, TN

Seely, Harry G., age 11, b. MO, IA, MO

Seely, Donald W., age 9, b. MO, IA, MO

1910 Finley, Webster, MO

Seeley, Vet., age 49, b. IA, OH, NY, farm laborer

Seeley, Harry, brother, age 26, b. IA, OH, NY, laborer - odd jobs

1900 census East Dallas, Webster, MO

Seely, E A, b. Feb 1836 NY, NY, NY, farmer, md 36 yrs to

Seely, A.H., b. May 1840 OH, VT, NY, 8 children, 7 living

Seely, E. A. Jr, b. Feb 1879 IA, NY, OH, farm labor

Seely, Harry, b. May 1882 IA, NY, OH, farm labor

1930 census Finley, Webster, MO

Seeley, Egbert A, age 51, b. IA, NY, OH, rural mail carrier, md at age 30 to

Seeley, Clara B., age 47, b. IL, IN, IL

Seeley, Marjorie F., age 15, b. MO, IA, IL

Seeley, Maurice E., age 11, b. MO, IA, IL
(Egbert and Clara were enumerated in Finley in 1920 with Marjorie and Maurice and in Seymour in 1910, both Webster Co., MO)

So it looks like Edgar, b. 1907 is a son of Levi and Lilian Seely. Levi is a son of Edgar A and Adelia Harriet (Whitmore) Seely. Edgar A Seely was b. Feb 1836 NY. If you can help identify this Edgar or verify this lineage please let me know.

Research Query 2008-C Parents of Chester Seely

We found an obituary for William Joseph Seely, husband of Ruby, who died 9 June 1987 Marin County California (see our website for the full obituary). I can't identify the ancestry of Samuel and Elizabeth Seely, parents of Chester, father of Joe (William Joseph Seely). From the SGS database:

William Joseph, b. 1911, CA, d. 1987, Marin, CA, wife: Ruby F., parents: Shilling, Rhoda Elizabeth, Seeley, Chester Leroy

Chester Leroy m. Shilling, Rhoda Elizabeth, no other info

1920 census Columbus, Franklin, OH

Seely, Chester T., age 32, b. OH, IN, OH, moulder at foundry

Seely, Elizabeth, age 32, b. OH, OH, OH

Seely, Virginia age 12, Bertha age 10, Joseph age 8 all b. OH, OH, OH

This leads to another entry in the SGS database:

Chester b. 1887 OH, d. 1945, Los Angeles, CA, m. Rhoda, Parents: Wright, Adeilene, Seeley, Sam

We have Chester's death record on our website.

1900 census Franklin, Franklin, OH

Seely, Sam'l, b. Apr 1860 IN, IN, IN, machines

Seely, Adaline, b. Jan 1863, OH, OH, OH, 4 ch., 4 living

Seely, William, b. Mar 1882, OH, IN, OH, farm labor

Seely, Chester, b. Mar 1888 OH, IN, OH

Seely, Stella, b. Jun 1889 OH, IN, OH

Seely, Mable, b. Jun 1892 OH, IN, OH

WWI Draft Reg'n:

Chester Leroy Seely: b. 9 March 1887 Columbus, OH. Has wife and 3 children, resides 411 W. 2nd Ave. Columbus, OH

I have been unsuccessful in finding Samuel Seely or Adeline in the 1880 census or the 1910 census, cemetery records, etc. Let me know if you have any information.

Research Query 2008-D Zachariah (Uriah?) Seeley and John L Seeley

Paul Seeley (pnseeley@juno.com) sent in photos of some graves in Pine Lake Cemetery, West Bloomfield, Oakland Co., MI. They are of Zachariah L. Seeley (31 Aug 1811 - 25 Apr 1891) and his wife Julia (3 Jun 1817 - 9 Mar 1901). Also graves of their daughter Mary J who d. 24 Aug 1878 age 43 yr 8 mos 6 days and her husband Harvey Peck (15 Sept 1825 - 8 Aug 1888). What is their relation to the SGS Seeleys?

SGS database:

Uriah, 08, 1806, FAIR CT, m. Moon, Julia, parents Lyon Hannah and Seeley, Ephriam #608 216-

No children are listed for Uriah and Julia Moon

Seeley in the database. However SGS does have a copy of a listing of the children that matches the census record (see below).

We have Zachariah/Uriah Seeley as SGS# 1938.

1840 census Waterford, Oakland, Michigan

Z. Seeley: 2 males < 5, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 20-30; 1 female < 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 20-30

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I C Seeley: 1 male < 5, 1 male 30-40; 1 female 20-30

1850 census West Bloomfield, Oakland, MI

Seeley, Zachariah, age 39, b. NY, farmer

Seeley, Julia, age 33, b. Canada

Seeley, Mary J., age 15, b. Canada

Seeley, Chas., age 13, b. MI

Seeley, George, age 11, b. MI

Seeley, Amelia, age 10, b. MI

Seeley, Sophronia, age 8 b. MI

Seeley, Eliza J., age 4, b. MI

Seeley, Garret, age 2, b. MI

1860 census West Bloomfield, Oakland, MI

Seeley, Zachariah, age 49, b. NY, farmer

Seeley, Julia, age 43, b. Canada

Seeley, George, age 22, b. Canada, f. laborer

Seeley, Amelia, age 20, b. MI, domestic

Seeley, Sophronia, age 18 b. MI as are all younger children

Seeley, Eliza J., age 14

Seeley, Garret, age 12 (male)

Seeley, Julia A., age 10

Seeley, S H, age 7 (female)

Seeley, Llewyn age 4 (Male)

Seeley, Clarry M., age 2 (female)

In previous house:

John L Seeley age 47, wife Dirzat age 35 both b. NY and 5 children b. IN (Lucy age 16, Clark age 14, Emmet age 11, Sarah age 7 and Ellen age 5) and Polly Seeley age 64, b. MA

2 houses before John L Seeley is Selah (Seeley) Harger, wife Arvilla (SGS# 1969) and their family.

