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Former SGS Members Leave Generous Bequest to SGS

Story by Kathie Olsen, SGS President

In September, 2012, Seeley Genealogical Society was notified that the estate of Evelyn R. Johnson had placed a check in the mail in the amount of \$83,919.16. Combined with a previous payment of \$5,000, the total bequest from the estate of Evelyn and her late husband, Robert Seeley Johnson, was \$88,919.16.

As discussed in previous issues of this newsletter, Robert Johnson was an active member of SGS in the 70's and 80's serving as the society's vice president from 1980-1986 and was elected as judge advocate during the 1986 and 1989 reunions in Fort Wayne.

It was a very generous, and welcome gift. Linda Crocker has written an informative thank you letter to the Johnson family historian, Karen Christine (Holst) Shefner. A copy of this letter is printed on page 3 of this newsletter.

A separate account has been established for the funds from this bequest. All distributions from the account will be approved by a majority vote of the elected officers of SGS. There were no directives or limitations given with this money, so it will be used to further the purposes of SGS.

I will recommend that the 2013 SGS Reunion be dedicated to Robert and Evelyn Johnson and that the Saturday afternoon picnic be named the "Robert and Evelyn Johnson Memorial Picnic." In their honor, we will invite community members with interest in our organization to come for lunch to hear about and see the activities and accomplishments of SGS and be encouraged to join us in our efforts to further the Society's work!

Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion Grand Rapids, Michigan August 8-11, 2013



Honoring Robert & Evelyn Johnson

Does SGS Have Your E-Mail Address?

The Answer Is: Probably Not.

News travels fast in the information age and sometimes it's helpful to be able to reach out to SGS membership immediately.

Please send an e-mail note with your e-mail address to SGS Membership Chairman Lynda Simmons at summitkids@yahoo.com

Afraid of spam? Fear not! SGS will not publish, sell, or share your e-mail address and will only reach out to you with important society information.

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Announcements

The SGS Newsletter is published every February, May, August, and November. Announcements are published for free and are due to the editor by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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, Seely, 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 Oct. 1 to Sept. 30)

Pay all dues to:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for Aug. 8-11, 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

Where has this year gone? How can it already be almost 2013? I can hardly remember January, 2012, it seems so long ago! The new year will be here before we know it. And with it comes our next reunion! Grand Rapids is going to be a "Grand" place for a reunion. There is a special feeling there! It is family friendly! There are museums, parks, a zoo, beaches about 20 minutes away on Lake Michigan and an ice skating rink right behind the hotel! Hilton Grand Rapids Airport will be our conference hotel. The dates are Thursday, Aug. 8 to Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013. Activities will include meetings of the Society; historical and genealogical information sessions; dinner gatherings with great speakers; member presentations, tours of area sites, a family picnic and plenty of opportunities to visit with one another and find out again what a great family we belong to! Mark your calendars now and please plan to attend! The theme for the conference is: "A 'Grand' Time in 'Grand' Rapids: Whether you are a Seeley 'Grand'parent or 'Grand'child, you'll have a 'Grand' Time". Registration will begin with the publication of the February 2013 newsletter.



The planning committee still needs and will welcome any suggestions you might have for presentations. Are you willing to give a presentation yourself? What would you like to learn about while you are there? We want to prepare an educational and enjoyable activity for all. Please help us know what we can do to make it a pleasant experience for all! Please contact me if you have suggestions, comments, or concerns.

Site selection for the next reunion will be determined by nominations being submitted to the Executive Board, in advance of the Membership Meeting. The Executive Board will consider the nominations and then present their recommendations to the members at the Membership Meeting for their approval. Criteria for the site should include connection to the Seeley family, location, price, activities in the area, SGS members in the area, transportation, speakers, willingness to help, etc. More details will be available later, perhaps in the February 2013 newsletter, but you can begin planning your site nomination now.

I certainly appreciate the elected and appointed officers of SGS! This is an organization of volunteers. It takes lots of committed people to move forward the purposes of this organization. If you are willing to help in any way, please contact the members of the nominating committee. Linda Crocker is the Chairperson with Marshall Seelye and Camille Seeley Bell as members.

The decreasing membership of SGS is certainly a concern for all of us. We need "fresh" ideas and strength to continue to offer the services that have been available in the past. If you know someone who you think would like to be involved, please invite them to join! Please feel free to contact our Membership Chairperson, Lynda Simmons.

The research goals for 2011-2013 are to study the "brick walls" of those men who have done the DNA test and didn't fit either the Nathaniel or Obadiah DNA profiles. It is believed that this will lead to the names of other immigrants and DNA profiles for those immigrants. If you are one of these people, please let Linda Crocker know.

The board is very supportive of the DNA project and voted to give any man who pays for the DNA testing a free one year membership to SGS with the newsletter being sent by email. We do need more men to participate in the DNA project. If you haven't already done so, consider doing it now! Be sure to contact Walt Seelye, DNA Project Director, if you have questions, concerns or comments about the DNA project.

There are a few extra souvenir books for 2011 and if you didn't order one and would like one, please contact me. The books are \$25.00 US including postage. The updated constitution is in there with a lot of other important materials concerning SGS as well as the 2011 speeches, presentations and pictures galore! Please send a check made out to SGS for \$25.00 to me at my address and I will send you one.

Please See SGS President's Report Page 4



Seeley Genealogical Society

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October 17, 2012

Karen Christine (Holst) Shefner
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Dear Ms Shefner,

The Seeley Genealogical Society (SGS) is writing to you as the family historian for Robert and Evelyn Johnson to express our most sincere gratitude for their generous bequest to our organization. Robert served as Vice President of SGS from 1980-1986 and as Judge Advocate at the SGS Reunions in 1986 and 1989. We are glad that he valued SGS enough to volunteer his time as an officer and extremely honored that he and Evelyn chose to remember us in their will.

We have created a separate account in their name so that we will be able to track how their bequest is spent. We want to ensure the funds are used for purposes that will uncover further information about the Seeley family, help others discover their Seeley family heritage and preserve all our Seeley research for future generations. We feel confident that this was their intention in setting aside money for SGS.

