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Highlights of the 2011 SGS International Reunion

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President

The Seeley Genealogical Society convened for its biennial meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Elmira/Corning in Horseheads, N.Y. Thursday, July 14, 2011 through Sunday, July 17, 2011. There were 69 registrants and at least 90 attended the various reunion events.

Registration began at 9 a.m. on Thursday. The registration committee was made up of Camille Seeley Bell, Thera Seeley Clark, Janet Daniels, Joan Kingsbury, and Lynda Simmons who greeted all attendees warmly and took care of many financial issues and other questions. The Hospitality Room was opened for members to display documents, and artifacts and to visit with one another.

The SGS Board of Directors, including both elected and appointed officers, met at 10 am. Minutes of the meeting will be published in the November issue of the SGS Newsletter, however highlights can be found in the SGS President's Report in this newsletter on page 2.

The reunion's opening session was brought to order by SGS President Kathie Olsen at 1 p.m. She introduced the leader of the hotel's event staff, Shauncey Howard, who welcomed the attendees. Attendee feedback regarding the hotel and its staff was universally positive.

The SGS Board of Directors was introduced and thanked for their dedication and service. The committee that put together the reunion was also thanked for all their hard work which made the reunion possible. Members serving on that committee included Eugene Seelye, Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker, Laura Condie, Veronica Seeley Newell, Sally Seeley, George Seeley and Kathie Olsen.

Brief reports were given by several board members concerning the 2011 Reunion Souvenir Book, SGS publications for sale, CD sales, the possibility of a 2014 tour to England, and DNA testing.

Those were followed by Reunion Keynote Speaker Kerry Lippincott, education coordinator of the Chemung County Historical Society. Her theme: "Overview of the History of the Area, including Seeley Family Settlers."

At the conclusion of Lippincott's talk, SGS Members Jesse and Lou Ann Crisler, former members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, introduced and then performed the reunion theme song. It was sung to the tune of the Rodgers and Hammerstein hit *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'* from the soundtrack to *Oklahoma!* The words, written especially for the reunion by Jesse and Lou Ann can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.



SGS Reunion attendees vote by a show of hands on an issue brought to the floor at the general membership and business meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

After a short break, we reconvened to hear member presentations on various Seeley families who settled in or migrated through the Twin Tier area of Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania. Jim Seeley discussed William Seeley (SGS #1692); Dianne Seeley discussed Charles Seelye (SGS #2530); Eugene Seelye discussed Ebenezer Seelye (SGS #299); Jesse Crisler discussed Justus [William] Seelye, SGS (#282); and Kathie Olsen discussed Justus Azel Seelye (SGS #836). Several members of the audience then shared information concerning their ancestors. (Two groups of cousins connected during this discussion which made it very exciting.)

That evening reunion attendees enjoyed a dinner in the hotel followed by a speech by J. Kelsey Jones. Jones

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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, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

Effective Oct. 1, 2011 SGS Membership dues are \$10 per year, \$18 two years, \$25 three years, or \$36 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$125. (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 late summer or early fall 2013 in Grand Rapids, Mich. 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.

SGS President's Report

We had a wonderful conference at the SGS 2011 Reunion in Horseheads, N.Y. We learned about Tioga, Bradford, and Chemung Counties in New York and Pennsylvania through which so many of our Seeley ancestors passed and which many of our cousins still call home!

The reunion also offered three opportunities for Society business meetings. Our Secretary Mary Palley was there taking notes, but we sabotaged her by not giving her enough time between the end of the reunion and the submission deadline for this newsletter to complete her work. The official minutes of those three meetings will appear in the November newsletter. However, I still want to cover the highlights of the three official meetings that took place during the reunion.



The first was a meeting of the 2009-2011 SGS Board of Directors on Thursday, July 14. Since we didn't meet in Abilene this spring as we normally do, this was our first time together in more than a year (though we've been in near constant contact through e-mail). We began the meeting with reports from the various officers concerning their assignments. Several issues of importance were discussed. I reported that SGS has been named a beneficiary in the estate of Evelyn Johnson, wife of Robert Seeley Johnson who served as an officer in the Society in the late 1970s and 80s. The amount of the bequest will be determined at a hearing in 2012. It was decided to dedicate the conference and the souvenir book to John & Maurine Seely. John passed away in October, 2010 after a long life and continuous service to SGS. Maurine had preceded him in death. Their influence on SGS is far-reaching including the establishment of the SGS Ancestor File Index, serving as officers and always be in attendance at SGS activities! Their son, Robert provided pens and copies of John's poetry book, *Rainbows and Raindrops* as gifts to reunion attendees.

The general membership meeting was July 16. Officers were elected. Marshall Seelye was elected to the position of Second Vice President. All other officers currently serving were re-elected. Special thanks to George Seeley who diligently served as 2nd VP from 2009-11. Thanks also to the nominating committee which consisted of Jim Seeley, LeAnne Seely and Marshall Seelye. The proposed constitutional change as outlined in the last newsletter and the dues increase were both approved. The amended constitution and by-laws appear on page 12. An auditing committee consisting of Margaret Petersen and LeAnne Seely reported that the Treasurer's books are in order. Several places were considered for the 2013 reunion; San Diego, Calif.; Abilene, Kan. and Grand Rapids, Mich. After a discussion, Grand Rapids was selected. Bill Hileman, Marion Hileman, Richard Speer, Anita Speer, Mary Palley, Linda Crocker and others volunteered to serve as a reunion committee along with me as chairperson. The committee will meet in Grand Rapids on Monday, May 1, 2012. If you would be willing to help, please contact me (see contact info on page 15).

The third meeting was of the 2011-2013 SGS Board of Directors and it was held later the same day. The site of the next reunion was discussed. The SGS Ancestor File, which was started by John Robert Seely and has really blossomed with the hard work of Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar consists of two databases; the SGS Seeley Surname Database, which consists of those with any spelling of the Seeley surname, and the SGS Database of Other Surnames, which includes Seeley descendants whose surnames are not Seeley. A committee was formed to set the parameters of the SGS Database of Other Surnames. Camille Seeley Bell and Jesse Crisler will serve on this committee along with Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar, SGS Ancestor File Co-Chairs. The Membership Chair, Lynda Simmons, will prepare a yearly report of paid members and life members and other categories to be published in the newsletter. Jim Seeley and Marshall Seelye will serve as members of an Awards and

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Recognition Committee. This committee will be responsible for pursuing both internal and external awards and recognition for the Society. George Seeley will continue to serve on the Constitution and By-laws committee. A History Committee was formed with SGS Historian Ruthetta Hansen as chairperson. Jim Seeley, Dian Little, Wesley Waring have also volunteered to serve on this committee. Since the newsletter production is the major budget item, we discussed ways to bring down the costs including electronic distribution, and publishing fewer issues per year. No decision was made but further

discussion is in order. Also, the group is interested in finding appropriate research topics to be funded by money in the treasury. If you have ideas on this topic, please let me know. We also briefly discussed the Society's membership in both the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the National Genealogical Society (NGS). The next meeting of the board will be on Thursday, April 26, 2012 in Abilene, Kan. at the Seelye Research Center. You are always welcome to join us!

