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## Plans Taking Shape for 2015 SGS International Reunion

*By Kathie Olsen, SGS President and Reunion Planning Committee Chair*



The 2015 Reunion Planning Committee recently met in Abilene, Kan., to plan our next reunion. The reunion will be held July 27-29, 2015, in Abilene. Since this is the 50th anniversary of the founding of SGS, "Our Golden Anniversary 1965-2015" has been chosen as the theme. The reunion will conclude on Wednesday, and the Wild Bill Hickok PRCA Rodeo and Central Kansas Free Fair and Parade will begin on Thursday, July 30. Abilene was proclaimed by *Smithsonian Magazine* in 2013 as one of the top twenty small-town vacation destinations in America. The reunion will be a wonderful opportunity to share Abilene and its exciting environment with your family.

There will be a meeting of elected and appointed officers prior to the reunion on Sunday evening, July 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the Seelye Research Center.

The reunion itself will begin on Monday, July 27, at 8:00 a.m. on the grounds of the Seelye Mansion with registration and a delicious breakfast. Terry Tietjens will make his great sweet rolls for the breakfast. There will also be a tree-planting ceremony to commemorate the 50th anniversary of SGS. Tours of the Seelye Mansion and the Seelye Research Center will begin at 10:00 am. Tours of Abilene and shuttles to the Dickinson County Heritage Center and Carousel and the Eisenhower Center will leave

the Mansion at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Box lunches will be available. At 5:00 p.m., dinner will be served at the Hitching Post restaurant, followed by a train ride on the famous Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad steam train.

On Tuesday, July 28, the Conference will convene at the Abilene Civic Center (the Historic Union Pacific Depot)

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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 the education and benefit of 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, Cielely, 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:

SGS Membership Chair

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### SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for July 27-29, 2015 in Abilene, Kan. 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 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

*Seeley Genealogical Society President Katherine M. Olsen*

We recently concluded two very important meetings for the Seeley Genealogical Society at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan. Terry Tietjens is always a gracious host. I thank all the dedicated officers and committee members in attendance. It is a big sacrifice on the part of all of them. Unfortunately, several others were not able to join us and were excused.

The 2015 Reunion Planning Committee met on July 17, 2014. The dates are set (July 27-29, 2015), the place is set (Abilene, Kan.), the theme is set (Our Golden Anniversary: 1965-2015), and we hope you are set to join us! It will be a very memorable gathering. A separate article in this Newsletter outlines current reunion plans; be sure to read it. Please copy the one-page flyer in this Newsletter and send it to all your relatives—brothers, sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, etc. Since it also appears in digital form on the Website ([www.seeley-society.net](http://www.seeley-society.net)), you can email it or post it on social media. **We want everyone to know about the upcoming reunion.**

On July 18, 2014, the elected and appointed officers of SGS met for the annual board meeting. The minutes of this meeting are in this Newsletter.

As an organization, we are in the precarious position of having spent more money than we have taken in during the last several years. SGS membership has also declined during the same period. Both of these items are of great concern to elected and appointed officers. Much discussion centered on these two dilemmas. If you have any insight that might help SGS resolve these issues, please contact me.

I have appointed a nominating committee consisting of Jesse Crisler (chair), Camille Seeley Bell, and Marie Seelye and thank them for their willingness to serve. This committee is charged with locating nominees for SGS offices and arranging for the election of officers. Since I will not be running for reelection in 2015, a candidate for President is needed as well as for Secretary. Please contact one of the committee members if you are willing to serve.

SGS has at last been granted Title 501(c)(3) status. We are now considered a private operating foundation. The effective date of exemption is March 1, 1965. All contributions to SGS are deductible under Section 170 of the Code. A donor can use "bank records (such as a cancelled check) or a written communication from the private foundation" to verify contributions. If the donation is over \$250.00, a written communication is required. SGS will send receipts for all donations over \$250.00. Some travel expenses by officers are also deductible. Please check with Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer, if you need a receipt for tax purposes.

The 2013 Reunion Souvenir Books have been mailed. If you ordered and paid for a book but did not receive one, please contact me immediately. There are also a few extra books; if you did not order one but would like one, please get in touch with me. The books cost \$30.00, including postage. The updated Constitution appears there along with much other important material concerning SGS as well as speeches, presentations, and pictures galore from the 2013 reunion in Grand Rapids, Mich.

I thank all who give time or money to support the Seeley Genealogical Society. It is an amazing volunteer organization.



## 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 immediately reach out to SGS membership.

Please send an e-mail note with your e-mail address to SGS Membership Chairman Lynda Simmons at [summitkids@gmail.com](mailto:summitkids@gmail.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.



## Draft Minutes of 2013-2015 SGS Executive Board Meeting, July 18, 2014

*Taken by Lou Ann Crisler, Edited by Camille Seeley Bell, Secretary*

**Welcome:** Kathie Olsen, Seelye Research Center, 1 p.m.

**Elected and Appointed Officers Attending:** Kathie Olsen, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Wesley Waring, Terry Tietjens

**Others Attending:** Thera Seeley Clark, Lou Ann Crisler, Pam Turner, Walt Seelye, Marie Seelye

**Elected and Appointed Officers Excused:** Jim Seeley, Lynda Simmons, Margaret Petersen, Camille Bell, Chris Havnar, Sally Seeley, George Seeley, Bob Seeley, Paul Taylor

**Minutes** of 2013-2014 SGS Executive Board meeting (Aug. 9, 2013) read.

- Motion: Approve minutes as read. Moved: Linda Crocker, Second: Jesse Crisler, Vote: Unanimous to approve.

**Treasurer's Interim Report:** Submitted via email by SGS Treasurer Sally Seeley.

- Oct. 1, 2013—July 3, 2014 balances include prepaid orders for 2013 reunion books.
- Balance is decreasing, need to address loss of funds—see Nov. 2013 newsletter.
- Jesse Crisler reported newsletter costs of about \$3 per copy or approximately \$900 per issue.
- Board wants to revisit earmarked funds and evaluate dues and other fees.
- Motion: Approve interim report as read. Moved: Linda Crocker, Second: Jesse Crisler, Vote: Unanimous to approve.

**Publications Report:** Submitted via email by SGS Publications Editor Paul Taylor

- Encourage submissions from members.
- Facebook page should direct viewers to the Website to view longer articles.

**DNA Project Report:** Submitted by SGS DNA Lineage Project Coordinator Walt Seelye

- Has "Y" DNA records for Chris Havnar to post.
- Needs more information to link paper records.
- "DNA is a good tool but not the only answer."

**Ancestor File Report:** Submitted by SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker.

- Ancestor File Database continues to grow as a result of query and obituary research.
- Article in 2011 SGS Reunion Souvenir Book is an excellent look at what Linda and Chris Havnar do.

**SGS Website Report:** Submitted via email by SGS Webmaster Chris Havnar

- Walt Seelye asked whether we can have blurbs about new information available.
- Kathie Olsen asked how we flag new information.
- Jesse Crisler asked what Chris Havnar wanted for the Website.

**Seelye Mansion Report:** Submitted by SGS Director Terry Tietjens

- Seelye Mansion Foundation ensures the preservation of the mansion.
- Foundation works with SGS to preserve Seelye records in the Seelye Research Center.
- Board will revisit costs which SGS/SRC rather than the Mansion may assume. Discussion tabled for lack of available funds.

