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Research Report: In Search of Augustus Seeley

Report by
Bruce Murduck

Editor's Note: Bruce Murduck, a family-historian who specializes in Ontario research, has researched land records, Loyalist records, etc., for SGS. This first report deals mostly with Augustus Seeley. In his report he refers to township, concession, and lots or a portion of a lot.

United Empire Loyalist Statue in Hamilton, Ontario is a monument to the crown loyalists who came to Canada after the American colonies seceded from the British Empire. (Saforrest/Wikimedia Commons/GFDL/CC-by-SA 3.0)

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The townships are rectangular except where a lake or river abutted them. The townships are nine miles wide (east-west) and twelve miles in depth (north-south). Townships were normally divided into fourteen concessions. Concessions were separated by a road so each lot would have road access. Concessions were divided into lots. 200 acre- or 100-acre lots were typical, and they were often divided and resold.

Augustus Seeley, United Empire Loyalist, seems a very elusive character.

Some official original records suggest that he had nine children, although there are much later

applications for membership with the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, unsubstantiated at this point, which suggest that he may have had ten.

Only eight children have been positively identified through petitions for land submitted by sons and daughters, requesting their due of 200 acres.

Peter Wilson Coldham's *American Migrations, 1765-1799*, published by the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore, MD, details claims for losses submitted by two men, one named Augustus Seely, and the other named

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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, KS. For more information, contact:

Seelye Research Center, Director
Terry Tietjens

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2019, in San Diego, CA. 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 have been thinking about what is important to the Seeley Genealogical Society. Our Constitution states that SGS will solicit members with Seeley ancestry, regardless of spelling. SGS will engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information. We will maintain the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS, next to the Seelye Mansion.

I think SGS is doing these things very well. We have new research being done on Obadiah's, Augustus's, and Robert's ancestries by certified genealogists Apryl Cox and Bruce Murduck. We have this wonderful Newsletter, edited by Paul Taylor and Jesse Crisler, to disseminate information and highlight people and activities. Logan Seelye is redesigning our huge website which was created and maintained for many years by Chris and Jerry Havnar. Linda Crocker answers queries with her great store of knowledge and research abilities. Pam Turner skillfully organizes our Seelye Research Center. SGS also has additional excellent officers who work hard for all of us! These are Jesse Crisler, Patricia Palmer, Margaret Petersen, Terry Teitjens, Wesley Waring, Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Marie Seelye, Walt Seelye and Kathie Olsen. I am grateful to all of these good people for their outstanding contributions. Thank-you all!

One of the best ways SGS can discuss and disseminate Seeley information is at our reunions which

are held every two years. Our next SGS Reunion is being held in San Diego on June 26-29, 2019. We want all of you to come. San Diego is full of fun places to go, interesting things to see, and lots of Seeley history.



In order to encourage everyone to come with your families and friends to our San Diego reunion, we suggest some good options of where to stay. The historic Cosmopolitan Hotel, founded by Albert Seeley in the 1850s, is the headquarters for the reunion. The Cosmopolitan features charming meeting rooms and sleeping rooms. There are just two rooms still available at the Cosmopolitan, so if you would like to stay at the center of the reunion, please contact me right away.

Because the rooms are limited at the Cosmopolitan, the SGS Reunion Committee searched for other places to stay. San Diego's room prices are higher than those of some other cities and have different rates on weekdays and weekends.

The Old Town Inn will give a discount for SGS members. It has a complimentary continental breakfast, free wireless Internet, heated outdoor pool, free parking, quality customer care as well as lower prices than other venues in San Diego. Information about the rooms and their prices is available in this issue of the Newsletter.

On page 11 of the May Newsletter, Patricia Brooks Palmer described an excellent RV Park in

2017-2019 SGS Executive Board Meeting, April 27, 2018 Draft Minutes

Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary

Editor's Note: The SGS Executive Board conducted its annual meeting in two sessions, April 27 and 28, 2018. The meetings were held at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS, with some members attending via Google Hangout. The following are the minutes from the second session. The minutes from the first session on April 27 were shared in the May 2018 issue of the SGS Newsletter.

