

The SGS 2017 International Reunion is Just Around the Corner!

Parkersburg, West Virginia, June 15-18, 2017

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Roberta Remembers

Some Brick Walls Lead to Unexpected Rewards

Story by SGS Secretary Patricia Brooks Palmer

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Expect the unexpected, that is the motto my husband and I embraced as we moved from west of the Mississippi to the South.

Our move included being closer to family, though I never expected to be as near to my Seeley cousins as I am now! Prior to moving to the South, North Carolina to be exact, my great-great-great grandfather, Albert Seeley, and the impact he made with his English-born wife, Emily Walker, was becoming more clear to me. I had researched the lives of Albert and Emily in San Diego, in San Francisco, and on the Sonoma Coast of

California. Just beyond Albert stood the infamous "brick wall" which so many genealogists face. Specifically, was Albert descended from Obadiah, from Robert, or from someone else?

I persevered, however. *GEDmatch* provided a link to someone I remembered as one of my DNA matches on Ancestry. I thought, "Is this the same username? She and I are DNA matches on *GEDmatch*, too!" The hunt began again! I stayed the course until I developed a mirror tree, and came upon another individual, using Ancestry, whose

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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, 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, KS. For more information, contact:

Seelye Research Center, Director

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for June 15-18, in Parkersburg, WV/Marietta, OH. 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 looking forward to our 2017 Reunion in Parkersburg, West Virginia and Marietta, Ohio June 15 to June 18. Please share the Agenda and Registration Forms with your families. We would love to have them come with you and share information about the Seeley family.

I have had several very nice notes from those of you who are not able to come to our SGS 2017 Reunion. Thanks for taking the time to write. We will miss you. We know that all of our members can't be with us and we are sorry. Some are not healthy enough to come and some have other commitments. We wish that all of you could come, but you will be able to read the notes of our Executive Meetings and Membership meetings in our SGS August Newsletter.

The Agenda and the Registration forms were in the SGS February 2017 Newsletter and are in this newsletter. If you are healthy and can spare the time and the money to be with us, you will have a great time!

A great big "Thank You" goes to Paul Taylor for all of his hard work on the Abilene Souvenir Book. It is so well done! We are very appreciative to Paul for doing this and producing his excellent newsletters four times a year. As the Chairman of the Communication Committee, Paul also oversees the updating of the SGS Website. We are excited to announce that the updating of the website has begun. We are so pleased! We give heartfelt thanks to Paul for the many things he does so well for the Seeley Genealogical Society.

I am excited to announce that LeAnne Seely has graciously accepted the job of writing and



producing the Souvenir Book for our SGS 2017 Reunion. She is well qualified for the job. She is the editor of the Justus Azel Seely Family Organization Newsletter and has written several different articles for SGS over the years. We are so grateful that LeAnne accepted this position. This will give Paul more time to work on the website. Thank you so much, LeAnne!

Another officer who has been working overtime for SGS is Linda Crocker. She has been so good in the planning and organizing of our SGS 2017 Reunion. She and I had so much fun seeing the wonderful places you all will enjoy in the Parkersburg, WV and Marietta, OH area when you come to the SGS 2017 Reunion. She continues to do her thorough SGS Queries as she works on the reunion. Thanks so much to Linda!

We have such wonderful officers in SGS! I want to thank each and every one of them for the hours they spend making SGS a wonderful association. You all work so hard and do so much for the Seeley Genealogical Society. Thank you so very much for being so good!!!

I hope to see all of you at our SGS 2017 Reunion in June!

Reunion Hotels and Airports

Hotels

Wingate 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

Why Past Attendees Won't Miss the 2017 SGS Reunion

Story by SGS First Vice President and Newsletter Editor Paul Taylor



ABOVE: SGS officers elected at the 1992 SGS Reunion in Cromwell, Conn. Pictured left to right: Montell Seely (Asst. Genealogist), C.G. Hap Ward (Asst. Genealogist), Wesley Waring, Eugene Seelye (2nd Vice President), John R. Seely (1st Vice President), Marshall B. Seelye (President), Dorothy Vining (Judge Advocate), Daniel P. Seelye (Historian, Director at Large), Madeline Mills (Genealogist), Richard Chroninger (Newsletter Editor), and William Thresher (Treasurer). Not pictured: John P. Knapp (Secretary) and Anne P. Lugg (Director at Large). RIGHT: Patricia Brooks Palmer, Pam Turner, and John Turner applaud one of the speakers at the 2013 SGS Reunion.



The 2017 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion is set for June 15-18, 2017 in Parkersburg, WV.

Making the commitment to attend an SGS reunion can sometimes be difficult. It requires travel, money (though not as much as you might think—see the story in the February newsletter about inexpensive, and in many cases free, things to do in the Mid-Ohio River Valley), and time, which is a resource many of us find in short supply these days. So is it worth it?

“The first SGS Reunion I attended was in 1992 with my sister, Donna Seeley. Then SGS President Bob Cox helped us determine our line back to immigrant Obadiah Seeley, using a copy of the notebooks compiled by Esther Houtz Walter. We had previously been able to go back only five generations. I was so excited to know my line all the way back to the 1600s that I had difficulty

sleeping that night,” says Jim Seeley who has attended every reunion since and has served as SGS chief genealogist and three terms as SGS president.

Like Seeley, many reunion attendees are able to solve research problems by either tying their research to work done by others or receiving invaluable research advice from those in attendance. For others, attending the SGS reunion is an unexpected opportunity to meet closely related cousins who can share previously unknown stories about their family. For SRC Research Center Librarian, that happened at the 2013 reunion in Grand Rapids, MI.

“Attending the reunion were the Palmers from southern California whom we met at dinner one night,” says Turner. “During the course of discussion, which of course included genealogy, we discovered that they were related to one Charles W.

