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SGS Board of Directors Meets in Abilene

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President, Photo By Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster

A meeting of the Seeley Genealogical Society Executive Board and Appointed Officers was held on April 29, 2010 in Abilene, Kansas at the Seelye Research Center. There was a quorum present for the meeting and the minutes were taken by the Secretary, Mary Flynn Palley. Those in attendance included me, George Seeley, Sally Seeley, Mary Flynn Palley, Linda Crocker, Terry Tietjens, Ruthetta Hansen, Jim Seeley, Chris Havnar, and Pam Turner. Those excused included Paul Taylor, Wesley Waring, Ivey Harris, Dian Little, John R. Seely and Bob Seeley. Also present in Abilene were Lynda Simmons, Margaret Petersen, Carol Haddon and Jerry Havnar.

I want to pay tribute to John R. Seely who has been serving as the Ancestor Files Chair. As far as I am aware, this meeting in Abilene was the first one he has missed since I have been attending. He has been a pioneer in the mastering of "amazing technology." He started the Ancestor File Database many years ago. SGS will now change his title to Ancestor Files Chair, Emeritus. In a recent email, he said, "I think Chris and Linda are doing a great job at updating the Ancestor File document. As I no longer have the energy to be active, I'm glad to see that



Members of the SGS Board of Directors gather at the Seelye Research center on April 29, 2010 for the annual board meeting.

others can do the job." He will be undergoing corneal transplants for both eyes in June and we wish him the best!

Linda Crocker, Chief Genealogist, and Chris Havnar, Webmaster and Assistant Chief Genealogist, who have

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Ancestry.Com Compromises SGS DNA Test Results

By Jim Seeley, SGS Interim DNA Lineage Project Manager

On 22 April 2010, I discovered that Ancestry.com had posted SGS DNA test results on their website. I immediately informed them that this action was counter to the privacy commitment SGS had made to those tested and requested that the compromising data be deleted as soon as possible. I also asked to be notified when that action was complete. Ancestry has given me the run-around ever since, and they have not taken the action I've requested.

Action you may want to take: log on to Ancestry.com, click on the DNA tab, then click on the DNA account tab, then click on "anonymous results." According to Ancestry, this should remove your name from being associated with your test results.

It is my understanding that Ancestry took over the Relative Genetics DNA test lab. They apparently imported test results with associated names and put them on Ancestry's website without our knowledge.

Since Dr. Ken McCrea has resigned as the SGS DNA Project Manager, I am arranging for a lab to do our DNA

testing. I am emphasizing our privacy policy and that it must be followed, even by a successor organization to the lab. I should have these arrangements made by the time you read this newsletter. So, if you want a DNA Y-chromosome test done, please contact me at jrseeley@comcast.net or phone 1-540-337-8633.

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SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for its members and for posterity.

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, Cielely, 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)

Pay all dues to:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for July 2011 in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania (Bradford County, and Tioga County, Pennsylvania and Chemung County of New York). 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.

Editorial Position

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writers 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

Many people have been excited to learn about the world of family history by recent TV series:

"What made America? What makes us? These two questions are at the heart of the new PBS series *Faces of America with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.* The Harvard scholar turns to the latest tools of genealogy and genetics to explore the family histories of 12 renowned Americans—professor and poet Elizabeth Alexander, chef Mario Batali, comedian Stephen Colbert, novelist Louise Erdrich, journalist Malcolm Gladwell, actress Eva Longoria, musician Yo-Yo Ma, director Mike Nichols, Her Majesty Queen Noor, television host/heart surgeon Dr. Mehmet Oz, actress Meryl Streep, and figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi."



NBC presented a series entitled, "*Who Do You Think You Are?*" featuring Spike Lee, Susan Sarandon, Brooke Shields, Matthew Broderick, Lisa Kudrow, Emmet Smith and Sarah Jessica Parker.

If you haven't watched them, you still can. Both series are available online and *Faces of America* is available on DVD. Both series highlighted the amazing use of technology and skilled people.

In the Seeley Genealogical Society, we also use amazing technology and skilled people. Thanks to all those who volunteer many hours to help the Society reach its goal to "engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination and preservation of Society information for the Society, for its members and for posterity." SGS Constitution, Article II, Section 2.

Because SGS has received 1099s from the bank that has our CDs, there was a question about the tax liability of SGS. We heard a report from Mary and Sally concerning the feasibility of becoming a tax-exempt organization. It was decided to table the discussion until I could consult with my brother, David Mills, a CPA, in practice in Salt Lake City. Dave and I visited the IRS office here in Salt Lake City together.

Dave has been kind enough to prepare the tax returns from 2007, 2008 and 2009. It was determined we should file as a corporation. Thanks to Paul for the souvenir books and newsletters, and to Chris and Sally for the treasurer reports, Dave had the information needed to prepare the returns. As a corporation, SGS could report a loss for 2007 and 2008 which carried over to cover the slight gain which we had for 2009. The fiscal year was maintained as Oct 1 to Sept 30. There was no tax due at this time. Dave prepared the returns as a service to SGS, with no charge. Thanks so much, Dave.