We are fortunate to have created a partnership with Terry Tietjens and the Seelye Mansion in Abilene Kansas. Terry has allotted a large room in a building adjacent to the mansion for use as a Research Center and Archives. We have accumulated a wealth of Seeley genealogical material and memorabilia. We are working hard to catalog and digitize our holdings and to store them in a suitable environment. As people contact us we encourage them to forward genealogies and photos to us to add to our collection.

In the last few years we have established DNA profiles for two of the earliest Seely immigrants to the US (one of whom is Robert's ancestor, the original Robert Seeley). We continue to add Seeley DNA test results to our research to help us identify other lines and tie unconnected ancestral lines to an established line. When the opportunity and need arise we engage the services of professional genealogists to help us with our research.

We also have an excellent website and quarterly newsletter. Both enable us to publicize our research and post queries, encouraging others to explore their Seeley heritage.

We hope Robert and Evelyn's relatives will continue to be pleased with the work of SGS. We will do our best to honor Robert and Evelyn's trust in us.

Gratefully Yours,
Linda L. Crocker
SGS Chief Genealogist

Seeley Genealogical Society

Annual Treasurer's Report

For the Period Oct. 1, 2011 to Sept. 30, 2012

Beginning Balance, Oct. 1, 2011 \$18,776.23

Receipts

Dues		\$1442.90
LIFE Memberships		\$250.00
Books		
Generation	152.00	
Reunion	150.00	\$302.00
CD's		\$105.00
Research Fund Donations		\$61.30
Robert & Evelyn Johnson Bequest		\$88,919.16

Total Receipts \$91,080.36

Disbursements

Newsletter Printing	\$3420.61
Souvenir Book Printing	\$796.87
Postage	\$1118.46
Webmasters	\$125.00
Donation to Seelye Research Center	\$2750.00
Ancestry.com Membership	\$300.00
NGS	\$50.00
DNA Sample Kits	\$306.00
State of KS Incorporation Filing Fee	\$20.00

Total Disbursements \$8,886.94

Ending Balance, Sept. 30, 2012 \$100,969.65

Fund Balances (Included in cash balance)

DNA Fund	\$879.00
Research Fund	\$1413.62
General Memorial Fund	\$245.00
R. & E. Johnson Memorial Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$88,919.16
Seelye Research Center Donation	
(for roof replacement)	-\$2000.00
Donation to DNA Fund	-\$1000.00
Ending Balance	\$85,919.16

Submitted Oct. 1, 2012 by
Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer

SGS Needs Your Help!

Story by Linda Crocker, Nominating Committee Chairperson

Some of our current officers will not be running for re-election. As of now we have openings for Secretary, Treasurer, and 1st and 2nd Vice President.

Please consider filling one of these roles to help SGS. If you are interested, contact a member of the nominating committee. On the other hand you may have an idea of a member who would be perfect for one of these jobs. Let us know who they are!

None of these jobs will take a tremendous amount of time. It is helpful if board members can attend the annual board meetings. The next one will be at the reunion in Grand Rapids. In non-reunion years we meet in Abilene Kan. at the Seelye Research Center in late April/early May. Specific duties:

1st Vice President: Perform duties assigned by the president, preside and perform all necessary duties in the absence of the President, and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.

2nd Vice President: Perform duties assigned by the president, preside and perform all necessary duties in the absence of the President and 1st Vice-President.

Secretary: Record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the executive board and of the reunions and perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President.

Treasurer: Safeguard funds and maintain all accounts in the name of SGS. Maintain adequate financial records. Obtain approval of the executive board before making any investments.

If you need more information on what each job involves contact the current office holder, a member of the nominating committee, or SGS President Kathie Olsen.

Nominating Committee Chairperson:

Linda Crocker, (LLBC100@msn.com)

Committee Members:

Camille Bell (onthego801@gmail.com)

Marshall Seelye (am815@localnet.com)

President's Report (continued from page 2)

There are approximately 160 Generation 1-5 books, but only two 6th Generation books, and no 7th Generation books that you can order from Terry Tietjens at the Seeley Research Center. I am still hoping a printer can be found to reprint the six and seventh generation books from the paper masters at a reasonable cost. The CD which contains the digital version of the books will be changed to a read-only version. The changes that have been made to the Generations One through Five book were printed in the August 2012 newsletter and are posted on the website. Changes to Generations Six and Seven books will be prepared and published and will be made available on the website. A new CD will be offered at the next reunion with the changes included in each of the three publications.

SGS will apply for Non-Profit Status (Title 501c3) from the Federal Government. I will be in charge of the process. If any of you have ideas concerning this, please contact

me. A constitutional change will be needed. George Seeley, chairperson of the Constitution Committee, has been working with the other committee members to determine the proposed changes. The proposed changes will be published in an upcoming newsletter and voted on at the next membership meeting in August, 2013.

As noted in another article, the Johnson Bequest of \$88,919.16 has been received by SGS. \$3000.00 of the bequest was expended in 2011-2012; \$2000.00 to help with the expense of reroofing the Seelye Research Center in Abilene and \$1000.00 to add to the DNA fund to pay for DNA testing.

Also in this newsletter, you will find the Treasurer's Report, October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012. Thank you to Sally Seeley for being a very capable treasurer! Can you believe the balance on October, 2012 was \$100,969.65! Wow!

Dig Into The Stories of the Ancestors You've Already Found

Story by Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian



Since there isn't much to report from the Seelye Research Center this quarter, I thought I would tell you about my change in attitude regarding family research.

I was brought into family research at a pretty young age but didn't really understand it. I thought it was interesting going to cemeteries and reading headstones and felt the excitement everyone else did at finding a headstone of an ancestor, but didn't understand how it connected to me, it was just a name, a date.

Many years later, I became a member of the SGS and the librarian of the research center was trying to get past a brick wall named William, but I still was not really connecting with it. Essentially everything was just data to be used to get to the next person in the line, but that all changed with my G-G-Grandfather, George W. Seeley.