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Schedule of Events

SGS 2017 International Reunion

Parkersburg, West Virginia

June 14 - 18, 2017

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

- 3:00 p.m. Meeting of the SGS Executive Board at Linda Crocker's home
 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Welcome members at the [Wingate Hotel](#) reunion hospitality room

Thursday, June 15, 2017

- 9:15 a.m. Members meet at [Fort Boreman Historical Park](#); Bob Enoch discusses the local area
 10:15 a.m. Opening Session at [The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd](#), including registration, welcome, overview, organization of activities and car pooling
 Noon Boxed lunch
 12:45 p.m. Car pool to Marietta, OH
 Afternoon [Trolley Tour](#) of Marietta
 The tour will depart in shifts of 80 minutes from Campus Martius Museum
 Departure times to be determined
 While not on the trolley, reunion attendees may visit the nearby:
[Ohio River Museum](#)
[Campus Martius Museum](#)
[Washington County Public Library](#)
 Marietta Historic District
 Walking trail along Muskingum River
 6:00 p.m. Two-Hour Dinner Cruise on the [Valley Gem Sternwheeler](#)

Friday, June 16, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Second Session with speaker and member participation at Good Shepherd Church
 11:45 a.m. Boxed lunch
 12:45 p.m. Car pool to Blennerhassett Museum
 1:00 p.m. [Blennerhassett Museum](#) visit
 2:00 p.m. Cruise to [Blennerhasset Island](#) plus tour of reconstructed Blennerhasset Mansion
 Optional wagon ride
 Returning at 3:30 or 4:30 pm
 7:00 p.m. Dinner at [daVinci's Restaurant](#) in Williamstown with speaker

Saturday, June 17, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Membership Meeting at Good Shepherd Church including reports by officers, election of officers, announcement of next reunion location and SGS goals, and reunion group photo
 Noon Boxed lunch
 1:00 p.m. Free time with car pools to choice of:
[Henderson Hall](#)
[Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge](#)
[Mid-Ohio Valley Multicultural Festival](#)
 Browsing shops in Marietta
 4:30 p.m. Meeting of 2017-2019 SGS Executive Board in hospitality room at Wingate Hotel
 7:00 p.m. Farewell dinner with entertainment and awards at Grand Pointe Convention Center next to the Wingate Hotel in Vienna

Sunday, June 18, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at local restaurant (TBD) for all who wish to participate



Registration Form

SGS 2017 International Reunion

Parkersburg, West Virginia

June 14 - 18, 2017

ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST): SEELEY LINE (ROBERT, OBADIAH, OTHER):	STREET ADDRESS:
<input type="checkbox"/> SSG MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> SGS LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT AN SGS MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):	RELATIONSHIP:
<input type="checkbox"/> SSG MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> SGS LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT AN SGS MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):	RELATIONSHIP:
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<input type="checkbox"/> SSG MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> SGS LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT AN SGS MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:

LODGING

- (1) MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH THE WINGATE HOTEL AT 304-295-5501 AND MENTION THE 2017 SGS INTERNATIONAL REUNION TO GET SPECIAL RATE. A GROUP OF ROOMS WILL BE HELD UNTIL MAY 14 FOR SGS REUNION ATTENDEES. SPECIFY HANDICAP ACCOMMODATIONS IF NEEDED OR
- (2) SEE OTHER LODGING OPTIONS IN THE NOVEMBER 2016, FEBRUARY 2017, OR MAY 2017 EDITIONS OF THE SGS NEWSLETTER.

REUNION EXPENSES

CHILDREN UNDER 18 CAN ATTEND WITHOUT PAYING A REGISTRATION FEE BUT WE NEED TO KNOW THEIR NAMES AND AGES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

EARLY BIRD (Prior to May 21) REGISTRATION FEE	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FULL REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses, etc.)	# ATTENDING:	@\$35.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
DAILY REGISTRATION FEE (Reg. Folder, Speakers, Meeting Room Expenses)	# ATTENDING:	@\$12.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
<input type="checkbox"/> THURS <input type="checkbox"/> FRIDAY <input type="checkbox"/> SATURDAY			
THURSDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Ham Sandwich)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Chicken Salad Sandwich)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Turkey)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY P.M. TOUR (Trolley Trip Through Historic Marietta, Ohio)	# ATTENDING:	@\$15.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY P.M. TOUR (Ohio River/Campus Martius Museums)	# ATTENDING:	@\$8 EA. (\$4 Kids/Students)	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY P.M. TOUR (Above Trolley AND Museum Tours)	# ATTENDING:	@\$22 EA. (\$18 Kids/Students)	SUBTOTAL:
THURSDAY DINNER AND TWO-HOUR CRUISE	# ATTENDING:	@\$35.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Italian Sub)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Tuna Sub)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY LUNCH (Boxed Lunch with Roast Beef Sub)	# ATTENDING:	@\$10.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY P.M. TOUR (Blennerhassett Museum, Boat Ride, Mansion Tour)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20 EA. (\$13 EA. kids 3-12)	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY P.M. TOUR (Blennerhassett Museum, Boat Ride, Mansion Tour, Wagon Ride)	# ATTENDING:	@\$25 EA. (\$18 EA. kids 3-12)	SUBTOTAL:
FRIDAY DINNER @DaVinci's in Williamstown (Salad & Main Course)	# ATTENDING:	@\$20.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY LUNCH (A Selection of Pizza and Veggies)	# ATTENDING:	@\$7.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:
SATURDAY DINNER @Grand Pointe (Buffet w/entrée, sides, iced tea, cake)	# ATTENDING:	@\$30.00 EA.	SUBTOTAL:

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, AND IF WE RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IN TIME, WE'LL WORK WITH OUR MEAL PROVIDERS TO ENSURE WE HAVE AN APPROPRIATE MEAL READY FOR YOU.

TOTAL:

SEND CHECK (PAYABLE TO SGS) ALONG WITH THIS COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:
 LYNDA SIMMONS, PRESIDENT
 SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 125 PARKVIEW DRIVE
 PARK CITY, UTAH 84098

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LYNDA SIMMONS @435-649-9878 OR SUMMITKIDS@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE THE REUNION COMMITTEE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS, MEAL TICKETS AND REGISTRATION PACKETS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND CHECKS ARE RECEIVED BY LYNDA SIMMONS BEFORE MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 IN ORDER FOR SGS TO CONFIRM MEAL NUMBERS AND PARTICIPATION IN TOURS.