- meeting regarding their opinions.
- The Board will revisit and review the Constitution and By-laws to clarify voting and non-voting positions.
 - The Board will determine the process for amending the Constitution regarding adding other positions, such as a

create a slate of officers to present to members at the 2019 Reunion.

Auditing Committee:

- The Board discussed reconstituting the Auditing Committee prior to the 2019 SGS Reunion.
- Lynda will work with the Board to encourage members to volunteer for the auditing committee.

SGS Generation Books remaining in the SRC number fifty copies of Generations 1-5, four copies of Generation 6, and none of Generation 7.

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Quorum: Kathie Olsen, acting Parliamentarian, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Elected and Appointed Officers Attending (either in person or by video conference): Lynda Simmons, Margaret Petersen, Kathie Olsen, Jesse Crisler, Wesley Waring, Paul Taylor, Marie Seelye, Ruthetta Hansen, Chris Havnar, Patricia Palmer.

Excused: Terry Tietjens, Pam Turner, and Linda Crocker.

Welcome and Announcements: Lynda thanked all in attendance and expressed her appreciation to all officers for the work they do on behalf of SGS.

Old Business (continued from April 27, 2018):

SGS Constitutional Question:

- A Society member had asked whether appointed board members should be voting members of the SGS Executive Board.
- Lynda queried members at the

membership chair or publications chair, as voting members of the Board.

- Jesse moved to retain the SGS Constitution and By-laws as they stand; Wesley seconded; and the motion passed.

Awards and Recognition Committee

- Lynda encouraged volunteers to participate in the Awards and Recognition Committee. If individuals seek to participate in this committee they may contact her, Jesse, committee chair, or Thera Seeley Clark, committee member.
- The work and dedication of Marshall Seelye will be featured in the May issue of the Newsletter.

Nominating Committee

- The Board discussed reconstituting the Nominating Committee prior to the 2019 SGS Reunion.
- Lynda appointed Kathie to serve on the committee with Jesse, the current chair.
- Jesse and Kathie will work to

Genealogical Research Committee Report:

- Wes reported information regarding the research of Apryl Cox and Bruce Murduck.
- Wes suggested that Bruce Murduck's upcoming report be included in the SGS Newsletter.
- Walt reminded the Board that Apryl Cox's research report may not be available for the May issue of the Newsletter.

DNA Research Committee Report:

- Walt will write an article for the Facebook page and Newsletter regarding the SGS Y-DNA Project.
- The Board will ask Stephanie Mills Moore for a copy of a letter, now in the developmental stage, which can be sent to individuals who share Seeley DNA.

Publication/Communications Committee:

- Lynda reported that LeAnne Seely is working to complete the 2017 Reunion Souvenir Book.
- LeAnne expects the book to be

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completed by May 31, 2018, and Jesse will be available to edit it.

- The Newsletter will include an article regarding adding Seeley genealogical information to the Seelye Research Center.
- SGS members who have died since 2015 will be remembered in the 2017 Reunion Souvenir Book. Marie noted that sixteen members have died since 2015; Marie will send a list of these members Chris and Lynda.

Seelye Research Center:

- Pam provided Ruthetta Hansen with direction regarding the SRC filing system and Document Index.
- The Board will ask Terry and Michael Hook for direction and advice to facilitate assistance from an individual in Abilene who may be willing to continue to classify, organize, and archive incoming documents.
- The new SGS CD-ROM includes Apryl Cox's research.

SGS Website:

- Paul provided information on the progress of the SGS website at the Friday, April 27th, board meeting.

New Business:

Marshall Seelye:

- Paul recalled Marshall's importance in the development and growth of the Society. Marshall's memorial service was private, but the May issue of the Newsletter will include his obituary and other information with gratitude for his impact on SGS.
- Marshall was responsible for the

creation of the SRC.

- SGS will send a donation to Marshall's favorite charity.

