

The SGS 2013 International Reunion is Just Around the Corner!

Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 8 - 11, 2013

**Excellent
Guest Speakers!
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**Register Soon!
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Form on Page 7**

**Our Grand Time in Grand
Rapids Will Include Tours!
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Updated Schedule of Events for the SGS Reunion

Plans for the 2013 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion to be held Thursday, Aug. 8 to Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013 continue to develop. The latest schedule of events is below. The reunion will be held at the Hilton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel - 4747 28th Street, SE, Grand Rapids, MI. Here is a tentative, overall schedule:

Thursday, August 8, 2013

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Hospitality Room - Thorn Apple Room

9:00 a.m. to Noon Registration - Main Lobby

9:30 a.m. to Noon SGS Elected and Appointed Officers Meeting to include reports by elected and appointed board members. Agenda to be published in advance of meeting. Site selection recommendation will be determined. Any interested party is invited to attend.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tours leaving from the Hotel. You may choose from the Gerald Ford Museum, or a Heritage Hill tour including the Meyer May home, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner with Speakers: Linda Crocker, Chris Havnar and Kathie Olsen will demonstrate how to search and locate genealogical information from the Internet in *Who Do You Think He/She Is?* This information will be useful in your individual searches.

Friday, August 9, 2013

Breakfast and Lunch on your own

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Hospitality Room - Thorn Apple Room

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 to noon Tours leaving from the Hotel. You may choose from the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park or the Grand Rapids Public Library History and Special Collections.

Noon to 1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Opening Session

- Keynote by Tim Gleisner, Grand Rapids Library, History and Special Collections Supervisor: A Brief



History of the Settlement of Michigan and Grand Rapids.

- Seeleys in early Michigan presented by Roeberta Shingledecker, Marion Hileman, Mary Palley, Paul Seeley, and Walt Seeley.
- Volunteer to tell about your ancestor! The presentations will be about five to 15 minutes each.

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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

I am looking forward to being together in Grand Rapids for our 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 hotel is conveniently located, and close to the airport with free shuttle service. It has an exercise room, a lovely pool and a hot tub. 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 opportunity to visit with one another and find out again what a great family we belong to! Thanks to the 2013 Reunion Committee for all the work they have done to make this an enjoyable conference. Mark your calendars now and please plan to attend! The registration form is in this newsletter. Thank you for registering early.



Much care has been taken to select the meals the group will enjoy at the hotel! The price of meals covers not only the food we eat, the servers, etc. but also the cost of renting the meeting rooms. SGS does have a minimum amount that we must spend for the meals arranged. The Saturday picnic will be especially fun for all! We hope some of our Grand Rapids Seeleys will join us and stay to hear the presentation by Carol Seeley Scott and the Saturday evening presentation by Jack Dempsey.

This is a beautiful area where many Seeley (of various spellings) families settled. At the conclusion of this conference, it is my hope that we will know more about these people and many more people who called this area home.

Site selection for the next reunion will be determined by nominations being submitted to the executive board. The executive board will consider the nominations at the Thursday morning board meeting. They will present their recommendation to the members at the membership meeting for their approval. The site selection form is printed in this newsletter. Please take the time now to think about a great place for the next reunion and submit a nomination to me before July 29, 2013.

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.

Keeping up the membership numbers is important to the well-being of SGS as an organization. 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 for membership information.

Mark your calendars now to join us for the reunion. You can come early and stay late, there are lots of things to see and do! Encourage all your Seeley (no matter how you spell it) relatives to be there. It is always grand to be together!

An Assignment from the SGS Historian

Everyone is invited to participate in an interesting project. If possible, would anyone who has been an SGS officer, or member of any committee, please bring a photograph of themselves to the next SGS reunion. The reunion will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan Aug. 8-11. The photographs will be placed on a special wall of the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan. Also please include your name and what office or committee position you held. Thank you,

Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, SGS Historian



Nominations Sought for SGS Board of Directors

Story by Linda Crocker, SGS Nominations Committee Chair

Some currently serving Seeley Genealogical Society officers will not be running for re-election. 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 the nominating committee know who they are!

None of the jobs 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 those who can make the trip meet in Abilene Kan. at the Seelye Research Center in late April/early May.

Specific duties include:

1st VP: 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 VP: 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



The 2011-2013 SGS Board of Directors discuss society business at a board of directors meeting held at the Seelye Research Center, Abilene, Kan. in April 2012.

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 or a member of the nominating committee or SGS President Kathie Olsen.

Nominating Committee Members:

Chair: Linda Crocker (llbc100@msn.com)

Camille Bell (onthego801@gmail.com)

Marshall Seelye, am815@localnet.com

Time flies! Contact us today with your suggestion of a nominee or let us know that you are willing to serve.

Reunion Schedule of Events (continued from page 1)

- Please contact Kathie Olsen if you would like to present.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Presentations by Walt Seelye, *Firefighting in Colonial Times* and Jesse Crisler, *Seeleys: A Sure Foundation*.

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Breakfast on your own, Dinner on your own

7:00 a.m. to midnight Hospitality Room - Thorn Apple Room

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Membership Meeting will include brief reports on the "State of the Society", elections, vote on changes to the by-laws, vote on 2015 reunion site selection recommendations from SGS board, and new business. All interested persons are invited to attend.

11:00 a.m. Group photo

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Picnic Lunch in the Hotel Courtyard.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Speaker: Carol Seeley Scott, author of *The Eel Catcher's Travels: Robert Seeley 1602-1667*. Her topic will be *Family History: Fact or Fiction* followed

by questions and book signing. Books will be for sale.

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. New SGS Elected and Appointed Officers Meeting

7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Speaker: Jack Dempsey, author of *Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice*, a 2012 Michigan Notable Book. He will recount the history of a Seeley woman who served in the Civil War.

- Awards and Recognition Ceremony
- Installation of Officers for 2013 - 2015
- Cash bar, soft drinks, juice and birthday cake to honor our special guest, Carol Seeley Scott.

Sunday, August 11, 2013

11:00 a.m. Farewell Breakfast

A late check-out time will be arranged for those leaving the hotel after breakfast.

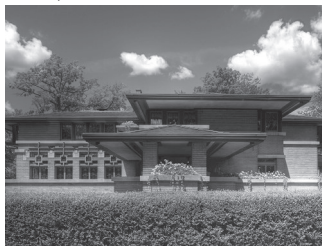
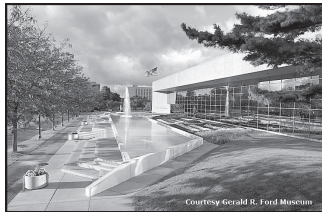
This is going to be "GRAND!" Please register early using the registration form in this newsletter. Please make sure completed forms and checks are received by Kathie Olsen before Monday, July 29, 2013.