During one of my searches, I discovered that George's second wife Augusta had applied for a Civil War pension based on her husband's war service. Wow! My ancestor had served in the Civil War. This had the potential to lead to all types of information, (again I was only looking for a step up the tree). After waiting almost a year, a very large package arrived in the mail from the government. Yes! What goodies might I find in there? There was very little information to get me to the next rung, but a wealth of information that gave me a glimpse into my G-G-Grandfather's life.

He was shot during a battle in Virginia and listed as dead on his army rolls, but later showed up in a hospital in Washington D.C. The majority of the papers were the

doctors' reports from him having to re-certify every year that his injury still caused him difficulty. Before the war he was a farmer. He tried to return to farming after the war, but he stated that he was in constant pain and that his mobility had decreased. This made me start to think of him as a person and not just a name on a chart. What must his life have been like to be in pain all the time? Did it make him a bitter person, how did it affect his wife and children?

I think I found the answer a few years later after my grandmother died and we were going through trunks in her house. In a box I opened, I discovered some Civil War bullets, one badly damaged, some powder horns, one with the initials GW on it and a Civil War ID tag. In a photo album I also found some carte de visit cards of Civil War generals. After looking this collection over, I think my G-G-Grandfather must have been proud of his service. I can't see anyone holding onto these items if you were bitter about the war and your injuries.

I look at the mangled bullet and wonder if it was the bullet they removed from him. I look at the ID tag and know that he thought there were people that would want to know what happened to him, so he must have been close to his family. (Side note: soldiers had to have their own ID tags made and were usually a pin they attached to the inside of their clothes)

Now, I want to know more about the person, not just how they get me to the next limb of the tree. So the next time you're going through a bunch of papers trying to find that next name for your tree, stop and think about the stories of those you've already found: what happened to them? Put yourself in their shoes; otherwise we won't ever be truly connected to our ancestors, which is the whole point of genealogy research isn't it?

Thankful Genealogy Buff Discovers SGS Online

Story by Paul Gould, New Fan of SGS

Editor's Note: The below correspondence is an e-mail I received from Paul Gould who had recently discovered the SGS Web Site.

Hello, I was so grateful that my Google search for "Robert Sealy ww2," brought me to your site.

You all have amassed such a complete record, it will no doubt save me much time. I was just looking into my grandmother's family trying to build a tree from Canadian census records and other info. From your chart, my family is connected through Erna Ruby Sealy born Dec 8, 1914. I recognize most of my great aunts and uncles names there. I am sure my mother remembers them all.

As children we would travel to Bathurst/Canobie each summer to visit. Two uncles Robert and Norman (World War II veterans) would often just get on their trucks and show up without notice for wonderful visits to our home in Nappan, NS just outside Amherst. They all typically were hilariously funny, hardworking and loved to play card games. (lol)

I started doing genealogy after my mothers research

into the Gould (Doiron) family, was used as part of a reference book by 2 NB Archive employees.

Thanks very much, if I discover any Sealy/Seely info of note I will send your way.

We descend from below: (borrowed from <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/s/m/i/Michael-J-Smith/BOOK-0001/0053-0001.html>)

1. JEAN DOIRON was born 1649 in France and died Bef. July 1736 in Pisiguit, Nova Scotia, Canada. He married (1) MARIE-ANNE CANOL 1671 in Acadia. She was born 1651, and died Bef. 1693. He married (2) MARIE TRAHAN 1693 in Acadia, daughter of GUILLAUME TRAHAN and MADELEINE BRUN. She was born 1672 in Port Royal, Acadia, and died Unknown.

Notes for JEAN DOIRON: Although born in France 1649, the precise location of his birthplace is not known. In all probability, the surname could have originated in the community of Diron, in the Deux-Sevres Department, in the Poitou-Charentes region of France. This community is

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SGS Membership is Important

Story by Lynda Simmons SGS Membership Chair

We are so glad that each of you is a member of the Seeley Genealogical Society! We hope that you all enjoy the many benefits of membership such as our fun reunion in Grand Rapids, Mich. in the summer of 2013, this excellent newsletter, other Seeley publications, research, Seeley Ancestor File, Seelye Research Center and wonderful Seeley genealogists who will help you on your Seeley line, regardless of spelling. We hope you take advantage of these benefits.

We now offer our newsletter online early for members a full three weeks before it is made available to the public. If you would like to have your newsletter sent to your e-mail address, please send me an e-mail at summitkids@yahoo.com. You will be the first to receive your newsletter (while those who receive it in the mail will wait for another two to three weeks).

If you take the print edition, please check your newsletter mailing label for the date your membership expires. If the due date is getting close, please fill out the membership section in the back of the newsletter and send it to me with your check. That really helps me as Membership Chairperson. The present membership of the Seeley Genealogical Society is as follows:

Total Membership: 394

Life Members: 165

Societies: 27

Thanks for being part of the Seeley Genealogical Society!

National Archives Dedicates New Denver-Area Facility

Story from National Archives



The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) dedicated its new Denver facility at 17101 Huron Street, Broomfield, CO, on Thursday, August 23, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony included remarks by Broomfield Mayor Patrick Quinn, NARA representatives, and Oxford Development Company officials.

"This dedication celebrates the culmination of a project that will help us better serve those who need access to the important records this new building will safeguard," said NARA's Field Support Officer Leonard Harmon, Jr.

The facility employs approximately 40 Federal employees and contractors to serve the research needs of citizens and the records management needs of Federal

Portsmouth, R.I. Turns 375

Story by Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist

Jan Landwehr (janone12001@yahoo.com) is a double descendant of Obadiah Seeley SGS#4. SGS#54 Elizabeth Seeley (Cornelius, Obadiah) md Joseph Hunt and had a daughter Abigail Hunt. Abigail Hunt md Joseph Finch Jr. SGS#156 (Abigail Seeley, Obadiah, Obadiah). Joseph Finch III is Jan's direct ancestor. Although we don't have records of any early Seeleys in Portsmouth, like Jan many of us will have other early New England ancestors related to the founders of Portsmouth. Jan thought we would be interested in the following:

2013 is the 375th anniversary of the Founding of Portsmouth, R.I. Portsmouth was settled in 1638 by a group of religious dissenters from Boston Colony, including Dr. John Clarke, William Coddington, and Anne Hutchinson. It is named after Portsmouth, Hampshire, England. Roger Williams convinced the settlers they should go there, instead of settling in New Jersey, as originally planned. Founded by the signers of the Portsmouth Compact, its original Indian name was Pocasset, and was named Portsmouth May 12, 1639.