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 a reunion usually occurs the day before the reunion officially begins and is the final meeting of the outgoing SGS 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 31, 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

David Seeley SGS#1256 More Descendants Discovered

Story by SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker

While researching Query 1702-2, I came across some information that uncovered a mistranscription in the SGS seventh-generation book and added three names to the collection of eighth-generation Seeleys when I found the birth record of Alverta M. Seeley:

NJ Birth and Christenings Index

- Alverda M. Seeley, b. 26 Oct 1849, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ, to David Seeley and Adeline
- There is a note about Alverda in *The Seventh Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley (SGS#3)*, after information about David Seeley, SGS#1256 (108), stating that Alverda M. Seeley, b. 1889, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ, cannot be the daughter of David Seeley because he died in 1849. Apparently, at some point there was a mistranscription of Alverda's birth year. We only had one child listed for David, a son by his second wife, Adaline Harris Stevens: Francis Seeley, SGS# 3017.

1850 census Bridgeton, Cumberland NJ

- Seeley, Adaline age 36 b. NJ
- Seeley, Martha E., age 11, Francis age 7, Harriet, age 4, Alverta, age 10 mos., all b. NJ
- Seeley, Charles P., age 20, house carpenter, b. NJ
- Allen, Jeremiah S., age 25, house carpenter, b. NJ
- Haines (or Harris), Lydia, age 65, b. NJ

1860 census Bridgeton, Cumberland NJ

- Seeley, Adaline age 46, b. NJ, dressmaker
- Seeley, Frank, age 17, waterman, Harriet age 14, Alexander M., age 10, all b. NJ
- Seeley, Martha E., age 21, b. NJ,

dressmaker

- Harris, Lydia age 74, b. NJ, old lady

1870 census Bridgeton, Cumberland NJ

- Seeley, Frank, age 26, carpet weaver, b. NJ
- Seeley, Emma, age 22, b. NJ
- Loper, Lee, age 7, b. NJ
- Harris, Lydia age, 83, b. NJ, lives with grandson
- Seeley, Adaline age 55, b. NJ, seamstress

1880 census Bridgeton, Cumberland NJ

- Seeley, Francis age 36, carpet weaver, b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, Emily J., age 32, b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, Tillie, age 9, William, age 9, both b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Loper, Levie, age 18, boarder, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, machinist
- Garrison, Nettie, age 22, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, servant

1900 census Bridgeton, Cumberland NJ

- Seeley, Francis, b. Aug 1843, NJ, NJ, NJ, carpet machinist, md. 33 yrs. to
 - Seeley, Emma J., b. Jan 1848, NJ, NJ, NJ, 4 ch., 4 living
 - Seeley, Francis I. D., son, b. Mar 1884, NJ, NJ, NJ
 - Seeley, Adaline, mother, b. Nov 1813, NJ, NJ, NJ, widow
 - Galar, Mary, boarder, b. May 1875, IA, IRE, IRE, milliner
- (In 1910 Francis Seeley is a

widower, owns a carpet store, and lives alone; in 1920 he is living in a boarding house in Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ.)

SS Application and Claims

- William Lewis Seeley b. 18 May 1874 Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ,

to Francis Seeley and Emma J. Loper

1900 census Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ

- Seeley, William L., b. May 1873, NJ, NJ, NJ, carpet salesman, md. 6 yrs. to
- Seeley, Katherine, b. Oct 1869, NJ, NJ, NJ, 2 ch., 1 living
- Seeley, William F., b. Aug 1897, NJ, NJ, NJ

1910 census Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ

- Seeley, William L., age 37, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, carpet store manager, md 17 yrs. to
- Seeley, Katherine W., age 39, b. NJ, GER, NJ, 4 ch., 2 living
- Seeley, W. Francis, age 12, Robert L., age 7, both b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Jones, Mary G., servant, b. MD, DE, DE

(In 1920 William L. and Catherine Seeley are in Millville, Cumberland, NJ, with their two sons; William owns a restaurant; in 1930 they are all in Sea Isle City, Cape May, NJ, where William owns a hotel)

1940 census St Petersburg, Pinellas, FL

- Seeley, Wm. Lewis, age 66 b. NJ, lived Sea Isle City, Cape May, NJ, in 1935, widower, works for WPA
- Seeley, Robert L., son, age 38, b. NJ, lived Sea Isle City, Cape May NJ, in 1935, laborer

NJ Marriage Records

- Alberta M. Seeley, dau. of David and Adeline Seeley b. 1849, md. 9 Sep 1869, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ, to Robert M. Wood
- Francis Seely of Bridgewater md.

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Emma Jane Loper of
Bridgewater, 16 Dec 1867, First
United Methodist Church
Bridgeton, Cumberland NJ

- Tillie A. Seeley, age 27, md.
Robert B. Lindsay, 26 Oct 1897,
Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ

1910 census Philadelphia, Phil., PA

- Lindsay, Robert, age 36, b. PA,
SCOT, PA, machinery
manufacturer, md. 12 yrs. to
- Lindsay, Tillie, age 39, b. NJ, NJ,
NJ, 1 ch., 0 living
- Seeley, Frank, brother-in-law, age
26, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, hotel steward

WWI Draft

- Francis Inscip David Seeley of
Philadelphia, b. 28 mar 1884,
White Marsh Country Club office
manager, next of kin is wife Cora
Seeley

PA Death Certificate

- Francis I. D. Seeley, b. 28 Mar
1884, Bridgeton, Cumberland,
NJ, resided Philadelphia, retired
restaurant owner, widowed, d. 1
Oct 1964, Philadelphia

1870 census Bridgeton, Cumberland
NJ

- Wood, Robert, age 22, b. NJ,
blacksmith
- Wood, Alverta, age 21, b. NJ
- Wood, Charles age 3 mos., b. NJ

1880 census Bridgeton, Cumberland
NJ

- Wood, Robert A., age 32, b. NJ,
NJ, NJ, blacksmith
- Wood, Alverta, age 30, b. NJ, NJ,
NJ, wife
- Wood, Charles S., age 10, Abigail
S., age 8, Lucy M., age 6, Anna
F., age 3, Weaver K., age 1, all b.
NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, Adaline, mother-in-law,
age 67, b. NJ, NL, NJ