**Seventh Generation Book Printing Report:**

Submitted by SGS Director Terry Tietjens

- Printing arrangements not made, but once printed, sale price must increase to account for increased cost, shipping, and handling.
- Walt Seelye suggested that digital copy is the way to go in future.
- Current errata not ready for Generation Six and Generation Seven books on CD-ROM.
- Walt Seelye suggested raising price to \$40 to cover and cushion cost increases.
- Wes Waring suggested advertising that CD is available.
- Motion: Authorize Terry to have 10 copies of Generation 7 book printed (at a production cost of \$25 per copy or less). Moved: Linda Crocker, Second: Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Vote: Unanimous to authorize.

**Membership Report:** Submitted via email by SGS Membership Chair Lynda Simmons

- Wes Waring asked what could be published in the Newsletter to encourage members to be active?
- Walt Seelye suggested a password to protect information on Website and that only dues-paying members receive the Newsletter.
- Wes suggested including a membership application form with all query responses. Linda Crocker agreed that this would be easy to do.

**Awards and Recognition Committee Report:** Submitted via email by SGS Awards and Recognition Committee Chair James R. Seeley

- Kathie Olsen appointed Thera Seeley Clark to this committee

**Seeley Research Center Report:** Submitted by Seelye Research Center Librarian Pam Turner

**Research Goals Committee Report:** Submitted by Research Goals Committee Chair Wes Waring

- Research Goal 1: Obadiah research needs to be organized. Kathie Olsen will check in Salt Lake City to find someone to work on this project, create a timeline and determine whether more research can be done to tie things together. This includes the work of Karl Weiler, Dian Little, Clifford Stott, Alan Phipps, and Fred Hart.
- Research Goal 2: For 2015 reunion Linda Crocker will research more for talk on Kansas Seeleys, including more on Ivey Harris's Seeleys.
- Research Goal 3: Walt Seelye and Terry Tietjens will obtain information on Mary Seely's son for DNA testing.
- Research Goal 4: Walt wants to find Seeley DNA donors and see whether Linda can trace their lines to correct any errors.
- Research Goal 5: Wes will contact Ann Seela Hall to follow up on her Texas family.
- Research Goal 6: It is doubtful whether there is additional information on the two Williams question, so no more energy should be spent on that.
- Motion: Authorize the Research Goals Committee to

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## 2015 Abilene Reunion Plans *(Continued From Page 1)*

at 9:00 a.m. with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. Speakers will present material on the history of Dickinson County and Kansas as well as Seeley families who settled in Kansas. Box lunches will again be available. Debra Seely, an author of young adult books about the history of Kansas, will address us. We will also hear research reports, including one on the spelling of Seeley/Seelye/Seely/Seela/etc. The day will close with a catered dinner at the Civic Center following which Jesse Crisler will talk about past presidents of SGS. We also hope to hear about the Society's founding in a conversation between him and Esther Houtz Walter, one SGS's earliest members!

On Wednesday, July 29, a membership meeting will convene at the Civic Center at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will include election of new officers and voting on a site for the 2017 reunion. A group photo will be taken at 11:00 a.m. Box lunches will be available once more. During the afternoon, members can visit the downtown area and other

sites. Elected and appointed officers will meet with newly elected officers from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. In the evening, we will gather at the Eisenhower Presidential Library for dinner, the installation of the officers for 2015-2017, awards and recognitions, and a final speaker.

Child care and planned activities will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday. Registration will be available in the November Newsletter and on the Website. We strongly recommend making reservations for lodging early. A list of accommodations in Abilene appears in this Newsletter.

I heartily thank the 2015 Reunion Planning Committee: Terry Tietjens, Linda Crocker, Jesse and Lou Ann Crisler, Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Walt and Marie Seelye, Ivey Harris, Thera Seeley Clark, Camille Seeley Bell, Chris Havnar, and Sue Ann Hileman Craven. All are committed to making our golden anniversary a very enjoyable experience.

Plan now to come! Save the date! Notify family now!

## Draft Minutes of SGS Executive Board Meeting *(Continued From Page 3)*

go forward with its goals, using research funds and DNA funds. Johnson bequest funds will not be used until other funds are expended. Moved: Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Second: Jesse Crisler, Vote: Unanimous to authorize.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Non Profit Status:** Achieved 501(c)(3) designation with no need for incorporation.

- SGS will comply with annual requirements for submitting financial reports.
- Board members can deduct gas purchased to attend official board meetings.
- The bottom of the Newsletter should state that any cash donations are tax deductible and all funds are open for donations.

**Seeley Research Center Building/Collection Safety/Security:** Discussed the need to protect the building and the collection.

- Motion: Authorize Terry Tietjens to purchase water alarms and oversee raising filing cabinets using funds from the Johnson bequest. Moved: Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Second: Jesse Crisler, Vote: Unanimous to authorize.

**Reunion Update:** 50th anniversary reunion will be held in Abilene, Kan., July 27 – 29, 2015. Details will be forthcoming.

**Nominating Committee:** Kathie Olsen appointed the following to serve as members of the committee: Jesse Crisler (chair), Camille Seeley Bell, and Marie Seelye

- Nominees needed for President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- Other officers will be contacted to see whether they will continue to serve.
- Committee will advertise for members with background in finances.

**Seelye Research Center Modifications:**

- Kathie Olsen would like to create a hospitality area in the SRC open to any Seeley visitors.
- Kathie also wants to replace wooden cabinet doors in

the kitchen/dining room with glass doors and display Seeley artifacts, including the Esther Walter documents.

- Downstairs bathroom door in SRC should be removed and shelving added to give Terry Tietjens a permanent storage space.
- Terry suggested that he does not see the SRC open on a daily basis.
- SGS can place Seeley material in the SRC and add to the collection as more comes available.
- A computer can be made available for genealogical research.
- SGS might also make posters of Seeley inventions and places.
- A Robert Seelye DVD, produced by Camille Seeley Bell, based on the two tours that SGS sponsored, could be shown on a TV.
- Walt Seelye proposed that SGS pay property taxes for the SRC. This discussion was tabled for lack of available funds, noting that Kathie and Walt believe we need to give more support to Terry.
- Motion: Before the next reunion:
  - the SRC be supplied with a TV playing a Robert Seelye DVD,
  - the cabinet doors changed in the kitchen to house Esther Walter collection,
  - the Society plant a 50th Anniversary tree in the lawn south of the SRC, and
  - funds for these projects come from Jim Seeley (in the case of the Walter Collection display) or the Johnson bequest.

- Moved: Jesse Crisler, Second: Linda Crocker, Vote: Unanimous to approve.

**Society Finances:** Kathie Olsen noted the board needs to discuss investment of funds, increasing dues, and curbing spending; discussion tabled for lack of time.

**Original Seeley Notebooks:** Received from Esther Walter and now located in the SRC for permanent display.

**Next Board Meeting:** Sunday, July 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Seelye Research Center, Abilene, Kan.

**Adjournment:** 5:15 p.m.

## Lodging Options in Abilene

*Compiled by Kathie Olsen, SGS President and Reunion Planning Committee Chair*

As the 2015 SGS Reunion in Abilene, Kan., will be held in the Abilene Civic Center, it is not necessary for everyone to stay in the same hotel, so you will want to make your reservations early—it will be a busy time in Abilene. In addition to those listed below, hotels are also available in Chapman (12 miles to the east of Abilene), Junction City (25 miles east of Abilene) and Salina (25 miles to the west of Abilene).

