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The 2017 SGS Reunion is Set for the Mid-Ohio River Valley June 15-18

Story by Lynda Simmons, SGS President



Parkersburg, West Virginia (Photo courtesy of www.greaterparkersburg.com)

The 2017 Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion is going to be very informative and fun. SGS officers will meet Wednesday, June 14, at 3:00 p.m., followed by dinner. You are all invited to join us. We will then return to the conference hotel, the Wingate, to greet members in the lobby and our Hospitality Room.

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The official reunion will begin at Fort Boreman Historical Park, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on Thursday, June 15. All the meetings will be full of interesting information with plenty of time to meet and get to know Seeley cousins. A trolley tour, boat rides, visits to museums and mansions, and great food will fill all three days in beautiful Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Marietta, Ohio. These picturesque cities are located on the Ohio River, are only fifteen miles apart, and are full of interesting things to see and do.

Many of you will be driving to

Parkersburg, while others will want to fly, so we are providing a list of nearby airports and hotels, which can be found on page 3.

We want to hear from you. What kind of information and sessions would you like? Would you be willing to share with us your knowledge and information? We love hearing about Seeleys from different parts of the country and the world with unique histories and circumstances. Please take the time to share your stories with us and be part of the next SGS Reunion.

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SGS Mission Statement

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

SGS Membership Chair

Marie Seelye

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Seelye Research Center

is co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kan. For more information, contact:

Seelye Research Center, Director

Terry Tietjens

See Contact Info on Page 15

SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2017, in the vicinity of Parkersburg, WV. 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

Seeley Genealogical Society President, Lynda Simmons

I am so excited about our SGS 2017 Reunion in the beautiful Ohio River Valley next June 15-18! Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Marietta, Ohio, are a delightful setting for an informative and fun reunion. Please make your plans to come.

This is also the time to start thinking about a site for our next reunion in 2019. We want you to tell us where you would like it to be held. Please tell us about a place that you think would be good. There is a form in this newsletter for your convenience. Please fill it out and send it to me.

I have been thinking about our SGS officers and how grateful I am for their service. They spend countless hours working for SGS and you. An organization is only as good as those who are willing to give their time to make it work. We have wonderful officers, who are creative, helpful, and hard-working volunteers. I want to give them a "Great Big Thank You!"

One officer I have been thinking a great deal about is our past president Kathie Olsen because I am trying to follow in her footsteps. Her shoes are big ones to fill. She did much for SGS, not only as president but also as the organizer of tours to England and New England, tracing where our ancestors came from and lived. There's also the amazing work she did in bringing the Seeley generations books to fruition. She also obtained 501(c) (3) tax status for SGS and continues to submit a yearly tax return for us. I want to give Kathie a "Very Special Thank You"



for her many years of service to SGS.

Now I would love to hear from you. We want your ideas and involvement. There are many jobs that need to be done at the reunion and in the day-to-day operations of SGS. If you have a talent or an interest and you would be willing to share that with SGS, we would really appreciate your help. Please get in touch with any of the officers and tell us what you would like to do for SGS. Thank you so much.

I also need your help in another way. We have a list of deceased members through October 2015. It is very difficult for our Membership Chairman, Marie Seelye, to know what members have died since then, especially since most copies of the newsletter are now distributed via email. If you know of any SGS members who has died since October 2015, would you please let Marie and me know. That would really help us. Thanks very much.

This time of year is full of all kinds of traditions and family activities. It is a wonderful season of giving, sharing, and loving! Please have a wonderful holiday season.

Reunion Hotels and Airports

Hotels

Wyngate Hotel (Conference Site)

1502 Grand Central Avenue
Vienna, WV

1-304-295-5501 (Mention SGS
conference for reduced rate)

*Just north of Parkersburg, close
to mall*

Hampton Inn

920 Emerson Ave.

Parkersburg, WV

1-844-558-7603

*New hotel in central location
close to conference hotel*

The Blennerhassett Hotel

320 Market Street

Parkersburg, WV

800-262-2536

*Beautiful historic hotel in
downtown Parkersburg*

(For other hotel suggestions,
contact Linda Crocker, see p.15)

Airports

Mid-Ohio Valley Regional (PKB)

Local airport between

Parkersburg and Marietta

Via-Air service from Charlotte,
NC, 2 flights most days

Port Columbus (CMH)

Columbus, OH

2 hours west-northwest of

Parkersburg via 4-lane highway
(Rt 33 to US 50)

Yeager Airport (CRW)

Charleston, WV

Non-stop flights to several US
destinations (Charlotte, Chicago,
Houston, Washington,
Philadelphia, Atlanta)

1 1/2 hours southeast of

Parkersburg via I-77

Cleveland Hopkins Int'l (CLE)

Non-stop service to many US
destinations, 2 1/2 hours north of
Parkersburg via I-77

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You will be surprised to learn all the ways that the Parkersburg/Marietta area was involved in the history of the US, from the formation of the Northwest Territory, the turbulence of the early 1800s, and the Civil War to the development of oil and gas industries. Whether your own family passed through this area or not, you will undoubtedly find correlations here with your own family history. Plan now to attend. Registration

forms will appear in the February issue. If you have specific questions, please get in touch with SGS President Lynda Simmons or Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker, who are in charge of the reunion.

Learn more about the greater Parkersburg/Marietta area in an article on page 6. Although it seems like we just wrapped up our conference in Abilene yesterday, we look forward to seeing you in Parkersburg next June!