To honor the founding of Portsmouth and its subsequent history, the community plans a series of public events and observances over the course of the year. Planning for these events has begun and volunteers are needed to participate in developing and conducting these civic events. Learn more as plans develop at <http://www.portsmouthri375.com/>

agencies and to process a projected 28,000 reference requests per year.

Broomfield will be home to NARA's Denver Research Services and Agency Services components, including a Federal Records Center, National Archives public research rooms, and program event space. The 162,000 square foot building has a storage capacity of 750,000 cubic feet of Federal records. The property was developed for NARA by the General Services Administration and Oxford Development Company.

The Broomfield facility stores historical records from more than 100 Federal agencies and courts located in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Significant holdings include records from Department of Interior agencies: the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation (the Hoover Dam), and the National Park Service. The facility also includes holdings from the Air Force Academy, the U.S. Mint, and the U.S. Forest Service.

NARA will provide programs for students, teachers, and the general public. Public access computers will be available for research use. Researchers will have free access to resources including online subscription services such as Ancestry, Fold3, Heritage Quest, and ProQuest.

For additional information, contact Leonard Harmon at 817-791-9581.

Ancestry.com Releases Completely Searchable 1940 U.S. Federal Census

Searchable index to 134 million records makes researching family history dramatically easier

From Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, is proud to announce that it has completed the records indexing process for the 1940 U.S. Federal Census, which is online at www.ancestry.com/1940census.

All 134 million records are now easily searchable by name, date, place of birth and other key information recorded in the census. These records, which are free to search, offer valuable insight for the nearly 90 percent of Americans who either have family members recorded in the 1940 U.S. Census or are in it themselves.

Since the initial release of the 1940 U.S. Census by the National Archives in April, Ancestry.com has progressively published information from this important family history resource state by state. Ancestry.com has made this vital family history information available while providing an engaging user experience including the ability to search for maiden names or other family names, often a roadblock when searching records. Additionally, users can make corrections or update information that is incomplete, leading to a better overall database of information.

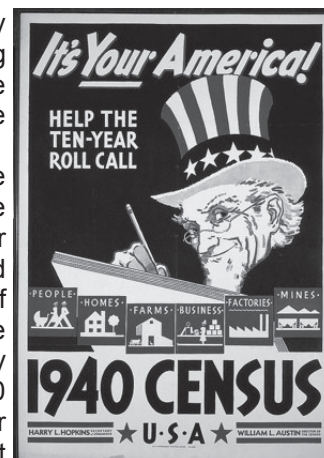
Assisting in navigation of the 1940 U.S. Census is Ancestry.com's Interactive Image Viewer, which enables users to easily peruse document pages with simple graphical overlays. The viewer adds highlights, transcriptions and other functionality directly on the Census page. This enables searchers access to small census fields by simply scrolling over them for a pop up that magnifies the information recorded by census takers. With the ability to zoom in on individual records, these new features dramatically improve the usability of the 1940 U.S. Census, which previously only included images of the paper records. These paper records, handwritten in small

entry fields, have traditionally been very hard to read, making the visual enhancements in the Interactive Viewer a huge improvement.

"We are so excited to be publishing our index to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census for free on Ancestry.com," said Tim Sullivan, CEO of Ancestry.com. "As one of the most anticipated family history resources ever, the 1940 Census is a fantastic way for almost every American to get started making discoveries about their family history as well as a key new resource for so many of our two million existing subscribers. Experienced through our new Interactive Image Viewer, the stories and discoveries inside the 1940 Census really come to life."

Users can now find basic information such as their ancestors' names and where they lived, but also gain more insight about their ancestors' daily lives. This information includes whether they owned or rented their home, the value of the residence and how many people resided there. For the first time, census takers in 1940 also asked questions specific to income and education. Interestingly, details like prior military service, the ability to read or write, and whether citizens spoke English – all asked in prior censuses – were not asked in 1940.

The entire census can be viewed online at www.ancestry.com/1940census



One to Share with the Kids and Grandkids: Ancestry.com Reveals Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling and Avril Lavigne Are Related

Story from Ancestry.com

What do Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling, Avril Lavigne and Celine Dion have in common? According to Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, the four Canadian performers are all related, sharing a family connection with some of Quebec's earliest settlers.

Hearthrobs: It's a family reunion of heartthrobs as Justin Bieber, who's appeared on the cover of almost every teen magazine connects with his newly found 11th cousin, once removed, Ryan Gosling. Gosling, who stole hearts in the drama, *The Notebook*, shares a bloodline with Bieber by way of Mathurin Roy and wife Marguerite Biré. Records indicate Roy and Biré were born in France in the early 1600s and later immigrated to Quebec, where Roy was a mason. By the time the couple passed away in the late 1600s, their family tree had already started to grow.

Odd Couples: It's not that "Complicated" for Bieber and Avril Lavigne, who are 12th cousins. Both can trace a line straight back to the same Roy/Biré family. The branch of that family which directly connects Bieber to Lavigne started when Mathurin Roy and Marguerite Biré married.

Pop Prince and Pop Diva: Bieber's family tree holds yet another famous branch: pop-diva Celine Dion. Dating back to the 1600s, the Bieber/Dion connection began with 17th century ancestors the two pop stars share: Jacques Vézina and Marie Boisdon. Vézina and Boisdon were natives of France who immigrated to Quebec in the 17th century. Genealogically speaking, this connection makes Bieber and Dion 10th cousins, three times removed.

"Discoveries like this are rare, so the fact that some of the top entertainment industry stars are all related is especially fascinating," says Lesley Anderson, Canadian genealogy expert with Ancestry.com. "There's something special about discovering a shared connection. And to be able to go so far back in history while making that connection is one of the most satisfying aspects of family history research."