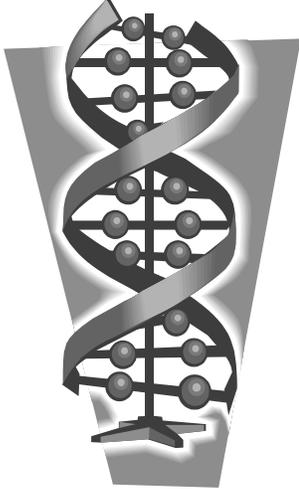
Dave recommends that SGS incorporate. While Dave believes that we might be able to secure 501(C) status as an educational organization, he doesn't believe we can afford to do it. The application process is lengthy and expensive, if prepared by a professional. He prepares tax returns for two different 501 (C) 3 organizations. The rate for preparation of tax returns alone is between \$1500 and \$2500 per year. And as a charitable organization, you are obligated to give a minimum of 5% away per year. He believes we could probably count the money we spend on newsletters to satisfy this requirement. Because we do not participate in a lot of fundraising but rather use our money and time for the purposes of the organization and in our limited sphere, Dave does not view 501(C) status as a benefit to our organization.

On the topic of donations, SGS can always put funds to good use to meet the purposes of this organization. Ruthetta Hansen brought up the idea of a Memorial Fund. When one of our members or relatives passes away, we could remember him/her by making a donation to the SGS Memorial Fund in their name. The Executive Board voted to support this suggestion and established an SGS Memorial Fund. The money should be sent to Sally Seeley, the treasurer. A note will be sent to the family acknowledging your donation. The donation will not be tax deductible. Please consider this as a great way to memorialize your loved ones!

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Why Should SGS Members Consider a DNA Test?

By Jim Seeley, SGS Interim DNA Lineage Project Manager



Several years ago, SGS Member Wesley Waring started a DNA test program that asked for participants who could trace their lineage back to either immigrant Robert or immigrant Obadiah Seeley. Several members volunteered. The results surprised many of us. First, we found out that Robert and Obadiah Seeley were not closely related. Second, we were able to develop a DNA profile for both the Robert and Obadiah lines. These two profiles were later validated by a number of more

accurate 37 marker DNA tests. So, now we are confident in a more accurate profile for each of these two immigrant ancestors.

Now we have identified 9 Seeley (of various spellings) males who match the Obadiah profile, 13 Seeley males who match the Robert profile, and 3 Seeley males who do not match either. Each of these 25 DNA profiles represents a distinctive ancestor line. To view these results, and read the analysis written by Dr. Ken McCreia, go to the Seeley website at www.seeley-society.net and click on SGS-Research.

Here are some advantages to having a male in your line get a DNA test:

1. Confirm your research that you are in either the Nathaniel or Obadiah line, or
2. Put you in touch with another Seeley (of various spellings) whose DNA matches your own, meaning that you share a common paternal ancestor.
3. There is the possibility that the mutations (differences

between a person's DNA profile and the standard Nathaniel or Obadiah profile) may be used to determine which child or grandchild of one of the two immigrants a person is descended from. We won't know if that is possible without testing a large number of people descending from the children of Nathaniel (Robert's only known son) or Obadiah to see if there are markers that are found only on that line.

4. We may learn more about the ancestry of the Cieley or Seley lines.
5. By having your DNA test results posted on the Seeley website, we may attract others who may share your test results and therefore a common paternal ancestor.

To achieve benefit 2, 3, 4, or 5 above, we need to have many more Seeley descendants tested. Please contact Jim Seeley at jrseeley@comcast.net or at 108 Westridge Drive, Churchville, VA 24421. He has agreed to assist you until we have a new volunteer DNA Project Manager.

DNA Lineage Project Manager Needed

Dr. Ken McCreia has served as the SGS DNA Project Manager for several years and he has done an outstanding job! Now Ken reports that he just doesn't have the time to do it any longer. Therefore, SGS is looking for a person to assume this volunteer job. If you are interested, please contact Kathie Olsen (contact info is on page 11). She will formally appoint you to the position so that contact information will appear in the quarterly SGS Newsletter. Jim Seeley will explain the work needed and work with the new Project Manager until he or she is comfortable with it. Ken has also stated that he will answer any questions in the future if needed. Please contact our SGS President, Kathie Olsen. We need your help.

An Update From the Seelye Research Center

By Pam Turner, SRC Librarian

The last week in April was our annual filing trip to the Seelye Research Center (SRC) in Abilene. We had a large turnout and got quite a bit done. Thanks to all who came and helped out; it is very much appreciated.

We were able to incorporate Hank Seeley's research files from drawer C3 into the SGS number files. These are currently being worked and added to our various databases. We also started on the Garner Osborn research file drawer, but because of the large amount of information in this drawer, this will probably end up being a take home project for the next year.

With the exception of SGS # 2486, the initial indexing and scanning of the descendants of the 8th generation have been completed. I say initial because as I was indexing the original papers, Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar have been adding to the information, so this will always be an ongoing project.

Currently the 8th generation index consists of 13,353

line entries and 1.61 MB of space. If you want to see what this database looks like, you can find it on the SGS website. Just select SGS Research from the tab at the top and then select Seelye Research Center (please realize that the download may take a bit of time since it is so large).

Along with the 8th generation index, you will also find the SRC filing index, which lists the other items we have at the center. Also this past quarter, two 1TB hard drives were purchased to use as back-ups and protection for our data. These two hard drives were taken home by Linda and Chris so they can access the data at the library. As changes are made to the files, I'll either send the changes by e-mail or CD to keep the other hard drives up to date.