Seeley Genealogical Society Financial Report

For the Period Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016

Beginning Checkbook Balance Oct. 1, 2015	\$17,791.53
(from closed account)	

Receipts

Dues	\$752.00
Life Memberships	\$375.00
CDs	\$75.00
Donations	\$642.00
Order Printed Newsletter	\$108.00
Souvenir Books	\$70.00
Other (shirt, hat, postage reimbursements)	\$26.57

Total Receipts	\$2,048.57
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Combined Receipts	\$19,840.10
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Disbursements

Postage	\$86.48
Supplies	\$9.99
Newsletters Total	\$1,881.83
Printed	\$1,485.75
Postage	\$396.08
Maintain Website	\$464.98
Ancestry.com	\$299.40
National Genealogical Society	\$50.00
Genealogical Research	\$1,471.25
Maintain SRC	\$1,000.00
2017 Reunion Deposit	\$300.00

Total Disbursements	\$5,563.93
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Ending Checkbook Balance	\$14,276.17
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CDs 1-4 as of Sept. 19, 2016	\$77,249.26
(matures January 2017)	

PLEASE NOTE: Members have pre-ordered and paid for souvenir books which will be delivered and invoiced in fiscal year 2017.

2019 SGS Reunion Site Selection Process

One of the major decisions made by the membership at biennial SGS reunions is the selection of the site for the next reunion. In order to streamline the process of selecting the reunion location, SGS members are asked to nominate locations in advance of an upcoming reunion.

The first meeting of the reunion usually occurs the day before the reunion officially begins and is the final meeting of the outgoing executive board. As always, all members are invited and encouraged to attend. Although there is much discussion about the activities of each of the board members in the preceding two years, usually, the only new business of that meeting is selecting a site to present to the membership during the reunion's general membership meeting. During the board meeting each of the site

nominees is discussed and the board members select one to present to the membership during the reunion's general membership meeting.

With that in mind members are asked to take time now to nominate a location they believe would be a good one for the 2019 SGS Reunion. The form for doing so is below.

It is important to note that as a nominator, you would be expected to provide information about the location along with the nomination form.

Attending the meeting of the board at which the reunion site is debated would also be helpful. Finally, you would be a part of the reunion committee that conducts site visits and sets up the reunion. The reunion committee will be chaired by the SGS president elected during the 2017 reunion.

For reference, the locations

nominated for the 2017 reunion were Marietta, OH/Parkersburg, WV, (which was the site selected), Newburgh, NY, Dayton, OH, and Salt Lake City, UT.

Below are the locations of previous SGS reunions:

1. 1980 Lyons, CO
2. 1983 Denver, CO
3. 1986 Fort Wayne, IN
4. 1989 Fort Wayne, IN
5. 1992 Wethersfield, CT
6. 1995 Salt Lake City, UT
7. 1997 St John, NB, Canada
8. 1999 Abilene, KS
9. 2001 Tacoma, WA
10. 2003 Williamsburg, VA
11. 2005 Abilene, KS
12. 2007 Wethersfield, CT
13. 2009 Salt Lake City, UT
14. 2011 Horseheads, NY
15. 2013 Grand Rapids, MI
16. 2015 Abilene, KS



Site Location Nomination Form

FOR THE

SGS 2019 International Reunion

NOTE: Please send to the SGS President Lynda Simmons, 125 Parkview Drive, Park City, UT 84098, (435-649-9878), summitkids@gmail.com, by May 1, 2017.

The SGS Executive Board will consider nominations at the board meeting of elected and appointed officers on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Recommendations will be presented at that meeting and voted on at that time.

I WOULD LIKE THE SGS EXECUTIVE BOARD AND APPOINTED OFFICERS TO CONSIDER AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE 2019 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

Include a local tourist bureau brochure, if available.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

Genealogy Software A Look at a Few Options

By Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian

I am not one of those people who keeps their genealogy on their computer. I started years ago with The Master Genealogist program, but I was intimidated by all it could do, so I quit using it. That program is no longer supported, but people who still use it swear by it. Late last year, I had decided to purchase *Family Tree Maker* and start again. Then Ancestry announced it would stop selling Family Tree Maker, putting me back at square one. I thought that since I had to decide on what program to use, I would share my journey with you.

I started comparing programs on the Internet. I found four sites that had reviews of current products both by laypeople and professionals. Those sites were Top Ten Reviews,

Family Tree Maker in my comparisons because the company that markets the product right now is in the process of updating it). My next step was to identify items that I thought would be extras in a genealogy program that I might want. You can view my findings in the following chart.

All of these programs have been in business for at least twenty years, with the exception of Legacy, whose age I could not verify. Most have the ability to print books, wall charts, multiple types of reports. All of them work with Windows, though Heredis, RootsMagic and Ancestral Quest offer Macintosh software as well.

One feature that is very important to me is the ability of a program to be mobile. Heredis is located in France,

and RootsMagic can be run from a thumb drive, but then you have to carry a laptop to your research areas. I have found that there are some apps available for Apple products that can be used with any genealogy program; you just have to transfer information via GEDCOM files.

There is a plethora of options available to the genealogist. Every program has a features list, and most of these lists are four to eight pages long. Each program has something that makes it just a bit different from the others, which also adds to difficulty of selection. Thankfully, all of these programs have demo or scaled-down versions of full program to test, which is what I will be doing next. Wish me luck on my continuing journey.