Information About Obadiah Seeley SGS#4

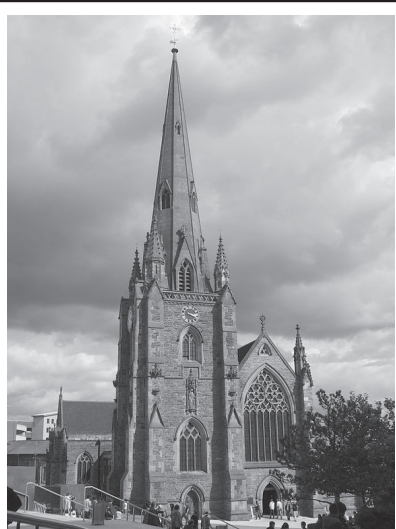
Story by Dian Little, SGS Assistant Genealogist – Obadiah

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Obadiah Seeley addressed in the following story refers to the immigrant Obadiah Seeley SGS#4 who first appeared in the records of Stamford, CT in the early 1640s. Many SGS Members have determined through their own research and through DNA analysis that this Obadiah Seeley is their ancestor. The statements made and conclusions reached are those of the author and not necessarily those of SGS. SGS agrees that a preponderance of information indicates that our immigrant Obadiah Seeley was born in Birmingham, England, was a turner apprentice to Nehemiah Wallington in London, and eventually immigrated to North America settling in Stamford, Connecticut. However there are no "smoking guns" to prove these connections. The statements made and conclusions reached are those of the author.

There are three documented places where we find Obadiah Seeley SGS#4: Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; London, England, and Stamford, Conn.

Obadiah Seeley in England

Obadiah Seeley was baptized at St Martins Parish, Birmingham, England, June 5, 1614. St. Martins is sometimes referred to as Ancient Parish, Mother Church for the whole of Birmingham. Obadiah's parents were William and Alyce Bloxish Seeley. Their first child was Sarah, born in Sheldon, an area of eastern Birmingham in the West Midlands. Their first son Samuel was baptized at St Martins Parish. When Obadiah was two years of age his brother Samuel died. The following year twin girls, Mary and Elizabeth were born. A month later Obadiah's mother, Alyce died. In October



St Martins Parish, Birmingham, England

of the same year Mary died, and in December her twin Elizabeth died. Obadiah's father married a 2nd time (to Hannah _____) and had several more children.

When Obadiah was 13 he was found living with Nehemiah Wallington of St. Leonard's, Eastcheap, London,

A thankful remembrance recorded by Nehemiah Wallington about a fire in the attic.

Theophilus and Obadiah were fast asleep and Obadiah his face was that way in a sound sleep close to it and the smother of it was great that it waked him and he could not sleep at last he opened eyes and saw the flockes one a fier lying like grotes and roppences gold on the ground then hee awoke his fellow and both of them stood up and pissed out the fier as well as they could: and a littel before a cloke Obadiah came downe to my chamber vnto me for a lighted candle and I asked him what he would doe with it and he said it was for water for his head was one afier with that I starr up in my bed and tooke a boule full of water in my hand but it was well over by I came and I did see many ashes of the straw lie one the ground But Oh the goodnes and mercy of God that kept vs and that we for there lay baskets a tope one the head and chipes and lins being hened by

a Puritan turner (lathe worker). Wallington's hand written autobiography is on file in Guildhall Library in London.

In 1630 (when Obadiah was 16) Wallington recorded an incident involving a fire in the shop's attic that included his two apprentices, Obadiah Seeley and Theophilus Ward (see inset). The Wallingtons remained "in this doleful city" during the plague of 1625, hearing the bells tolling and ringing out continually as fifteen or sixteen were taken out of some households. Wallington also mentions Obadiah as being a servant and then an apprentice between 1627 and 1635.²

In 1637, Wallington registered with the Turners' Company the terms of service of a journeyman, Obadiah Seeley, as the ordinances of the company required. The terms were recorded as "eight pounds per annum and meat and drink, etc." The entry also recorded that Seeley, the son of a Birmingham Panner³, had been apprenticed to Wallington for nine years at Michaelmas 1626.⁴

A turner mainly produced humble household articles and wares for industrial products; chairs, wooden bowls, shovels, scoops, bushel measures, washing tubs, wheels, pails, trays, spoons, pulleys, blocks, sheaves, deadeyes, maritime

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tackles, wooden bottles, etc. On a very bad sales day Wallington complained that he sold only "sack bottle, two pence; a pair of nipples, three pence; and a top, half penny."

Obadiah was released from apprenticeship in 1635 at age 21. Obadiah Seeley of Birmingham and London disappears from the Turner Company records prior to the appearance of Obadiah Seeley on Stamford records in 1642.⁵ For those seven years Obadiah has not been found in any records.

Obadiah Seeley, SGS#4, married Mary Miller, the widow of John Miller. (No definite proof has been found to show that her maiden name was Angel.) John Miller left England in 1630. He was listed as one of the first settlers of Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1636. George Slawson was in Massachusetts in 1637. Both George Slawson and John Miller migrated to Stamford, Connecticut in 1641. When John Miller moved to Stamford CT he received from the town a five acre house lot with marsh and upland as did the other settlers from Wethersfield. Miller died in 1642, soon after coming to Stamford, leaving three sons according to the inventory of his estate, recorded Dec. 24, 1665.

Miller's estate inventory reads

"The Court also orders that whereas that Sely built a house upon Millers Land The widow Sely shall enjoy the use of the house for her life time and then the house shall perteyn to children of Miller then paying to the children what it shall be worth as 2 indifferent men chosen by the Court shall award." The inventory was witnessed by John Holly and George Slawson.



A map of modern day Stamford, Conn, with an overlay of early American homesteads.

Note: Miller's inventory contained few carpentry tools. Therefore, Obadiah didn't inherit tools from Miller.

How/where did John Miller meet Obadiah to arrange for him to build the house? There is no evidence that they

knew each other before Stamford.

Obadiah Seeley in America

George Slawson's property adjoined Seeley's in Stamford (see map). George Slawson was originally from Southwark, across the Thames from London. Richard and Anne Slawson, parents of George Slawson, were married May 1, 1620 at St. Saviour Southwark, London. They remained in England when George went to America.