- 4-Seasons RV Acres (includes picnic area, pool, lake, cable TV, WiFi)  
2502 Mink Rd, [www.4seasonsrv.com](http://www.4seasonsrv.com)  
(785) 598-2221
- Abilene's Victorian Inn—Bed and Breakfast  
820 NW Third, [www.abilenesvictorianinn.com](http://www.abilenesvictorianinn.com)  
(888) 807-7774
- America's Best Value Inn (includes breakfast)  
2210 N. Buckeye, [www.abvi.com](http://www.abvi.com)  
(785) 263-2050

- Budget Lodge Inn (includes breakfast)  
116 NW 14th, [www.budgetlodgeinn.net](http://www.budgetlodgeinn.net)  
[budgetlodgeinn@yahoo.com](mailto:budgetlodgeinn@yahoo.com), (785) 263-3600
- Covered Wagon Campground (includes picnic area, pool, cable TV)  
803 S. Buckeye, [www.coveredwagonrvpark.com](http://www.coveredwagonrvpark.com)  
(785) 263-2343
- Diamond Motel (includes breakfast)  
1407 NW Third, [www.diamondmotel.com](http://www.diamondmotel.com)  
[diamondmotelkanas@gmail.com](mailto:diamondmotelkanas@gmail.com), (785) 263-2360
- Holiday Inn Express and Suites (includes breakfast, hot tub, and pool)  
110 E Lafayette, <http://ow.ly/B8vWM>  
[abilxpres@eagle.com](mailto:abilxpres@eagle.com)  
(785) 263-4049, 1-800-Holiday
- Super 8 Motel <http://ow.ly/B8zjA>  
2207 N. Buckeye, [super8abilene@yahoo.com](mailto:super8abilene@yahoo.com)  
(785) 263-4545, 1-800-800-8000

## Original SGS Research Donated to Seelye Research Center

*Story by Jesse Crisler, SGS 2nd Vice President*

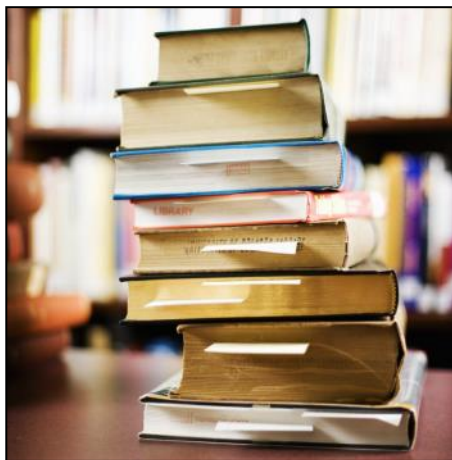
Esther L. Walter recently donated a cache of her research to SGS, including 12 notebooks charting descendants of Robert and Obadiah Seeley through eleven generations, two file boxes of her correspondence with various Seeleys, and other miscellaneous papers.

A member of SGS since 1965, Esther was a mainstay during the Society's fledgling years. She worked closely with SGS founder Garner Osborn to locate Seeleys around the nation; she became contributing editor of the SGS Newsletter in 1967; when Garner, then in failing health, decided to retire from SGS, he gave his own Seeley records to Esther; using Garner's material and the fruit of her own indefatigable research, Esther wrote the first edition of the descendants of Robert Seeley, *Generations One through Five*, in 1977; and she helped organize and then presided over the Society's first reunion in Lyons, Colo., in 1980.

Retiring from active SGS affairs in 1986, Esther

emerged from retirement to travel to Salt Lake City to speak at the sixth reunion in 1995. Meanwhile, fire damaged Esther's home in Allenspark, Colo.; unfortunately, a few pages of some notebooks also suffered damage at that time. Following the fire, Don Eff, then president of SGS, transferred Esther's records to Denver for safekeeping.

A few years later, the next president of the Society, Bob Cox, and his wife, Marianne, spent a week in Allenspark copying all of Esther's irreplaceable notebooks, which had since been returned to her from Denver; those copies have for years been available for use at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan. Now Esther's original records for the first time are also housed in the SRC, where they will eventually be



on display.

SGS owes a great debt to Esther for her work in compiling this splendid record of research over many years.

## SGS Awards and Recognition Committee Seeks Nominees

*Story by Jim Seeley, SGS Awards and Recognition Committee Chair*

SGS President Kathie Olsen has asked Thera Seeley Clark ([theralou@gmail.com](mailto:theralou@gmail.com)), and she has agreed, to serve on the SGS Awards and Recognition Committee. Thera joins Marshall Seelye ([am81509@gmail.com](mailto:am81509@gmail.com)), Kathie Olsen ([katherineolsen@gmail.com](mailto:katherineolsen@gmail.com)), and me ([jrseeley36@gmail.com](mailto:jrseeley36@gmail.com)) in recognizing hard-working SGS volunteers and thanking them appropriately for their work.

The SGS Awards and Recognition Committee with SGS members' help will select a member of SGS who has excelled in

volunteer efforts on behalf of the Society. The committee invites all SGS members to carefully consider who they would like to see receive this special recognition at the next SGS Reunion in 2015 in Abilene, Kan. Recommendations should be sent to one of the committee members. In order to prepare appropriate recognition materials, the recommendation should be accompanied by a rationale for the recommendation prepared by the member submitting the recommendation, AND it should be received no later than March 15, 2015.



## Seelye Research Center Adapts New Mission Statement

*Story by Pam Turner, Seeley Research Center Librarian*

During the last SGS board meeting, held July 18, 2014, the Executive Board accepted the SRC mission statement and acquisition policy printed below as directional documents for the SRC.

### Seelye Research Center Mission Statement

The mission of the Seelye Research Center (SRC) is to preserve the genealogical legacy of the Seeley name (of any spelling), to house artifacts related to the Seeley surname, and to share information acquired with the public in accordance with current privacy protection policies. To accomplish this mission, the SRC collects and preserves any and all genealogical information and artifacts related to the Seeley surname with the intent of expanding the knowledge of the Seeley name and legacy. Items accepted by the SRC will be handled in accordance with the SGS acquisition policy.

### Seelye Research Center Acquisition Policy

All items to be included in the Seelye Research Center (SRC) will be selected with the following questions in mind:

- How does the item further knowledge of the Seeley family?
  - Does it add to information the SRC already has, or is it new information?
  - Does it highlight a special individual within the extended Seeley family?
  - Is it of overall historical value to the furthering of genealogical knowledge?
- What is the condition of the item?
  - Will it require extra effort to repair or preserve the item for inclusion in the SRC?
  - Could it be a detriment to the rest of the collection?
- Is there a history attached to the item?



- Does the item include its provenance?

### General Rules of Acceptance

1. Items accepted into the SRC must have a connection to the Seeley name (any spelling).
2. Items must be in good condition with a minimal amount of damage.
3. Large collections must be approved by the SGS board before acquisition by the SRC.
4. Digital items may be accepted but must be in a pre-approved format.
5. All items accepted into the SRC will become the property of the SRC and the SGS.
6. Any discrepancies regarding the inclusion of an item into the SRC will be decided upon by the board.

## Seelye Research Center Update

*Story by Pam Turner, Seeley Research Center Librarian*



The week of July 14 saw the filing team hard at work at the Seelye Research Center (SRC) in Abilene, Kan. Our focus was an attempt to complete the filing of the boxes of materials donated by the family of John R. Seely, who passed away a few years ago.