Tours Planned for Grand Rapids Reunion - 2013

Story by Kathie Olsen, SGS President

Four wonderful tours have been arranged for reunion participants and it will be hard to pick which two to go with!

- Permanent exhibits are the core of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum's program. They allow visitors to participate in history, not just view it, while reviewing the highlights of the lives of President and Mrs. Ford. In addition to the permanent exhibits, a succession of temporary exhibits draw upon the rich holdings of the entire Presidential libraries system, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives, and others.
- "Heritage Hill is a neighborhood in Grand Rapids and is one of the largest urban historic districts in the United States. A number of architectural styles are included... These were the homes of lumber barons, teachers, judges, and legislators who shaped the city's future. There is also a Prairie Style house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright which was built in 1908-09." "As a meticulous restoration complete with original furnishings and faithfully executed reproductions, the Meyer May



house provides the rare opportunity to experience a Prairie house exactly as he intended."

- "There are many areas within the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park to explore including the indoor gardens such as the tropical conservatory, Victorian, carnivorous, and arid gardens, as well as the outdoor areas like the Children's Garden, Michigan's Farm Garden, seasonal gardens, a world-class Sculpture Park and meandering nature trails and boardwalk." We will have a docent led tour of the indoor area and a tram ride through the outdoor area! This group can take advantage of lunch in the Cafe.
- The Grand Rapids Public Library, located in Grand Rapids, MI, was founded in 1871 and has a sizable local history collection and special collection section. The supervisor, Tim Gleisner will conduct a tour and then assist us in using the collection. If you plan to work on your genealogy check out the library's genealogy resources at <http://grplpedia.grpl.org/wiki/index.php/Genealogy>



SGS Reunion in Grand Rapids to Feature a Variety of Speakers

Story by Kathie Olsen, SGS President

The presentations for the SGS reunion in Grand Rapids have been arranged are all going to be "grand." Here's a rundown:

- Thursday evening; Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist and Query Editor; Chris Havnar, SGS Assistant Genealogist and Webmaster and Kathie Olsen, SGS President will demonstrate how to search and locate genealogical information from the internet in *Who Do We Think He/She Is?* This information will be useful to you in your individual searches.
- Friday afternoon, Tim Gleisner, Grand Rapids Public Library, History and Special Collections Supervisor will deliver the keynote address, *A Brief History of the Settlement of Michigan and Grand Rapids*. In addition, SGS members will introduce us to their Seeley ancestors.
- Friday evening, Walt Seelye, DNA Lineage Project Manager, has put together an informative presentation, *Firefighting in Colonial Times*. Jesse Crisler, will present *Seeleys: A Firm Foundation*. This will highlight buildings and other structures named after Seeleys/Seelyes/Seelys in many locations.
- Saturday afternoon, Carol Seeley Scott will discuss her new book, *The Eel Catcher's Travels: Robert Seeley 1602 -1667*. There was a review of this book in the February 2013 newsletter. Copies of the book will

be for sale. She will be happy to sign your copy! It will be her birthday and we want to celebrate with her! There will be birthday cake at the evening meeting!

- Saturday evening, Jack Dempsey, President of the Michigan Historical Commission, Chairman of Michigan History Foundation, former Assistant Attorney General for State of Michigan and attorney at law, will



Tim Gleisner, Grand Rapids Public Library, History and Special Collections Supervisor will deliver Friday's keynote address.

discuss his new book, *Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice* which includes the account of a Seeley woman from Michigan who served in the Civil War. This book was named a Michigan Notable Book for 2012.

SGS Reunion Speaker: Carol Seeley Scott, Author, Educator

Provided by Carol Scott Seeley

On a wall in my bedroom hangs this motto: "I wasn't born in the South, but I got here as soon as I could".

That happened when my father, Walter James Seeley, took a position in the Engineering Department of the newly-formed Duke University, later becoming its Dean of the College of Engineering, and we moved from Philadelphia, where I was born, to Durham, N.C.

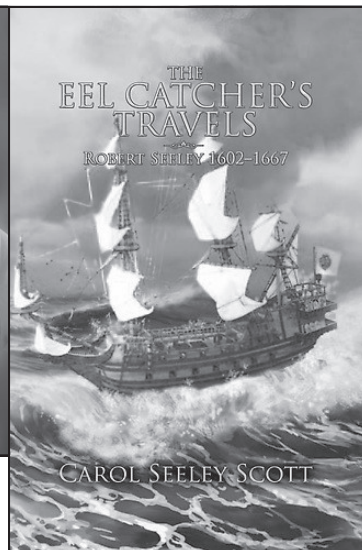
I grew up with Duke, and earned a B.A. there, later followed by degrees in Library Science and Education from other institutions.

My dear husband, H.A. Scott, and I in 55 years produced five children and nine grandchildren (followed since by two great-grands), all of whom are interesting individuals (none have become psychologist/teachers or librarians like H.A. and me). We lived in Rock Hill, S. C. for over 50 years.

When it was time for the oldest two to enter college, we needed extra income and I went back to my profession and became a high school librarian for 25 years. I have also been a county librarian and a college reference librarian.

I have been fortunate to be able to travel extensively, first with H.A. and later with other family members. Last November I visited my sixth continent – Australia. But I am not considering adding Antarctica!

My other interests besides family and travel are



research and writing --- as you can see from my book, *The Eel-Catcher's Travels*.

I feel that I have inherited Robert Seeley's traveling gene, but my other genes have come from other Seeleys down the line.

Six years ago I moved back to Durham and now live at a wonderful, very active retirement community, The Forest at Duke, and am – you guessed it!—Librarian here, where I find my clientele very rewarding and appreciative.

SGS Reunion Speaker: Jack Dempsey, Author, Attorney at Law

Compiled from Online Sources

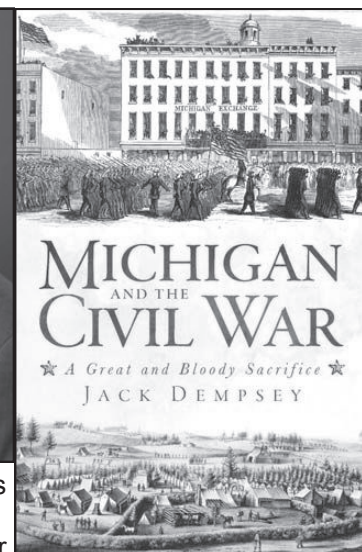
Jack Dempsey is author of *Michigan and the Civil War: A Great and Bloody Sacrifice* (The History Press; Feb. 2011), and co-author of *Ink Trails: Michigan's Famous and Forgotten Authors* (MSU Press; Aug. 2012). He is president of the Michigan Historical Commission and chairman of the Michigan History Foundation.

He is prominent in the Michigan Civil War community and runs a popular Michigan in the Civil War blog. He is also a member of the Historical Society of Michigan and a color bearer with the Civil War Preservation Trust.