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

SGS DNA Project Update

By Jim Seeley, Interim SGS DNA Project Manager

The Relative Genetics DNA Laboratory was recently taken over by the DNA Heritage Laboratory. Now the DNA Heritage Laboratory has been taken over by the Family Tree DNA Laboratory. As a result of these changes, the SGS Seeley Surname Project got lost and privacy rules were ignored.

If you want to have a DNA test done to determine if you descend from immigrant Robert Seeley or immigrant Obadiah Seeley (or neither), please contact me, (see contact info on Page 15). I will recommend a laboratory to do your test. You should order a 37 marker Y-Chromosome test in order to compare your results with the DNA profile we have for immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley. The Y-Chromosome is passed only from father to son, so only males with a Seeley (spelled a variety of ways) surname should apply for the test. The 37 marker test had been costing about \$149, but one lab recently

advertised a special for \$119. There is no SGS mark-up.

I will determine if scaling factors need to be applied then compare your results with our ancestor's profile. I will also protect your privacy by using some of your ancestor's names before posting your results on the Seeley website. That way, some of your cousins may decide they don't need to take the test. So, when you receive your results, send them along to me.

If you've had a Y-Chromosome test done by another laboratory and your results have not been analyzed to determine if you belong to the Robert or Obadiah Seeley DNA profiles, send your results to me and I will do that for you. As usual, I may need to apply scaling factors so your results can be compared.

I'm still looking for a volunteer to assume the SGS DNA Project Manager position. Please contact President Kathie Olsen or me.

SGS Launches Facebook Page

The Seeley Genealogical Society is now on Facebook. If you're on Facebook, you should become a fan. You can find the page at www.facebook.com/seeley.society.

Genealogists have long been at the forefront of leveraging the power of technology to improve their craft and increase the yields of their research. The internet has been a boon to family history researchers and most people interested in genealogy have already taken the plunge into the online world. With that in mind, a decision was reached at the last reunion for the society to engage in the social media as a way of sharing information and, perhaps more importantly, increasing awareness of the society and hopefully increasing membership.

If you're new to the world of Facebook and are not sure if you should take the plunge, your reticence is understandable. There are headlines every day about identity theft. While those stories are often real, there are measures one can take to protect oneself online and on Facebook.

The U.S. Navy has a free and publically accessible step-by-step guide on how to manage Facebook privacy settings. It can be found online at www.slideshare.net/USNavySocialMedia/facebook-privacy-settings-february-2011. The guide was designed for Sailors to help them protect not only their privacy and identities, but also

national security. So it is designed to set Facebook security features to their highest settings. Even if you're already on Facebook it's a good idea to look at this guide and review your privacy settings and to continue to do so every six months or so as Facebook's security features change and are upgraded frequently.

You are invited to post information to the SGS Facebook page. However, that information will only be seen by people who visit the page. That's a good approach if you have a specific message for the person or organization on which you're posting. However, the power of Facebook is its ability to "broadcast" posts to all the people who are friends of a page. That happens when a note is posted by the page's owner on their own page: that information goes into the "news feeds" of every one of the page's Facebook friends -- the note goes to them rather than waiting for them to come to it.

So if you have a note or item of interest you would like to share with all SGS Facebook fans, e-mail it to SGS Facebook Administrator Paul Taylor at paul.taylor.va@gmail.com. He can post it to the SGS Facebook page for you. That way it will go into the news feeds of all the page's fans, thus going to them rather than waiting for them to come to it. But remember: no more than 420 characters including spaces!

SGS CD-ROM Updated

The SGS CD-ROM (see the back cover to order) has been updated with the latest version of the SGS Ancestor File (Version 2011). Within it you will find two databases. One is the SGS Seeley Surname Database and the other is the SGS Database of Other Surnames. Both are indexed according to given name and also according to mother's name, and both appear in multiple formats (xls, doc, txt and pdf). The SGS Seeley Surname Database lists over 28,000 individuals born with the surname Seeley (any spelling). The SGS Database of Other Surnames lists more than 11,200 descendants of Seeley women. Both databases list known birth, death and marriage dates and locations and names of spouse and parents as well as generation number and SGS number (if applicable) and source codes.

The CD also has copies of the three printed SGS publications, a research report on Robert Seeley and two research reports on Obadiah Seeley.

SGS E-Newsletter?

By Paul Taylor, SGS Newsletter Editor

One of the greatest challenges SGS faces is the rising cost of printing and mailing the SGS Newsletter while membership numbers and society income remain level.

At the last reunion it was decided to explore the possibility of delivering the newsletter electronically via e-mail as a way of continuing to provide a valuable service to the society's membership while at the same time reducing operating expenses.

The first step of the process is to ask for volunteers. If you would be willing to give up your hard copy of the newsletter in favor of an e-mailed version, please send your e-mail address to the newsletter editor at paul.taylor.va@gmail.com. You will receive the November newsletter both as an electronic Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) file as well as a hard copy. Those opting for electronic delivery will receive their newsletter about two weeks earlier than those taking the hard copy.

SGS Membership Drive

By Lynda Simmons, SGS Membership Chair

The Seeley Genealogical Society is always looking for new members. There are a great many Seeleys out there. They may not have the same spelling, but they are our relatives. If you have relatives or friends with a Seeley name or ancestor, ask them to join SGS. In each newsletter, there is a membership application. Copy it or cut it out and give it to a Seeley. Our dues, even with the increases coming on Oct. 1, are still very low. The benefits of membership include: newsletters, reunions such as the outstanding one we just had in Horseheads, N.Y., research, Seeley ancestor files, SGS publications, Seelye Research Center, Seeley Web page, queries, CD-ROM and perhaps sponsored trips to places of interest to SGS members.

There are many reasons to belong to the Seeley Genealogical Society. Invite your Seeley friends and relatives to join the Seeley Genealogical Society today!

Seelye Research Center Update

By Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian

To those of you who were not able to attend this year's reunion, I thought I would give you the report that was presented at the board meeting.

"Since the last reunion, the society has purchased two 1GB hard drives for storage and protection of our data. These hard drives are located with Chris Havnar and Linda Crocker. Our data is also stored on the computer at the research center and on the librarian's personal computer. Work is still ongoing to get our files indexed and scanned/digitized. Currently the index for the descendants of the 8th generation is 1.7 MB and contains 13,970 line items. Our scanned files for Nathaniel descendants are 251 MB and 204 files and Obadiah is 177 MB and 144 files (These are the actual copies of our paper files). The backlog of files waiting to be processed is around 600 e-mails from Linda and Chris. Our next big project on the horizon is the files of John Seely. Kathy currently has these boxes and I hope to be able to get them from her before the snow flies. We have no idea what these files contain and how much pertains to the Seeley line directly, but our next meeting will be to determine the best course of action for these files."