SGS Generation Books:

- SGS Generation Books remaining in the SRC number fifty copies of Generations 1-5, four copies of Generation 6, and none of Generation 7.
- CD-ROMs are favored for dissemination of SGS research. No new generation books will be reprinted at this time.
- The Newsletter will promote the sale of remaining SGS generation books.
- Paul will revise the SGS Newsletter to reflect changes in items available for purchase.

Benefits of Membership and DNA Circle of Relatives:

- The Board suggested SGS be promoted via DNA circles within Ancestry, family reunions, and family history libraries.
- Marie promotes the benefits of membership through correspondence with individuals who ask about SGS.
- SGS Facebook presence and the

new website will also help promote the benefits of membership.

Other:

- Consider beginning and more advanced genealogy classes to be held at the 2019 reunion.
- SGS will focus on genealogy, reunions, newsletters and other publications, and fellowship.
- Consider a video conference for the next Board meeting in 2020. SGS Constitution and By-laws do not specify a meeting in Abilene, only that the Board meet.
- Paul and Michael Hook will know what is necessary to facilitate a distance-learning meeting of the Board, if the Board so decides.
- Cost of a new CD-ROM may be \$15, which will include postage. Lynda will contact Pam to determine cost.
- Lynda reiterated her appreciation and concern for members of SGS, reminding the Board that she is always willing to hear questions and concerns and act on them on behalf of SGS.

Adjournment: 12:01 p.m.

Old Town Inn Reunion Reservation Information

The Old Town Inn will hold the following rooms for SGS until May 29, 2019. To receive the special price, you must ask for The Seeley Genealogical Society Room Block. The rooms are

8 Economy Rms w/qn bed	\$94.37 (Wed/Thu)/\$103.37 (Fri/Sat)
5 Economy Rms w/qn bed/m-wave/frig	\$98.87 (Wed/Thu)/\$107.87 (Fri/Sat)
4 Economy Rms w/king bed	\$98.87 (Wed/Thurs)/\$107.87 (Fri/Sat)
8 Economy Rms w/two dbl beds	\$98.87 (Wed/Thurs)/\$107.87 (Fri/Sat)
2 Bedroom suite w/qn+sofabed	\$184.37 (Wed/Thurs)/\$193.37 (Fri/Sat)
10 Rooms w/two qn beds/-wave/frig	\$139.37 (Wed/Thurs)/\$148.37 (Fri/Sat)

Please make your own reservation with Old Town Inn at 800-643-3025 or www.oldtown-inn.com. SGS Reunion Committee members feel these prices are good for San Diego. Whatever accommodations you choose, we suggest that you make your housing reservations as soon as possible.

Research Report: Obadiah Seeley's Ancestry Examined

Report by Apryl Cox AG®

Editor's Note: This is the third, in a series of research reports into Obadiah Seeley compiled for SGS by accredited genealogist Apryl Cox. The second report appears in the August 2016 SGS Newsletter. A summary of the first report can be found in the November 2015 SGS Newsletter (the full version of that report is available to SGS Members by request from Lynda Simmons whose contact information is on page 15). FYI, b=birth, bd= burial date.

First Generation of

Obadiah Seeley Ancestry

WILLIAM SEELEY (4-1) AND
ALICE BISSELL (4-2) AND
HANNAH (4-3)

- William was b about 1584, possibly in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, the son of William Seeley and Alice Bloxish.
- Alice was b about 1584, probably in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England, daughter of William Bissell and Alice Chamber; bd 24 Feb 1617/8, at St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.
- Hannah was probably b between 1584 and 1600.
- William Seeley and Alice Bissell md on 5 Nov 1608, at Yardley Parish, Worcestershire, England. William Seeley probably md Hannah between 1618 and 1620.

Children by 1st wife:

- 4-4 SARAH SEELEY (chr 22 Oct 1609, Sheldon Parish, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-5 SAMUEL SEELEY (chr 15 Mar 1611/2, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; bd 3 Jul 1616, St.

- Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4 OBADIAH SEELEY (chr 5 Jun 1614, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; d 25 Aug 1657, intestate, Stamford, CT; estate distributed 3 Sep 1666)
- 4-6 MARY SEELEY (chr 19 Jan 1617, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; bd 19 Dec 1617, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-7 ELIZABETH SEELEY (chr 19 Jan 1617, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; bd 24 Oct 1617, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)

Children by 2nd wife:

- 4-8 SAMUEL SEELEY (chr 27 Aug 1620, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-9 JONATHAN SEELEY (chr 27 May 1623, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-10 JEREMIAH SEELEY (chr 4 Jul 1626, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; bd 17 Apr 1628, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-11 HANNAH SEELEY (chr 30 Nov 1628, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-12 JONAS SEELEY (chr 1 May 1636, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)

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Second Generation of

Obadiah Seeley Ancestry

WILLIAM SEELEY (4-13) AND
ALICE BLOXISH (4-14)

- William was b about 1555, possibly in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.
- Alice was b about 1556, daughter of Richard Bloxish.
- William Seeley and Alice Bloxish md on 31 Jan 1579/80 at Yardley Parish, Worcestershire, England.

Children

- 4-1 WILLIAM SEELEY (b about 1584, possibly in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)

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WILLIAM BISSELL (4-15) AND ALICE CHAMBER (4-16)

- William was b about 1546, possibly in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England, the son of Thomas Bissell and Elizabeth; bd 6 Sep 1612, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England.
- Alice was b about 1549, possibly in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England, daughter of John Chamber.
- William Bissell and Alice Chamber md on 25 Nov 1571 at Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England.

Children

- 4-17 ELIZABETH BISSELL (chr 21 Dec 1572, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-18 JOHN BISSELL (chr 31 Oct 1574, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-19 THOMAS BISSELL (chr 17 Nov 1576, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-20 WILLIAM BISSELL (chr 18 Jun 1579, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-21 SAMUEL BISSELL (b about

- 1581, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-2 ALICE BISSELL (b about 1584, probably in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England; bd 24 Feb 1617/8 at St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)

References:

- Church of England. Diocese of Worcester, "Wills of the consistory court of Worcester, 1493-1857," will of William Bissell of Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England, 1612, (Salt Lake City, UT: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1953) FHL film 97989 #85.
- Church of England. Parish Church of Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England, "Birmingham, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812," Ancestry (www.ancestry.com).

Third Generation of Obadiah Seeley Ancestry RICHARD BLOXISH (4-22)

- Richard was b about 1520, possibly in Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; bd 21 Oct 1558 at St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

Children

- 4-23 JOANE BLOXISH (b about 1548, possibly in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; m Robert Bennet 25 Oct 1570, at St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-24 WILLIAM BLOXISH (b about 1550, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-25 RICHARD BLOXISH (b about

- 1553, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; m Mary Holdon 29 Jan 1576/7, at Aston Juxta Birmingham Parish, Warwickshire, England; d 1619, Aston Juxta, Birmingham Parish, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-26 ROBERT BLOXISH (chr Feb 1554/5, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)

4-14 ALICE BLOXISH

References:

- Church of England. Diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, "Dioceses of Lichfield and Coventry Wills and Probate 1521-1860," will of Richard Blockesyche of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England, 1558, FindMyPast (www.findmypast.com).
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THOMAS BISSELL (4-27) AND ELIZABETH (4-28)

- Thomas was b about 1520, possibly in Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England; d in July 1595, at Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England.
- Elizabeth was b about 1522, possibly in Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England.
- Thomas Bissell and Elizabeth md about 1544.

Children

- 4-15 WILLIAM BISSELL (b about 1546, possibly in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England; m Alice Chamber 25 Nov 1571, at Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England; bur 6 Sep 1612, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-29 RICHARD BISSELL (chr 24 Apr 1548, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)
- 4-30 JOYCE BISSELL (chr 8 Jun 1550/1, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)
- 4-31 ALICE BISSELL (chr 23 Aug 1553, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)
- 4-32 JOHN BISSELL (b about 1555, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)
- 4-33 ISABEL BISSELL (b about 1557, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)
- 4-34 ANNE BISSELL (b about 1559, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)
- 4-35 HUMPHREY BISSELL (chr 14 Aug 1563, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire England)

References:

- Church of England. Diocese of Worcester, "Wills of the consistory court of Worcester, 1493-1857," will of Thomas Bissell of Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England, 1595, (Salt Lake City, UT: Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1953) FHL film 97950 #53.
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1812," Ancestry (www.ancestry.com).