When we arrived this year, we had six boxes filled with binders and individual files; when we left, we had one box

with submitter file documents, information that John used to establish the SGS ancestor database.

I would like to give special recognition to Carol Haddon and Ruthetta Seelye Hansen for their hard work. Carol spent her entire time combining John's files of submitter documents with copies already in the SRC. This entailed a page-by-page comparison to ensure that SRC files are as complete as possible. Ruthetta worked on two boxes of binders of John's personal family documents to ensure that the set in the SRC is complete and, where possible, con-

tains original source documents.

Work this year also included filing documents received at the SRC since our last visit. The majority of these items were newsletters and treasurer's files from Sally Seeley. These will be listed as "Change 7" in the SRC Document Index.

Probably the most important news concerning the SRC is the approval by the board of a mission statement and acquisition policy, both of which can be found in a separate article in this newsletter. I thought these documents were necessary to help guide the direction and focus of the SRC, not just for current members but for future members as well.

The work on the descendants of the 8th-generation index continues. The index currently contains 354 number files with 14,789 lines of data. There have also been fourteen new number files added since the last reunion in Grand Rapids, Mich.; this is directly related to the work of Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar.

I am excited by the new information that is being added to our ancestral lines every day; it is our goal to index this material so it can be of use to all SGS members. I hope you make time to visit the SRC when you are in Abilene.

# SRC Publishes Change Seven to Document Index

## From Seelye Research Center

Prior to the SGS Executive Board meeting in July, a group of SGS members met at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan., to index and file documents sent to the SRC for archiving.

The chart below lists documents added to the Seelye Research Center (SRC) Filing System in July 2014 and constitute Change Seven to the Seelye Research Center Document index (originally called the SRC Filing System).

The original document was distributed during the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene. It is available for order. See page 16 for details. [Change One](#) was published in the November 2006 SGS Newsletter. [Change Two](#) was published in the August 2007 SGS Newsletter. [Change Three](#) was published in the August 2008 SGS Newsletter. [Change Four](#) was published in the August 2009 SGS Newsletter. [Change Five](#) was published in the May 2010 SGS Newsletter. [Change Six](#) was published in the August 2012 SGS Newsletter (online editions of the newsletter extend only to May 2012). If you order the original following the details on page 16, your order will include a hard copy of the original document as well as the subsequent seven changes.

### Explanation of abbreviations:

AS Armed Services Records

AFI Ancestor File Index (The "Blue Books")  
 BK Book Group  
 CEM Cemetery Records  
 DR Death Records and Obituaries  
 FC Family Compilations and Histories  
 HER Heraldry, College of Arms  
 HIST History of Seeley Genealogical Society  
 MBR Membership Lists  
 MISC Miscellaneous  
 MM Meeting Minutes  
 MS Member Submissions to SGS Database  
 NEWS Newsletters  
 DIR Directories  
 PHOTO Photographs and Photo Albums  
 PL Passenger Lists  
 QUERY SGS Query Files  
 RF Research Files  
 RP Research Reports  
 REUN Reunion files  
 SGS SGS Number Files  
 SN Seeley Notables  
 TREAS SGS Treasurer's Files  
 VR Vital Records  
 WILL Wills and Estate Inventories

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| Dr D3                      | FC         | 4           | VanDusen, Robert Seeley             | Seeley Family Genealogy through James Dalton Seeley, moved to SGS file #2107 | Place document with SGS # file                                  |
| Dr D3                      | FC         | 10          | Reynolds, Cuyler                    | Seeley Family Memoirs of Charles Seeley born in Westphalia, Germany          | New Addition  |
| Sh E1                      | FC         | BAMA        | Baggot, Mary Tim                    | <i>The 1865 Diary of H. Eliza Seeley Smith</i>                               | Added Seeley to add clarification                               |
| Sh E4                      | FC         | SEED & JOJA | Seela, Ed & Johnson, James          | <i>Seela Family Notes 1600-1903</i> , contributor #426                       | Added 2 <sup>nd</sup> author and changed name to match document |
| Dr E4                      | HIST       | 10          | National Genealogical Society       | Letter/Judging comments regarding the SGS newsletter                         | New Addition  |
| Displayed on file cabinets | PHOTO      | 10          | SGS                                 | <i>Keeping the Past Ever Present</i> – Photos & Bios of notable SGS members  | New Addition  |
| Dr B2 & C2                 | RFSE       |             | Seelye, Dr. A.B., Helen, and Marion |  | Files are in both drawers                                       |
| Dr B2                      | RFLA       |             | Ladd, Rhoda                         | Submitter Files #101, 102, & 103   | Provide clarification for locations of files                    |
| Sh B3                      | RFWH       | 1           | White, Elizabeth                    | Descendants of Nathaniel Seeley of Fairfield CT. Vol 1, Pt. 1                | New Addition  |
| Sh B3                      | RFWH       | 2           | White, Elizabeth                    | Descendants of Obadiah Seeley Vol III, Pt 2                                  | New Addition  |
| Dr B4                      | TREAS      |             | Seeley, Sally                       | Files for the years 2007-2012 kept by Sally Seeley                           | Additional years added  |

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## SGS Membership Needs You!

*Story by Lynda Simmons, SGS Membership Chair*

What? SGS needs me? I'm reading this newsletter: SGS already has me!

Right, but there's something else you can do: spread the word about SGS!

The Seeley Genealogical Society provides many benefits to members: a great Newsletter, a research center, expert genealogists who work for our members, and fun reunions held in many places in the U.S. and Canada, where members get to know their Seelye cousins (regardless of how you spell Cilley, Seely, etc.).

Tell your cousins and friends about the great benefits of membership, share the Newsletter with them, and talk with people when you visit genealogical libraries and

societies. If you would like a detailed list of membership benefits sent to anyone, please let me know (contact info is on page 15). Society officers are concerned because SGS membership has declined each year for the past four years. This decline might be because of aging membership or the fact that younger people are not joining organizations as much as older people do. Whatever the reasons might be, we want to stop this pattern.

Think of people you can ask to join the Seeley Genealogical Society and then talk with them. Invite a son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, and/or friend to be part of the great SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY!

I hope to receive many new memberships soon!

## SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker  
(Data Current as of August 22, 2014)*



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](mailto: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. There are no query updates in this edition of the Newsletter.

### NEW QUERIES:

Query 1408-1 Submitted by Don Lester

([donlester09@gmail.com](mailto:donlester09@gmail.com))

Don lives in Ballston Lake, NY, and his link to the Seeley family is indirect. His grandfather, Casper Frank Lampman, worked for William Seeley in the sawmill and lumber yard on North Plain Rd, Housatonic, Berkshire, MA, in the 1920s. Don is looking for the house where his mother was born on North Plain Rd. It is near the Seeley house.

Don remembers his mother, Ruth, telling a story about the mill and a fire there when she was about three or four years old. Ruth woke in the night crying, waking her father and mother. They discovered that the mill was on fire. When "Mr. Seeley" heard that Don's mother had awakened everyone and the mill was saved, he gave her a new pair of shoes. Most kids did not wear shoes, but since Ruth had a club foot, she had to wear them. There were seven children in the family, so shoes were hard to come by.

A Great Barrington directory shows C. Frank Lampman living just across North Plain Road from William C. Seeley, lumber dealer.