There is always a new project to be done at the research center while trying to keep up with what has already been started. Chris and Linda are tireless in their pursuit of information and with more data making its way to the internet they are finding it and tracing it back to a known SGS number if possible. I truly hope that someday the center will be the place for all things Seeley; regardless of the spelling.

2011 Reunion Theme Song

Lyrics by Jesse and Lou Ann Crisler

All the woods are alive with the Seeleys -
Spelled with "y", spelled with "e", spelled with "a".
We are all committed to honor our kin,
And it looks like these meetings will help us dig in.

Chorus:

Oh, what a beautiful conference - Oh, what a beautiful day.
We've got a wonderful program, perfect in e-ver-y way!

Now we welcome, then gather and chatter,
We know talking is one of our strengths.
There seem to be Seeleys from every clime,
And it looks like we're going to have a great time.

Chorus

First there's is Robert and dear Obadiah,
Leaving England, they sailed to the West.
They married and fathered - established the line,
And now their posterity is doing just fine.

Chorus

When we've parted we all can remember,
Seeing friends, sharing knowledge and lore.
We'll pack up our data, return to our spheres -
And hope we will see you again in two years.

Chorus

Research Uncovers New Information About 19th Century Seeley Twins

Story by Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist

Twins Montraville (SGS# 1676) and Montelion (SGS# 1677) Seeley are listed in the Sixth and Seventh Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley as children of Elizabeth Seeley, SGS# 487. The information states that they were born to Elizabeth before she married Abner Hetfield in 1781. However census information clearly shows that they were born in 1805. Elizabeth was married to Abner at that time.

1850 Athens, Bradford, PA

Seeley, Montillion, age 45, b. NY, farmer

Seeley, Meheitable, age 38, b. PA

Seeley, Emeline, age 17, James, age 15, Henry, age 4, all b. PA

1860 Ulster, Bradford, PA

Montirian Seely, age 43, b. NY, cannot read or write

Mahitable Seely, age 48, b. PA

Emaline Seely, age 26, Henry Seely, 13, Mary Seely, 8, Maria Seely, 6, all b. PA

1870 Smithfield, Bradford, PA

Seeley, Montillian, age 64, b. NY, laborer

Seeley, Mahitable, age 53, b. PA

Seeley, Henry, age 22, b. PA

Pierce, Whitman, age 40, b. NY

Pierce, Emaline, age 35, b. PA

1880 Smithfield, Bradford, PA

Seely, Mentilin, age 75, b. NY, father b. NJ, mother b. CT, laborer

Seely, Mahettable, age 67, b. PA, RI, CT

Seely, Henry, son, 33, idiotic, b. PA, laborer

Pierce, Susan E., dau., age 46, b. PA

Pierce, Nellie B., age 8, Ida B., age 7, b. PA, NY, PA

For Montraville, the following data was found.

1830 Fountain Co. IN

Ceely, Montraville

Males: 1 20-30

Females: 1 under 5, 1 15-20

1840 Richland, Fountain, IN

Montrovill Seely:

males: 1 under 5, 1 age 30-40

females: 1 under 5, 1 5-10, 1 10-15, 1 20-30

1850 Shawnee, Fountain, IN

Nowls, George, age 20, b. IA

Nowls, Berrifsa, age 16, b. IA (this must be the Terisa married below)

Seeley, Montriville, age 46, b. NY, laborer (indexed as Tuley)

Seeley, Esick W., age 14, laborer, b. IA

Cokeley, Horris, age 5, b. IA

next house:

Hetfield, Horris, age 23, b. NY, farmer

Hetfield, Martha, age 18, b. IA

Hetfield, Henrietta, age 3/12, b. IA

Keyte, James, age 16, b. IA, laborer

next house:

Hetfield, Solomon, age 49, b. NY, farmer

Hetfield, Ann, age 34, b. not known

Hetfield, Sirilda, age 11, b. IA

Hetfield, Richard M., age 1, b. IA

Note that the census taker for above 3 households used the abbreviation IA for Indiana

In Covington, Fountain, IN

Robert Hetfield, age 51, Abigail, age 48 both b. NY, Adam Hetfield, age 11, b. IN

1860 Richland, Fountain, IN

Eseck Seeley, age 23, b. IN

Mary Seeley, age 19, b. OH

1870 Richland, Fountain, IN

Seeley, Esick, age 35 b. IN, farmer

Seeley, Mary, age 29 b. OH

Seeley, Charles age 9, Ivy Dell age 3 mos, both b. IN

1880 Richland, Fountain, IN

Seely, Esicly, age 44 b. IN, NY, NY, farmer

Seely, Mary, age 38 b. OH, PA, PA

Seely, Charles age 19, Ivy D age 12, Oaka age 6, all b. IN, IN, OH

From Findagrave.com

E W Seely, Birth: Jun. 15, 1835; Death: Mar. 13, 1919, Burial: Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Fountain Co. IN, Created by: Lesa Epperson, Record added: Jul 17, 2008, Find A Grave Memorial# 28345569

Mary Seely, Birth: Apr. 12, 1841, Death: Feb. 4, 1916, Wife of E.W. Seely, Created by: Lesa Epperson, Record added: Jul 17, 2008, Find A Grave Memorial# 28345582

Charles E Seely, Birth: Apr. 19, 1861, Death: Apr. 6, 1882, Son of E. & M. Seely, Burial: Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Fountain, IN, Created by: Lesa Epperson, Record added: Jul 17, 2008, Find A Grave Memorial# 28345551

Charles Seely, Birth: unknown, Death: Dec. 24, 1849, Son of E. & M. Seely - Aged 4ms, 23ds, Burial: Newtown Cemetery, Newtown, Fountain, IN, Created by: Lesa Epperson, Record added: Sep 13, 2008, Find A Grave Memorial# 29782510

Indiana Deaths

Charles Seely, Death: 6 Apr 1882, Richland Township, age: 21 yr., male, white, Source: County Health Office, City Health Office, Attica or Covington, book H-19 on page 6 within the series produced by the Indiana Works Progress Administration.

Indiana Birth Records

Link, ---, male, b. to Link, Wm and Oka Seeley on December 19, 1895, book H-26, page 83

Westfall, ---, male, b. to Westfall, D.V., and Iva D. Seely on October 26, 1887, book H-26, p. 149

Westfall, ---, male, b. to Westfall, Dan and --- Seeley on June 27, 1892, book H-1, p. 34

Westfall, ---, male, b. to Westfall, Dan, and Iva Seeley on February 8, 1900, book H-47