PA Death Certificate

- Lucy Leake of Glasboro, NJ, b. 5
Jun 1874, to Robert A. Wood and
Alberta M. Seeley of Bridgeton,
Cumberland, NJ, widow of Harry
Leake, d. 26 Jan 1928, Jefferson
Hospital, Philadelphia, informant
Adeline Hand, Gloucester City,
NJ

Findagrave

- First United Methodist
Churchyard, Bridgeton,
Cumberland, NJ
- Weaver Kendal Wood, b. 28 Nov
1878, Cumberland Co., NJ, d.
there 15 Oct 1880, son of Robert
A. Wood and Alverda M. Seeley
Wood.
- Alverta M. Seeley Wood (1849-
17 Jan 1882), md. Robert Wood, 9
Sep 1869
- Robert A. Wood (1848-20 Jan
1896)
- Harriet Seeley Marts, b. 21 Jun
1848, Cumberland Co., NJ, d.
there 20 Jul 1913, dau of Adaline
Seeley, wife of James M. Marts
(1838-1912)
- Mary Marts, b. 1868, d. 8 May
1872, Cumberland Co., NJ,
inscription "daughter of James
and Harriet Marts, age 4 years"
- Martha Seeley, b. 5 Oct 1838, d.
20 Jun 1861 Cumberland Co., NJ,
inscription "daughter of David
and Sarah Seeley, age 22 yrs., 8
mos., 15 days"

Wood Family Bible – Births

- Charles S. Wood, b. 25 April
1870
- Adaline Wood, b. 11 May 1872
- Lucy M. Wood, b. 5 June 1874
- Anna Wood, b. 25 Oct 1876
- Weaver Wood b. 25 Nov 1878
- Emma P. Wood, b. 14 Oct 1880

1900 census Glassboro, Gloucester, NJ

- Euan, William, b. Oct 1877, NJ,

NJ, NJ, glassblower, md. 4 yrs. to

- Euan, Anna F., b. Oct 1876, NJ,
NJ, NJ, 1 ch., 1 living
- Euan, Helen D., b. Aug 1899, NJ,
NJ, NJ
- Wood, Emma P., sister-in-law, b.
Oct 1880 NJ, NJ, NJ

1920 census Philadelphia,
Philadelphia, PA

- Wadell, Lewis L., age 40, b. PA,
PA, PA, job printer
- Wadell, Emma, age 39, b. NJ, NJ,
NJ
- Wadell, Robert, son, age 6 yrs., 8
mos., b. PA, PA, NJ
- Wood, Lucy, sister-in-law, age
42, widow, b. NJ, NJ, NJ,
forelady at dressmaker's
- (In 1930 Louis Waddell, age 48,
with Emma P., age 49, md. 23
yrs., with Robert L. age 16. living
in Delaware, Camden, NJ)

SS Applications and Claims

- Emma Pool Waddell. b. 14 Oct
1880, life claim 25 Apr 1946

Findagrave

- Emma P. Wood Waddle. b. 14
Oct 1880, Bridgeton,
Cumberland, NJ, d. 13 Mar 1961,
bd. Lakeview Memorial Park,
Cinnaminson, Burlington, NJ; in
same cemetery is Lewis Waddell,
b. 4 Dec 1882 PA, d. 24 Nov 1943

1900 census Center, Delaware, IN

- Wood, Charles, b. Apr 1870, NJ,
NJ, NJ, glass gatherer, md. 7 yrs.
to
- Wood, Hannah, b. Dec 1871, NJ,
NJ, NJ
- Wood, Alberta, b. Apr 1895, NJ,
NJ, NJ

1910 census Columbus, Franklin, OH

- Wood, Chas. S., age 39, b. NJ, NJ,
NJ, glassworker, md. 17 yrs. to
- Wood, Hannah, age 37, b. NJ, NJ,

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- NJ, 3 ch., 3 living
- Wood, Alberta, age 16, b. NJ, NJ, NJ; Clarajean age 4, b. PA, NJ, NJ; Myron, age 11 mos., b. OH, NJ, NJ
- (In 1920 Charles S Wood, Hannah, Charl Gene age 14 and Myron age 10 are still in Columbus)

OHMI

- Wood, Clara J. of Columbus, OH, age 21 in Sep 1924, b. Kane, PA, to Chas. A. Wood and Hannah Humphreys, md. 19 Oct 1924, Franklin Co., OH, George W. Hunter of Columbus, OH, age 23, 8 Jun 1924, b. New Straitsville, OH, to Harry Hunter and Edna Sulley
- Garner, Alverda of Columbus, OH, age 39 on 6 Apr 1933, b. NJ, to Chas. S. Wood and Hanah Humphrys, div. Ray Garner, md. 11 Oct 1933 to James H. Davis of Columbus, OH, age 45 16 Dec 1932, b. Meigs Co., OH, to Eli W

- Davis and Anna Van Meter
1870 census Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
- Marts, James, age 26, b. NJ, drives cart
- Marts, Harriet, age 24, b. NJ
- Marts, Franklin, age 3; Mary, age 2, both b. NJ
- 1880 census Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
- Marts, James M., age 41, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, carter
- Marts, Harriet, age 33, b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Marts, Frank S., age 13, works in carpet house; Joseph L., age 9, John P., age 5, Ella P., b. May 1880
- 1900 census Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ
- Marts, James M., b. Jun 1838, NJ, NJ, NJ, groceries, md. 35 yrs. to
- Marts, Harriet, b. Jun 1846, NJ, NJ, NJ, 7 children, 2 living
- Marts, John P., b. Dec 1874, glassblower; Ella P., b. May 1880, vocal music teacher;
- James S. b. Jan 1885, glassworker, all b. NJ, NJ, NJ

- Leake, Robert M., b. Aug 1895, NJ, NJ, NJ

Based on the above information we have these additions to the 8th generation:

- **SGS #3016a** Martha E. Seeley, b. 5 Oct 1838, d. 20 Jun 1861, Cumberland Co., NJ, daughter of David and Sarah L. Seeley.
- **SGS #3017a** Harriet Seeley, b. 21 Jun 1848, Cumberland Co. NJ, d. there 20 July 1913, dau. of David Seeley and Adaline Harris Stevens, md. James M. Marts about 1865, 7 children
- **SGS #3017b** Alverda M. Seeley, b. 28 Oct 1849, Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ, d. there 17 Jan 1882, dau. of David Seeley and Adaline Harris Stevens, md. Robert M. Wood 9 Sep 1869, 6 children

These newly identified Seeleys and their descendants will be entered in the SGS Ancestor File as will the descendants of Francis, SGS #3017.