"My fascination with the American Civil War dates from sometime around the 2nd or 3rd grade," says Dempsey's bio on the Michigan Civil War Blog. "I remember waiting for 'The Americans,' an NBC show about two brothers who fought for opposite sides in the [Civil War]. The first episode aired Jan. 23, 1961, when I was eight."

"When my fiancé and I were dating, eastern [Civil War] battlefields were a regular event. Once married, my bride and I toured them again--in order of occurrence," the bio says. "More recently I've come to realize that Michigan's key contributions to saving the Nation are not appropriately recognized or appreciated. This blog is part of an effort to rectify this error."

Born in Detroit, Mich., Dempsey graduated in 1974 from Michigan State University, James Madison College, with a B.A. that included a history minor. He received a J.D. degree from The George Washington University in 1977 and has practiced law ever since. Aside from three years in law school and three in Chicago at Winston &



Strawn, he has spent his life in Michigan.

Dempsey is a member at the law firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC in its Ann Arbor office. During 30+ years of practice, Dempsey successfully tried numerous contested case matters before federal and state public utility commissions.

Beginning in 1980 as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan, Jack served as first-chair litigator in hearings involving multi-million dollar issues. He assisted clients through the rulemaking process, including successful challenges on appeal. His experience earned him seats in national and state bar organizations devoted to the study and improvement of administrative law.

Proposed Changes to the SGS Constitution and By-Laws

George Seeley, Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair

There are two issues that need to be addressed, and both require changes to the SGS governing documents. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, changes will need to be approved by a three-fifths majority vote at the next reunion which occurs Aug. 8-11 in Grand Rapids, Mich. These proposed changes must be published in the newsletter a minimum of three months in advance of the vote.

In order to meet IRS requirements to file for non-profit tax exempt status, we must have a provision in our Constitution directing how assets will be distributed should the organization be dissolved. The general rule is that any remaining funds must be dispersed to a 501(c)(3) entity. This will be accomplished by adding a new ARTICLE VI.

The second issue is that there is a discrepancy between the wording in the Constitution and the By-Laws regarding the frequency of publication of the newsletter.

Below are listed the proposed changes. New text will be in bold format.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE II: Objectives

SECTION 2. Modify line 3, "for it's members and for posterity" to read **for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity**. This wording strengthens our position under the IRS definition as an educational entity.

ARTICLE VI : Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution

of the Seeley Genealogical Society

SECTION 1. At the time that dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society becomes necessary, all remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more entities that are involved in collecting, disseminating and archiving genealogical information and making such information available for general public use. The Board of Directors shall distribute such remaining assets to such entities with similar objectives as outlined in the SGS Constitution, provided that they meet IRS Section 501(c)(3) requirements.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV Duties of Appointed Officers

Replace SECTION 1 with a new SECTION 1 as follows:

The Publications Editor shall be responsible for the organization, printing and mailing of the Seeley Genealogical Society newsletter. In addition to the newsletter, the Publications Editor shall be responsible for the publishing of and/or providing oversight for other publications of the SGS. The newsletter shall include inquiries submitted to the SGS for general membership response. A close liaison must be maintained with the Membership Chair, Chief Genealogist and appointed associate editor(s) to perform these duties.



Site Location Nomination Form

FOR THE

SGS 2015 International Reunion

NOTE: Please send to the SGS President by July 29, 2013.

Kathie Olsen, 777 E. South Temple, Apt. 13H, Salt Lake City, UT 84102, (801) 355-0301, katherinemolsen@gmail.com

I WOULD LIKE THE SGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPOINTED OFFICERS TO CONSIDER AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE 2015 REUNION THE FOLLOWING CITY:

SPECIAL CONNECTIONS TO SGS OR SEELEY FAMILY MEMBERS:

CONVENIENT LOCATION, TRANSPORTATION, PRICE CONSIDERATIONS, ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, OR POTENTIAL SPEAKERS (PLEASE EXPLAIN):

I am willing to serve on the committee if this site is selected

☐ YES ☐ NO

NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST)

SIGNATURE

Please include a local brochure produced by the tourist bureau.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER



Registration Form

SGS 2013 International Reunion

Grand Rapids, Michigan

August 8 - 11, 2013

ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST): SEELEY LINE (ROBERT, OBADIAH, OTHER):	STREET ADDRESS:
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LODGING

CALL THE HILTON GRAND RAPIDS AIRPORT HOTEL (616-957-9072, JANET WILSON, 8:00 - 4:00 EDT, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY) FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013 TO GET THE GROUP RATE OF \$89.00 PER NIGHT PLUS TAX (\$102.35). MENTION SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. SPECIFY HANDICAP ACCOMMODATIONS, IF NEEDED. SPECIFY A KING BED OR 2 DOUBLE BEDS. THIS IS A NO SMOKING HOTEL. YOU CAN ALSO USE A WEB-LINK - <http://bit.ly/YnvxJv>

REUNION EXPENSES

FULL REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
DAILY REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses)	# OF DAYS:	@\$7.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY TOUR – GERALD R. FORD MUSEUM (SGS Members Provide Transpo.)	# ATTENDING:	@\$7.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY TOUR – HERITAGE HILL AND MEYER MAY HOME (Guide on Bus)	# ATTENDING:	@\$39.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER (Chicken Romano)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER (BBQ Pork Loin With Michigan Apple Chutney)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY TOUR - FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK (Guided Indoor Tour And Outdoor Tram Tour) (SGS Members Provide Transportation)	# ADULTS:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
	# AGE 3-18:	@\$6.50 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY TOUR - GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY (History/Special Collections) (Tour And Time To Use The Facility) (Transportation Provided To/From Library)	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER (Parmesan Whitefish)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER (Herb Chicken)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY PICNIC – JOHNSON MEMORIAL "HOT OFF THE GRILL BUFFET"	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 (\$7.50 <AGE 13)	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY PICNIC (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SUNDAY LATE BREAKFAST ("American Breakfast")	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SUNDAY LATE BREAKFAST - (Special Dietary Need - Please Notify Kathie Olsen)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
			TOTAL:

ALL MEALS ARE AT THE HOTEL. IF YOU ARE ONLY ATTENDING ONE EVENT, THE REGISTRATION FEE IS WAIVED.

SEND CHECK (PAYABLE TO SGS) ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:

**KATHERINE M. OLSEN, PRESIDENT
SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
777 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE, APT. 13H
SALT LAKE CITY UT 84102-1214**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KATHIE AT 801-355-0301 OR KATHERINEMOLSEN@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE KATHIE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS, MEAL TICKETS AND REGISTRATION PACKETS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECKS ARE RECEIVED BY KATHIE OLSEN BEFORE MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013 BECAUSE SHE IS LEAVING EARLY FOR THE REUNION.