Marriages in Fountain County, IN

Seele, Francis Turman, Jennet A 2-4-1836

Seeley, Millisant S McCormack, John H 8-11-1833

Seely, Abner Hibbs, Sarah (Mrs) 5-18-1848

Seely, Isabella Jane Crane, Silas 12-20-1846

Seely, Montraville Hecock, Mary Ann 10-29-1826

Seely, Pamela Or Permelia Clifton, Houser 8-31-1845

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Seely, Seresa Or Terisa	Nowles, George	3-3-1850
Hetfield, Emily	Clark, Benjamin F.	9-15-1843
Hetfield, Henrietta	Fisher, Henry	3-7-1847
Hetfield, Horace	Cornell, Martha	4-26-1849
Hetfield, Lewis R.	Wair, Sarah A.	12-23-1847
Hetfield, Mary	Cornell, George	3-7-1847
Hetfield, Melissa	Weir, Henry B.	9-7-1834
Hetfield, Milicent	Ward, William H.	9-24-1840
Hetfield, Robert	Dehaven, Abigail	9-4-1842
Hetfield, Solomon	Patton, Anna	1-25-1844
Hetfield, William D.	Rowley, Alvira R.	1-13-1830

Ivy D Seeley to Daniel V Westfall, Marriage Date: 28 Dec 1886, Marriage County: Fountain, Age: 17, Gender: Female, Father Name: E.W. Mother Name: Marry Boot, Source: Fountain County, Indiana, Index to Supplemental Record Marriage Transcript 1, W. P. A. Original Record Located County Clerk's Office, Book 31, p. 157

Oakey M Seeley, Spouse Name: William L Sink, Marriage Date: 16 Jul 1892, Marriage County:, Fountain, Source Title 1: Fountain County, Indiana, Index to Marriage Record 1848 - 1920 Inclusive Vol, W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerk's Office, Book 10, page 427

Mary Boot, Spouse Name: Esck W Seely Marriage Date: 30 Sep 1858, Marriage County: Fountain, Source Title 1: Fountain County, Indiana, Source Title 2: Index to Marriage Record 1848 - 1920 Inclusive Vol, W. P. A. Original Record Located: County Clerks Office, Book 4, p. 348

Pormelia Seely, Jarred Crane, 8 Sep 1867, Fountain

Elijah Seely, Mary A Brown, 12 Sep 1874, Fountain

J. Kelsey Jones, speaker at our 2011 Reunion, has done extensive research on the Seeley family in the Tioga, PA/Bradford, PA/Chemung, NY tri-counties area.

He believes Montraville and Montelion are children of Adam Seeley, younger brother of Elizabeth Seeley Hetfield and believes Adam and Elizabeth are both children of Nathaniel Seeley, SGS# 189. We had Elizabeth as a daughter of Nathaniel's brother Bazaleel (SGS# 186) and Adam (SGS# 1641) as a son of a different Bazaleel (SGS# 475). We didn't have any children listed for Adam; Kelsey has 10 others besides Montraville and Montelion.

Kelsey also places SGS# 484 Israel Seeley as another son of Nathaniel and shows more children for Israel than we have. He names Israel's wife as Millicent Strong.

The Sarah Seeley we have as SGS# 1705 he places as the youngest child of Nathaniel and corrects her marriage and birth dates.

Kelsey's research includes census information, other local sources and many land transfers that link Adam Seeley and Elizabeth Seeley Hetfield to their father and other siblings. Read more at <http://www.joycetice.com/kelsey/kjws3.htm>

I will be making additions and corrections to the SGS database. Kelsey has sent me a report on his latest research on the descendants of Nathaniel Seeley and Jemima Collins. Contact me if you would like me to forward the entire report to you. I hope you don't have dial-up access – it is 94 pages long!

2011 SGS Reunion Souvenir Books For Sale

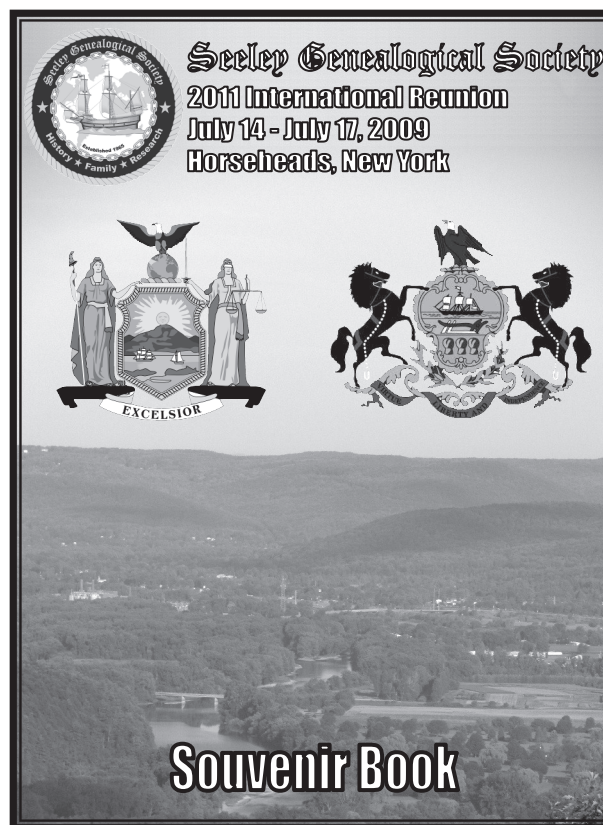
Once again SGS will compile and produce a Souvenir Book commemorating the Seeley Genealogical Society's 2011 International Reunion. The book's contents will be similar to those of the past four reunions and will include lots of pictures of attendees (accompanied by the names of those in the photos to help you learn our cousins' names).

It will include a "Dedication" page and a list of SGS members known to have recently passed; it will include reunion highlights; a description of the tours we took; copies of the presentations; a copy of the SGS Constitution and By-Laws; a copy of the Treasurer's report; a list of past reunion locations and the reunion officers elected; a list of reunion attendees with a group photo, and more.

The book is designed to inform members who were unable to attend the reunion of what took place at the Horseheads reunion AND as a souvenir for those who did attend. This is one part of our initiative to document our society.

If you haven't already ordered a book, please send a check, payable to SGS, to Kathie Olsen (her address is on page 15) for \$25.00 US per book. We anticipate the books will be mailed early next year. To give you an idea of the book's probable size, the 2009 Reunion Souvenir Book was 94 pages.

Only one printing is planned so order yours today!



SGS to Hold 2013 Reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Story by Grand Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau, Photo by Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce

Members of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) came from all over the country to attend its biennial convention in 2010 in Grand Rapids.

Many had never been to the city and weren't sure what it would be like. They were more than pleasantly surprised.

"The people are friendly. There's lots to see. There's so much within walking distance," said Bette Jensen of Maryland, smiling broadly as she attended a Michigan Night event at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, with blue sky and sparkling river creating the perfect backdrop on a beautiful summer evening.

"And the hotel (the Amway Grand) is gorgeous. It's very elegant. I can imagine it at the turn of the century."

Others raved about having a chance to take in the John Ball Zoo and the Polish Festival at Rosa Parks Circle. Some had gone on side trips to nearby casinos and Michigan's Adventure, while others were planning an excursion to Michigan's Upper Peninsula or a ride on the car ferry out of Ludington when the conference was over.

"I wasn't sure what to expect," said one NARFE delegate, "and look what I walked into: This beautiful city."

This beautiful city also caught the eye of Aaron Wolowiec, education director for the Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM). Until attending his first convention in Grand Rapids, Wolowiec didn't know the city well. Now he has booked the association's big conventions for 2012 and 2013 here.