Seelyes Research Center Librarian Report

Story by SRC Librarian Pamela Turner



Next month we will be gathering in Parkersburg, WV. I already have my hotel reservations and my registration form has been sent in; I hope you

have done the same. I must confess that I did not get as much done for SGS last year as I had planned. A long trip back east followed by family medical emergencies dampened my enthusiasm for the work. A new year is upon us and I am ready to get back at things. My present focus is scanning our newsletters and making them searchable. I have completed the first ten years and am currently halfway through the second ten. Right now, this is a very slow process because the earlier newsletters were typewritten and my copies have been duplicated many times. I am using Adobe's Optical Character

Recognition (OCR) program to make the newsletters searchable. This entails the program to "look over" a document and then highlight areas it thinks need to be fixed. With the early newsletters, more, rather than less tends to be highlighted. I then go through each of the highlighted areas and type in the correct information. This is not a full proof system, but I'm hoping that making our newsletters digitized and mostly searchable will ensure that they are protected and enable them to be used more often. I'll let you know at the reunion how this project turns out. I can't wait to see you there.

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Seeley, who my family has been trying to trace to discover whether we are connected. We each had information to add to the other's history. Only at a reunion such as ours can 'cousins' from California, Colorado, and New York discover a connection to an individual from New York in the 1800s. You never know what will happen!"

Turner reminds members that the reunion is also an opportunity to influence the Society itself.

"The reunions are not only great fun and a chance to catch up with cousins, but it is your chance to meet face-to-face with your officers," she says. "You can talk with them and voice your opinion about what you would like to see happen with the Seeley Genealogical Society. As members and officers of the society, we are constantly questioning our direction, wondering how to advance the society, and ensure its continued success. We need input to help us do this. The reunions are the best opportunity to make sure our thoughts are heard. Come, have fun, and help make the society better."

SGS Chief Genealogist and Query Editor Linda Crocker has attended many SGS Reunions and says she's enjoyed them all.

"Apparently I love SGS reunions, since I offered to host the upcoming one! I look forward to welcoming many of my 'cousins' to the Mid-Ohio Valley," she says. "Despite being the Chief Genealogist for SGS, I do not know how my great-grandmother Jennie Seely fits into the family. I am at a brick wall with her

grandfather. However, after growing up without cousins, I have enjoyed getting to know many of you, and I'm sure some of you really are my cousins—just a few generations or more back. I also enjoy SGS reunions because I love exploring various parts of our country that I might not visit otherwise, learning about interesting aspects of history and genealogy from the presenters, and just sharing meals and laughter with 'family.' If you like those sorts of things too, make your reservation today!"

Others attend the reunion out of their love of history. For Camille Seeley Bell, that love of history began in an eleventh grade history class in which her teacher read *Gone with the Wind* aloud.



Jesse Crissler attended his first SGS reunion in 2011 at Horseheads, N.Y. with eleven other intrepid travelers. Pictured here, they are Thera Clark, Lynda Simmons, Ken Petersen, Margaret Petersen, Kathie Olsen, Brandon James, LeAnne Seely, Janet Daniels, Lou Ann Crisler, Camille Bell, Jesse Crisler, and Joan Kingsbury. The group is joined in this photo on the far right by Michelle Olsen.

"These fictional people were placed in a moment of history and that time was real," Bell says. "I discovered that history is the story of real people, many times set in a moment of time that was unbelievable but real. Then I discovered that my ancestors were real people who lived in history. They were my people and they dovetailed in reality with great events that sometimes changed the course of a group of people or opened

up possibilities to millions after them.

"In my 'history' there are several people who desired more, albeit freedom of religion or freedom from oppression or persecution. They took a chance, they risked their lives, they left relative safety and comfort and familiar surroundings. They left family, parents, siblings and even children for the hope of a better life. Many of my ancestors were pioneers, adventurous and brave," said Bell.

"I attend SGS reunions in honor of my Seeley heritage," says Bell. "I was hooked right off when I first attended the reunion in Williamsburg, VA. The combination of history and heritage, good people and a common desire to remember those who have gone before us sealed the deal. I've

attended many conferences since then and I've met many wonderful cousins."

For others, the trip to the reunion is as special as the reunion itself because they plan it to include visits to sites related to their family history.

"My first reunion was in 2011 at Horseheads, NY, to which I traveled with my wife, Lou Ann, and ten other Seeley cousins and in-laws by van from Salt Lake City, "

says SGS Second Vice President Jesse Crisler. "Both going and coming we stopped along the way at nationally significant historical sites, others of interest to members of the LDS church as well, and still others where our common ancestors, Justus Azel Seelye (SGS# 836) and his wife, Mehitabel Bennett, had lived in Luzerne Co., PA, Steuben Co., NY, and Lee, Van Buren, and

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Pottawattamie Counties, IA, and then along the Mormon trail through Nebraska, Wyoming, and Utah.”

In 2013 Crisler and his wife were joined by seven Seeley cousins for a similar trek, hitting sites of historical or familial interest in Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

According to Crisler, there are a number of great reasons to attend a reunion. “Places where reunions have been held feature interesting attractions of their own. For example, at the reunion in Grand Rapids, our daughter and her family, then living in Cleveland, drove up for the weekend. We had a great time at the zoo, and, as an added bonus, my savvy daughter, Lil, was able to make sure my PowerPoint presentation at the reunion proceeded without the normal

technological glitches. We also have formed fast friendships with others we've met at reunions, and not just the cousins whom we've traveled with. Speakers at reunions, whether local historians or Seeley descendants, also disseminate interesting information in their presentations. Finally, we like finding other people who are just as interested in genealogy and family history as we are,” says Crisler.