Don would like to have a picture of the mill or the Seeley house on North Plain Rd to help him locate the Lampman house.

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## Passing of SGS Members

*Story by Lynda Simmons, SGS Membership Chair*



By the time you read this newsletter, you will already have received your copy of the 2013 SGS Reunion Souvenir Book (if you ordered one). In the front of each Souvenir Book is a list of SGS members who have passed away since the publication of the preceding book. Please let me know if you learn that a member has passed away to ensure that we are able to honor those who make our society great: our members.

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If so, you received it up to three weeks before those still taking the hard copy.

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Most importantly you're saving SGS a substantial amount of money, making it possible for the Society to accomplish its mission of research, collection, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity.

### Thank You!

If you would like to reap the benefits of electronic delivery of the SGS Newsletter, contact SGS Membership Chair Lynda Simmons at [summitkids@gmail.com](mailto:summitkids@gmail.com).

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**SGS Response:** Perhaps by researching William C. Seeley we can discover descendants whom Don can try to contact.

### 1930 census Housatonic, Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA (North Plain Rd)

- Seeley, William V, age 35, b. MA, MA, NY, lumber dealer, 1st md. at age 24
- Seeley, Martha L, age 27, b. NY, GER, GER, 1st md. at age 23

They are also listed there in 1940, still no children, William is farming.

### 1920 census Housatonic, Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA (North Plain Rd)

- Seeley, William C, age 69, b. MA, MA, NY, sawyer, lumber yard
- Seeley, Alice R, age 62, b. NY, NY, NY

Next house

- Seeley, William, Jr, age 24, b. MA, MA, NY, lumberman, lumber yard
- Seeley, Maud Irene, age 28, b. MA, IL, Australia

### 1910 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA (North Plain Rd)

- Seeley, William C, age 59, b. MA, MA, NY, farmer, md. 7 yrs. to
- Seeley, Alice R, age 53, b. NY, NY, NY, 1st marr., 1 child
- Seeley, Bessie A, age 24, calendar girl at paper mill; Edward H, age 21, sawyer at saw mill; William V, age 15; all b. MA, MA, NY

### 1900 census Great Barrington, Berkshire MA

- Seeley, William C, b. Aug 1850, MA, MA, NY, sawyer at lumber mill, 2nd marr., md. 17 yrs to
- Seeley, Alice, b. Apr 1857, NY, NY, NY, 1st marr., 1 child
- Seeley, Annie B, b. Jan 1879, CT, MA, MA, assembler in electric shop
- Seeley, Lulu M, b. Jan 1882, CT, MA, MA, bakery cashier
- Seeley, Ella M, b. Jun 1884, CT, MA, MA
- Seeley, Bessie A, b. Apr 1886; Edward H, b. Nov 1888; both b. MA, MA, MA
- Seeley, William B V, b. Jan 1895, MA, MA, NY
- Carmal, James S, boarder, b. Jun 1830, CAN, ENG, ENG, machinist at mill, md. 43 yrs

### 1880 census Andover, Tolland, CT

- Seeley, William C, age 28, b. MA, MA, MI, steam engineer in saw mill
- Seeley, Lilly, age 16 b. MA, MA, MA
- Seeley, Ann, age 1, b. CT, MA, MA
- Williams, Aaron, age 61, father-in-law, b. MA, MA, MA, works in steam saw mill

### 1880 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, William, age 62, b. MA, CT, CT, machinist
- Seeley, Margaret, age 61, b. NY, NY, NY
- Seeley, Stewart, age 21, b. MA, MA, NY, tinsmith, md. within yr.
- Seeley, Charles, age 36, laborer; Fred, age 22; Samuel, age 19, both tinsmiths; Ella, age 15; all b. MA, MA, NY
- Seeley, Anna, age 20, dau-in-law, b. MA, md. within yr.
- Seeley, Frank, age 5, grson, b. RI, MA, RI

### 1870 census Exeter, Washington, RI

- Seeley, William, age 52, b. MA, sawyer
- Seeley, Mary F, age 50, b. NY
- Seeley, Charles H, age 27; Albert A., age 25; William, age 20, all work in sawmill; Steward, age 16; Frederick, age 12; Samuel, age 9; Ella, age 6; all b. MA

- Noble, Edward, age 25, b. CT, teamer
- Ward, Frederick A, age 36, b. MA, carpenter
- Kilborn, Mark age 37, b. MA, works in sawmill

### 1865 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, William, age 47, b. MA, sawyer
- Seeley, Mariette, age 46, b. NY
- Seeley, Charley H, age 21, soldier; Albert, age 18, laborer; John B, age 17; Wm C, age 15; Stewart and Julia, twins, age 11; Frederick, age 7; Samuel, age 3; Ella M, age 9 mos; all b. MA

- Seely, Sally, age 74, b. CT

### 1860 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, Wm, age 41, b. MA, sawyer
- Seeley, Mariette, age 40, b. NY
- Seeley, Charles, age 16, laborer; Albert, age 15; John, age 13; William, age 10; Stewart and Julia, twins, age 6; Joel F and Frederick, twins, age 2; all b. MA

- Chapter, Horace, age 25, laborer b. MA

### 1855 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, William, age 26, b. MA, miller
- Seeley, Maryette, age 28, b. NY
- Seeley, Charles, age 12; Albert, age 8; William, Jr, age 5; Stewart Annable and Julia Harrison, twins, age 15; all b. MA

- 16 others (not Seeley), mostly in late teens and 20s, working in mill or no occ. listed

### 1850 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, Joel, age 60, b. MA, cooper
- Seeley, Sally, age 55, b. MA
- Seeley, William, age 22, b. MA, laborer
- Seeley, Mariette, age 21, b. MA
- Seeley, Chas, age 7; Albert, age 5; John, age 2; all b. MA
- Case, Emeline, age 35, b. NY

From previous research we have Joel Butler Seeley, b. 1788, New Haven, CT, md. to Sally A Allen in 1809 in Seneca Co., NY, son of Abraham, b. 1763, New Haven, CT, md. to Eunice Butler in 1787 in New Haven, son of Abraham, b. 1730, md. Mary Barnes in 1758 in New Haven. We do not know the ancestry of this Abraham Seeley (see Query 0808-6 on the SGS website).

From Findagrave.com: At Mahaiwe Cemetery, Great Barrington, MA

- Seeley, William C, b. 1850, d. 1921
- Seeley, Alice Van Valkenburgh, b. 1857, d. 12 Jan 1923, "His wife"
- Tremper, Ella M Seeley, dau. of William and Marietta Seeley, wife of William A, b. 1864, d. 22 Jun 1886. Ella had a dau. also named Ella M., who was b. 15 Jun 1886 and d. 17 Jun 1886

### MA Town Vital Records:

- William C Seeley, b. 20 Aug 1850, Great Barrington, to William Seeley, shoemaker, b. Great Barrington, and his wife, Maryette, b. Austerlitz, NY
- Dau., b. April 1848, Great Barrington, to William and

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Mariette Seeley of Great Barrington