Did Obadiah live in Southwark, England between 1635 and 1642? In Southwark he would not have been bound by the powerful carpentry guilds of London. It would have



been a short trip for Obadiah to cross the Thames, living a few hundred feet from the bridge as noted by Wallington. According to his autobiography on two occasions Wallington went to Peckham alone at five in the morning. Peckham is a district in the London Borough of Southwark. He also recorded that his family tried to persuade him to accompany them on a spring-time expedition across the river to the fields of Peckham on the Surry side of the Thames. Did Obadiah meet the Slawson family, including George Slawson there?

Conclusions:

- When did Obadiah come to America? 1642⁸
- Did he cross the Thames into Southwark to learn about carpentry? Likely
- Did he know the Slawsons in Southwark? Likely
- Did he know John Miller before he arrived in Stamford? Probably not.

Footnotes:

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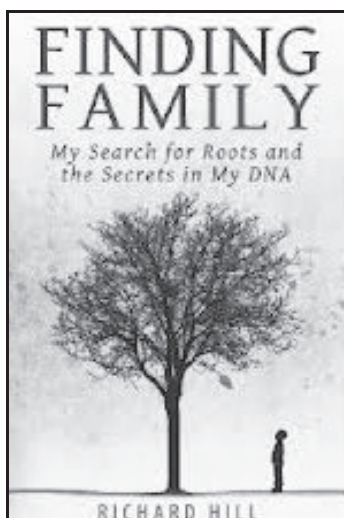
From PR Web

"Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA" is the first book to chronicle the paradigm-shifting application of genetic genealogy to adoption search. Author Richard Hill tells how DNA testing identified his deceased biological father and helped him reunite with his siblings.

November is National Adoption Month and the seven million U.S. adoptees will be thinking about their first families...the mothers who gave them up for adoption, the fathers who helped create them, and the biological siblings they never knew. A new book, Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA, gives a true and deeply personal account of adoptee Richard Hill's quest for his biological heritage. The cornerstone of the book is his landmark use of DNA testing to unravel the lies and secrets surrounding his birth.

Part memoir and part self-help guide, this book tells the story of an adopted man on a personal mission to reclaim the biological family denied him by sealed birth records. The author takes readers along on a quest that required rigorous research, decades of persistence, and ultimately the science of DNA.

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More information about Richard Hill's book, Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA, including early reviews and comprehensive media resources, can be found online at <http://FindingFamilyBook.com>. The book is available from Amazon.com and other online booksellers in both trade paperback and eBook editions.

About the Author: Richard Hill has made it his personal mission to share what he learned about DNA testing with other adoptees and genealogists. He does that through his web site, <http://www.DNA-Testing-Adviser.com>, speaking engagements, and now through the book that tells the whole story of this decades-long search, including his groundbreaking use of DNA testing.

Now retired from careers in science and marketing, Richard serves on the Advisory Board of the Mixed Roots Foundation where he is Co-Director of the Global Adoptee Genealogy Project. He lives in West Michigan with his wife of forty-four years.

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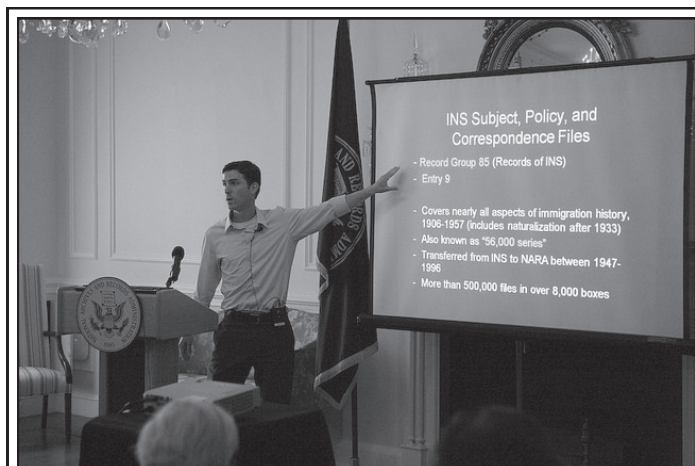
In addition to archival footage from our holdings, the

Letter from Paul Gould *(continued from page 5)*

noted for its castle built during the 16th century. The surname is first mentioned in 1124 in connection with Gauthier d' Orion.

Jean Doiron is believed to have arrived in Acadia around 1660 but he appears to have settled originally at Pentagouet (Castine, Maine). He later moved to Port Royal where, according to the 1686 census, he seems to have been newly settled there.

After his second marriage, around 1692, he established himself with his family at Pisiguit (Windsor, Nova Scotia) where his presence is recorded in 1693. His family numbered nineteen children. They remained in their



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community with the exception of Pierre who removed to Beaubassin, and of Noel who went to Cobequid.

Jean died around 1735 at the age of 86 and, therefore, did not undergo the ordeal of the Deportation. However, the families of his children and grandchildren were dispersed in America and in Europe. Several were deported to New England, notably to Maryland and South Carolina. Others fled to Ile-Saint-Jean (Prince Edward Is.), to northern New Brunswick and to Quebec.

Descendants of his son Charles are found on Prince Edward Island, in Quebec, and in the Caraquet area of New Brunswick.

SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of Oct. 26, 2012)

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 0902-2 Re Morris Seely of Dayton OH

Morris Seely born 1790-1800 NY was the mayor of Dayton for a short time in the 1840's and is known for designing a canal extension in Dayton called Seeley's Ditch. Morris appears to be the same Morris who made several land transfers in Benton, Ontario County (later Yates Co.) NY circa 1818. He md Catherine A Hoffman in 1827 in Dayton. We were trying to learn more about Morris's roots.

D. Casper Shahan has contacted SGS, also wanting to know more about Morris's early life. While this remains a mystery, Casper sent information about Morris and Catherine Seely's children and grandchildren. They include William Morris Seely, David W. Seely, Eliza Seely Antrim, Catherine J Seely Antrim, Anna M Seely Crawford, Martha J Seely Lukey and Jefferson Seely, all b. 1828-1843. The children and their descendants have been entered in the SGS database. If you would like a copy of the information please contact me.