For others, it is not so much that they expect something specific, but, rather, that they know something interesting will happen. “The first SGS reunion that I went to was at Salt Lake City, UT in 1995,” says SGS Director Ruthetta Seelye Hansen. “Since then I have never missed one. I have learned a lot about my ancestors and how to do research. Also, I have met incredible people and have made

friends for life. There is always a surprise at each SGS reunion, and no two are alike. I hope to be able to go to a lot more of our reunions in the future!”

No matter what their reasons for attending, those who do come always walk away from the reunions looking forward to the next one.

Do not miss this exciting opportunity to meet new people, to immerse yourself in the history of your family, to share stories valued by those who have not heard them before, to plan a trip that will be remembered for a lifetime, to enjoy a place you may not have visited before, to learn from a panel of learned speakers, and to make friends for life from a group of cousins whose shared family history extends backwards in time more than four hundred years.

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 input. Linda summarizes the query and 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.

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1705-1 Submitted by Chris Havner
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If you've read some of the obituaries or biographies on the SGS website you will notice that we include the subject's ancestral line if we know it. Here is an example Chris sent. *EDWARD JOHN SEELEY, 78, of Indianapolis, went to be with his Savior on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2016. Born March 22, 1938, in Binghamton, N.Y., he was the son of Juel (Mullen) and Edson Seeley. Edward was proud to have retired from BF Goodrich after many wonderful years of hard work. He whole heartily worshiped at Harvest Bible Chapel Indy West the years he lived in Indianapolis, Ind. Survivors include his daughters, Kelly (Andrew) Filipowicz and Djuana (Glen) Blasius; sons, Monty and Chris Seeley; sister, Dee (Kenneth) Barber; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Celebration of Life service is 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, at Harvest Bible Chapel Indy West, 420 Gable Crossing Drive, in Avon. Funeral arrangements by Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care. Published in Fort Wayne newspapers 22 Oct 2016*

Chris found the following records:

1940 census Binghamton, Broome, NY

- Seeley, Edward age 35 b. NY, painter
- Seeley, Jule age 23 b. PA
- Seeley, Delares, dau. age 3, Edward J., son age 2, both b. NY

1940 Binghamton City Directory

- Edson Seeley, painter residing at 289 Chenango with wife Julia

She also found marriage records for Edward John (and his second wife) as well as his children Kelly, Djuana and Chris and a school record for Monty. But who were Edson/Edward's parents and does he connect to a known line?

SGS Response:1910 census Rockland, Sullivan, NY

- Seeley, Henry, age 27, b. NY, NY, NY, farm manager, md 5 yrs. to
- Seeley, Ida, age 22 b. NY, NY, SWE, 2 ch, 2 living
- Seeley, Edson, age 4, Harold, age 2, both b. NY, NY, NY
- Merwin, William J., age 34, lodger, b. NY, CT, NY, md within the year, manager, wood acid factory

1915 census Rockland, Sullivan, NY

- Seeley, Henry, age 31, b. US, painter
- Seeley, Ida, age 28, b. US
- Seeley, Earl, age 9, Harold, age 8, Nellie, age 3, Roland, age 1, all b. US

1920 census Rockland, Sullivan, NY

- Seeley, Henry, age 38, b. NY, NY, NY, laborer, wood factory
- Seeley, Ida, age 31, b. NY, PA, SWE,
- Seeley, Earl, age 14, Harold, age 12, Nellie, age 7, Roland, age 5, William, age 3 yrs. 9 mos., Pauline, age 1 yr., 11 mos., Anna, age 0 mos., all b. NY, NY, NY

(In 1925 they have moved to Binghamton, Broome, NY, Henry is working as a carpenter, Earl is a chauffeur, and there is one more child, Herbert age 1)

1930 census Binghamton, Broome, NY

- Seeley, Henry, age 49 b. NY, NY, NY, mechanic helper for RR, md. 27 yrs. to
- Seeley, Ida V., age 44, b. NY, NY, SWE,
- Seeley, Earl E., age 24, shoe factory cutter, Harold J., age 22 - house painter, Nellie D age 18, Roland, age 16, William, age 14, Pauline V., age 12, Anna H., age 10, Herbert B., age 6, Burdette, age 3 yrs. 5 mos., all b. NY, NY, NY

1940 census Binghamton, Broome, NY

- Seeley, Henry, age 56, b. NY, machinist, steam RR
- Seeley, Ida, age 53, b. NY
- Seeley, Herbert, age 15, Bordell, age 13, both b. NY
- Blair, Pauline, age 22, dau. b. NY
- Blair, Kenneth, age 23, b. NY, son-in-law, side laster, shoe factory
- Blair, James, age 3, b. NY

1940 census Binghamton, Broome, NY

- Thompson, Louis, age 27, b. NY, chauffeur
- Thompson, Nellie B., age 28, b. NY
- Thompson, John, age 9, b. NY
- Seeley, Roland, brother-in-law, div., b. NY, roofer
- Seeley, William, brother-in-law, age 24, md., b. NY, chauffeur

Findagrave.com

- Earl Edson Seeley b. 1905 NY, d. 1953, bd. Vestal Hills Memorial Park, Vestal, Broome, NY, parents Henry and Ida B. Seeley
- Nellie Dorothy Seeley Thompson b. 20 Feb 1912, d. 22 Dec 2001, buried at Vestal Hills Memorial Park, Vestal, Broome, NY. husband Louis E. Thompson (1913-1976)