PROGRAM NAME	IMPORT ON-LINE SOURCES	MULTIPLE SOURCE TEMPLATES	TECHNICAL SUPPORT	RELIABILITY CHECKS	RESEARCH TO DO LISTS	WEB ACCESS
<i>ANCESTRAL QUEST</i> ANCQUEST.COM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<i>BROTHER'S KEEPER</i> BKWIN.ORG	UNKNOWN	NO	FAQ & EMAIL	YES	YES	NO
<i>FAMILY HISTORIAN</i> FAMILY-HISTORIAN.CO.UK	YES	AUTO	YES	YES	YES	YES
<i>HEREDIS</i> HEREDIS.COM	YES	AUTO	NO DIRECT	YES	YES	YES
<i>LEGACY</i> LEGACYFAMILYTREE.COM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
<i>ROOTS MAGIC</i> ROOTSMAGIC.COM	UNK	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

PC Magazine, Gen Soft Reviews, which listed 962 programs, and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. I then compared these four sites to discover any correlation between their ratings. All four sites listed *Ancestral Quest*, *Brother's Keeper* and *Heredis* software programs. Three of the four listed *Family Historian*, *Legacy* and *RootsMagic*. (I decided not to use

is the only program to work across multiple operating systems, and can be completely mobile. It will link across operating devices regardless of type. This is a strong draw for me, but since it is based in France, technical support could be difficult. Family Historian is based in the United Kingdom and has many of the same bells and whistles as Heredis but no ability to be mobile. Ancestral Quest

1. <http://www.toptenreviews.com/software/home/best-genealogy-software/>
2. <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2403077,00.asp>
3. <http://www.gensoftreviews.com/>
4. <http://www.americanancestors.org/education/learning-resources/read/genealogical-software-programs>

SGS 2017 Reunion Location: Mid-Ohio River Valley

By Linda L. Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist



Parkersburg, West Virginia
(Photo courtesy of
www.greaterparkersburg.com)

The 2017 Reunion of the Seeley Genealogical Society will be held in the Mid-Ohio Valley, an area straddling the Ohio River and including Marietta, Ohio, and Parkersburg, West Virginia, as well as several smaller communities. The area is about an hour south of the junction of I-70 and I-77 with easy access from I-77 to both cities. The Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport provides passenger service from Dulles International Airport in Washington, DC. Other nearby airports include Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia, and Port Columbus International Airport in Columbus, OH.

The Mid-Ohio Valley was originally home to Native Americans, as evidenced by several mounds still existing in the area. Eventually, fur traders and explorers passed through as part of America's westward expansion. As a young man, George Washington surveyed much of the



Shopping in Parkersburg, West Virginia
(Photo courtesy of
www.greaterparkersburg.com)

area, and his reports led others to explore and settle this northwestern part of what was originally Virginia and nearby Ohio in the late 1700s.

Marietta is best known as the first settlement in Old Northwest Territory. It was initially settled by New England Congregationalists, and many Revolutionary War veterans are buried in the local cemeteries. Located where the Muskingum River

joins the Ohio River, Marietta boasts several attractions, including the Ohio River Museum, the Campus Martius Museum of the Northwest Territory, Mound Cemetery (an ancient Native American earthwork surrounded by a graveyard dating back to the founding of Marietta), the riverfronts, Marietta College, a trolley tour, river cruises, and a walkable downtown shopping