SGS MUST CONFIRM NUMBER OF MEALS AND PARTICIPATION IN TOURS NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013.

From the SRC Librarian: A Wrap-Up of an Archives Workshop

Submitted by Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian



At the beginning of April, I attended a basic archives workshop in Topeka, Kan. This was presented by the Kansas State Historical Records Advisory Board in cooperation with the Kansas Historical Society and consisted of a two day seminar.

Even though some of the material was a bit above my head, I came away with a renewed outlook

regarding our archives that are stored in Abilene, Kan. One thing I realized is that we as an organization have never formalized our views regarding the Seelye Research Center as to what we want and don't want housed there. I think the upcoming reunion would be a good time to start the discussion.

As a member of SGS, what would you like to see in the collection at the SRC? Think about it and drop me an email before we go to Grand Rapids so I can gather your ideas together for discussion in the coming months.

One of the presentations given at the workshop concerned preservation and protection of your collection. The main idea behind this presentation is that no storage area is perfect and that you must do the best with what you've got. Two of things to try and control in your storage

area are humidity and temperature. You want to have an area with a humidity level around 30% and a temperature that doesn't fluctuate too much.

Sometimes you can't control how hot or cold an area is, but preventing temperature swings is much more effective at preserving your papers. You also want to try and keep items off of floors to help prevent mold and insect damage, and make sure you use the proper medium for storing your materials, avoiding items with PVC in them.

Last but not least, as reported in the last newsletter, make a disaster/emergency plan. The day most used by organizations for reviewing their plans is May 1st otherwise known as Mayday, why not adopt this for your planning day as well? An excellent resource for making your plan that was presented at the conference, is the Council of State Archivists booklet called "Rescuing Family Records" by David W. Carmicheal. In it you will find a checklist that covers things I never thought of when planning for an emergency. If you are interested, you can go to www.StateArchivists.org to order your own copy.

I can't believe we're almost ready for our reunion in Grand Rapids. I hope to see everyone there and I look forward to hearing about the types of plans you have come up with. Safe journeys to everyone and I'll see you in August.

Documenting SGS: The History of Our Family History

Submitted by Jim Seeley, SGS Past President

Several years ago, the Seeley Genealogical Society adopted an initiative to document what we do for record and historical purposes. The idea was to have available answers to questions like:

1. How many members did we have in (pick a year)?
2. Has the dues-paying membership increased or decreased since that time?
3. What was our financial condition in (pick a year)?
4. Has our financial condition improved?
5. What significant events happened in the past?
6. Who were the major players/volunteers in our Society?
7. What were our objectives and did we meet them?
8. How have we documented our family ancestral lines?
9. How have we made our Seeley data available to members and Seeley researchers?
10. What research has SGS funded and where do we find the results?

Currently we document SGS in the following ways:

1. The SGS Newsletter (published quarterly).
2. The Reunion Souvenir Book (published semi-annually).
3. The Seeley website at www.seeley-society.net (continuously updated and continuously available).

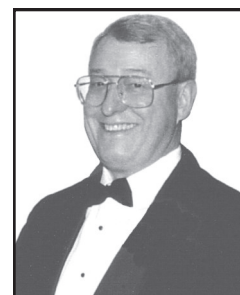
Some "Histories of SGS" have been written in the past and they are very interesting. However, they have some shortcomings: they covered only a few years of time and they didn't address financial or membership information among other significant topics.

I believe the three ways we are currently documenting SGS are sufficient if we do the following:

1. Each SGS Reunion speaker provides the SGS President and SGS Publications Editor a typewritten copy of their speech or an outline of sufficient detail to permit the reader to understand their briefing objectives.
2. Continue publishing a Reunion Souvenir Book with essentially the same content and format as has been done in the past, but add more membership details and Society financial trend data.
3. Continue making available on the SGS website copies of SGS Newsletters, SGS Reunion Souvenir Books, research reports, queries, DNA Project results, and data and information the webmaster decides to post.
4. Continue publishing a quarterly SGS Newsletter.

A more detailed version of this approach has been provided to SGS leadership. If there is agreement on this approach to documenting SGS, then I recommend any new efforts to write an SGS History be cancelled and past written histories be archived at the Seelye Research Center and on the Seeley website. The duties of the SGS Historian should then be to ensure the approach to documenting SGS, as approved by the Executive Board, is continuously and vigorously implemented.

I suggest SGS Member comments be sent to the SGS President and SGS History Committee (Ruthetta Hansen and Wesley Waring). Contact data is on page 15.



Historic Societies and Other Groups Offer Great Networking Opportunities

Submitted by Walt Seelye, SGS DNA Project Manager

If you are a descendant of Robert Seeley, here are two lineage societies which might interest you:

1. The Winthrop Society, Descendants of the Great Migration, 1630-1635

Winthrop Society is not those Separatists who founded Plimoth Plantation in 1620 (that's my wife's folks); it is the Puritans who settled Boston in 1630, just Johnnies-come-Lately, she says. Robert came in the original Winthrop Fleet. They have a growing archive of research. Much more information is on their website, <http://www.winthropsociety.com>.

When I joined Winthrop Society, I took advantage of established research and saved the Winthrop Registrar a lot of time by using the SGS CD (<http://www.seeley-society.net/seeleybook.html>) containing the research done by Kathie Olsen, Madeline Mills et al. I sent a copy of the CD with my application, printouts of the pages from the CD showing my descent from Robert to Seth Seelye (SGS #2056, listed on the CD), plus documentation linking me to Seth. If you wish to join, I suggest that you use the same technique of tracing your descent on the SGS CD to a Robert descendant listed on the SGS CD, then documenting your link to that descendant, and then referring the Winthrop Registrar to the CD used in Walt Seelye's application, Member #10818.

Application to Winthrop costs \$30; then an Annual Member pays \$80 Enrollment fee, and \$20/year thereafter; or a Life Member pays \$30 Application and a one-time fee of \$350. Membership includes a semiannual newsletter. There is an annual meeting in April, and the Society participates in Boston Charter Day in September.

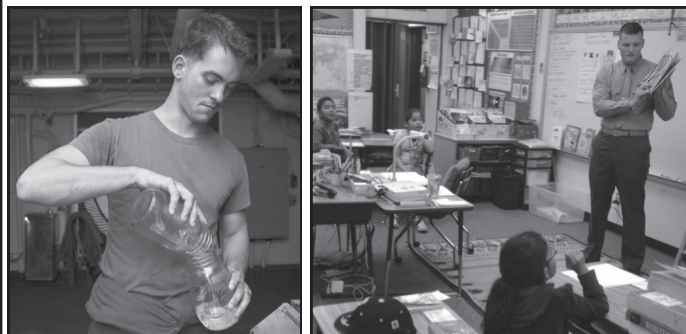
2. Descendants of Sheriffs & Constables of Colonial & Antebellum America

Sheriffs & Constables honors law enforcement officials in Colonial times up to the Civil War. This includes sheriffs, constables, and many others. The office of County Sheriff is the oldest law enforcement office known within the common-law system. Find out more at <http://sheriffsandconstables.org>. Robert Seeley was a Marshal of New Haven, CT, in 1639. The "record copy" of my Winthrop application, approved, signed & dated by the Winthrop Society Registrar, proved my link to Robert Seeley, and was accepted by S&C.