All of us keep plugging along trying to find new information, sort through the old, and make sure all of it is indexed, scanned and protected. Wouldn't it be great if all things Seeley could be found in Abilene, KS?

Change Five to the Seelye Research Center Document Index

By Pam Turner, SRC Librarian

In May 2010, the SRC Filing Team met at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan. to index and file documents sent to the SRC over the past year.

The following constitutes Change five to the Document Index. The original document is dated May 18, 2006 and

Changes One, Two, Three, and Four have been printed in previous copies of the SGS Newsletter and on the website. To obtain a copy of the complete Seelye Research Center Document Index see the last page of this newsletter or visit the website.

Book Group

ShD1	BK JBA	Andrews, John Biggins	<i>The Journal of John Biggins Andrews (1816-1856), husband of Mary Jane Seeley, d/o Linus, SGS #3242</i>
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Family Compilations/History (The Spelling Of The Seeley Surname In This Table Is As It Appears In The Document.)

DrD3	FC-7	Unknown	<i>Modified Register for Ezra Seely (1746-1827), transferred to SGS file #2042</i>
DrD3	FC-8	Unknown	<i>Descendancy Chart for William Seely, d. 1565 through John Newton Seeley, transferred to SGS file #2319.</i>
DrD3	FC-21	Unknown	<i>The Seelye Family in America, transferred to SGS file #3604.</i>
DrD3	FC-23	Unknown	<i>Family Compilation charts, transferred to SGS file #2486.</i>
DrD3	FC-24	Davis, Walter	<i>Family of John Nichols, transferred to SGS file #3393</i>
DrD3	FC-29	Unknown	<i>Modified Register for Matilda Seeley, b. 1782, transferred to SGS file #3912</i>
DrD3	FC-30	Unknown	<i>Seelye Family Memoranda, transferred to SGS file #2191</i>
DrD3	FC-31	Seeley, Jesse R.	<i>Info on Freeman Hall Seelye, transferred to SGS file #2791</i>
DrD3	FC-32	McGrothers, Mary A.	<i>Ancestor Chart and Data on Frank J McGrothers, Descendant of Mary Ann Seeley (1854-1923) & Thaddeus O'Conner Seely, transferred to SGS file #3948</i>
DrD3	FC-37	Otley, Betty	<i>Group Sheet for Benjamin Hicks m. Lydia Seely, transferred to SGS file #4000</i>
DrD3	FC-38	Butler, Bruce B.	<i>Approval of Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, transferred to SGS file #3726</i>
DrD3	FC-39	Seelye, Charles	<i>The Seelye Centennial, transferred to SGS file #2235; also reference SGS #2234, 2236 & 2237.</i>

SGS History

DrE4	HIST-7	Various	Correspondence between SGS Officers
DrE4	HIST-8	Various	SGS Documents – Constitution, etc.
ShC4	HIST-9	Various	Official Letters

News – Newsletters

DrA3	NEWS	Various	NGS Magazines & Quarterly
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Dir – Directories Note: This Was Previously Classified As Phone Directories But Has Been Changed To Include Any Type Of Directory

DrE4	DIR-1	Syracuse	Syracuse, NY City Directories, previously listed as PHON-1
DrE4	DIR-2	New York	New York City Directories (2), previously listed as PHON-2
DrE4	DIR-3	Syracuse	Seeleys in Syracuse City Phone Directory, previously listed as PHON-3
ShD3	DIR-4	Havnar, Chris	Arizona Directories Excerpts, previously listed as PHON-4
ShD3	DIR-5	Havnar, Chris	Colorado Directories Excerpts, previously listed as PHON-5
ShD3	DIR-6	Havnar, Chris	Michigan Directories Excerpts, previously listed as PHON-6
ShD3	DIR-7	Havnar, Chris	Connecticut Directory Excerpts – Vol. 1
ShD3	DIR-8	Havnar, Chris	Connecticut Directory Excerpts – Vol. 2
ShD3	DIR-9	Everton, George B., Jr.	Handy Book for Genealogists

Research Files

DrC4	RF	Seeley, Hank	These files have been transferred to the appropriate SGS # files
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Vital Records

DrE4	VR-45	Wayne Sentinel	Vital Statistics & Dates
DrE4	VR-46	Eastern States Mission	Wayne County, N.Y. Cemetery Records

Current SGS Website Celebrates Six Years of Service

By Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster

The SGS Web Site www.seeley-society.net became operational May 11, 2004. The website initially stood up as a clone of the website that former president, Daniel Seelye (1998 – 2001), ran and operated for a few years. When Daniel indicated his desire to retire from web operation, my husband Jerry was playing around with webpage design and I asked him to run the website.

We immediately made some changes. We changed from the colors that had previously been used to a page theme of beige linen with a maroon brown border with a gray drop shadow to be used consistently through the site. Other page elements have been added, the header on all pages of a wagon and a ship to symbolize the modes of immigration of our new world Seeley forbearers. It took us a while to find images in the public domain that fit our vision.

The Disclaimer at the bottom of the pages was added after a meeting when a board member suggested one be added. A considerable amount of research was involved which included reviewing what other genealogical societies, large and small used. I remember we found our three favorites, and highlighting our favorite resulted in using the current disclaimer. I liked it because it is short and sweet. One of the disclaimers we had seen was a full three pages. I like the KISS principle.