New Queries

Query 1211-1 Submitted by Pat Perro (jperro6@yahoo.com)

Pat is wondering about Henry James Seeley and his photography business in Bridgeport, CT,

She found pictures in her mother's papers of what she thinks are relatives. She would like to know if anyone in SGS (or elsewhere of course) might have records of people who had their picture taken by Henry or his son Wilber (who took over the business).

SGS Response: Looking at the census Henry was working as a photographer by 1880 and until at least 1910. His son Wilbur Nash Seeley was b. in 1872. There are several photos by HJ Seeley and from the Seeley Warnock Studio in Bridgeport on ebay. If you can help Pat with her research please contact her and copy me.

Query 1211-2 Submitted by Virginia Tedeschi (vazoedylan@sbcglobal.net)

Estelle (Seeley) Stephens was the wife of Virginia's grandfather, Ernest Stephens who was born 1879 in Beeton, Ontario, Canada and died in 1967 in the Los Angeles, California area. Virginia doesn't have any information nor photos of Estella. She believes that her grandfather and Estella had three children - the first named Florence born circa 1905; her father Kenneth Stephens born in Spokane, Washington in October, 1909 and a third son named Charles. She thinks Charles was born after her father but she is not sure.

Virginia surmises that Estelle was born circa 1890 plus or minus 5 years. She has a copy of her father Kenneth's birth certificate which states that Estelle was born in Oregon. Her grandfather Ernest visited with her family three times during the 1950's in the Hartford, CT area however he never discussed with Virginia (I was 8 through 11 years) anything about his wifehe may have spoken about Estelle to Virginia's mother but she is deceased.

Virginia would like to make a connection with someone who may know more about her grandmother, Estelle Seeley Stephens and would especially like to find a photo of Estelle.

SGS Response: 1910 census Spokane, Spokane, WA

- Stephens, Earnest E., age 30 b. CAN, parents b. CAN, telegraph operator, md 5 yr to
- Stephens, Estella H age 23 b. OR, parents b. KS, 3 ch., 3 living
- Stephens, Florence C age 4, b. CA, father b. CAN, mother b. OR; Clarence E age 2, Kennet F age 6 mos., both b. WA, father b. CAN, mother b. OR

1920 census Chicago, Cook, IL

- Florence Stephens age 13 b. CA, CAN, OR is a lodger with the family of John and Martha Stueckemann where she is a maid doing housework

Also in Chicago:

- Kenneth Stevens age 11 b. CA, parents b. CA, boarding with George and Nellie Meier



Linda Crocker
SGS Query Editor

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Also in the Chicago Nursery and Half Orphan Society:

- Stevens, Chas age 6 b. CA, CAN, US

1920 census Bloom, Cook, IL

- Clarence Stephens age 11 b. WA, US, US is in the Manual(?) Training School for Boys

1930 census township 4, Shasta, CA

- Stephens, Earnest, age 50 b. MI, CAN, CAN, poultry man, married 25 years
- Stephens, Charles, son, age 18 b. CA, MI, KS, laborer
- next door
- Stephens, Fred age 55 b. CAN, CAN, CAN, poultry man, md 30 yrs to
- Stephens, Nettie age 54 b. CAN, CAN, CAN

In 1940 Earnest Stephens is still in Shasta County, CA, a farmer (age 60 b. FR-CAN, widowed) with lodger Harris W. Bean age 33, md., b. CA who also works on farm.

In 1916 I found an Earnest Stephens age 37 married, b. CAN, of CAN-Amer. citizenship working as an accountant in Winnipeg Manitoba, a roomer in home of Hubert and Nan Baylis

WA Birth Index

- Born at Spokane to Ernest Stephens and Stella Seley 1 Mar 1908, male and 22 Oct 1909, male

WWII Draft Registration

- Ernest Stephens b. 19 May 1879 Beeton, ONT, CAN, resides Palo Cedro, Shasta, CA, poultry raiser, names
- Fred Stephens of Buckeye, CA as someone who will always know his address

1881 census Tecumseth, Simcoe, Ontario, CAN

- Earnest Stephens age 2 and Fred age 6 are both ch. of John S and Ann Stephens

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- Ernest Stephens b. 19 May 1879, d. May 1967 - Long Beach, Los Angeles, California

CA Death Index

- Ernest Stephens, SSN: 545707695 b. 19 May 1879 Canada, d. 30 May 1967 Los Angeles Co. CA, mother's maiden name McKay
- Frederick S Stephens, b. 24 Nov 1874 Canada, d. 20 Sep 1950 Shasta Co. CA, mother's maiden name McKay, Father's surname: Stephens

CA Birth Index

- Charles Stephens b. 6 Jun 1913 in Alameda Co., mother's maiden name Suley

1900 census Maple Lane, Clackamas, OR

- Siley, Oscar b. Aug 1853 WI, OH, IN, laborer in paper mill, md 20 yr to
- Siley, Mary J b. Dec 1862 KS, GA, KS, 6 ch., 5 living
- Siley, Otis b. Jan 1886, Stella b. Apr 1887, Tunsey (?), son b. May 1890, Clarence b. Feb 1894, McKinley b. May 1896, all b. OR, WI, KS

1910 census Portland, Multnomah, OR

- McKinley Seley age 14 b. OR, MI, KS is in a detention home

WWI Draft:

- Clarence Oscar Seley b. 1 Feb 1894 at St John's OR, resides Lents OR, teamster, has wife, registered in Pacific Co. OR

1885 census Milford, Davis, KS

- Seely, George age 59 b. CANADA, to KS from IA
- Seely, Eliza age 57 b. NY
- Seely, Frank age 23, Eva age 21, George age 19, all b. IA

- Wells, Pearl, age 2 b. KS

Next door

- Seely, William age 29, b. WI
- Seely, Mary age 22 b. NY
- Seely, Will age 6 b. IA, Lilly age 2 b. KS

1880 census Milford, Davis, KS

- Seley, George H, age 54 b. CAN, ENG, ENg, farmer
- Seley, Betsey age 53 b. NY, NY, NY
- Seley, Oscar age 22 b. WI, CAN, NY
- Seley, Frank age 19, George age 14, Eva age 16 b. IA, CAN, NY