"For me, it's a no-brainer," he said. "There are so many things to do. It's sort of a hidden gem."

Paige Pollard, an historic preservation consultant from Norfolk, Virginia, who helped bring the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' biennial conference to Grand



Rapids in 2010, has similar impressions. In the past, the Alliance held its conventions in cities like New Orleans, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Denver and San Antonio.

"I appreciate how walkable the city is and how gracious the people are," she said. "I like the integration of the modern buildings with the historic buildings."

Alliance Executive Director Drane Wilkinson of Georgia said the Grand Rapids experience started on a high note and stayed there.

"Our opening reception at the Children's Museum was a blast," he said. "We were surprised by the swing dancing Tuesday night at Rosa Parks Circle. A lot of people enjoyed exploring and looking around the museums and the Wealthy and Cherry Streets corridor. The Cottage Bar was a destination we were told we had to go to (for the town's best burger). All the brew houses were great."

"Some of the cities we visited, you wonder where the people are. Here you go out, and there are people doing things. Grand Rapids is a city that is very alive," said Wilkinson. "It's a friendly, upbeat, nice, easygoing city."



SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of July 29, 2011)

Introduction to Queries

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor, researched and then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators for their input. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any information on the queries below contact the submitter but also remember to send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

Query Updates:

Update to Query 0808-7 Re: Earnest Seely of IL

Beth Brandt (bethbrandt@live.com), the original submitter has some additional information.

The census taker in 1930 had some problems: Child Jessie Seely age 14 is a daughter – Beth's great-aunt. The son listed as Faddus is actually Thaddeus who went by Thad. Son Daniel was known as Pee Wee his entire life.

Also James Gratton Seely died in Oct 1990. Apparently his middle name was the surname of the doctor who delivered him and was shared by several other children in the area.

Thad is Ernest Thaddeus Seely of Ridgway, Gallatin,

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Attendees of the 2011 SGS Reunion in Horsehead



BACK ROW: Paul Taylor, Sally Seeley, Janet Daniels, Eugene A. Seelye, Ralph Seeley, Judy Mudge, Kenneth Petersen, Wesley Waring, LeAnne Seely, Crisler, Brian Seely

THIRD ROW: Mary Lou Seeley Schwartzberg, Carolyn Seeley Taylor, Linda Crocker, Mary Palley, Yvonne Seely, Janet Mudge, Nick Taylor, Charles John Tietjens, Amber Campanelli, Mark Campanelli (with Daughter Ella), Bill Hileman, Anita Speer

KNEELING AND SEATED: Kathie Olsen, Margaret Petersen, Veronica Seeley Newell, Lynda Simmons, Ruthetta Hansen, Janet Seely, Ruth Mudge, Mari

FIRST ROW: Camille Bell, Sue Craven, Pamela Samp, Colleen Charvella, Ashton Charvella, Renée A. (Seely) Johnson, Thera Lou Seeley Clark, Michelle

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is a prominent genealogy and history researcher in the twin-tier area. He discussed the settlement of Seeley Creek Valley by the Nathaniel and Jemima Collins Seeley family.

Friday was a day set aside for tours of the area. Some members went to the Corning Museum of Glass while others took the Elmira trolley tour of Elmira with Mark Twain sites and visited the Chemung County Historical Society Museum and Library in the morning. In the afternoon, members could choose to attend an area winery tour or an historical tour of Chemung County, N.Y., including Tioga Point, Penn., Fitzsimmons Cemetery, and the Seeley Creek Valley.

That night's dinner was followed by a presentation from Joyce Tice, a local community history and genealogy expert of the Tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania. She demonstrated the use of her website,

www.joycetice.com which contains a trove of genealogical and historical information from the tri-counties area. This site has been very helpful to researchers of the area including many Seeley family members.

On Saturday morning, the SGS General Membership and Business Meeting was held. Minutes of the meeting will be published in the November issue of the SGS Newsletter, however highlights can be found in the SGS President's Report in this newsletter on page 2.

After the membership meeting, a group photo was taken outside the hotel. The group then moved to the Big Flats Town Park for a picnic. After a catered sandwich meal the group visited with one another. Some of the group later went to nearby Harris Hill and enjoyed watching gliders take off and soar through the air over the Chemung Valley.

s, New York



George Seeley, Irving J. Seely, David L. Alexander, Brandon James, Jim Seeley, Marshall Seelye, Jesse S.

Johnson, Dell Johnson, Joan Kingsbury, Alice J. Wright, Pam Seeley, Audrey J. Hall-Seelye, Peggy Bray, Terry

Don Hileman, Dian Little, Margaret Johnson, Elizabeth Alexander, Richard L. Speer
Olsen, Lou Ann C. Crisler

The 2011-2013 SGS Board of Directors gathered for a meeting back at the hotel. Minutes of the meeting will be published in the November issue of the SGS Newsletter, however highlights can be found in the SGS President's Report in this newsletter on page 2.

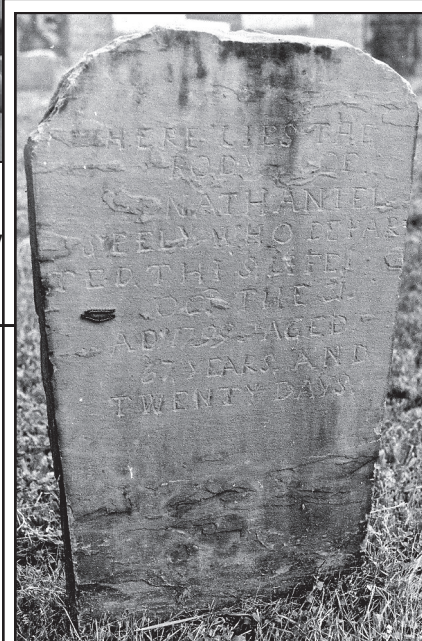
That night, following dinner, the Executive Board was officially installed in a ceremony conducted by Jim Seeley at El Monte's restaurant.

The ceremony was followed by brief reports on the accomplishments of SGS over the past few years. Topics included the organizing and taking of SGS trips to England in 2004 and New England in 2007, the history of the publications of SGS, the SGS query system, the SGS Ancestor File Index, the Seeley Research Center, the SGS Website, the challenges of being the SGS president, the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Ks., the Seelye Research Center, production of the SGS Newsletter and Reunion Souvenir Books, the results of the SGS DNA lineage

project, and many more!

On Sunday morning, the group met one last time for a late breakfast and to visit with each other before parting ways until the next reunion in 2013 in Grand Rapids Mich.

All who were in attendance said the conference flew by and they agreed it was a great reunion.



During a trip to Fitzsimmons Cemetery in Elmira, N.Y. reunion attendees had the opportunity to visit the gravesite of Nathaniel Seely (SGS#189). The marker is inscribed, "Here Lies the Body of Nathaniel Seely Who Departed this Life Oct the 31 AD 1799 Aged 67 Years And Twenty Days." (Photo provided by Ralph Seeley)

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IL b. 16 Aug 1920 and died 27 Aug 1999 in Evansville IN. His obituary is on our website. Daniel died in 1997 and Norbert in 2005 and we have both of those obits as well.