Also added at the suggestion of the SGS President at the time, James Seeley, is the click-able link (Contact Us) at the bottom of all pages to the list of officers, elected and appointed. Very few people commented on the fact that for two years Jerry used as his photo a photo of a Japanese Macaque Monkey – also known as the Japanese Snow Monkey. This election cycle we have used an actual photo

of the two of us.

If you have seen e-mail addresses on the website in this format, [4webmaster \[at\] seeley-society \[dot\] net](mailto:4webmaster[at]seeley-society[dot]net) – and wondered why we do this. The story behind the scenes is that Ann Hall complained that she was getting a ton of spam that seemed to have originated from the website re-direct. We searched for a solution that allowed us the ability to show an e-mail address, but at the same time would defeat the spam spiders from harvesting e-mail addresses found on a webpage.

We have made many other changes that were never visible. In the early days of the website, it was not important to have a differentiated pathing for the data. But we eventually hit past critical mass and had to internally re-index all the pages. When we finished, we drove all the spiders, such as Google, Yahoo, etc., crazy. We changed their road maps. Biographies were in a separate index from obituaries, etc.

Recently we again changed the spiders and road maps when we determined that some indexes have again reached substantial. We divided some items by not only spelling of the surname, but also by the first initial of their first name, i.e., Seeley A-F; G-L, and M-Z.

Looking at the most viewed pages from February 2010, as expected the top pages were the gateway pages, but #32 with 161 views was a biography of George B. Seeley – The End of a Seely Line – Story by Terry Tietjens and Ann Seela Hall. #45 with 97 page views was the death certificate transcription from the 2001 death certificate of Sterling Lawton Seeley in California. #48 was the newspaper article about the wedding of Arlene Tofstad to James Seely in 1952 with 91 page views.

Cemetery with Seeley Ties Gets New Lease on Life

Michigan's Flint Journal reports that on March 8, 2010, Davison Township voted to take responsibility for maintaining Pine Grove Cemetery dating back to the early 19th century and a settlement once known as Seeleyville.

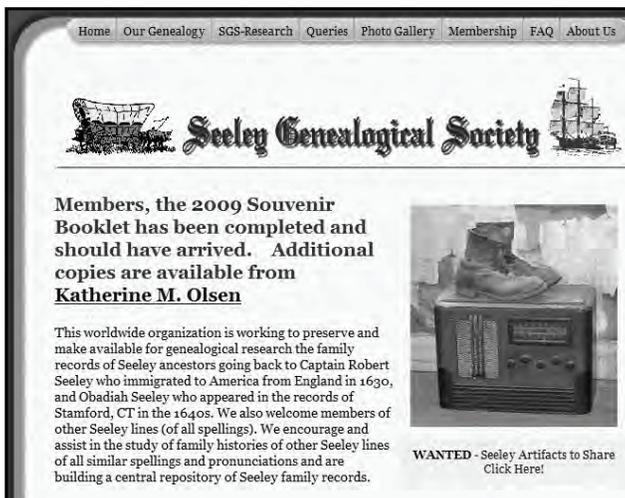
In an interview with the newspaper, Randy Stewart, township planning administrator, said the township plans to clean up and restore the cemetery which still averages 8-9 burials a year.

George Jaksa, the article's author reports that "Seeleyville grew out of 240 acres of U.S. government land bought in 1836 by Andrew J. Seelye. In 1839, Seelye began building a barn that was to be the first framed building in the township but he apparently died from a fall during construction, according to records."

"Abel Seelye, father of Andrew, settled nearby with his wife and family," the article continued. "Abel Seelye helped

organize the township, according to the history, and was its first justice. One of Abel's sons, Aaron, operated a store, then a potash manufacturing business. He also was township treasurer for three terms and highway commissioner for several years."

Citing a Flint Journal report, Jaksa's article said that "all that remained in 2003 were two foundations and a well, buried in high grass and weeds. But the cemetery and the one-room Kitchen school building still remain.



Long-time SGS Member Wendell Seeley passes away

Wendell Seeley, 69, of Gillett, Pa., passed away at the Elcor Nursing Home in Horseheads, N.Y., on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, after a relatively short illness. Wendell lived in the hills east of Gillett with Dean Granger, his good friend of more than 40 years.

Wendell Oliver Seeley was born on Sept. 3, 1940 at the family farm in Canton Township, Pa., near Windfall. He was one of ten children in the family of the late Clyde H. and Mildred (Smith) Seeley. Wendell attended earlier grades at Troy Schools and graduated from Canton High School in 1958.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, including a tour at a NATO Base in Turkey. A talented cook, Wendell loved preparing food; he owned and operated Elmira's "The Donut Shop" for several years. He also worked as an electrician, land surveyor and was a school bus driver for more than ten years. Wendell built his own house and barn, twice.

As a young man, Wendell became especially fond of the draft horses that did much of the farm's hauling. This respect led him to a favorite hobby of raising draft horses in his later years. Wendell was a founder of the Endless Mountains Draft Horse Association. He helped organize

the annual horse show at the Troy Fair for several years.

Wendell and Dean's home has a wonderful view and became the site of the annual Seeley/Smith Reunion each Memorial Day. "Uncle Wendell" reveled in overseeing the preparation of delicious foods and hosting this event that drew dozens of relatives from across the country over a three-day period.