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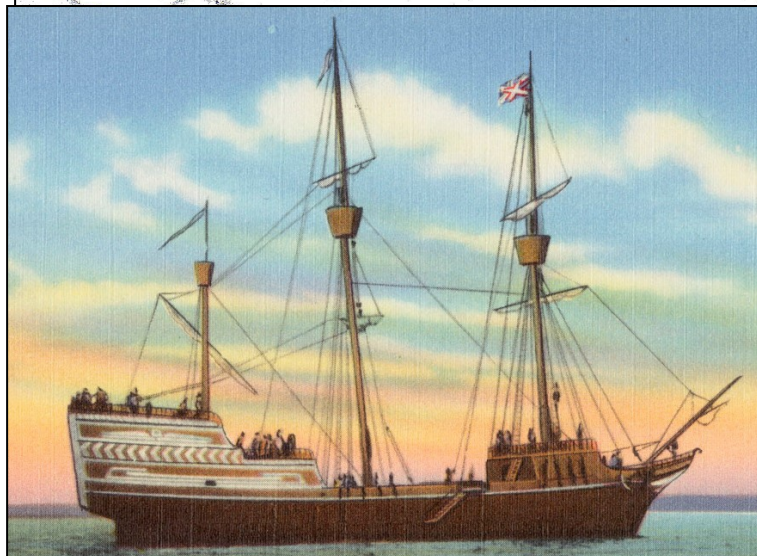
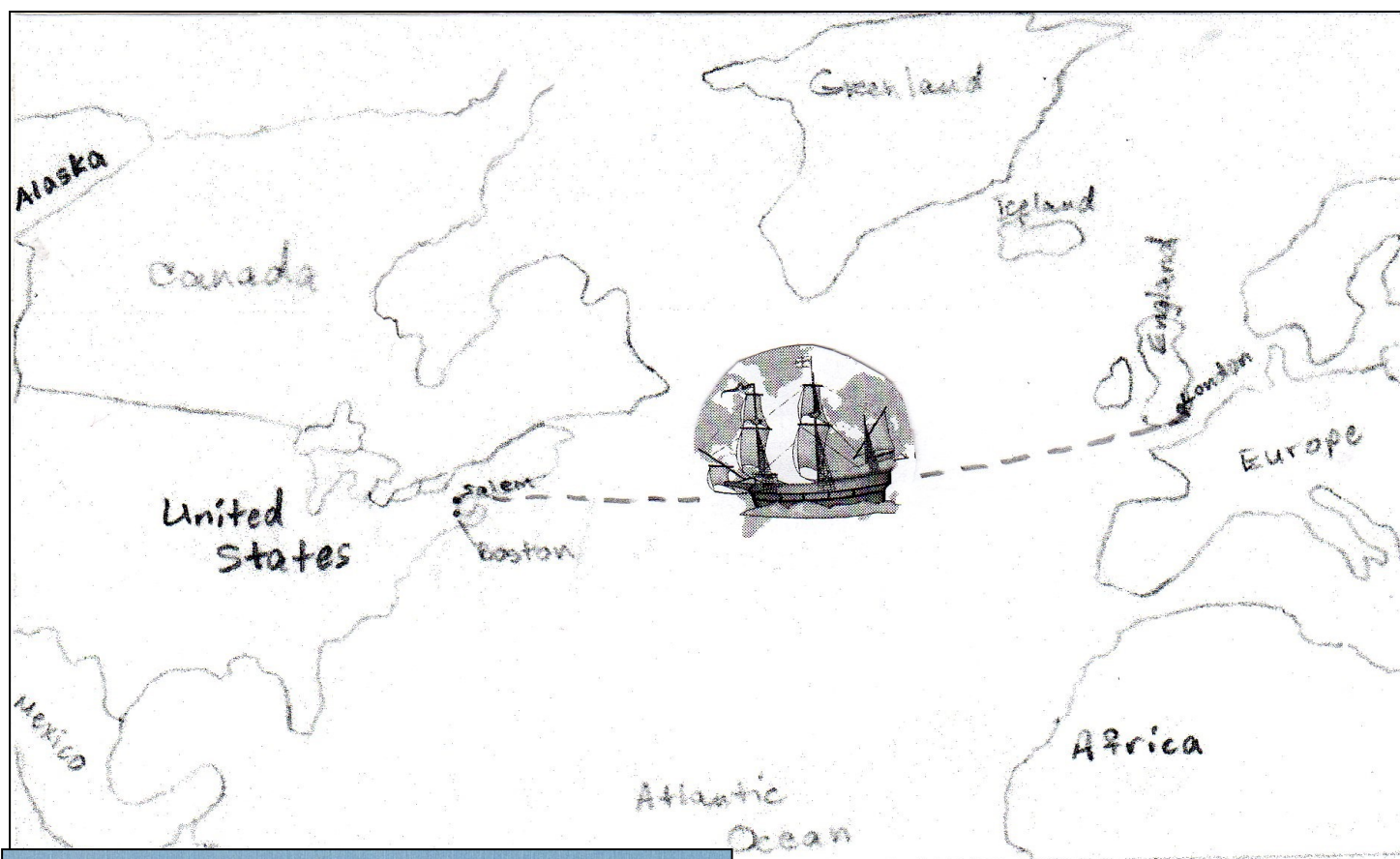
Children's Ancestry Corner

By Seeley Genealogical Society
Membership Chair Marie Seelye



Editor's Note: This section of the newsletter is the second of a series dedicated to youngsters. You are encouraged to share these pages with your children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Use them as a way to begin a conversation with them, tell them stories about their family history, and perhaps engender in them a love for genealogy.

Seeleys Coming to America Voyage to a New Life in the New World



When our ancestor, Robert Seely, came to the New World with the Winthrop Fleet in 1630, he left from London, England, and arrived in Salem (now in Massachusetts). They spent 2 ½ months (29 March-12 June) during the spring to travel about 3000 miles across the Atlantic. That is a long time to be on a ship with 100-140 other passengers and crewmembers and all their animals and extra household goods. The ship was over 100 feet long and had 4 decks. They sailed across the ocean and never saw land for that entire time. The passengers stayed below the top deck most of the time. Would you like this? Do you get seasick? How would you feel after such a long time staying below deck?

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The inside of the ship was divided into compartments and was very crowded. Some goods our ancestors brought with them were stored near their assigned spot. They stored the rest in the hold (bottom) of the ship. Remember that there were no stores yet where they were going, so they were told to bring food for a year, plus tools and everything else they would need in the New World. They also did all their cooking and living in their assigned spots. It looked like the above picture.





Our ancestors initially landed in Salem, and they had to build shelters right away. The house in the photo at the far left is a reconstruction of one of their houses at Salem that I saw when I visited there. In order to protect themselves from the Indians, the family put shutters over the windows. They needed to make the shutters so no one could take them down from the outside and crawl in through the opening. Note the holes in the sides of the shutters and the window frame. The family put bolts through the holes and fastened them inside the house with nuts. I have a friend whose ancestors were neighbors of my ancestors; she said her ancestors also used shutters to protect them from the Redcoats in the Revolutionary War. The men and boys were gone to fighting, so the father left the shutters for his family's protection. The soldiers then tried to come down the chimney, but the family started a fire in the fireplace and were saved from the soldiers.

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district.

Parkersburg is the commercial and manufacturing hub of the area. As the birthplace of the nation's oil and gas industry, the area was of strategic importance during the Civil War and contributed to the creation of the state of West Virginia during the War. History buffs will be especially intrigued by the story of Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, Irish aristocrats who settled in the area in 1798. The house they built on an island in the Ohio River is where Blennerhassett and Aaron Burr supposedly conspired to take over the American southwest. Though the house burned to the ground in 1811, it has been reconstructed and is open for tours as part of Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park, accessed by a ride on a sternwheeler.

Other attractions in and near Parkersburg include Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History, the Oil and Gas Museum, Fort Boreman, and Henderson Hall Plantation, the latter of which may be of special interest to SGS members, for it remained in the same family for five generations from the time it was built in 1836. It was expanded in the 1850s by a grandson of Scottish immigrants who originally settled in Fairfax, Virginia, and were friends of George Washington. The house is filled with the belongings of the Henderson family, who apparently never threw anything away.