- Stewart A and Julia H Seeley, twins, b. 1 Feb 1854, Great Barrington, to William Seeley, shoemaker, b. Great Barrington, and his wife, Maryette, b. Austerlitz, NY
- Joel F. and Theodore Seeley, twins, b. 2 Feb 1858, Great Barrington, to William Seeley, shoemaker, b. Great Barrington, and his wife, Maryette, b. Austerlitz, NY
- Frederick Seeley, age 23, of Great Barrington, b. Great Barrington, to William and Mariette Seeley, tinsmith, md. 23 Nov 1881, Great Barrington, by Horace W Byruss, Minister of the Gospel, to Anna Dellert, age 19, b. Great Barrington, dau. of Frederic and Anna Dellert
- Stewart A. Seeley of Great Barrington, b. Great Barrington, to William and Mariette Seeley, age 26, tinsmith, md. 23 Jan 1880, Monterey, Berkshire, MA, by Rev A E Todd, Congregationalist Minister, to Anna L. Higgins, age, 20, of Monterey, b. Sheffield, to John and Anna Higgins, 1st marr. for both.
- Samuel Seeley, b. 6 Jun 1861, Great Barrington, to William Seeley, shoemaker, b. Great Barrington, and his wife, Maryette, b. Austerlitz, NY
- Ella M Seeley, age 21, of Great Barrington, b. Great Barrington, dau. of William and \_\_\_\_ Seeley, md. 2 Mar 1885, Great Barrington, by Evarts Scudder, Congregationalist Pastor, to William A Tremper, age 23, of NY City, bookkeeper, b. Rheinbeck, NY, to Edward and Amanda Tremper
- There is also a record for Ella and William's mg., 30 Jun 1884, Sheffield, Berkshire, MA, by Fields? Hunnace?, pastor of the ME Church
- William Van V Seeley, b. 23 Jan 1895, Great Barrington, to William C Seeley, sawyer, b. Great Barrington, and his wife, Alice, b. Lexington, NY
- William Van V Seeley md. Maud Irene Crane in Great Barrington in 1919
- Annie Seeley, age 23, of Great Barrington, operative, b. CT, dau. of William C Seeley and Nellie Williams, md. 26 Nov 1902, Albany, NY, to Robert S Weeks, age 26, waiter, Great Barrington, b. West Stockbridge, Berkshire, MA, to Robert S Weeks and Kate Stevens
- Lulu M Seeley, age 19, b. and residing in Great Barrington, dau. of William C Seeley and Lillie Williams, md. 12 June 1901, Great Barrington, by H M Dumbell, Episcopal priest, to Frank W Barber, age 22, of Riverside, RI, salesman, b. Lexington, NY, to George B Barber and Mary E Gildersleeve
- Leah Alice Seeley, b. 5 Apr 1886, Great Barrington, to William C Seeley, lumberman, b. Great Barrington, and Lillie b. Alford
- Edward H Seeley, b. 12 Nov 1888, Great Barrington, to William C Seeley, sawyer, b. Great Barrington and Lillie
- Freda Agnes Seeley, b. 23 Jun 1887, Great Barrington, to Frederick T Seeley, clerk, and Anna M, both b. Great Barrington
- Raymond D Seeley, b. 21 Jun 1892, Great Barrington, to Frederick T Seeley, asst. undertaker, and Anna M Dellert, both b. Great Barrington
- Julia Seeley, age 14, of Egremont, Berkshire, MA, dau.

of William and Mary, md. 13 Oct 1867, Egremont, to George Brayne, age 27, of Egremont, laborer, b. England, to William and Mary Brayne

- Ella M Seeley, age 24, of Great Barrington, bookkeeper, b. Bolton Notch, Tolland, CT, dau. of William C Seeley and Lillie Williams, md. 24 Dec 1908, Great Barrington, by HM Dumbell, to Frank J Oaks, age 28, of Albany, NY, hotel steward, b. Rochester, Monroe, NY, son of Joseph A Oaks and Philipena Reinhart

### MA Death records

- Julia Brayen of Sheffield, aged 61 yrs., 2 mos, 22 days, d. 25 Apr 1910, Sheffield, of breast cancer; wife of George Brayen; b. Great Barrington, dau. of William Seeley, b. Great Barrington, and Marietta Curtis, b. Austerlitz, NY; bur. Greenlawn Cemetery, Great Barrington
- Albert A Seeley, aged 58, d. 8 Aug 1903, Pittsfield, Berkshire, MA, of bubular paralysis; b. Great Barrington to William Seeley, b. Great Barrington, and Mariette Curtis, b. Green River, NY; bur. Mahaive Cemetery, Great Barrington
- William Seeley, widower, aged 75 yrs., 9 mos., 30 days, d. 30 Nov 1893, Great Barrington, of paralysis; b. Great Barrington, to Joel Seeley, b. North Haven, CT, and Sally Allen, b. Springfield, Hampden, MA
- Joel F Seeley, aged 4 yrs., 3 mos., 11 days, d. 15 May 1862, Great Barrington, of chronic diarrhea, son of William and Mariette Seeley
- Edward H Seeley of Great Barrington, single, sawyer, d. 4 Oct 1910, Great Barrington, of typhoid fever; b. 12 Nov 1888, Great Barrington, to William C Seeley, b. Great Barrington, and Lillian Williams, b. Great Barrington; bur. Mahaive Cemetery, Great Barrington
- Frederick Theodore Seeley, d. 1940, Great Barrington
- Stewart Seeley aged 32, tinner, md., d. 24 May 1885, Great Barrington, of inflammation of the knee joint, son of William and Mariette Seeley, b. Great Barrington, MA, and Green River, NY

### TN Death Records

Lulu Seeley Barber, b. 8 Jan 1882, Berkshire Co., MA, to William C and Lillian Williams Seeley, both b. Berkshire Co., MA; d. 22 Feb 1948, Nashville, Davidson, TN, of heart disease; resident of Fayetteville, Lincoln, TN; wife of Frank Barber; bur. Elmwood Cemetery, Great Barrington

### WWI Draft (1917)

William Van Valkenburgh Seeley of No Plains, Housatonic, MA, b. 23 Jan 1895, Great Barrington, MA, farmer and lumber dealer, working for William Curtis Seeley, single, partially supports parents. He gives the same info for WWII Draft, naming Martha E Seeley as next of kin.

### SSDI

- Name: William Seeley
- Birth: 23 Jan 1895
- Death: Jun 1985, West Stockbridge, Berkshire, MA
- Civil: Massachusetts

Here's what I found about Frederick Theodore Seeley, son of William and Mariette Seeley:

### 1910 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, Fred T, age 52, b. MA, MA, NY, repairer in

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repair shop, md. 29 yrs. to

- Seeley, Anna M, age 50, b. MA, MA, GER, 1 ch., 1 living
- Seeley, Raymond, age 18, b. MA, MA, MA
- Seeley, John B, age 62, brother, b. MA, MA, MA, widower, repairer
- (Fred, Anna, and John are still together in Great Barrington in the 1930 census)  
In 1900 Anna has had 2 ch., 1 living; Fred is a furniture salesman.

1930 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Seeley, Raymond D, age 38, b. MA, MA, MA, telephone tester for tel. co., md. 7 yrs. to
- Seeley, Margaret, age 38, b. MA, ENG, ENG
- Seeley, John S, age 4 yrs., 10 mos., b. MA, MA, MA

WWI Draft

- Raymond Dellert Seeley, b. 21 Jan 1892, Great Barrington, where he resides, instrument installer for phone co., md.