"Wendell will be greatly missed; he touched so many of our lives," said April DeGrande in a note to Wendell's family. "It was a pleasure to know Wendell and I feel honored to be able to follow in his footsteps, being handed the torch to co-organize the Troy Fair Draft Horse Show. This year's show will mark the beginning of The Wendell Seeley Memorial Trophy in his remembrance."

[Great-grandson of SGS # 3686 - Wendell Oliver; Clyde Herman; James Arnold; James (#3686); William (# 1692); Samuel; Nathaniel; Ebenezer-, Jonas; Obadiah]



Military Notes

Air Force Airman Nathan L. Slocum

Jan. 05, 2010 -- Air Force Airman Nathan L. Slocum graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jeanne Seelye of River Road, Junction City, Ore., and Donald Slocum of N. 35th Court, Springfield, Ore.

Slocum is a 2008 graduate of Junction City High School.

Air Force Airman Samuel A. Seeley

April 20, 2010 -- Air Force Airman Samuel A. Seeley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in

applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Susan Seeley of Gramac Drive, and Andy Seeley of Pine Island Road, both of North Fort Myers, Fla.

Seeley is a 2009 graduate of North Fort Myers High School.



Left to right, Bruce Morgan, David Seelye, Lt. Cmdr. Regina Cox, Col. Kirk Bruno, Marc Johnson and Lt. Col. Tijuana Collier cut the ribbon for the Kwajalein Cable System at a ceremony Thursday, April 2, 2010 morning. Photo Credit: Dan Adler (Kwajalein Atoll)

SGS Board Meeting *(continued from page 1)*

been entering the data into the Ancestor File Database, will now serve as Ancestor Files Co-Chairs.

Ivey Harris, who has been serving as the Membership Chair for the past three years, has found it necessary to resign her position. We will miss her. Thanks, Ivey, for your willingness to serve. During the week of the meeting in Abilene, her husband, Don, was gored by a bull, causing an enormous hole through his thigh. We wish them both well in the long recovery period.

My sisters, Lynda Mills Simmons and Margaret Mills Petersen have agreed to serve in the Membership Department. Lynda will be the Membership Chair and Margaret will be the Assistant Membership Chair. Thanks for joining the team!

Ken McCrae has also resigned his position as DNA Lineage Project Manager. We are looking for a replacement, but in the meantime, Jim Seeley has kindly agreed to serve as an interim project manager. Jim has written articles about the DNA project in this newsletter. Thanks, Jim.

At the meeting in Abilene, we heard a report from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. George Seeley has been serving as Chair of this committee. An extensive conversation was conducted by email prior to the meeting. After discussion, the Executive Board accepted the changes recommended by the committee. The committee will present several clarifying changes to the Constitution and By-laws for the vote of the membership at the 2011 reunion. Some of these changes concern the fiscal year, dues structure and other updates needed.

President's Report *(continued from page 2)*

Of interest to everyone will be our upcoming reunion in 2011 to be held in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania. Many Seeleys, descended from several different Seeley lines, have resided in this area. We have tentatively chosen July 14 through July 17, 2011 as the dates for the conference. We will have pre-conference tours on Thursday, July 14. Registration will be Friday, July 15 with the opening session at 1:00 pm. Activities will continue on Saturday, July 16 and end with a brunch on Sunday, July 17. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. It is always fun to be together! We have not yet selected a conference hotel or made other arrangements. The committee will be meeting on August 16, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Steele Memorial Public Library in Elmira, New York. If you would like to serve on the committee, please let me know. Join us if you can!

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

Not sure if your dues are due?

Check out the address label on this newsletter
The first line gives you the month and year your dues
are paid to. For example:

08/12 means
Paul & Carolyn's
dues are paid up
to August 2012

08/12

Paul & Carolyn Taylor
3848 Frazier Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of April 16, 2010)

INTRODUCTION TO SGS QUERIES

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

Please send your queries to Seeley Genealogical Society Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see page 11 for contact information). 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 quarterly SGS 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 0105-2 Re: Hannah Diana Seeley

This query was about the identity of Hannah Diana Youmans Seely (b. 1777 NJ), wife of John Seely b. 1751, d. 1825 Monmouth Co. NJ. mentioned as an heir in the will of Jeremiah Youmans of Bergen Co. NJ. Jessica Seely Howard (charles@cut.net) sent us a link to burials in the Old Truax Burying Grounds in Keansburg, Middletown,

Monmouth, NJ: <http://distantcousin.com/cemetery/nj/monmouth/misc/truax.html>

Burials include Hannah Diana, husband John Seeley and some of their children.

I found information on the Yeomans/Youmans family online, including references to the Jeremiah of the will but nothing to verify Hannah Diana as a relative of Jeremiah other than Diana Seeley's mention in the will. Jeremiah has a brother Jonathan but he is not married to Abigail and his daughter Hannah is shown married to Bennett Morris. Jeremiah's father is also named Jonathan, so Hannah Diana could be his sister but she was not shown nor was the mother's name listed. If you can place Hannah in the Youmans family please contact me.

NEW QUERIES

Query 1005-1 Submitted by Carolyn Sheridan (cgsherdan@bellsouth.net)

Carolyn sent us a copy of the application for a marriage license for Nehemiah Seeley and Rebecca Hawk, both of Mentor, OH dated the 10th March 1827 in Geauga Co. Ohio. The person who applied for the license and verified that they were legally free to marry was George Seeley. Carolyn wonders who George is.