The last descendant, who died in 2007, willed the property to the Oil and Gas Museum. House staff and volunteers are still trying to catalogue all the mansion's contents. Some of its twenty-nine rooms are furnished from a particular time period; others have items spanning several generations.

North of Parkersburg nature lovers can explore the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge near Williamstown. North Bend State Park, east of Parkersburg, the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway in the Hocking Hills of southern Ohio, and the Amish country north of Marietta are other area attractions well worth a visit. As for Seeley Connections, Thomas Seely, SGS# 1348, and his family lived in Waterford Township, Washington, Ohio; William Gedney Seeley, SGS# 1633, and his family also lived there; Helen Sophia Seely, daughter of Sylvanus Seely, SGS#

3394, was born in Warren, Trumbull, Ohio, married James Monroe Jackson of Parkersburg, a cousin of General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, had seven children, of whom three survived to adulthood, and died in Parkersburg in 1861. All three of these Seeleys descend from Obadiah's line. Although this area is not overrun



with Seeleys, many SGS members will likely discover other relatives who passed through on their way west, either on land or by boat south and west on the Ohio River and its tributaries. All members are invited to come to the 2017 Reunion in Parkersburg to begin the next half-century of SGS.



SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker

The SGS query column leverages the amassed knowledge of SGS, the research skills of the society's query team, and the knowledge of SGS members to help those who submit queries answer challenging research questions.

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

Be sure to follow a few guidelines when submitting your query.

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

new 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 and complete contact information—sometimes we receive new information months or even years after your query appears.

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, **so the query can be updated in the next newsletter. Please include the query number**, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.

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

New Queries

16011-1 Submitted by Scott Lewellen (sblewellen@gmail.com)

Scott says, "I found Permella Seely Crane on Findagrave—b. 27 Aug 1831 (Indiana) / d. 19 June 1911 (Fountain Co, Indiana). The record says she was a daughter of "Morteville Seely" (Montreville?). My records say six children to Montreville and Mary Ann Hecock—Isabella Jane (1829), Berrissa (1834), Eseck (1835), Harriet (~1836), Solomon (1841), Horace (1845, my great-grandfather). Is this a 7th child? Do you have Permella in your records? She would fit well into the parade of children by birth years. I am still looking for more info on Mary Ann Hecock".

SGS Response: Permella is SGS# 2839. Our information from her gt-gt granddaughter is that Permella was the daughter of John Seeley (SGS# 1120) and his wife Elizabeth Parks. Her parents died in 1836 in Fountain County, IN, when Permella was four, and she became the ward of Montreville Seeley (SGS# 1676).

According to J. Kelsey Jones (montroseaussies@stny.rr.com),

- Permella Seeley, b. 27 Aug 1831, m. 31 Aug 1845 (Indiana marriage record), in Fountain Co., IN, Housen Clifton, b. 17 Feb 1824 in KY, son of William Ceton Clifton and Elizabeth Lyons, enumerated in Richland Township, Fountain Co., in 1850 and Mount Pleasant, Champaign, IL, in 1860, farmer.
- Housen m. 14 Dec 1864 in Sangamon Co., IL, (2) Emma Morris, b. 19 Mar 1824, daughter of John H. Morris and Delia Hoagland. Permella filed for divorce

on grounds of desertion, which granted 2 Sep 1865, Fountain Co.

- Permella m. 8 Sept 1867 in Montgomery Co., IN, (2) Jarrard Crane, b. 9 Sept 1831 in OH. Jared and Permella are enumerated in Richland Township, Fountain Co. in 1870, manufacturer of tin ware, and in Richland Township in 1880, tinner.
- Housen d. 17 Sept 1893 in Rochester, MN, and Emma d. 31 Jan 1900 in Rochester, bd Oakwood Cemetery.
- Jarrard d. 20 Aug 1884 (tombstone) in Fountain Co., bd. Dry Run Cemetery, Richland Township.
- Permella is enumerated in Richland Township in 1900, pensioner, Jarrard evidently having served in the Civil War, mother of nine children, four living.
- Permella d. 19 June 1911 (tombstone) in Fountain Co., bd. Dry Run Cemetery.
- Children of Housen and Permella:
 - Mary Ann Clifton, b. c. 1847, IN.
 - William Washington Clifton, b. 9 Dec 1848, IN, m. Alta Wagoner.
 - Andrew Jackson Clifton, b. 27 Sept 1852, IN, m. 6 Aug 1874, Rebecca Jennie Johnson.
 - Sarah Clifton, b. c. 1856, IN.
 - Thomas Albert Jefferson Clifton, b. 15 Dec 1859, IN, m. 14 Dec 1885, Addie Lourena Pomeroy.
 - Emma Clifton, b. c. 1863.
- Children of Jared and Permella:
 - Louretta Crane, b. 27 June 1869, d. 10 May 1875 (tombstone), bd. Dry Run Cemetery.
 - Walter Crane, b. Oct 1872, enumerated in Richland Township in 1900 with a wife and child.