Sheriffs & Constables has a one-time \$235 fee. They also have an annual meeting in April in Washington, DC, and publish a newsletter.

Both organizations are looking for new members and would be glad to hear from you. If I can help you or answer some questions, please contact me: My contact information is on page 15.

Seeley Military Notes



(Above Left) Lance Cpl. Austin B. Seely, CH-53E crew chief, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364 (Rein.), 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, cleans a fuel sample kit on USS Peleliu, March 22. Seely, 23, is from Minneapolis, Minn., and is married. He chose to become a crew chief because he wanted the opportunity to fly and see the scenery nearby. He wanted to become a Marine because he wanted to be a part of the best. His hobbies on ship include going to the gym and keeping in contact with friends and family. Seely's favorite part of the deployment was the training and experience he gained and is looking forward to going to the beach when he gets home. The 15th MEU is deployed as part of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group as a U.S. Central Command theater reserve force, providing support for maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. John Robbart III)

(Above Right) Lance Cpl. Joshua Seeley, an aircraft electronics technician with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Training Squadron 303, Marine Corps Air Station Camp Pendleton, Calif., reads to students at Miller Elementary School, in Escondido, Calif., March 1. Marines from HMLAT-303 participated in the school's Read Across America Event, celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday, by reading and spending time with children from the local community. (U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Ryan Carpenter)

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.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

Not sure if your dues are due?

Check out the address label on this issue of the Newsletter.

The second line gives you the month and year your dues are paid to. For example:

Paul & Carolyn Taylor
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Virginia Beach, VA 23456

08/13 means Paul & Carolyn's dues are paid up to August 2013

SGS Member Judge Richard L. Speer, 71, Aug. 14, 1941 - April 3, 2013

Published online by the Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home



The Honorable Richard L. Speer, Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Ohio, died Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center, Toledo, Ohio. He was born in Norwalk, Ohio on and resided in Port Clinton, Ohio. Judge Speer, an active member of SGS, was a 14th generation descendant of Robert Seeley (1602-1667). His line is: Richard Lyle Speer, Lyle Lafallete Speer, Steve Speer, Ida May Coddington, Marietta Arabell Seeley, Jesse, David, Jesse, Samuel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Robert

Judge Speer was the 2nd longest serving judge in the United States, including the U.S. Supreme Court, having been appointed to the bench in 1975 and overseeing 114, 464 cases. A longtime resident of Port Clinton, Ohio, Judge Speer was a native of Norwalk, Ohio. He was born on August 14, 1941, a son of Lyle & Ruth (Gredys) Speer. On November 9, 1968, he married the former Anita Gailitis.

Judge Speer was a graduate of Ohio Northern University with a bachelor of education degree from the College of Liberal Arts and a Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law. Before being named to his present position, he was a high school teacher in Castalia, Ohio, an assistant attorney general for the State of Ohio, a lawyer in general practice with Reinheimer & Reinheimer, Port Clinton, and Rosentreter, Zeitzheim, & Speer, Oak Harbor, Ohio. Judge Speer was also an instructor of real estate law at Terra Community College, Fremont, Ohio, and in 1978, he received the Outstanding Real Estate Instructor Award.

Active and well known in Masonic circles, Judge Speer received his 33rd degree in 1985, which is the highest honor in Scottish Rite Masonry. He joined Masonry in Ada Lodge, F. & A.M., and later transferred to Oliver H. Perry Lodge, #341, F. & A.M., Port Clinton, where he served as Worshipful Master. He was a Past High Priest of the former Lake Erie Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Port Clinton, and a member of Sandusky City Chapter, R.A.M.; Past Illustrious Master of the former Gibraltar Council, Royal & Select Masons, and a member of Sandusky City Council, R. & S.M. Judge Speer was a Past Commander of Erie Commandery #23, Knights Templar, Sandusky, Ohio. He has received the Knight of the York Cross of Honour distinction. Joining the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo in 1969, Judge Speer served as Scottish Rite Ambassador to his Lodge for several years. He is also a Past Sovereign Master of Portage Council, Allied Masonic Degrees, and a member of the Key to the Sea Council. He was a member of Zenobia Shrine, Toledo; the North Central Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Port Clinton Chapter #267, Order of the Eastern Star; and Singara Grotto, Sandusky. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross and the DeMolay Legion of Honour.

A voracious reader, Judge Speer had a keen interest in Civil War and World War II history, and genealogy. Known for his strong character and his acerbic, dry humor, Judge Speer possessed an amusing quirkiness that endeared him to his friends and family. He had a brilliant mind and was known for his "Speerisms".

A man of many interests and passions, Judge Speer always placed his family first. He is survived by his wife of over 44 years, Anita Speer; children, Gretchen (Frank) Sivinski, Norwalk, Ohio, and Richard (Leslie) Speer, Jr., Toledo, Ohio; grandchildren, Nicholas, Steven, Jillian, Alexander, Zachary, and Kyle; sisters, Leslie (Gale) Wiswell, Castalia, Ohio, and Deborah Speer, Toledo; brother, William (Kathy) Speer, Akron, Ohio; one nephew and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Commandery services were held at Neidecker, LeVeck & Crosser Funeral Home in Port Clinton Sunday April 7. Private family services were held April 9, with interment in the Masonic Garden of Meadow Green Memorial Park, Huron, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by
SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker
(Data Current as of April 19, 2013)*

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 page 15). 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 0605-5 Re Samuel Seelye b. b. 6 Aug 1778, VT, d. 27 Apr 1854, Greenup, KY

Samuel married, in Whitehall, Washington, NY in 1802, Electa Fuller, b. 19 Jun 1783 or 1785, d. 14 Apr 1871, OH. Jean Seeley (djseeley@adelphia.net), the original submitter wanted to know the parentage of

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Linda Crocker
SGS Query Editor

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Samuel and Electa. DNA analysis of a descendant showed that Samuel is in the Robert, Nathaniel line.

Since the last newsletter I have exchanged several emails with Beverly Dennis (msde140@bellsouth.net). She has been trying to establish a connection between this Samuel and Benjamin Seeley, a Rev. War patriot. Beverly believes that Samuel is a son of Nathaniel Seelye, SGS# 272 who is a son of Benjamin and husband of Lucy Graves. SGS only lists one son for Nathaniel: John Seelye b. abt 1771 New Fairfield CT.