(Same info for WWII Draft, naming Mrs. Margaret Seeley as next of kin)

MAMI

- Raymond Dellert Seeley, age 23, telephone repairman, of Great Barrington, where he was b. to Fred T and Annie Dellert Seeley; md. 22 Dec 1915, Albany, Albany, NY, to Gladys Pearl Garrette, age 21, trained nurse, of Collinsville, CT, where she was b. to Wilfred W and Elizabeth Hyde Garrette
- Raymond D Seeley, md. 1922, Great Barrington, to Margaret Metcalfe

MADI

- Raymond D Seeley, aged 70, d. 1962, Great Barrington

Here's what I found about Julia, dau. of William and Mariette Seeley:

1880 census Austerlitz, Columbia, NY

- Brayne, George, age 33, b. ENG, ENG, ENG, farmer
- Brayne, Julia, age 26, b. MA, MA, MA
- Brayne, Willie, age 10; Minnie, age 7; Mary, age 3; Ella, age 1; all b. NY, ENG, MA

In Austerlitz in 1875 the ch. were George W, age 5, and Minnie, age 2 yrs., 6 mos.

In 1900 in Chatham, Columbia, NY, Julia Brayne, b. Feb 1854, servant for Lewis Coons family, md., mother of 7 ch., 7 living.

1910 census Sheffield, Berkshire, MA

- Brayen, Charles E, age 25, b. MA, ENG, MA, trackman on steam road, md. 5 yrs. to
- Brayen, Ella E, age 24, b. CT, CT, CT
- Brayen, Julia, age 61, mother, b. MA, MA, MA, md, 7 ch., 6 living
- Brayen, Leon, age 10 mos., nephew, b. NY, NY, MA  
(In 1920 in Sheffield Charles and Ella have adopted Leon and also have son Harry, age 6)

1900 census Canaan, Litchfield, CT

- Brayen, William, b. Feb 1870, NY, NY, NY, farmer, md., 7 yrs. to
- Brayen, Laura, b. Oct 1874, MA, MA, MA, 3 ch., 3 living
- Brayen, Fred, b. Aug 1894; Mary, b. Jul 1895; Emma, b. Jul 1898; all b. CT, NY, MA

1910 census Salisbury, Litchfield, CT

- Brayen, William G, age 41, b. NY, ENG, MA
- Frederick, age 16; Emma L, age 12; George, age 5; Charles S, age 4; Myrtie, age 11 mos., all b. CT, NY, CT
- LeForest, May E, age 17, dau., b. CT, NY, CT, md. 8 mos.
- Forest, Frederick, age 54, b. MA, MA, MA,
- LeForest, Garfield, age 24, b. CAN, CAN, CAN, md. 8 mos.
- Conklin, Delbert, age 42, b. CT, CT, NY  
In 1920 William and Laura are in Montgomery, Orange, NY, with ch. George, age 18; Chas, age 16; and Myrtle, age 10.

In 1930 and 1940 William is widowed, living in Cazenovia, Madison, NY, with dau. Emma C LaGore and her dau. Julia, age 19 in 194-.

VTMI

Emma Seeley Brayen, age 28, of Austerlitz, NY, b. Alford, MA, dau of Geo Brayen, b. England, and Julia Seeley, b. Great Barrington, MA, md. 14 Aug 1915, Bennington, VT, to Walter Almstead Williams, age 24, of Pittsfield, MA, b. Austerlitz, NY, to Wm C Williams, b. Switzerland, and Mary E Almstead, b. Austerlitz, NY.

Here's what I found about Ella, dau. of William C and Lillian Seeley:

1920 census Buffalo, Erie, NY

- Oaks, Frank J, age 39, b. NY, NY, NY, brush salesman
- Oaks, Ella, age 35, b. CT, CT, CT
- Oaks, Marjorie L, age 10; Frank J, age 8; both b. NY, NY, CT

Family still in Buffalo in 1925.

In 1910 Frank and Ella are md. 5 yrs., residing in Albany, Albany, NY, with dau. Margory, age 4 mos.

From Findagrave:

Frank Joseph Oaks, b. 1911, d. 1965, bur. Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, Erie, NY

Here's what I found about Annie, dau. of William C and Lillian Seeley:

1930 census Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA

- Weeks, Robert S, age 53, b. MA, NY, ENG, barber, md. 28 yrs. to
- Weeks, Annie, age 51, b. CT, MA, MA
- Weeks, Robert, age 19; Kenneth, age 11; both b. MA, MA, CT
- Mulhall, Harry, age 55, roomer, b. MA, MA, MA, single, molder at bottle factory

MABI

Robert Franklin Weeks, b. 17 Oct 1910, Great Barrington, to Robert S and Annie Seeley Weeks

MADI

Harold Robert Weeks, age 5 mos., 17 days, son of Robert Weeks and Annie Seeley, d. 26 Jul 1909, Great Barrington

SSDI

- Name: Kenneth E. Weeks
- Birth: 24 May 1918
- Death: 31 Jul 1999, Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA
- Civil: Massachusetts

This research has provided many of entries for the Seeley Ancestor File but not any direct male descendants

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of William C or William V Seeley who were involved with the lumber mill. If anyone has pictures of North Plain Road from the 1920s or further information on this Seeley family, please contact Don and copy your query editor.

**Query 1408-2** Submitted by Chris Havnar ([chris.havnar@gmail.com](mailto:chris.havnar@gmail.com))

Chris found two obituaries for Clarence S Seeley of Independence, KS. Here is one of them:

Clarence S. Seeley, March 30, 1963, Independence, KS

*"Clarence Seeley, 80, Dies at Independence"*

*INDEPENDENCE – Clar S. Seeley, 80, who operated a restaurant here from 1931 until retiring in 1955, died Saturday night. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Loren of Independence and Milo of Chicago; four grandchildren and a brother, Harry Seeley of Waterloo.*

*Services: Tuesday at 2, White's.*

Published in the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, April 1, 1963, p. 5

Chris also found a cemetery record for Clarence at Findagrave.com that identified his father as Franklin A and his wife as Edith Spece Seeley. That led her to Franklin's cemetery record that identified his parents as Sheldon Seely and Lola Lewis, his wife as Ada Moore, whom he married 12 Sept 1880 in Buchanan Co., IA, and their five children, Orval, Clarence, Inez, Jesse, and Henry. Chris later found information on the families of these children. Contact Chris or Linda if you want those details. However, who is this Sheldon?