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- Clifton, Houson, age 23, b. KY, farmer
- Clifton, Permelia, age 18, b. IN
- Clifton, Mary A., age 3, William, age 1, both b. IN

1860 census Township 21N Ranges 11 E and 14 Wm Champaign, IL

- Clifton, Haston, age 32, b. KY, farmer
- Clifton, Parmelia, age 28, b. IN
- Clifton, William W., age 13, Andrew, age 8, Sarah, age 4, all b. IN; Albert, age 8 mos., b. IL

1870 census Richland, Fountain, IN

- Crane, Jarred, age 40, b. OH, manufacturer of tin ware
- Crane, Parmelia, age 39, b. IN
- Crane, Loretta, age 2, b. IN
- Clifton, Emma, age 7, b. IN
- Also in Richland:
- Thomas Clifton, age 10, living with William and Catherine Schultz

1870 census Rochester, Olmstead, MN

- Clifton, Housen, age 46, farmer b. KY
- Clifton, Enora, age 27, b. IL
- Clifton, William, age 21, b. IN, farmer

1880 census Richland, Fountain, IN

- Crane, Jarrard, age 49, tinner, b. OH, NJ, OH
- Crane, Permelia, age 48, b. IN, NY, NY
- Crane, Walter, age 8, b. IN, OH, IN

1900 census Richland, Fountain, IN

- Crane, Walter, b. Oct 1872 IN, IN, IN, day laborer, md. 2 yrs. to
- Crane, Anna M., b. May 1877, IN, IN, IN, 1 ch., 1 living
- Crane, Theodore, b. Dec 1899, IN, IN, IN
- Next home
- Crane, Permalea, b. Aug 1834, IN, NY, NY, widow, 9 ch., 4 living, pensioner

1910 census Richland, Fountain, IN

- Crane, Permelia, age 78, widow, b. IN, NY, NY, own income, 9 ch., 4 living
- Next home:
- Crane, Walter F., age 36, b. IN, IN, IN, tinner, md. 1 1yr. to
- Crane, May, age 36, b. IN, IN, IN, 2 ch., 2 living
- Crane, Walter, Jr., age 10, Donald, age 1, both b. IN, IN, IN

Civil War Pension Index

- Permelia Crane filed for a pension as the widow of Jerrard Crane. 19 Feb 1886. based on his service in Co 35, IN Infantry

INDC

- Permelia Crane, b. 31 Aug 1831 to Montevill Seeley, b. NY, and Polly Ann Hetfield, b. NY, died 9 Jun 1911, at Richland, Fountain, IN. Son Walter Crane is informant.
- Thomas A Clifton, b. 15 Dec 1859, d. 26 Jun 1935, Covington, Fountain, IN, newspaper publisher. Parents: Thomas H Clifton, b. IN, and Permelia Seely, b. IN, wife Lorina. Informant: Cooper C. Clifton, bd. Mt. Hope Cemetery

From: Roll, Charles. INDIANA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT, Vol. 3 Chicago: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1931

THOMAS A. CLIFTON, of English descent, in early life was a school teacher, also a foreign missionary, but for about forty years his chief work has been in the

newspaper field. Mr. Clifton is editor and publisher of the *Covington Republican*, Fountain County.

He was born in Iroquois County, Illinois, December 15, 1859. The family lived in Indiana before going to Illinois and later returned to Fountain County. His father, Housen Clifton, was born near Lebanon, Kentucky, his parents coming to this county from Kentucky. The mother Permelia Seeley, was a daughter of Monteville Seeley, who came from New York State and was of Scotch ancestry. Thomas A. Clifton is the only survivor of six children, the deceased being Mary, Martha, Emma, William and Jackson. Mr. Clifton's father served three years in the Union army, being in the Sixty-third Indiana Infantry, and his grandfather, William Ceton Clifton, was a soldier in the Mexican war from North Carolina.

Thomas A. Clifton attended school in Fountain County and was a member of the class of 1885 in DePauw University. He began teaching before completing his university career and before graduating he undertook a special mission for the Methodist Northern Conference in India in 1885. On December 14, 1885, he married Miss Lorena Pomeroy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Pomeroy, of Williamsport, Indiana. They resigned their school work to go to India for the purpose of establishing a boys' high school. The funds for establishing this school were supplied by an endowment given by Mrs. Philander Smith, of Oak Park, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton opened the school, arranged its work and secured its affiliation with Calcutta University. After having carried out their mission successfully they returned home in 1888 and Mr. Clifton then resumed work as a school man at Williamsport.

In 1891 he established the *Warren Review*, and in addition to owning that newspaper was also later publisher of a newspaper at Fowler, Indiana, another at Veedersburg and one at Williamsport. He sold out his interests to other newspapers and since 1897 has concentrated his energies almost entirely upon the *Covington Republican*. It is published in a modern plant and building and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton through their newspaper, have been an exceedingly valuable influence to this community. By appointment of the governor, Mr. Clifton has served on the board of the Central Hospital for the Insane, and the board of the State School for the Blind, both at Indianapolis.

He and Mrs. Clifton have two children. Their daughter, Adda was born in India and the first words she learned were those of Hindustana. After completing her education she was married to D. F. Smith. She died in 1919 at Covington. The son, Cooper, lives at Attica, Indiana, where he is now in charge of the *Daily Ledger-Tribune*, and was previously connected with the *Commercial News* of Danville, Illinois, and was president two terms of the Typographical Union there. He married Ruth Furr and has a son, Cooper, Jr., born July 16, 1918.

Mr. Clifton is a Republican, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Clifton is active in the Eastern Star

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Chapter, the Woman's Club and the Literary Club of Covington. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and traces her ancestry back to the twelfth century in England.

From: Leonard, Joseph A. *History of Olmsted County, Minnesota*. Chicago: Goodspeed Historical Association, 1910, p. 457.