New Queries:

Query 1108-1 Submitted by Ted Pitman (tedpittman@hotmail.ca)

Ted's maternal grandfather was Howard Seeley born 1879 Port Latour, Shelburne, Nova Scotia who married Bertha Ellen Vantassel of Digby, Nova Scotia in 1900. Ted says Howard's father Joseph was born in Barrington Nova Scotia and he thinks Joseph's wife was Sophia Latham. At one time the family lived in a house around Pubnico Lake near Pubnico Nova Scotia. Ted would like to know his family's ancestry.

SGS Response: 1891 census South End, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Seeley, Josiah age 49 b. NS, parents b. NS, Methodist, fisherman

Seeley, Sophronia, age 37 b. NS, parents b. NS, Methodist,

Seeley, Rosanna, age 19, Howard N age 11, Stella age 9, Joseph age 7, John E age 1, all b. NS

Berry, John age 21, laborer b. NS

1881 census Barrington, Shelburne, Nova Scotia

Seeley, Josiah, age 28 b. NS, laborer

Seeley, Sophia, age 27 b. NS

Seeley, Rosana, age 12 b. NS

1871 census Pubnico, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Sealy, George age 56 b. NS, free baptist, of scottish origin, seaman, md to

Sealy, Deborah, age 56 b. NS

Sealy, Josiah, age 27 b. NS, seaman

Sealy, Nathaniel age 24, William N age 16, John age 16, Elias Jones age 10, Elizabeth A age 18, Marguerite age 12, all b. NS

Next house

Sealy, John Elizar age 33 b. NS, Catholic, Scottish, seaman, md to

Sealy, Anne Seraphie age 27, b. NS, Catholic, French

Sealy, John Reulim age 4, Anselm Sifsrud age 2, both b. NS

George Sealy is listed in the 1861 census of Yarmouth Nova Scotia with 8 males and 3 females in the household

1881 census Pubnico, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Seeley, George age 69 and Deborah age 67 with Anne age 28, Nelson and John, twins age 26, Maggie age 23 and Elias J age 20, all b. NS

In 1891 at Pubnico Head, Yarmouth, NS the family is George Seeley age 77, Deborah age 75, John age 36, Margaret age 31 and grandson Josiah age 9, all b. NS

In 1901 at Pubnico Head, Yarmouth, NS the family is Deborah Seeley, widow b. 10 Nov 1814, her son John b. 23 June 1855 and her dau. Margaret b. 13 June 1859, both single, all b. Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Marriages, Yarmouth County

Josiah Seeley age 35 widower, resides Yarmouth, b. Rockingham to Geo and Deborah, mariner, md 28 Dec 1895 at Rockingham to Etta G. Morton, age 34, spinster of

Rockingham b Rockingham to Wentworth and Eleanor
Nova Scotia Deaths

Miss Margaret Seeley b. 1855 Pubnico, Yarmouth, NS, dau. of George Seeley and Deborah Seeley d. Jun 23 1938 Argyle, Argyle, NS

If you have information on the family or ancestry of George and Deborah Seeley please contact Query Editor.

Query 1108-2 Submitted by Lester I Green Jr. (lgreen@kingstonschools.org)

Lester is doing research on his GGG Grandparents John W. Peck and Caroline Seeley. He has collected some information about both, however he would like to find-out more information about John and Caroline's parents, along with places and dates they were born. The following information is what he has collected so far.

His GGGGrandfather John W. Peck 1806-1874 was born in NY, and buried at Long Hill Cemetery in Trumbull, CT. His GGGGrandmother Caroline Seeley 1813-1877 was born in CT. and also buried at Long Hill Cemetery. John and Caroline were married by JP James Beebe on 12/13/1840 in Danbury, CT.

Children of John and Caroline were Caroline W. Peck 1845-1886, Rebecca Peck 1846-?, Polly Peck 1849-?, Emeline C. Peck 1854-?, Roswell S. Peck 1853-?, Lester knows that Emeline was born in Bridgeport, Fairfield, CT but is not sure about the other 4 children.

Lester's descent is: GGGGrandfather Edward C. Wilson, GGGGrandmother Caroline W. Peck; GGrandfather Edward J. Green, GGrandmother Cathryn Wilson; Grandfather Lester W. Green, Grandmother Bertha Richter; Father Lester I. Green, Mother Marie Hofbauer.

SGS Response: Caroline Seeley b. 1812 and md John Peck, is SGS# 1112, the youngest child of Agur Seeley. I sent Lester information on Caroline's line back to Robert. We didn't have any children listed for Caroline in the SGS Publications nor in the database.

1850 census Newtown, Fairfield, CT

Peck, John W age 44 b. NY, comb maker

Peck, Caroline, age 37, b. CT

Peck, Caroline W age 5, Rebecca age 4, Polly A age 1, all b. CT

1860 census Newtown, Fairfield, CT

Peck, John W age 54 b. NY, comb maker

Peck, Caroline, age 45 b. CT

Peck, Rebecca age 13, Polly A age 11, Roswell age 8, Emeline age 7, all b. CT

1870 census Newtown, Fairfield, CT

Peck, John W age 64 b. NY, works in hat factory

Peck, Caroline, age 58 b. CT

Peck, Polly A. age 21, Roswell S age 18, Emeline C age 16, all b. CT

McGuire, Lillian M age 2 b. CT

1880 census Girard, Erie, PA

Peck, Roswell, age 28 b. CT, CT, CT, works in fork factory

Peck, Lizzie, age 28 b. PA, MI, NY, hotel waiter both boarders in hotel

1880 census Fishkill, Dutchess, NY

Wilson, Edward C age 29, b. NY, NY, NY,

straw hat factory worker

Wilson, Carrie W age 32 b. CT, NY, CT

Wilson, Katie G age 8, b. CT, NY, CT; Sadie R age 5, Frederick L age 3, both b. NY, NY, CT
1900 census Newtown, Fairfield, CT

Peck, Roswell b. Jan 1856 CT, CT, CT listed a single and pauper, boarding with other paupers with the family of Bridget Lynch b. 1844 IRE

I will add these children to our Other Surname database. Please send me any more information you may have on Caroline Seeley Peck's children.

Query 1108-3 Submitted by Rendall Seely (rendallseely@yahoo.com)

Rendall recently was vacationing in Hawaii and had the opportunity to visit Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. One of the names on the list of men entombed in the USS Arizona was William Eugene Seeley. Rendall wanted to know who William Eugene's parents and family were and what Seely line he is connected to. He died on 7 Dec 1941 in the battle of Pearl Harbor. Rendall believes that William was born in 1922 in Connecticut.