Beverly has put together the following analysis: Family tradition has it that Samuel Seeley is the son of Nathaniel Seeley and Lucy Graves Seeley. Samuel lists his birthplace as Vermont in 1778. (1850 Census, KY Death Register) This analysis establishes the presence of the Nathaniel Seeley (married to Lucy Graves), son of Benjamin Seeley), in Vermont at the time of Samuel's birth. Due to the fire of the Statehouse (where records were kept) in Vermont in 1857, most of the Vermont vital and land records were destroyed. This disaster has made the following analysis necessary. Extensive research through Vermont records that are available suggest the following:

- Nathaniel/Nathan Seeley was a Captain in the Vermont militia in Vermont during the Revolutionary War. He served under Samuel Herrick and a Col. Bates. (See pay cards for Vermont Militia and the book edited by Fisher and Fisher, *Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War in Vermont*, p.464.) He is listed as a Freeman in the Boston Evening Transcript, 1910, ed. by William Bradford Brown, "List of Freemen of Pownal." This Nathaniel is in Vermont at the time Samuel is born.
- During the Revolutionary War, there are no other Nathaniel Seeleys located in Vermont. In this branch (Captain Robert >Nathaniel >Benjamin >John> Benjamin) for several generations, there is a naming tradition that accounts for several other Nathaniel Seeleys. (This number added to the Vital information missing from Vermont, has resulted in a great deal of confusion.) These Nathaniel Seeleys remain in Connecticut and New York during the Revolutionary War.
- Samuel's father, Nathaniel, first appears in Vermont as early as 1766. He is in Pownal as early as 1773 (Pownal List of Freemen) and listed in the Vermont 1771 census as having applied for a parcel of land in petition #17 for himself (VT 1771 Census, p.76) in 1766. Right above his name is the name of his father, Benjamin in petition #18. Benjamin has purchased land in New York with his brother Ebenezer Seeley. Ebenezer is later recorded as selling his claim to New York land (History of Glens Falls, p.105) and appears in Vermont with Nathaniel (Pownal, by Joseph Parks), possibly in Benjamin's place. Nathaniel marries Lucy Graves in East Haddam, CT. in 1770. Transcription of Will of Jedidiah Graves, New Milford Pro-bate records #1070, (Lucy's father) lists heirs and marriage of Lucy to Nathaniel. Graves is a partner with Benjamin Seeley in the New York Land acquisition (History of Glens

Falls, p.54). East Haddam is where Ebenezer's wife, Hannah Hungerford was born. (<http://www.seeley-society.net/nathaniel/sgs101.html>)

- History of Greenup County, Ky. (by Nina Mitchell Biggs and Mabel Lee Mackroy, 1951: p.181) links Samuel to Nathaniel by naming Lucy Graves, wife of Nathaniel in the publication, that speaks of the Seeley Family connection to the Hill family. (Ruby Seeley, daughter of Samuel and Electa marries John Hill; see U.S. Census 1860). It is believed that Ruby was named for Ruby Morehouse, wife of Samuel's brother, John (SGS# 779), who may have been murdered in 1797. (See Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) #29485 for Sanford Williams French, Lucy and Nathaniel are referenced as well as Ruby and John.)
- Further links between Samuel and Nathaniel are established by petitions for land by Nathaniel after the war (1780's) in Pownal, and Pultney, and around Skenesbrough (later Whitehall, NY). Samuel marries Electa Fuller in Whitehall, NY (recorded in family tree1802). Samuel Seeley's first 2 children (Amos and Amanda) list New York as their birthplace. Samuel is in the 1810 US census for Washington Co, New York. Curiously, the name of Samuel Herrick is also in that 1810 census. Samuel Herrick was the Colonel that Nathaniel Seeley served under in Vermont during the Revolutionary War, and might possibly account for the naming of Samuel, although Samuel does appear in other Seeley family branches. Tracing Samuel from New York to Kentucky, both younger daughters (Electa and Ruby) list Pennsylvania as birthplace in the 1850 US Census. The birthplace for the daughters as well as the residence for Samuel is mentioned in the History of Greenup County.
- In conclusion, the locations of Samuel Seeley coincide with the land records and census records of family movements and residences of Nathaniel Seeley which support the relationship between Samuel and Nathaniel. The preponderance of evidence of family connections in Pownal, VT, Whitehall, NY and Greenup Co. KY support the link between Samuel Seeley and his father and mother, Nathaniel and Lucy Graves Seeley.

Beverly says that Nathaniel Seelye also had a daughter Lucy who married Henry Billings and moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Lucy then married a Mr. Weed (possibly) She wonders if anyone has information on Lucy? Beverly also wonders about Lucy Graves Seeley - did she remarry? If you can corroborate or add to any of this information please let us know.

New Queries:

Query 1305-1 Submitted by Renee Woodworth (reneew5@verizon.net)

Renee came across a cemetery record for Seeley Harger b. 1850, died 1927, buried in Sanitaria Springs Cemetery, Sanitaria Springs, Broome, NY. His wife is listed

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as Ida T Odell Harger b. 1856, died 1920. Renee knew there was a Seeley Harger b. 1801 Saratoga Co. NY, died 1873 Oakland Co. MI, son of Mary/Polly Seeley, SGS# 1974 and her husband Eber Harger. Renee would like to know the relationship of the Seeley Harger b. 1850 to the Seeley family.

SGS Response: 1850 census Romulus, Seneca NY

- William age 22 and Jane age 24 Harger with Elizabeth age 4 and Edward age 1, all b. NY.
- Also Lydia Jeffrey age 14 b. NY
- Next door is the family of James Jeffrey age 74 b. NJ.

1860 census Lodi, Seneca, NY

- Hodger, WM, age 35 b. NY
- Hodger, Jane age 38, b. NY
- Hodger, Elizabeth age 14, Edward age 12, Selah age 10, Jane age 6, Ida age 4, Eva age 3, all b. NY

1870 census Colesville, Broome, NY

- Hodge, William age 46 b. NY, farmer
- Hodge, Jane age 49 b. NY
- Hodge, Edward age 21, Elizabeth age 23, Lilly age 19, Jennie age 16, Ida C age 14, Effie age 13, Ella A age 7, William J age 5, Lucy age 3, all b. NY

1875 census Broome Co. NY

- Harger, William L. age 50 b. Seneca Co.,
- Harger, Jane, age 52 b. Seneca Co.
- Harger, Seeley, 24, Eva, 17, Nellie, 13, all b. Seneca Co.; William, 10, Lucy C., 8, both b. Broome Co.

Also:

- Harger, Edward age 26, b. Seneca Co.
- Harger, Mary C., age 22, b. Seneca Co.
- Harger, Ethelbert, age 1 yr 7 mos. b. Broome Co.