SGS Queries *(continued from page 7)*

SGS Response: We have a lot of information on Nehemiah's descendants but nothing about a George Seeley who might be related to him.

Mentor, northeast of Cleveland, is in Lake Co. OH, which was formed in 1840 from parts of Geauga and Cuyahoga counties.

In 1830 Nehemiah is in Medina County OH, south of Cleveland. Nehemiah is age 30-40 and is listed next to Levi Seeley age 40-50.

In 1820 in Mentor, Geauga, OH there is Robert Seeley with 1 male <10, 3 males 10-16, 1 male 16-18 (Same as 1 male 16-26, 1 male >45, 3 females. Also Levi Seeley: 1 male >45, 2 females

In 1820 in Painesville, Geauga Co. there is Ira Seeley: 1 male 26-45, 1 male > 45, 2 females. Also Uri Seeley: 1 male 26-45, 5 females

If anyone can identify a possible George Seeley (old enough in 1827 to vouch for Nehemiah) please contact your Query Editor.

Query 1005-2 Submitted by Judy Mudge (jamudge@att.net)

Judy and her mother have been trying to find ancestors for Elisha B. Seeley. They have information on Elisha's descendants, but need help finding his ancestors.

Here's what they have on Elisha B. Seeley and their sources:

Elisha B. Seeley, b. abt. 1806 in New York, d. 22 Sep 1873 in Grand Ledge, Eaton, Michigan (Eaton Co., MI Death Record #200, June 2, 1874, page 71).

Per Biography of his son, Oscar F. Seeley, MD, in the Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan & Van Buren Counties, Michigan, page 696: *His father, Elisha Seeley was also a native of the Empire State, born in the year 1808, and he was of English and French descent. He was engaged in his occupation as a farmer in New York until he came to Michigan in 1834, journeying to his future home in the wilderness by water to Detroit and by ox-team from that city into the interior of the Territory. He entered a tract of Government land near Plainwell, in Allegan County, and was one of the early settlers of that section.*

We have this biography on the SGS website along with biographies of Elisha's grandsons Harley Halstead Seeley and Dana Elisha Seeley.

Elisha married (1) Sarah Halstead, daughter of Josiah Halstead and Elsa ??? (information from Oscar Seeley's biography referenced above). Sarah was born 01 May 1813 in Pennsylvania. She died 28 Nov 1869 in Chester, Eaton, MI (Eaton Co., MI Death Record #376, page 21). Their children:

- Emeline Seeley, b. 27 Sep 1829 in New York, d. 19 Feb 1915 in Athens, Calhoun, MI
- Oscar F. Seeley, b. 12 Jun 1832 in Rochester, Monroe, NY. d. 18 Dec 1902 in Climax, Kalamazoo, MI
- Myles Halstead Seeley, b. abt. 1833 in New York, d. 15 May 1900 in LeRoy, Calhoun, MI
- Harley Miner Seeley, b. 16 Jun 1841 in Kalamazoo, MI, d. 14 Nov 1900 in Climax, Kalamazoo, MI
- Sarah Elsie Seeley, b. 6 Aug 1844 in Michigan, d. 21

Dec 1907 in Battle Creek, Calhoun, MI

- Ruel E. Seeley, b. abt. 1848 in Michigan, d. 10 Nov 1869 in Chester, Eaton, MI

Elisha married (2) Martha Hampton, daughter of Daniel Hampton and Elizabeth ????. She was born in 1817 in Ohio. She died on 14 Aug 1873 in Chester, Eaton, MI. They had no children

Elisha appears in the 1830 census of Pittsford, Monroe, NY. In 1835 Elisha B. Seeley and Sarah Seeley became "constituent members" of First Baptist Church in Otsego, Allegan, MI. Judy found these Land Purchase records: 1838-103.59 acres, Bronson, MI land office, 1838-141.86 acres, Bronson, MI land office, 1839-33.64 acres, Kalamazoo, MI land office. Elisha appears in the 1840 census of Cooper, Kalamazoo, MI, 1850 and 1860 censuses of LeRoy, Calhoun, MI and the 1870 Census of Chester, Eaton, MI (with daughter and son-in-law Elsie and John Fisher).

SGS Response: 1830 census of Pittsford, Monroe, NY:

- Elisha Seely: 2 males 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 15-20

There is also a Jared Seely: 1 male 5-10, 1 male 60-70; 2 females under 5, 1 female 20-30. This led me to Jared, Lemuel and Lemuel Jr in the 1820 census of Volney, Oswego, NY. Jared, Lemuel Jr and an Elisha are all sons of Lemuel Seeley, SGS#380r. This Elisha is SGS# 1186 but according to our information he has 2 wives, neither being Sarah Halstead, and different children and died in NY state in 1847.

The only other Elisha in the 1830 census is in New Paltz, Ulster Co. NY:

- 1 male under 5, 2 males age 20-30, 1 female under 5, 1 age 15-20, 1 age 20-30.

However, one of the MI Land Records mentioned above states that Elisha B Seeley is 'of Monroe County, NY'. George H Seeley and Philo Seeley of Washtenaw Co MI were granted nearby parcels of land on the same date; I don't know if or how they might be related to Elisha. Contact me if you have any information on Elisha B.