**SGS Response:** *The 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley*, p. 83, shows several children for Sheldon Seeley, SGS# 1086c, by his first and second wives (no name for first wife, Lola for second wife) but no information on the children's spouses or that they had children. There is no death information for Sheldon. We had previously identified wives and children for two of Sheldon's children by his first wife—SGS# 2752, John Seeley, and SGS# 2753, Benjamin Seeley. By Sheldon's second wife, Lola, we had 2 children—SGS# 2755, Alexander Seeley, b. abt. 1847, NY, and SGS# 2756, Margaret Seeley, b. Mar 1850, Machias, Cattaraugus, NY. Further research led to these records:

### US Mortality Schedule

- Sheldon Seeley, widowed, b. abt. 1798, NY, d. Nov 1879, age 81, of old age, at Liberty, Buchanan, IA

### IA Marriages

- Emma Seeley, age 17, md. John M Blank, 18 Oct 1866, Buchanan Co., IA
- Emma Seeley Blank, widow, age 37, b. 1850, Rochester, Monroe, NY, to Sheldon Sealey and Lola Lewis, md. Hugh Hersey, 28 May 1887, Buchanan Co., IA

### 1880 census Liberty, Buchanan, IA

- Blank, John M, age 36, farmer, b. PA, PA, PA
- Blank, Emma M, age 30, b. NY, NY, NY
- Blank, Carrie L., age 11; Kittie J age 7; Lottie L., age 5; all b. IA, PA, NY

### Next house

- Seeley, Frank A, age 32, bro.-in-law, painter, b. NY, PA, NY

### 1870 census Liberty, Buchanan, IA

- Blank, John, age 26, b. PA, farmer
- Blank, Emma, age 20, b. NY

- Blank, Carrie, age 1, b. IA
  - Seeley, Sheldon, age 72, b. NY
- 1850 census Machias, Cattaraugus, NY

- Seeley, Sheldon, age 52, b. NY
- Seeley, Lola, age 41, b. VT
- Seeley, Olive, age 20; John, age 18; Benjamin, age 16; Sally A, age 13; Alexander, age 3; Margaret E, age 6 mos.; all b. NY

### From Findagrave.com

- Lola Seeley, b. 1810, d. 15 Mar 1854, age 44, wife of Helden, bur. New Hampshire Cemetery, Lily Lake, Kane, IL
- So SGS# 2755 is Frank Alexander Seeley (31 Oct 1848 NY-17 Jan 1910, Buchanan Co., IA), md. Ada Moore, 12 Sept 1880, 5 children.
- SGS# 2756 is Margaret Emma Seeley, b. 1850, NY, md. 1st John M Blank, 18 Oct 1866, md 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugh Hersey, 28 May 1887. Information on her children is shown below.

### IA Marriages

- Carrie Lola Blank, age 18, dau. of John Martin Sullis Blank
  - Emma Etta Seeley, md. 22 Sept 1886, Nelson Melvin Gageby
  - Jenill Blank, age 19, dau of John Blank and Emma Seely, md. 8 Nov 1890, Albert Terres
  - Lottie Blank, age 22, md. 10 Mar 1897, F H Sampson
- 1900 census Cono, Buchanan, IA
- Sampson, Robert, b. Sept 1829, ENG, ENG, ENG, farmer, md. 39 yrs. to
  - Sampson, Anna C, b. June 1839, CAN, SCOT, SCOT, 6 ch., 3 living
  - Sampson, Fred H, b. Jun 1874, IA, ENG, CAN, farm laborer, md. 3 yrs. to
  - Sampson, Lottie, b. Aug 1875, IA, PA, NY, 1 ch., 1 living
  - Sampson, Florance O, b. Jul 1898, IA, IA, IA
- In 1920 Fred and Lottie are in Elkton, Brookings, SD, with dau. Florence O, age 21, and Marion M, age 12
- 1900 census Liberty, Buchanan, IA

- Gageby, Mellville, b. Aug 1851, OH, OH, OH, day laborer, md. 14 yrs to
- Gageby, Carrie, b. Nov 1868, IA, PA, IL, 6 ch., 5 living
- Gageby, Guy, b. Jun 1886; Charles, b. May 1889; Maggie, b. Jun 1890; Ida, b. Oct 1896; Sharlott, b. Dec 1898; all b. IA, OH, IA
- Parker, Jessie A, b. Apr 1880, IA, OH, OH, house servant

In 1910 in Liberty Melvin N and Carrie L Bageley have had 9 ch., 7 living: Charles A, age 21, Margaret L, age 19, Charlotte R, age 13, Ida I, age 11, Winnifred V, age 9, Eva, age 6, Wayne J, age 3; all b. IA, OH, IA.

In 1920 they are in Elkton, Brookings, SD, with ch. Winnifred V Gerhitz, age 18, md., and Gageby, Eva J, 15, Wayne, age 12, and Nelson L, age 8; all b. IA.

In 1940 Carrie Gageby is in Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI, with dau. Ida Maxwell, age 41, and 2 grandch.

### 1910 census Elkton, Brookings, SD

- Tures, Albert, age 38, b. IA, NY, IL, farmer, md. 19 yrs. to
- Tures, Catherine, age 37, b. KS, PA, IL, 4 ch., 4 living

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- Tures, Karl, age 18; Hugh, age 14; Delpha, age 10; all b. IA, IA, KS; Mervine, age 2, b. MN, IA, KS
- Hursey, Emma, mother-in-law, age 60, b. IL, NY, NY  
In 1920 Albert Tures, Jewell K, Hugh, and his wife, Cella, Delpha, Mervine, and Emma Hursey are all in Shevlin, Clearwater, MN.

In 1900 Albert's wife is called Julia.

1930 census Shevlin, Clearwater, MN

- Tures, Albert, age 58, b. IA, NJ, IA, farmer, md. 39 yrs. to
- Tures, Kittie, age 57, b. KS, PA, IL
- Spicer, Mervine, age 32, dau., b. MN, IA, IA, md. 1 yr. to
- Spicer, Fred, age 27, son-in-law, b. ND, IA, IA, farm laborer

From Findagrave.com

- Carrie L Gageby, b. 1868, d. 1941, bur. with husband, Melvin N Gageby (1850-1947), Forest Hill Cemetery, Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI
- Kitty J Tures, "Mother," 1872-1931, Albert Tures, 2 Jul 1871-8 Dec 1950, and Carl Alvin (S. Dak. Pvt 160 Dep. Brig., American Legion marker), all bur. Oakwood Cemetery, Lisbon, Ransom, ND
- Lottie H Sampson (1875-29 Mar 1962) and Fred H (1874-21 Aug 1926), both bur. Elkton City Cemetery, Elkton, Brookings, SD

TX Death Index

- Hugh Elmer Tures, b. 17 Jan 1896, IA, resided Port Neches, Jefferson, TX, son of Albert Tures and Kitty Jewel d. 2 Jan 1962, Marlin, Falls, TX

**Query 1408-3** Submitted by Samantha Tanner  
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Samantha's grandfather was George William Seeley, born Holton, ME, 10 March 1915, died 21 March 1984. His mother was Cora Belle Speed, born Danforth, ME, April 1870, married 14 Jan 1893, Nehemiah Ezekiel Seeley, born Hartland, Carleton, New Brunswick, Canada, March 1871. Samantha found a listing for a Nehemiah Seeley who was born 1869/1870 in Wakefield, Carleton, New Brunswick, to John Seeley and Mary Anne Drake. Since the dates and cities do not match completely and there is no listed middle name, she was not sure whether this was the next step back in her Seeley line.

**SGS Response:** Nehemiah is the son of John Calvin Seeley and Mary Ann Drake.

Samantha's line is George William, Nehemiah Ezekiel, John Calvin, Ezekiel A. (SGS# 3274), Ezekiel, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Obadiah, Obadiah, Obadiah. Ezekiel (SGS# 1431), father of Ezekiel A., was b. 12 Oct 1760, Stamford, CT, and d. 7 Jun 1839, Blissville, New Brunswick. He served with the King's American Regiment and was a prisoner of war in 1781. He received land grant #237 in 1788. So he was one of the Loyalists who went to New Brunswick at the end of the Revolutionary War. His father Ezekiel was also a Loyalist.

When this information was sent to Samantha, she replied with information on the descendants of George William. These folks will all be entered into the growing SGS Ancestor File. She also included the photo of Nehemiah Ezekiel holding baby George at the bottom left of this page.

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