Nellie Dorothy Thompson, arriving at the dawn of one century, she now peacefully departs at the dawn of another rejoining her husband Louis in loving eternity. She was predeceased by her parents, Henry and Ida Seeley; her brothers, Edward, Bill, Harold, Roland and Herbert; her sisters, Pauline and Anna; her gentleman husband, Louis. She is survived by a brother and sister -in-law, Robert and Marion Seeley, Binghamton; her son and daughter-in-law, John and Sylvia Thompson, Fla.; her daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Kenneth Barber, Syracuse; her grandchildren, John Thompson, Binghamton, Ronald and Janet Thompson, Johnson City, Anna Stilloe and Linda Thompson, Fla., Ken and Marcia Barber, David and Mark Barber, Syracuse, Karen and Jim Burke, Syracuse, Christine Fallan, Phoenix; great-grandsons, Jack Stilloe, Fla., Roger Thompson, Johnson City and David Barber, Syracuse; many nieces, nephews and friends. Nellie was a gifted homemaker who found joy in making and sharing a home for many lucky people in her long and happy life. Funeral services Friday at 11 a.m. from the Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango St., Port Dickinson, with the Rev. Bruce Parker, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Vestal Hills Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

PA Marriage Index

- Nellie D. Seeley, age 18, dau of Ida B. Seeley md Leon G Haughtalen 14 Jun 1930, Susquehanna, PA

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I discovered a 1936 marriage record for Leon showing he divorced his first wife for adultery.

You will notice that Edward John Seeley claims Dee Seeley Barber, wife of Kenneth, as his sister, and she is shown that way in the 1940 census; however Nellie Seeley Thompson claims the same Dee as her daughter in the obituary above. A reasonable supposition is that Dee was reared by her uncle Earl Edson Seeley after Nellie's first marriage fell apart.

I found a second marriage for Edward Seeley, son of Henry and Ida Tyler Seeley, to Shirley Stevens, age 16, dau of Benjamin and Ida Rode Stevens, 19 Sep 1949, Susquehanna, PA. It says his first wife died 21 June 1942.

I also found various records for other children of Henry and Ida which will be entered in the SGS Ancestral File.

We did have a record there for Henry, b. 1880 Sullivan County, NY, md to Ida Tyler and son of Abner Seeley and his wife Hester J Owens. So, the line is Edward John, Earl Edson, Henry, Abner, David (SGS#2277), Abner, Abner, Joseph, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Robert. If you would like information on the descendants of Henry and Ida, I would be happy to send it to you.

1705-2 Submitted by Chris Havner

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Here is another query based on an obituary for Lorraine G. Calareso Seeley, d. 15 Jan 2016, Waterbury, CT

OXFORD — Lorraine G. Calareso Seeley, 82, formerly of Watertown, passed into eternal rest Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, unexpectedly at Waterbury Hospital. She was the beloved wife of Richard G. Seeley Sr. Mrs. Seeley was born Oct. 12, 1933, in Malden, Mass., the daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine (De Luca) Calareso Sr. She enjoyed a very long and joyous career as the owner of Lorraine's Cakes & Catering in Oakville, and later relocated to West Main Street in Waterbury. She spent many years teaching cake decorating for the Adult Education of Watertown and decorating to St. Vincent DePaul's. Besides her husband, Richard, she leaves behind her daughter, Cathy Lin Lee of Oxford; a son, Robert; her brother, Joseph Calareso Jr. and his wife, Marie, of Reading, Mass.; and her sister, Catherine H. Nigro and her late husband, Al, of Stoneham, Mass. In addition she leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. She is predeceased by her son, Richard G. Seeley Jr., and her brothers Charles, John and Anthony Calareso. All services for Mrs. Seeley will be held privately and at the convenience of the family. The O'Neill Funeral Home, 742 Main St., Oakville has been entrusted to assist the family with the arrangements.

Published in *Republican American*, Monday, 18 Jan 2016

Chris found some records about Lorraine's son, Richard, Jr., which she added to the SGS Ancestor File.

SGS Response:**US Public Record Index**

- Richard G. Seeley, Sr. b. 9 May 1933, address: 148 Farview Cir, Watertown, CT, 06795-1220 (1994)

Findagrave

Richard G. Seeley Sr., age 83, formerly of Watertown,

passed away peacefully into eternal rest on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 surrounded by his family at Beacon Brook Health Care Center in Naugatuck after a long battle with Parkinson's. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Lorraine G. (Calareso) Seeley. Richard was born May 9, 1933 in Waterbury, a son of the late Theodore and Twila (Ireland) Seeley. He grew up in the Waterville section of Waterbury, where he graduated from Sprague Grammar School and Leavenworth High School. After high school, Richard worked as a Mechanic at American Brass in Waterbury, after which he served 8 years in the US Army, stationed in Fort Benning, Ga. He and his wife were married on October 2, 1955 and settled in Watertown and later moved to Oxford. Richard was an electrician for Timex in Middlebury for many years and enjoyed his time as an Auxiliary Police Officer for the Waterbury P.D. He became president of the Naugatuck Valley CB Radio Club 1969-1970 and was a member of the Lion's Club. Richard also enjoyed camping, fishing, spending time with his family and watching professional car racing. Richard is survived by his daughter, Cathy Lin Lee of Oxford; a son, Robert G. Seeley of Watertown; his sisters, Twila Dews and her husband, Arthur, of Watertown and Betty Foti and her husband, Carmen, of Waterbury. Additionally, he leaves behind his beloved grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and close friends. He was predeceased by his son, Richard G. Seeley Jr.; 7 brothers, Tom, Jack, Ted, Robert, Bernard, Charles, Brian; and his sister, Carole (Seeley) Natale; as well as a sister, who died as an infant. Services for Mr. Seeley, including burial with full military honors will be held privately and at the convenience of his family. The O'Neill Funeral Home, 742 Main St., Oakville has been entrusted to assist the family with the arrangements. To extend on-line expressions of sympathy to the family or for additional information, visit the funeral home website www.oneillfuneralhome.com.

Family links:

- Parents: Theodore Wheeler Seeley (1900 - 1972) and Twila Suzan Ireland Seeley (1909 - 2002)
- Spouse: Lorraine G Calareso Seeley (1933 - 2016)
- Children: Richard George Seeley (1957 - 2006)
- Siblings: (11 listed)
- Burial: Evergreen Cemetery, Watertown, Litchfield, Connecticut, USA

Find A Grave Memorial# 167346452

Looking at the SGS database, I found we have this line traced back to Elijah Seeley of Wilton, CT, and his wife, Sarah Buttery. Elijah is age 76 on the 1850 census.