Query 1005-3 Submitted by Terry Seely Robinett (robinettfamily@yahoo.com)

Terry is trying to find information on her great-grandfather John Seely b. 1843 in New Brunswick. Terry has heard that John had 2 wives. She was told that he married at a young age and his first son died at birth. He supposedly couldn't forgive his wife and left her. He is known to have had 6 children with his second wife Anna Johnson of Minnesota / Swedish descent:

- Ida May b. April 6, 1884 in Wisconsin Terry found her in the 1900 census in Shell Lake, Washburn, WI age 16, living as servant to Mary C Ripley, a milliner. She married Lewis Schwartz and died Feb.25,1927 in Moscow, Latah, Idaho.
- Alvaretta Seely b.Dec.15,1887 in Clearlake Polk WI - Married Charles Little Thompson Apr. 10 ,1910 in Spokane WA, d. Dec 7,1973 Moscow, Latah, ID
- James Seely born July 6, 1889 Died July 14,1889 of TB

- Leon Edwin Seely b. Nov. 13,1894 Minong, Washburn WI, m. Elsie May Smith Dec 21,1929 at Burns, Harney, OR, d. Jan 6,1952 of a brain tumor in San Francisco CA
- Violet Seely b. Oct 7,1899 WI, married Eugene H Bramhall from Salt Lake City, died there May 16,1930.
- Hazel E Seely b. May 5,1903 Moscow, Latah, ID, married a Johnson and d. May 11,1933 at Moscow.

SGS Response: Western States Marriage Index:

- Lewis D Schwartz to Mae Seeley at Moscow, Latah, ID on 18 May 1903
- Charles Johnson to Hazel Seely at Moscow, Latah, ID on 4 June 1928
- Eugene Hulbert Bramhall to Violet Seely at Boise, Ada, ID on 19 April 1924

1910 census Precinct 37, Richmond, WA

- Schwartz, Ida M age 26, b. WI, CAN, SWE, widow, 2 ch, 2 living, seamstress for tailor
- Schwartz, Ruth L age 6, Arlla M age 3, both b. WA, KY, WI
- In 1920 May Schwartz age 35, widow, dressmaker, with Ruth age 14 and Marion age 13 are in Moscow, Latah, ID

1906 census Sub-district 22 Calgary, Alberta

- Seely, John age 62 b. New Brunswick
- Seely, Annie age 44 b. Norway, imm. to Canada in 1904
- Seely, Leon E age 11, Hasel age 3, both b. US and went to Canada in 1904

1910 Moscow, Latah, ID

- Seely, John age 67 b. CAN, CAN, CAN, own income, widower
- Seely, Leon C age 15, Violet B age 10, both b. WI, CAN, SWE, Hazel E age 6, b. ID, CAN, SWE

1920 census Moscow, Latah, ID

- Thompson, Charles L, age 42, b. IA, OH, IA, abstractor in office
- Thompson, Alveretta, age 31 b. WI, CAN, SWE
- Thompson, Elizabeth A age 6, Mary C age 3, Charles C age 1 yr 6 mo., all b. ID, IA, WI
- Seely, Hazel E, sister-in-law, age 16, b. ID, CAN, SWE (In 1910 Charles L and Etta Thompson are md 0 mo. [April] and live with Charles' bro. John in Moscow) (In 1930 Hazel E Johnson age 25, md 2 yr, b. ID, CAN, Unknown is in a sanitarium in Spokane, WA. Hazel Seely Johnson is buried in Moscow Cemetery, Moscow, Latah, ID, b. 1903, d. 1933)

WI Birth Index

- Violet J Seely b. 7 Oct 1899 Washburn County
- 1930 census Salt Lake City, Salt, UT
- Bramhall Eugene H age 29 b. IL, WI, IA, bacteriologist, md 6 yr to
 - Bramhall, Violet age 29 b. WI, CAN, WI

UT Death Index

- Violet Seely Bramhall
Death Date: 16 May 1930
State File Number: 1930002185
Gender: Female
Age: 29
County of Death: Salt Lake

ID Death Index

- Seely, John
Year: 1929
Certificate Number: 066914
County of Death: Clearwater
City: Orofino
Date of Death: 23 Jul 1929
Date of Birth: 6 Aug 1843

I also found a Vernon Seeley age 6, founding in the 1910 census of Minong, Washburn, WI living with Julia L Lewis a 55 yr old single truck farmer and her half-sister 70 yr old Margaret Secor, a widow, and another founding, 14 yr old Earl Douglas b. MN. Vernon is b. unknown.

In 1920 Vernon E Seeley is still with Julia and Margaret, boarding, and farm laborer, b. WI, US, US

CA Death Index

- Name: Vernon E. SEELEY
Birth Date: 3 February 1904 Wisconsin
Sex: Male
Death Place: Los Angeles County
Death Date: 23 March 1959
SSN: 564-18-3289
Age: 55 years

US Veterans' Gravesites

- Vernon Eugene Seeley
Service Info.: PFC US ARMY WORLD WAR II
Birth Date: 4 Feb 1904
Death Date: 23 Mar 1959
Service Start Date: 31 Oct 1942
Interment Date: 1 Apr 1959
Cemetery: Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery
Cemetery Address: P.O. Box 6237 San Diego, CA 92166

Buried At: Section S Site 1230

I cannot find the Seeleys in the 1900 census nor can I identify John in earlier census records. Contact us if you have any information on this family.