1880 census Colesville, Broome, NY

- Odell, Enos H age 54, farmer b. NY, father b. NY, mother b. NY
- Odell, Elizabeth age 46 b. NY, NY, NY
- Odell, Ida age 22, dau., md, b. NY, NY, NY
- Odell, Frank age 6, Lena age 4, Harry age 2, ch. b. NY, NY, NY
- Harger, Seely, age 24, son-in-law, b. NY, NY, NY

1880 census Coventry, Chenango, NY

- Harger, Wm L and Jane
- McLollough, Effie, dau. age 23
- Harger, William age 15, Lucy age 13

1900 census Maine, Broome, NY

- William Harger age 75 b. Feb 1825 NY, NY, NY, widowed, farm laborer is living with his daughter and son-in-law: Elizabeth Edwards b. Nov 1846 NY, NY, NY md 30 yr to Alfred Edwards b. Apr 1841 NY, NY, NY, farmer. Elizabeth has had 2 ch., 1 still living.

1900 census Binghamton, Broome, NY

- Ida T Harger b. Sept 1856 is listed md 21 yr to husband Seely Harger b. Dec 1850, no ch. on 15 June 1900 also Ida G Harger b. Nov 1856, md 22 yr is listed with her parents Enos and Elizabeth Odell in Colesville, Broome, NY on 11 June 1900
- 1920 census Binghamton
- Ida A Harger age 58 with husband Ceily Harger age 68. Ceily is a deputy sheriff at the county jail.

After I sent this census information to Renee she did some more investigation including a trip to Ovid, Seneca Co. She found the probate and will of Edward Harger Jr, son of Edward Harger and Susanna Dickenson. William L Harger of Colesville, Broome, NY is listed as a son. Further information indicates that his wife was Jane Covert. Edward Harger Jr's 1st wife, mother of his children, is Catherine L, possibly Catherine Leek, with Leek also a possibility as William L's middle name. Another child of Edward Harger Jr is Sarah/Sally A Harger b. 1830 in Ovid. She married William Pease Seeley, son of John Beardsley Seeley, SGS# 1961 as his 2nd wife in 1857.

So, Seeley Harger b. 1850, d. 1927 is a son of William L Harger, who is a son of Edward Harger Jr. Edward Harger Jr is a brother of Nancy Harger who md John Beardsley Seeley, SGS# 1961. John Beardsley Seeley's sister Arvilla, SGS# 1969 md Seeley Harger, son of Mary/Polly Seeley (SGS# 1974). Her husband Eber Harger is a brother of Edward Harger Jr, and Nancy Harger.

If you are confused by now (!) you probably don't want to know that John Beardsley Seeley also had a brother, William Pease Seeley, SGS# 1963, who married a Sally Harger in 1810. This Sally Harger married Peter Covert in 1821, after William died, and then she died in 1825.

Query 1305-2 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris continues to find Seeley obituaries to add to the SGS website. As she finds them she enters the data in the SGS Ancestor File database and traces the family as far back as she can, hoping to connect to an established line. In this case Chris started with the obituary of Dorothy H Seely who d. 25 October 2011 in Elmira, Chemung, NY. Dorothy's 1st husband was LaRue Seely. Dorothy and Larue had four children: Richard L., Roslyn J., Gary W. and David.

Chris found the following census information on LaRue and his parents

1930 Census: Elmira, Chemung, NY

- Lyons W Seely head age 40 age at first marriage 21 born PA, PA, PA Proprietor Tailor Shop
- Edith D Seely wife age 38 age at first marriage 19 born PA, PA, PA
- Lareau D Seely son age 17 born PA, PA, PA
- Hubert H Grogan roomer age 29 born MA, IRE, IRE Toolmaker Auto Parts
- (Lyons and Edith are still in Elmira in the 1940 census)

1920 Census: Elmira Ward 9, Chemung, NY

- Lyons N Seely head age 31 born PA, PA, PA Taylor Tailor Shop
- Edith Seely wife age 27 born PA, PA, PA
- Larue Seely son age 7 born PA, PA, PA

1910 Census: Wellsboro Ward 2, Tioga, PA

- Lilian Smith head age 39 1st marr. @ 17 years mother of 2 ch. B. PA, PA, PA, Own Income
- Lyons W Seely son age 21 b. PA, PA, PA Tailor
- Blanche M Smith daughter age 18 b. PA, PA, PA Helper in Office

1900 Census: Wellsboro, Tioga, PA

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- Jacob B Marle head age 71 b. Aug 1828 PA, PA, PA Day Laborer
- Lillie B Smith daughter Wd., age 29 b. June 1870 PA, PA, PA, 2ch., 2 living Day Laborer
- Lyons W Seeley grandson age 11 b. Dec 1888 PA, PA, PA
- Blanche M Smith granddaughter age 8 b. Nov 1891 PA, PA, PA

WWI Draft Reg'n

- Lyons Wellington Seely of Wellsboro, Tioga, PA b. 24 Dec 1889 at Cammal, Lycoming, PA, tailor, has wife and 5 yr old child

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- Lyons Seely b. 24 Dec 1888 d. Apr 1973 - Elmira, Chemung, New York, United States of America. SSN # issued in: NY
- Larue Seely b. 4 Jun 1912 d. Dec 1979 - Sarasota, Sarasota, Florida, United States of America. SSN # issued in: NY

SGS Response: PA Church and Town Records

- Lyons Wellington Seely b. 24 Dec 1888 bapt. Jan 1892 at Williamsport, Lycoming, Pennsylvania at Christ Episcopal, Father: Wm C Seely, Mother: Lillia B
- In 1901 Blanche Smith, Lyons Seely Smith and Lillian Smith are all admitted to United Methodist Church in Wellsboro, PA

1880 census Delmar, Tioga, PA

- Navle, Jacob, age 51 b. PA, PA, PA, farmer
- Navle, Margaret age 45 b. PA, Pa, Pa, ruptured artery
- Navle, Ella B age 9 b. PA, Pa, PA

Who is the William C Seely, father of Lyons Wellington, husband of Lillian/Ella B Navle Seely Smith? He appears to have died by Nov.1891 when Lillie/Lillian gave birth to Blanche Smith. There is a William Carlton Seeley, supposedly son of Morris (SGS# 3712) who died in Elmira in 1892 and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery but I can't find evidence that he is the correct person or that he was married. Let me know if you can help identify the William C., father of Lyons Wellington Seely.

Query 1305-3 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Here is another obituary that led to a brick wall. This time Chris started with an obit for James Seeley b. 14 Jan 1924 in Lodi, San Joaquin, CA, died 2013 Eugene, Lane, OR. James was a son of Milton and Julia Fielding Seeley. Milton was born in Utah and spent his life on the west coast. According to the 1900 census of Los Angeles CA his father was William J Seeley b. March 1854 in NY state to parents b. NY State. In 1900 William J was married 12 years to his wife Kate b. May 1869 in NY state to parents b. in NY. According to CA death records Kate's maiden name was McDonald. In 1910 William J and Kate Seeley are in Fresno, CA. Kate has the 3 youngest children with her and William J is listed separately.