Next door:

- Seley, William age 23 b. WI, CAN, NY, farmer
- Seley, Mary age 25 b. MI, -, -
- Seley, William age 2, b. IA, WI, MI
- Zimmerman, Thomas age 23 b. NY, NY, NY, boarder, farm laborer

1870 census Jackson, Linn, IA

- Cely, George, age 44 b. CAN
- Cely, Betsy, aage 43 b. NY
- Cely, Wm age 15, Oscar age 12, both b. WI; Frank age 9, Eva age 6, Geo age 4, all b. IA

1860 census Anamosa, Jones, IA

- Seeley, George age 33 b. NY
- Seeley, Betsey age 33 b. NY
- Seeley, Edward age 13 b. NY, Charles age 9, Wm age 5, Oscar age 2, all b. WI

1850 Spring Prairie, Walworth, WI

- Seley, George, age 24, laborer, b. NY
- Seley, Betsy, age 23, b. NY
- Seley, Edwin, age 3, b. NY

Blodgett Cemetery, Jackson Twsp, Linn, IA

- Edwin L. Seley, s/o George & Betsey, d. 16 March 1866 age 19 yrs.

Obituary: Elizabeth Seley – December 8, 1902 – Milford, KS

Mrs. Elizabeth Seley was born Nov. 6, 1826, in Genesee County, N.Y. She was married to Geo. H. Seley, Jan. 1, 1845. They removed to Milford, Kas., in 1878, where she has since resided. Mr. Seley died in 1897. To them were born nine children, six of whom are living and mourn their mother's death. She lived a faithful and consistent Christian life for sixty years. She died at her home in Milford, December 8, 1902 after an illness of three months.

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From Findagrave:

- George H Seley b. 1826 NY, d. 26 Jul 1897 at Milford, Geary Co. KS, and his wife Betsey Elizabeth Worth Seley (1827-1902) share a tombstone in Milford Cemetery in Milford KS
- Oscar Seley b. 1858, died 1929 buried Multnomah Park Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah Co. OR

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In conclusion Estella seems to be the dau. of Oscar and Mary Seley and the granddaughter of George H and Betsey Worth Seley. We do not know the ancestry of George H. Seley. If you recognize this family please let us know.

Query 1211-3 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris was working on the database and noticed that we had 2 different wives listed for Leonard Johnson Seely of NJ. Leonard is a son of William and Hannah/Ann Sickles Seely and grandson of John Seely d. 1825 Monmouth NJ and Phoebe Truax. We do not know John Seely's lineage.

In the database we had Leonard md to Catherine M Van Emburgh and also to Catherine M. Walter. There is nothing except the two names to suggest that Leonard was married twice.

SGS Response: 1900 census Kearney Ward 4, Hudson, NJ

- Folkman, Charles b. June 1868 NY, IRE, DEN, painter md 12 yr to
- Folkman, Frances b. Aug 1874 NJ, NJ, IRE, 4 ch., 3 living
- Folkman, Charles b. Oct 1889, Henry b. Jan 1894, Frances b. Feb 1898, all b. NJ, NY, NJ
- Seely, Leonard J., uncle b. May 1818 NJ, NJ, NJ, widower
- (Several Van Emburgh families further up the page)

Is Frances or Charles a Van Emburgh relative?

1900 census Harrison, Hudson, NJ

- Walter, John B. b. July 1863 NY, GER, GER, bottler, md 12 yr to
- Walter, Elizabeth b. Jan 1858 NJ, NJ, NJ, 4 ch., 2 living
- Walter, Katherine b. May 1888, Olive May b. July 1897, both b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, Minnie, sis-in-law b. June 1870 NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, Leonard J, father-in-law b. May 1818 NJ, NJ, NJ

• (In 1910 the family is just John H., Elizabeth and Olive)

1880 census Harrison, Hudson, NJ

- Seely, Lenard, age 63 b. NJ, NJ, NJ, boiler maker
- Seely, Cathrine M age 60 b. NJ
- Seely, Alice V age 26, Elizabeth age 23, works in tailor shop, Minnie age 12, all b. NJ, NJ, NJ

1870 census Harrison, Hudson, NJ

- Seally, Leonard, age 53, b. NJ, boiler Maker
- Seally, Catherine, age 48 b. NJ
- Seally, Richard age 23, Alice age 20, Samuel age 16, Elizabeth age 14, all b. NJ

1860 census Harrison, Hudson, NJ

- Seely, Leonard J age 42, b NJ, boiler Maker
- Seely, Catherine M age 40 b. NJ
- Seely, Leonard W age 18, saddle maker, Mary age 16, Richard M age 12, Henry age 11, Samuel F age 10, Alice V age 7, Elizabeth age 4, all b. NJ

(Cannot find them in 1850)

1920 census Harrison, Hudson, NJ

- Walter, John age 58 b. NY, GER, GER, street car conductor

- Walter, Elizabeth age 62 b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Wagner, Catherine, dau. age 30 b. NJ, NJ, NJ, md
- Walter, Olive, dau. age 21, single
- Wagner, John, grson age 2 yr 6 mos b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Wagner, John, son-in-law age 33 b. NJ, NJ, NJ, electrician
- Kissto, Owen, roomer age 22 b. NY, NY, NY, street car conductor

1930 census Harrison, Hudson, NJ

- Wagner, John age 43 b. NJ, GER, GER, iron worker md 21 yr to
- Wagner, Katherine age 36 b. NJ, NJ, GER
- Wagner, John Jr age 12, Grethel age 10. both b. NJ, NJ, NJ

(In 1940 in Kathryn M Wagner age 52 and son John O age 22, paper co. messenger are still in Harrison with many lodgers living with them)

This research shows that Leonard and Catherine Seely's daughter Elizabeth married John Walter and had a daughter named Catherine/Katherine who married John Wagner. I am supposing that a submitter transcribing their records got confused with all the Catherines and Johns and entered Leonard's wife as Catherine Walter instead of Van Emburgh by mistake. If you can find proof of the surname of Leonard J Seely's wife I would love to hear from you.

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