Dr. William W. CLIFTON, of Rochester is a native of Fountain County, Indiana where his parents, Housen and Permelia Seeley Clifton were early settlers and respected citizens. Housen Clifton, his father was a physician and came to Olmsted County in 1866, settling on a farm on Sec. 8, Rochester Twp, where he farmed and engaged in the practice of his profession. He attained much success as a cancer specialist and his patients came from all over the country. Dr. William W. Clifton was born Dec. 9, 1848, and reared to early manhood in and educated in the public schools of his native county. He came to Olmsted County with his parents when 18 and two years later was converted to Christianity. He subsequently took up the study of theology, was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church but never followed the ministerial calling. Under his father's tutelage he studied medicine and succeeded him in his practice. In the treatment of external or surface cancer he has had more success than usually comes to the average practitioner and his fame has extended to remote localities throughout the land. Dr. Clifton's medical education was obtained in the Metropolitan School of Physicians & Surgeons, from which he was regularly graduated. In politics he is a Republican with a strong leaning to prohibition and other reforms tending toward the general good of the country.

In conclusion, only a couple of Permelia's children were in the SGS database, and we did not list her second marriage. Our records will be updated. It would still be helpful to find a guardianship record for Permelia as the ward of Montreville (or a birth certificate proving she is actually his daughter and not John's). Her death certificate also raises the issue of the identity of Montreville's wife. Is she Mary Ann Hecock or Polly Ann Hetfield?

1611-2 Submitted by Psalms Lutz (psalmslutz@yahoo.com)

Psalms is a direct descendant of Lesbia Seeley (SGS# 3585). Lesbia was born in 1807 and died in 1844 in Romulus, Seneca, NY. Psalms doesn't have much information on Lesbia or her husband, William T. Johnson, and especially wonders why Lesbia died at such a young age.

SGS Response: Lesbia and William had a daughter, also named Lesbia, born in 1844 so my guess would be that Lesbia's death was related to childbirth, either during the birth or as a result. By 1847 William has a daughter Sarah by his second wife, Sarah (Sally Ann).

1850 census Romulus, Seneca, NY

- Johnson, William T., age 47, b. NY, farmer
- Johnson, Sally Ann, age 43, b. NY
- Johnson, Charles, age 19, laborer, Augusta, age 18, Maria, age 16, Julia, age 14, Caroline, age 12, Elijah D., age 9, Lesbia, age 5, Sarah, age 3, all b. NY
- Dey, Charles, age 8 b. NY

- Savage, Nicholas, age 25, laborer b. IRE

In 1860 William T., age 57, Sally A., age 51, Elijah D., age 17, Lesbia, age 15 and Sarah A., age 12, all b. Seneca Co. NY, still living in Romulus.

I found an obituary for Elijah, son of William and Lesbia, which shows the names of his surviving siblings: Elijah Denton Johnson, Willard, 6/4/1898, son William T. Johnson, 55, sur. 6 sis. 2 bro, Mrs. Arthur Dunlap, Ovid, Mrs. Byram Leonard, Fayette; Mrs. Dr. Reynolds, Amsterdam, Mrs. Mc Chesney, Chicago, Mrs. White, Seely, Mich, Charles, Corfu; half-sis. Mrs. Martin, Rochester, wife former Ella Carroll, 2 sons, Bert T. and Lee C., br Ovid.

MIDC

- Seely Johnson of Marshall, Calhoun, MI, b. 15 Sep 1827, NY, d. 23 Nov 1914, at Marshall, son of W. T. Johnson, b. NY, and Lesbia Seely, b. NY, widowed, farmer. Informant C. J. Johnson of Tekonsha, MI

1900 census Ovid, Seneca, NY

- Dunlap, Arthur, b. Feb 1835, NY, NY, NY, farmer, md. 40 yrs. to
 - Dunlap, Mary H., b. Jun 1841, NY, NY, NY, 6 ch., 4 living
 - Dunlap, Reuben T., b. Aug 1877, NY, NY, NY, farmer
- 1880 census Fayette, Seneca, NY
- Leonard, Byram, age 54, farmer, b. NY, NY, NY
 - Leonard, Maria, age 45, b. NY, NY, NY
 - Leonard, Frederick, age 23, Thomas, age 21, Leyman, age 15, all b. NY, NY, NY
 - Troutman, Anne, age 19, servant, b. NY, PA, PA
- Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Corfu, Genesee, NY
- JOHNSON, Charles S., 19th N. Y. Battery, d. 10 Oct 1911, age 83 yrs.

Findagrave

- Maria Johnston Leonard, b. 1835, d. 5 Mar 1915, Fayette, Seneca, NY

Seneca County Courier-Journal, 11 March 1915, pp. 1, 8

MRS. BYRON LEONARD The death of Mrs. Maria Johnston Leonard, widow of the late Byron Leonard, occurred Wednesday evening of last week at her home in Fayette, the cause of death being apoplexy. Mrs. Leonard was eighty years of age and was well known and highly respected for her many good qualities of heart and mind. She is survived by one son Lyman Leonard and six grandchildren. The funeral was held from the Lutheran church at Fayette on Saturday morning, the pastor, Rev. D.W. Kerr officiating, and burial was made in Ovid Union cemetery.

- Lesbia Anne McChesney Chamberlain, b. 10 Mar 1861, NY, d. 2 Mar 1936, widow of Arthur F. Chamberlain, dau. of Martin H McChesney and his wife, Caroline C. (1839-1903), bd. Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Cook, IL

1900 census Chicago, Cook, IL

- Chamberlain, Arthur F., b. Aug 1858, NH, NH, NH, dealer wholesale millinery, md. 16 yrs. to
- Chamberlain, Lesbia A., b. Mar 1862, NY, NY, NY, 2 ch., 2 living
- Chamberlain, Ethel L., b. Jul 1886, Gertrude F., b. Apr

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- 1893, both b. IL, NH, NY
- McChesney, Martin H, father-in-law, b. Apr 1836, NY, NY, NY, musical inventor, md. 40 yrs. to
- McChesney, Caroline C, mother-in-law, b. May 1839, NY, NY, NY, 1 ch., 1 living
- Johnson, Lizzie S., b. May 1863, KY, KY, KY, servant Cook Co. IL DI
- Carrie C. McChesney b. 1841, NY, d. 26 Apr 1903, Chicago

1865 census Wilson, Niagara, NY

- McChesney, Martin H., age 29, b. Niagara Co, music teacher
- McChesney, Carrie C., age 26, b. Seneca Co.
- McChesney, Lesbia A., age 4, b. Niagara Co.