SGS Response: Chris and I were able to carry the lines forward but we have not been able to identify William J Seeley in any records before 1900 except a voter reg'n in CA in 1896 and Milton's birth record:

Milton James Seeley b. 15 Sept 1891 at Salt Lake UT

to William James Seeley and Catherine McDonald. Any information on this couple will be greatly appreciated.

Query 1305-4 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

This time Chris started from a short obituary of Nathan B. Seeley: Nathan Seeley – January 21, 1894 – Benton Harbor, MI, Death of Nathan Seeley

Augusta, Jan. 23 – Mr. Nathan Seeley died at his home at Benton Harbor Thursday, age 58 years. He leaves a wife, daughter, and two sons. He was a resident of this place for the most of his life, but for two years last resided there. The remains will be brought here today for burial at Green Wood, Rev. Ford officiating. Published in the Kalamazoo Gazette, January 25, 1894

Chris found 1870 and 1880 census records for Nathan in Kalamazoo Co. MI. She also found his MI death record:

Name: Nathan B. Seeley

Birth Date: abt 1836

Birth Place: New York

Death Date: 21 Jan 1894

Death Place: Benton Harbor, Berrien, Michigan

Death Age: 58

Occupation: Carpenter

Race: White

Marital Status: Married

Gender: Male

Father: John Seeley

Mother: Clarisse Seeley

FHL Film Number: 945406

Chris was also able to find information on Nathan's children.

SGS Response: I found the following census records:

1870 census Ross, Kalamazoo, MI

- Sealey, John age 65 b. NY, farmer
- Sealey, Maria age 55 b. NY
- Sealey, Sarah age 22 b. NY
- Wilder, Frank age 18 b. MI
- Child, WM age 12 b. MI

1860 census Comstock, Kalamazoo, MI

- Seeley, Johnny age 48 b. NY
- Seeley, Maria age 45 b. Pa
- Seeley, Shedrick age 33, cooper, William age 29, Nathan age 24, carpenter, Sarah age 13, all b. NY
- Wilder, Francis L age 10 b. MI

1850 census Rose, Wayne, NY

- Seelye, John age 45 b. NY, farmer
- Seelye, Clarissa age 42 b. NY
- Seelye, Chaddock age 22, Wm age 19, Gideon age 16, all farmers, Nathan age 14, Cornelia age 13, Mary age 11, Catherine age 9, Emmie age 7, Sarah age 3, all b. NY
- Gardner, Francis age 17 b. NY, farmer

From Findagrave:

Clarissa Seeley, Birth: unknown, Death: Apr. 30, 1854, Age: 45y, Mother of Shadrick, William, Gideon, Nathan, Cornelia, Mary, Catherine, Eunice and Sarah. Inscription: Wife of John Seeley, Burial: Galesburg City Cemetery, Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, USA.

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Created by: ambs Record added: Mar 28, 2008 Find A Grave Memorial# 25594780

So John Seeley is in Rose, Wayne Co. NY in 1850, his 1st wife Clarissa dies in MI in 1854 and by 1860 he has remarried. I also found death records for some of John's other children, all naming their mother as Clarissa. There are a couple of books about Rose, Wayne County NY but neither identifies John Seeley nor his wife Clarissa so that is where we are stuck. Please contact us if you can help.

Query 1305 Submitted by Cynthia Shoemaker (permissions@u.library.arizona.edu)

We received the following request from Ms Shoemaker, Rights and Reproductions, University of Arizona: The Center for Creative Photography is in the process of updating contact information for copyright holders of photographs in its collection. A review of its records indicates no information for photographer George H. Seeley. The Center is mailing out permissions paper work to copyright holders. We need a contact name, mailing address and any other pertinent information. Any information you can provide us regarding this matter is appreciated.

SGS Response: George H (Henry) Seeley, photographer, was b. in Stockbridge MA in 1880 and died there in 1955. He never married. He had a sister May Elizabeth Seeley who md Winthrop Isham Davis. He had 2 other sisters but I found no evidence that they married.

May Elizabeth and Winthrop Isham Davis had one daughter, Marion Cady Davis (1901-1988) who married Thomas Byron.

Marion Cady Davis Byron donated some of George's papers and photos to Yale University. You can find out about them by googling "George H Seeley Yale."

MA Birth Index

- Thomas Clarke Byron Jr b. 4 Nov 1939 at Acton; parents Thomas Clarke Byron and Marion Cady Davis SSDI
- Thomas Byron b. 4 Nov 1939, d. 19 Aug 2005, Andover, Tolland, CT, SSN issued in MA

Obituary from the Hartford Courant: BYRON, Thomas C., Jr. Thomas C. Byron Jr., 65, of Andover, formerly of Manchester, husband of Joan (Gault) Byron died Friday (August 19, 2005) at Manchester Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was born November 4, 1939 in Acton, MA son of the late Thomas C. and Marian (Davis) Byron Sr. and had lived in Manchester for 25 years before moving to Andover in 1997. He was a graduate of Longmeadow, MA. High School, Class of 1957 and also a graduate from Brown University, Class of 1961. He then served in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Group from 1961- 1964. Tom was a Systems Analyst at Aetna Life and Casualty and retired as an officer with the company and later was employed a Massachusetts Mutual. He was a longtime choir member and church leader at North United Methodist Church, Manchester and President of the Andover Lake Management Association. In addition to his wife, Joan, he is survived by a son, Thomas C. Byron III and his wife,

Becky Byron of Enfield; a daughter Julie (Byron) Zoppi of South Windsor, three grandchildren. Alexander Joseph Byron, Thomas C. Byron, IV and Christopher D. Zoppi and cousins, Herbert and Linda Melleney. Memorial services will be Saturday, August 27, at 10:30 a.m. at North United Methodist Church, 300 Parker St., Manchester. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to JDRC or NUMC Memorial Fund. Holmes Funeral Home Manchester is in care of arrangements.

I suggested that if copyrights pass down through a family that Thomas C Byron III would be the best bet and found his contact information.

Thomas C Byron III, SavedRemove27 Sun St, Enfield, CT 06082-5115

Response from Ms Shoemaker: Thank you very much for your extensive information and assistance in helping us find the heir to George Seeley's copyrights. We have sent a letter of inquiry to Thomas C. Byron III.

About the Center for Creative Photography: We are a research institution with a robust program of exhibitions and public lectures. We are the largest institution in the world devoted to documenting the history of modern North American photography.

A list of George H Seeley's works: <http://www.creativephotography.org/artists/george-h-seeley>

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.

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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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