SGS Response: WWII and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas

William E Seeley, Inducted From: CT, rank: Seaman First Class, US Navy

Death date: 7 Dec 1941, Last known status: Missing

Monument: Honolulu, Hawaii

US Awards; Purple Heart medal

Life Magazine issue of 3 Jul 1943 lists those killed in the 1st 18 mos. of the war by hometown and includes: Groton, CT: William Eugene Seeley

1930 census Groton, New London, CT

Seely, Paul, age 35 b. KS, KS, KS, electric co. lineman, md 10 yr to

Seely, Frances, age 36 b. CT, CT, CT

Seely, William age 7, Jeanett age 4, Paul age 1 yr 2 mos., all b. CT, father b. KS, mother b. CT

1910 census Washington, Crawford, KS

Seeley, FE age 40, Alma age 44, b. as below, she has had 12 ch., 8 living, they are md 19 yr

Seeley, Mitt age 18, Hattie age 16, Beecher age 15, David age 14, Paul age 11, Frank age 9, Eugene age 5, Sara age 3, all b. KS, IL, NY

(KS census 1905 has Frank age 36, John age 16, Mit age 12, Hattie age 11, David age 10, Steve age 9, Paul age 6, Frank age 4, Eugene age 2 mos and Emily age 40)

1900 census Fort Scott, Bourbon, KS

Seeley, Frank b. Aug 1866 IL, IL, NY, day laborer, md 9 yr to

Seely, Alma b. Jan 1863 NY, NY, NY, 8 children, 6 living

Green (crossed out), John, step-son, b. May 1889 KS, NY, NY

Seely, Milton b. Mar 1892, Hattie b. Jul 1893, David b. Jul 1895, Theodore b. Mar 1897, Paul b. Aug 1898, all b. KS, IL, NY

(1895 census Washington, Crawford, KS: Frank Seely age 26 b. IL, Alma age 30 b. KY, JA age 6, Milton age 3, H.M. age 1, all b. KS)

1885 KS census Independent, Barton, KS

Seely, Samuel age 61, farmer, Harriet age 46, Milton age 26, Hattie age 20, Beecher age 18, Frank age 15, Lulu age 12, William age 8, Julia age 3

(In 1860 Samuel, Harriet and Milton age 1 were in Vermilion, LaSalle, IL)

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Samuel Seely md Harriet Tyler 24 Aug 1856 in LaSalle County, County Court Records, Film # 1710810 - 1710813.

US Veterans Gravesites

Mitt Seely, LTCOL US ARMY WORLD WAR II, b. 15 Mar 1892, d. 26 Mar 1984. Service start date: 1 Nov 1942, Buried 28 Mar 1984 at Riverside National cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Boulevard Riverside, CA 92518, Section 5 Site 1235. With him is wife Maud: Section 5 Site 1236

Army Enlistment

Mitt Seely age 19 b. Greatbend KS enlisted in June 1911 at Jefferson, MO

CA Death Index

Mitt Seely

Social Security No.: 424445526

b. 15 Mar 1892 KS, d. 26 Mar 1984 San Bernardino

Mother's maiden name: Brown

SSDI

Mitt Seely b. 15 Mar 1892, d. Mar 1984 Sun City, Riverside, CA

Civil: Alabama

From our database the line is: William Eugene, Paul, Francis Edward, Samuel, William, Jonas, John, John S., Obadiah, Obadiah, Obadiah

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.

SGS Members Vote to Change Constitution and By-Laws, Raise Dues

Story By George Seeley, Constitution Review Committee Chair

The members present at the July 16, 2011 business meeting of the SGS, held in Horseheads, NY, unanimously approved the changes proposed to the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization as outlined in the February and May, 2011 newsletters. As a result, the fiscal year, terms of officers and dues will be for the period from October 1 through September 30. Officers will continue to serve two year terms.

These changes provide consistency and will allow for a

more accurate fiscal picture of the society year to year.

The new dues structure was also unanimously approved, taking effect on October 1, 2011. The fee schedule is as follows: one year, \$10; two years, \$18; three years, \$25; and five years, \$36. Life memberships will now cost \$125.

Members whose membership expires on August 31, 2011, will have their memberships automatically extended through September 30, 2011.



Seeley Genealogical Society Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution

(Revised July 16, 2011)

ARTICLE I: Name

- SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be THE SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as "the Society."
- SECTION 2. The Reverend Garner Osborne is recognized as the founder of the society. Any person who was a member prior to 1965 is a charter member.

ARTICLE II: Objectives

- SECTION 1. The Society will solicit as members, descendants of the Seeley surname of all spellings to include those who by marriage have acquired another surname, and anyone who has an interest in genealogy. Known surname spelling variants include Seelye, Seely, Selee, Sealey, Sealy, Seela, Cilley, Ceely, Ceilly, and Ceilley; however, all similar spellings or variants are included.
- SECTION 2. 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. In so far as practical, the Society will respond to all that inquire about Seeley ancestral lines. The Society will receive, hold, and invest appropriate monies, dues, gifts, proceeds from sales, interest, etc., and control and administer any properties for the benefit of the Society. The Society shall publish a periodic newsletter.
- SECTION 3. The Society will establish and maintain associations with societies of other surnames and state and national organizations to encourage interest in genealogy and to benefit therefrom.
- SECTION 4. The Society will pay special recognition to Robert Seeley of England who immigrated to America in anno domini 1630; and to Obadiah Seeley, who appeared in the records of Stamford, Connecticut in 1640.
- SECTION 5. The Society will maintain a National Research Center, co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kansas. The Research Center will collect family and archival records for research by the membership and members of the general public.

ARTICLE III: Membership, Dues and Fiscal Year

- SECTION 1. There shall be three classes of membership in the Society:
- (1) Charter: Persons who participated in founding and administration of the Society prior to 1965.
 - (2) Individual, Library or Society
 - (3) Lifetime
- Charter, Individual and Lifetime memberships shall apply to a member and spouse.
- SECTION 2. Dues shall be specified in the SGS newsletter subject to revision per Article I of the By-Laws.
- SECTION 3. Any and all references within the Constitution and By-Laws referring to the fiscal year shall refer to the period from October 1 through September 30.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

- SECTION 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Genealogist, and three Directors elected from the general membership.

The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chairman, a Membership Chairman, a Publications Editor, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the National Research Center.

All elected and appointed officers of the Society may be of either gender without exception. Throughout this document the use of the masculine pronoun should be considered in the classical sense to apply to both male and female genders.

SECTION 2. Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. The election is to take place at the national reunion. Officers and members in good standing are eligible to vote. A quorum of 25 members is required to elect.

SECTION 3. The officers' and directors' term of office shall begin on October 1 following the election or reelection of officers and directors at the national reunion.

SECTION 4. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, except for short times resulting from succession to office as provided for in Article IV, Section 5.

SECTION 5. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of any officer, except the President or a Vice President, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected officers. For the unexpired term, of the President and/or a Vice President, succession will be automatic from the remaining elected officers in the order shown in Article IV, Section 1 above, exclusive of the Treasurer.

SECTION 6. The elected officers and directors shall constitute an Executive Board.