Research Query 2010-A Re: George Henry Seeley b. 1876 Warsaw, IL

We have a biography of George Henry Seeley on our website. It says "*he was born at Warsaw, Illinois, June 17, 1876, and his parents, Henry and Mary (White) Seeley, were also natives of that state. The mother passed away in 1879 and the father died in 1883. George H. Seeley, thus left an orphan when but seven years of age, attended the public schools of his native town, remaining there until 1896, when he came to Minneapolis...*

However he is not there in the 1880 census...

The biographical information doesn't match what I found in the Warsaw IL census as far as identifying his parents.

1870 Census Warsaw, Hancock, IL

- Seeley, Ann, age 50, keeping house, b. VA,
- Seeley, Henry age 28, teamster, b. IL
- Seeley, Jennie, age 25 b. MS
- Seeley, Emma age 8, Jennie age 6, Albert age 5, Willie age 1, all b. IL

1860 Census Warsaw, Hancock, IL

- Seeley, Luke S age 42 b. VT

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- Seeley, Margaret age 38 b. OH
- Seeley, Henry age 18, Mary E age 3, both b. IL
- Straining, Murice, age 14 b. IL

1850 Census Warsaw, Hancock, IL

- Seely, Luke H, age 33, carpenter b. VT
- Seely, Margaret age 27 b. OH
- Seely, Henry age 7, James H age 2, both b. IL

1880 Census Warsaw, Hancock, IL

There is Emma Seeley age 22 b. IL, IL, OH living as niece with family of Jacob P Walker age 45, carpenter b. MD, US, US and his wife Eliza age 40 b. IL, OH, PA

In La Harpe, Hancock, IL I found Albert 18 and Jennie 16 Seely both b. IL, PA, PA and single, living with the family of William C (age 39 b. IL, OH, VA) and Mary L (age 35 b. IL, TN, TN) Bainter. Albert is a farm laborer.

Obituary: George Henry Seeley – January 4, 1942 – Corpus Christi, TX

George Henry Seeley, 66, of Minneapolis, Minn., died at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning at his apartment in the Vaky Courts here after an illness of several months.

Seeley, president of the George H. Seeley Co., of Minneapolis, investment and insurance brokers, was well known here, having visited Corpus Christi for the past several winters. He was a member of the Masonic and Shrine lodges of Minneapolis.

Cage-Mills Funeral Home will send the body to Minneapolis this afternoon, where funeral services and burial will be held Thursday.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Bessie M. Seeley: two daughters, Mrs. E.T. Johnson of Minneapolis and Mrs. David K. Calhoun of Duluth, Minn.: one son, George H. Seeley, Jr., of Forrest Lake, Minn.

Published in the Corpus Christi Times, (Corpus Christi, Texas) January 5, 1942 page 2

WWI Draft: George Henry Seeley of Minneapolis MN b. 17 June 1873, lumberman, names wife Bessie M Seeley of same address

From the SGS database:

- George H. b. 1876 IL, md Bessie M. Fitterling 1909, parents: Emma White and Henry Seeley
- Henry b. 1844, d. 1884 md. Mary White 1877, no info on parents
- Henry b. 1850 IL, died 1853 IL, md Emma White 1876 IL, no info on parents

About George Henry, son of George Henry:
MNDI

Name: George Henry Seeley
Birth: 11 Oct 1918 - Minnesota, Minneapolis
Death: 7 Jan 1998 - Arden Hills, Ramsey

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Name: George H Seeley
Spouse: Elaine M Seeley
Birth: abt 1919
Divorce: 1 May 1972 - Hennepin
Divorce: 1972

1930 Census: Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota; Roll 1095; Page: 26A; Enumeration District: 162

- George H Seeley head age 54, age at first marriage 33 born IL IL VA agent securities

- Bessie M Seeley wife age 43, age at first marriage 22 born MN MN IA
- George H Seeley son age 11, born MN IL MN
- Marion Seeley daughter age 13, born MN IL MN
- Evelylin Seeley daughter age 19, born MN IL MN
- Seville Robbins daughter age 8, born MN Poland MN (I wonder if the census taker made a mistake here or if she is adopted)
- Elsie Anderson servant age 18 born MN Sweden Sweden servant private family
1920 Census: Minneapolis Ward 8, Hennepin, Minnesota; Roll T625_836; Page: 9A; Enumeration District: 171
- George H Seeley head age 45 born IL IL IL Salesman Bonds
- Bessie M Seeley wife age 34 born MN MN IA
- Evelyn Seeley daughter age 9 born MN IL MN
- Marion Seeley daughter age 3 4/12 born MN IL MN
- George H Seeley son age 1 2/12 born MN IL MN
1910 Census: Minneapolis Ward 8, Hennepin, Minnesota; Roll T624_704; Page: 1B; Enumeration District: 149
- George H Seeley head age 34 married 5/12 born IL USA Georgia Agent Real Estate
- Bessie F Seeley wife age 23 married 5/12 born MN MN IA

So, we need help identifying a family for George H in Warsaw, IL. It might help if we knew more about Luke S Seeley of Warsaw, b. VT, since we don't have his lineage either.

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

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

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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.

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