The line is Richard G. Sr., Theodore Wheeler, Robert Frank, John Henry, George, Elijah. For more information see queries 0808-8 and 0808-4 on the SGS website.

1705-3 Submitted by Chris Havner

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Here is another query based on an obituary. This one is for Raeburne Seeley Heimbeck, b. 25 Sep 1930, d. 9 Feb 2016

Rae was a modern day Renaissance Man: Scholar -

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Philosopher - Teacher; Athlete - Yogi - Traveler - Adventurer; Patron of the Arts - Supporter of endowments and multiple charities - Sponsor of foreign exchange students. He was born on September 25, 1930 to Harold and Dulce Heimbeck in Rock Island, Illinois, the second of two children and their only son. His parents ran an antique store, but in 1936, when the hardships of the Depression became too significant, they shuttered their store and moved to Santa Monica, with their two young children, in search of their fortune in the nascent Southern California environment. (there is a lot more about Rae's adult life – too much for this newsletter – ask me for the complete obit) Rae was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife Cindy, sons Bryn and Reid, Bryn's wife Yoko, sister Dandelyn O'Connor and nephews Craig and Blake O'Connor, grandchildren Morgan, Devyn, Nicholas, Alexander, Chiara, Ben, and Sera, and great grandchildren, Keira and Theo. He passed away peacefully and consciously on February 9, 2016 after a sudden and significant battle with pneumonia and staph. He chose to embrace his own passing stating that he had "come to realize that he had reached the stage in life known as 'death', and that he would embrace it as he had embraced all of the other stages of a life that he had found wonderful and precious". There will be a Celebration of Life on April 23rd at Gallery One at 4:00 PM for all that would like to attend.

Published in *Daily Record* (Ellensburg, WA) 9 Mar 2016.

Chris found the following records:

1940 Census: Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

- Heimbeck, Harold H., age 40, b. IL, Assistant Manager, furniture store
- Heimbeck, Dulce, wife, age 39, b. IL
- Heimbeck, Dandelyn, dau., age 11, b. IL
- Heimbeck, Raeburn, son, age 9, b. IL, in 1935 living in Rock Island IL

1930 Census: Rock Island, Rock Island, IL

- Heimbeck, Harold H., age 30, age at first marriage 20, b. IL, IL, IL, merchant antique shop
- Heimbeck, Dulce B., wife, age 30, age at first marriage 20, born IL, IL, KS
- Heimbeck, Dandelyn J., daughter age 1 yr. 5mos., b. IL, IL, IL
- Seeley, Pearl, mother-in-law, age 49, widow, age at first marriage 18, b. KS, PA, PA seamstress

1920 Census: Rock Island Precinct 12, Rock Island, IL

- Seeley, Pearl, head, age 38, D b. PA PA PA Machine Operator Government Arsenal
- Seeley, Dulce, dau., age 21, born IL, IL, PA, Office Assistant Physician

1910 Census: Rock Island Ward 7, Rock Island, IL

- McManus, Thomas, age 66, md 37 yrs, born PA, PA, PA, Engineer Steel Mill
- McManus, Eliza, wife, age 55, md 37 yrs, mother of 10 ch., 5 living, born PA, PA, PA
- McMnaus, Ralph, son, age 21, born KS, PA, PA, Editor Newspaper
- McManus, Jay, son, age 19, born IL, PA, PA
- McManus, Ernest, son, age 16, born IL, PA, PA
- Seeley, Dulce granddau., age 11, born IL, PA, OH

Chris also found a marriage for Rae's sister Dandelyn and Dulce's death record.

SGS Response:SS Application

- Pearl May Seeley [Pearl May McManus]
- SSN: 545305892
- B. 31 May 1880, Boiling Spring, PA, to Thomas J. McManus and Eliza E. Wonderlich

US City Directories 1822-1995

- 1899 Moline, Rock Island, IL
- Seeley, Harry T., fireman, CRI & P, 620 40th (Mrs. Pearl), also listed with Pearl in 1901 and 1905
- Seeley, Jerome C., foreman, CRI & P, 608 44th (Mrs. May)

1910 census Blue Island, Cook, IL

- Aspelmsmew, Caroline E., age 37, widow, b. IL, NY, PA, own income
- Aspelmsmew, Hazel, dau., age 8, b. MI, IA, IL
- Seely, Susan P., mother, age 70, widow, 4 ch, 3 living, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seely, Harry T., brother age 35, md. 12 yrs., b. IL, NY, PA, locomotive engineer

1880 census Joliet, Will, IL

- Seeley, Jonas, age 47, b. NY, NY, NY, keeper ISP (IL St Prison)
- Seeley, Susan, wife, age 41, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Robert P., age 12, Carrie E., age 9, Harry T., age 6, Irvin L., age 1, all b. IL, NY, PA

WWI Draft

- Seely, Harry Townsend, Chicago, Cook, IL., b. 7 Jan 1874, Townman, Union Depot, next of kin mother Susan Seely, Blue Island, IL

Checking the SGS Ancestor File, I found Jonas Seely (SGS#3837), b. 10 Jul 1832, md. Oct 1866, Susan B. Potter Pennington. Their son Harry is listed as Henry Townsend Seeley in Ancestor File. I will update the file with information on Harry and his siblings and their families.

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DNA matched me. I was getting closer to a more complete picture of where I belonged on the ancestral tree. Finally, one day I followed a line to an individual and realized his family lived in the same town, just outside Raleigh, NC, as we do! I sent a message to his wife and met an extraordinary woman, Roberta Garriss Thomas, wife of one of my Seeley cousins, Louis Carlyle Thomas. Roberta has become a dear friend, a teacher to me regarding the genealogy of the Seeley, Garriss, Thomas, and Bennett families, and, once again, because of Roberta Garriss Thomas, the opportunity to view the bounty of family history has been opened to me.

I remain grateful there are individuals like Roberta who view the history of the Seeley family and its ancillary lines as a promise to keep. Roberta Garriss Thomas remembers.

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