1870 West Bloomfield, Oakland, MI

Seeley:

Zachariah S., age 58, b. NY, farmer

Julia, age 52, b. NY

Sophronia, age 24, b. MI

Garrit, age 22, farmer b. MI (as are all children)

Augusta, age 20

Effie, age 16

Lewellen, age 14

Clara, age 12

Green, Thomas, age 20, farm laborer, b. MI

1880 West Bloomfield, Oakland, MI

Seeley, Zacheriah, age 68? - smudged, farmer, b. NY, CT, CT

Seeley, Julia, age 61, b. Canada, Eng., CT

Seeley, Llewilyn, son, age 24, b. MI, NY, Canada

Seeley, Clara, age 21, dau., b. MI, NY, Canada

Peck, Allice, age 21, niece, b. MI, MI, MI

Peck, Franke, age 9, nephew, b. MI, MI, MI

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Also a farm laborer and a female servant
Going to books.google.com and entering Zachariah Seeley Michigan in the search engine I found an account of a suit against the estate of Zachariah L Seeley; it mentions wife Julia, sons George E. and Llewellyn. 1900 census West Bloomfield, Oakland, MI

Wright, Lewis, b. Oct 1832 NY, NY, NY, farmer, md 38 years to

Wright, Amelia, b. May 1840 MI, CT, Canada, no children

Seeley, Julia, mother-in-law, widow, b. June 1817 Canada East, CT, CT, 12 children, 9 living, entered US in 1854

About Alice Peck (niece of Zachariah)

1870 census Pontiac, Oakland, MI

Peck, Harvey, age 45, oculist, b. MI

Peck, Mary, age 35, b. MI

Peck, Seeley, age 15, b. MI

Peck, Alice, age 11, b. MI

Oakland Co, MI Vital records

Harvy Peck b. 1833 MI, md 1853 Oakland Co. MI, died Jul 1860 Farmington, Oakland, MI

Harvy Peck, age 27, cooper, b. MI is listed in the 1860 census of Farmington (June 21) md to Mary J age 25, b. Canada with ch. Seeley age 5, Allice age 2, both b. MI; also Julia Carter age 20, domestic, b. NY.

I found a separate Oakland Co. Vital record showing Harvey Peck b 1855 Farmington and d. Jul 1860 – this must be where the (erroneous) death date for the older Harvy came from.

About John L Seeley:

From SGS database

John L., b. 1815, m. Shearer, Tirzah M. in 1840 Huntington, Co. IN, no information on parents

1850 District 52, Huntington, IN

Sealy, John, age 37, b. NY, farmer

Sealy, Kesiah, age 27, b. MA

Sealy, Lucy age 7, Clark age 4 and Emmett age 2 all b. IN

1860 census information is listed above

In 1870 John L Seeley and Sarah (!) are in West Bloomfield with Sarah J age 18, Ellen age 14 and Jane age 11

1880 census West Bloomfield, Oakland, MI

Seeley, John L., age 67, farmer, b. NY, NY, CT

Seeley, Tirziah, age 57, wife, b. MA, MA, MA

Seeley, Ellen, age 25, b. MI, NY, MA

Wood, William, age 28, son-in-law, carpenter, b. MI, England, England

Wood, Sarah E., age 27, wife, living with folks, b. MI, NY, MA

Morrison, John, age 24, farm laborer, b. Scotland

John L Seeley and his wife Tirzah M. are both buried in the North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills, Oakland Co. MI as are Arvilla Seeley Harger (SGS# 1969), her husband Seeley Harger and his parents Mary Seeley Harger (SGS# 1974) and Eber Harger.

Considering that John L is living between Zachariah

Seeley and Arvilla Seeley Harger in the 1860 census, he may be related in some way, but how? Also, is Mary Peck, mother of Allice the same person as Mary J. Seeley listed in the 1850 census? If you have an idea, let me know.

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

We have decided to separate queries into those coming from members or the public and those that we generate ourselves as we research leads we find in biographies and obituaries, etc. These latter Research Queries will come after the regular queries in the newsletter and will be printed on a space available basis. They will be identified by their year of origin and a letter. Any that are left out because of space limitations will get 1st priority in the next newsletter. This is part of our continuing effort to identify as many Seeley lineages as possible.

Speaking of identifying lineages, I have been very busy trying to identify lineages for the many obituaries Chris Havnar has been posting on the website. Often an obituary will lead me to dozens of Seeleys that were not in our database. I keep thinking I will 'run out' of new Seeleys but it hasn't happened yet. We have been able to tie some folks into established lines. If you haven't sent in your 'brickwall' Seeley recently you might want to ask again.

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2. *The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
3. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition* (U.S. \$25)
4. The SGS CD-ROM -- Rev. 7, Jan. 2007 (U.S. \$15) that includes:
 - Folder A: the Three SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen
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5. The SRC Document Index (with change 3 entered) lists documents shelved at the Seelye Research Center (U.S. \$10).

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