SECTION 7. If there is more than one nominee for any office, elections shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of those voting shall elect.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

SECTION 1. The membership shall meet at least every two years, as specified in the By-Laws. Business of the Society may be conducted if there is a quorum present at the reunion.

SECTION 2. The officers and Executive Board shall meet as specified in the By-Laws and serve without monetary compensation.

SECTION 3. The order of business at all meetings will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian, who will serve at the pleasure of the president.

SECTION 4. To conduct business of the Society, a quorum of 25 members will be required. Five elected officers constitute a quorum of the executive board.

By-Laws

(Revised July 16, 2011)

ARTICLE I: Dues and Membership

SECTION 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to periodically review the dues structure to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Society. Changes proposed by the Executive Board must be approved by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership at the national reunion, subject to quorum requirements. Dues are to be paid to the Membership Chairman, who will issue a membership card and forward dues plus appropriate documentation to the Treasurer. The fiscal period for dues shall coincide with the Society's fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Membership will be awarded as specified in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Membership may be refused or suspended by a three-fifths vote of the Executive Board to anyone or any organization, whose interests conflict with the purpose of the Society.

ARTICLE II: Meetings

SECTION 1. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall call meetings of the Board and the general membership subject to the minimum requirements of the Article V, Section 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. It is recommended that the President call a meeting of the Executive Board each year in the month of August or at a mutually agreed upon time. The Society recognizes the geographical dispersion of the officers and directors. The President may present to and solicit from officers and directors public mail responses to questions, programs and reports necessary for the administration of the Society. These are to be reported to the membership in the newsletter. The in-person meeting of officers and directors is encouraged when it is practical.

SECTION 3. Six (6) of the officers and board of directors may call a special meeting of the officers and directors for consideration of issues. A special officers and directors meeting may also be called by twenty-five members of the Society by signed petition, at no expense to the Society. Quorum requirements will apply

ARTICLE III: Duties of Elected Officers

SECTION 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society and preside at all meetings. He shall be a member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees. The President is authorized to approve disbursement of reasonable fund amounts from the Treasurer's account(s) for the routine operation of the Society business, to carry on correspondence and to publish the newsletters. The President shall serve as the chairperson of the committee to organize the membership meeting conducted per Article V, Section 1 of

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- the Constitution.
- SECTION 2. If the President determines that an elected officer or director is not performing the duties for which elected, he may request the Executive Board remove the member. Such removal will require a three-fifths vote of the eligible Executive Board members.
- SECTION 3. The First Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President, and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.
- SECTION 4. The Second Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President and First Vice President.
- SECTION 5. The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the reunions. The Secretary will perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President.
- SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds and maintain all accounts in the name of The Seeley Genealogical Society. He shall be responsible for adequate financial records. When the Executive Board shall determine bonding is required, this will be done at the expense of the Society. If investment of funds of the Society is made, approval of the Executive Board is required.
- SECTION 7. The Chief Genealogist shall have custody of the genealogical files of the Society and maintain such other files necessary for the performance of his duties. He will safeguard them from common hazards. The duties are those generally accepted as responsibilities of a genealogist. He will be assisted by genealogists appointed by the President. He shall comply with the requirements of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution. He shall also work closely with the Director of the national Research Center to assure that all Society records are copied and/or archived at the Center for researchers' use.
- SECTION 8. Directors: The three Directors shall serve as representatives of the general membership. They may be assigned duties by the President to assist in the administration of the Society.
- SECTION 9. The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and committees in a non-voting advisory capacity.
- SECTION 10. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named elsewhere.

ARTICLE IV: Duties of Appointed Officers

- SECTION 1. Publications Editor: The Publications Editor shall be responsible for the organization, printing and mailing of the quarterly newsletter. The newsletter shall include inquiries submitted to the Society for general membership response. The closest liaison must be maintained with the Membership Chairman and the Chief Genealogist to perform these duties.
- SECTION 2. Ancestor Files Chairman: The Ancestor Files Chairman shall be responsible for maintaining a computerized database of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society. He shall also be responsible for responding to inquiries to the Society regarding established lineage.
- SECTION 3. Research Center Director: The Research Center Director shall be responsible for maintaining the National Research Center in Abilene, Kansas, as a resource to Society members and members of the General Public. He shall act as an advisor to the President and to the Chief Genealogist.
- SECTION 4. Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the Society membership, maintenance of membership rolls, and collection and forwarding of dues to the Treasurer. He shall be appointed by the President from the membership, exclusive of the Treasurer.
- SECTION 5. Assistant Genealogist: Assistant Genealogists, when appointed, will be responsible for specific tasks in support of the Chief Genealogist's function.

ARTICLE V: Committees

- SECTION 1. The President shall appoint necessary standing and ad hoc committees and require reports from them.
- SECTION 2. Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least two (2) members one year in advance of the national reunion. The Nominating Committee shall ascertain that all candidates nominated will be willing to serve if elected. The election shall be as provided in Article IV, Section 2 and Section 3 of the Constitution. Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the consent of the nominee.
- SECTION 3. Auditing Committee: The President shall appoint an auditing committee of not less than two (2) members to examine the financial records of the Society, once every two years, or oftener if required by the Executive Board. The results will be presented to the membership in attendance at each reunion, and submitted in writing for publishing in the newsletter.

ARTICLE VI: Amendments and/or Revisions

- SECTION 1. Amendments and/or revisions to the Constitution and the By-Laws will require approval by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership at a national reunion subject to the quorum requirement. All proposed changes must be printed in the newsletter for membership review a minimum of three months prior to the reunion.

SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2009 - 2011

SGS Constitution, Art IV, Sect. 1: The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice-president, Second Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Genealogist, and three Directors elected from the general membership.

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DESCENDANT OF: ☐ Robert ☐ Obadiah ☐ Other (Attached) ☐ Unknown

I/we have submitted our Seeley line as far as known to Linda Crocker ☐ YES ☐ PLANNING TO
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1. *The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One Through Five, 1997 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
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 -- Revised July 2011 (U.S. \$15) that includes:
 - Folder A: the Three SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen
 - Folder B: SGS Ancestor File Version 2011 by Chris Havnar & Linda Crocker (original by John Seely)
 - Folder C: 1980's Research Rpt. on Obadiah Seeley (New Eng. records), Fred C. Hart, Jr., CG
 - Folder D: Research Report on Robert Seeley by Alan Phipps, MA, AG
 - Folder E: 2006 Research Rpt on Obadiah Seeley (old English records), Clifford L. Stott, CG
5. The SRC Document Index (with Change Five entered) lists documents shelved at the Seelye Research Center (U.S. \$10).
6. The SGS GEDCOM CD is a file of genealogical information from SGS publications and the International Genealogical Index. (U.S. \$15)
7. Souvenir Book of 2009 Salt Lake City Reunion (U.S. \$20)

Items 1, 2, and 3 should be ordered from Terry Tietjens, item 4 from Bob Seeley, item 5 from Pamela Turner, and items 6 and 7 from Kathie Olsen. You can find contact information (address, phone number, & e-mail address) on page 15.

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