This query has given us additional information on the descendants of Lesbia Seeley for our database.

1611-3 Submitted by Barbara Webster
(bjcharles@pacific.net)

The photo of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seeley (at right) and the obituary of their son Charles Seymour Seeley were sent to us by Barbara, who wondered if they were "our" Seeleys. Charles is SGS# 1937, Charles Lyon Seeley, b. 1804, d. 1884, married to Maria Seymour. Barbara is especially interested in Maria, since she is supposedly the sister of Barbara's third great-grandmother, Margaret Violetta Seymour Jewett.

**Northville Record**, 10 Feb 1922

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY In the death of Charles Seymour Seeley, mention of whose passing was mentioned last week, Northville mourns the loss of another of its sturdy pioneer citizens. Born at Waterford on April 7th 1845, he grew to manhood in this immediate vicinity and his whole life was spent in this township. For more than 35 years he followed the vocation of a farmer and stock buyer and enjoyed a large acquaintance among the people of the surrounding country. On February 11, 1875 he was united in marriage to Susie Smitherman, and to this union one child, a son, Harry P. Seeley was born. Mr. and Mrs. Seeley were residents of Northville village for many years until about a year and a half ago when they went to Detroit to spend the sunset of their years with their son.

Death came to Mr. Seeley on Tuesday, January 31st, his devoted wife and son being at his bedside when the final summons came, and to whom the tenderest sympathy of many friends are extended. Funeral services were held at Schrader brothers' funeral parlors on Thursday afternoon last, being conducted by Rev. E. V. Belles. Interment took place at Rural Hill cemetery.

Northville Record, February 10, 1922

SGS Response: For some reason the children of Charles Lyon and Maria Seymour Seeley are not in our database.

MIDI

- Charles L. Seeley, age 81, widower, d. 5 Dec 1885, Northville, Wayne, MI. Says he was b. in CT to unknown parents
- Augusta S. Palmer, b. 25 Sep 1833, NY, to Chas L. Seeley. and Maria Seymour. b. CT, first md. at age 24, parent of 3 children, none living, md., d. 19 Feb 1908, Detroit, Wayne, MI

1850 census Plymouth, Wayne, MI

- Seeley, Charles L., age 47, farmer, b. CT
- Seeley, Maria, age 44, b. NY
- Seeley, Augusta, age 17, Frances, age 14, both b. NY; Mary, age 11, Harriet, age 8, Charles S., age 5, all b. MI
- Kellogg, James, age 26, cooper b. NY

1860 census Plymouth, Wayne, MI

- Seely, Charles L., age 56, b. CT, farmer
- Seely, Maria, age 53, b. NY
- Seely, Frances, age 24, b. NY, Mary, age 21, Seymore, age 15, Lillian, age 2, all b. MI
- Welch, Marion, age 15, b. MI
- 2 hired men

1870 census Plymouth, Wayne, MI

- Seeley, Chas L. age 66, farmer, b. CT
- Seeley, Maria, age 62, b. NY
- Seeley, Seymour, age 26, farm laborer, Nancy, age 12, both MI
- 3 unrelated servants/laborers
- In 1880 in Plymouth Charles M. Seeley, age 76, with Mariah, age 73, sharing house with Charles S. Seeley, age 35 and wife Susan, age 31

1880 census Detroit, Wayne, MI

- Palmer, Ripley M. age 47, RR conductor, b. NY, NY, NY
- Palmer, Augusta S., age 46 b. NY, CT, CT
- Next door
- Hamilton, Franklin, age 42, painter, b. NY, NY, NY
- Hamilton, Mary, age 41, b. MI, NY, NY
- Hamilton, Fannie S., age 2 b. MI, NY, MI

Findagrave

- Hattie Seeley, b. 1842, d. 1859, bd. =Thayer Cemetery, Northville, Wayne, MI; stone matches those of her parents, Charles L. and Maria.

Records of Thayer Cemetery, Northville, Wayne, MI

- Hamilton, Mary Seeley, b. 1839, d. 1923 | Archives Lists: died 1922
- Hamilton, Fannie C., "daughter of Frank & Mary Hamilton," b. 1878, d. 1883
- Terrill, Lillie N., b. 1858, d. 1938

1900 census Northville, Wayne, MI

- Terrill, Francis G., b. Feb 1844, MI, NY, NY, landlord, md. 25 yrs. to
- Terrill, Lillie, b. Jan 1858, MI, MI, MI, 2 ch., 1 living
- Terrill, Roy, b. Dec 1885, MI, MI, MI
- Hamilton, Mary, b. Mar 1839, MI, NY, NY, mother-in-law, divorced
- Ringle, Mary, servant, b. Feb 1883, MI, GER, GER

It looks as though Lillie Seeley Terrill is the daughter of Mary Seeley. I didn't have any luck trying to confirm the relationship of Maria Seymour Seeley to Margaret Seymour Jewett. Please get in touch with me if you have any information on Maria Seymour. Meanwhile, I will be adding these Seeley children to our records.

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