JOHN CHAMBER (4-36)

- John was probably b about 1520, possibly in Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England; bd on 18 Apr 1569, at Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England.

Children

- 4-16 ALICE CHAMBER (b about 1549, possibly in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England; md William Bissell 25 Nov 1571, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-37 GEORGE CHAMBER (b about 1553, possibly in Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England; md Joane Marten, 17 Dec 1577, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England; d 1617, Yardley Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-38 ?JOHN CHAMBER (md Margaret Greve; bd 25 Feb 1573, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-39 ?MARTEN CHAMBER (bd 19 Apr 1584, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-40 ?HUMPHREY CHAMBER (d 1614, Kings Norton Parish, Worcestershire, England)
- 4-41 DOROTHY CHAMBER

References:

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Fourth Generation Of Obadiah Seeley Ancestry
BLOXISH (4-42)

- Mr. Bloxish was probably born in the late 1400s in Warwickshire or Worcestershire, England.

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Austin Seely.

Details for Austin Seely can be found on Page 164. He was originally of Arlington, Bennington, VT. He reputedly joined the Army in 1777 and served for three months under General Burgoyne. He was imprisoned for six months, and much of his property was confiscated. He submitted a claim for lost cattle with evidence depositions by Zadok Hard and Benjamin Buck. The claim was rejected (cited as British Board of Trade, Audit Office Series 13, Volume 25, Pages 436-437).

Details for Augustus Seely can be found on Page 336. He was originally of Saratoga, Albany, NY. In 1786 he was in Quebec, and submitted a claim for lost livestock and crops. The claim was rejected (cited as British Board of Trade, Audit Office Series 13, Volume 81, Page 373).

The original records submitted to the Commissioners of the Rebellion Losses Claims Commission, as it has more commonly come to be known, show the following:

- British Board of Trade, Audit Office Series 13, Volume 25, Pages 436-437
 - The Claim of Austin SEELY, a new claim submitted at Halifax 12 April 1786, Page 436 (right side)
 - was of Arlington, Bennington, Vermont
 - adhered to the Royal cause and took arms in behalf of His Majesty in 1777
 - served three months in Generall Burgoyne's army, receiving no pay or reward
 - was imprisoned in

Vermont for six months

- a considerable part of his property was confiscated
- submitted an Account of his losses
- deposition, 25 February 1786, from Zadok Hard & Benjamin Buck of Arlington, VT, sworn before Eliakim Stoddard
- Page 437 (left side)
 - deposition, 25 February 1786, from [Thos. Chittenden?], Governor of Vermont that Austen SELE of Arlington suffered
- Page 437 (right side) – Declaration of Austin SEELY of Arlington
 - was not in the Kingdom of Great Britain or Ireland in 1783-1784 (when the first 'Rebellion Losses Claims Commission' heard claims)
 - between 15 July 1783 and 25 March 1784 lived or resided in Arlington, in the back settlement of [St. Town?], signed Austen, n.d.
 - Affidavit, 25 February 1786
 - Austin Seeley appeared personally and made the above declaration before Eliakim Stoddard
- Page 438 (left side) docketing outside cover of New Claim, Memorial of Austin Seely
 - [submitted] 12 April 1786, rejected 20 April 1786
- British Board of Trade, Audit Office Series 13, Volume 81,

Pages 372-373

- The claim of Augustus Seely, a New Claim submitted at Quebec 15 April 1786
- Page 372 docketing outside cover of New Claim, Augustus Seely, Loyalist
 - [submitted] 15 April 1786, rejected
- Page 373, Declaration of Augustus Seely
 - was late of the Province of New York, but now of Quebec
 - resided at Saratoga from 15 July 1783 to 25 March 1784 as a Loyalist
 - Sworn 2 March 1786, before S. Anderson [J. P.?], Augustus Seely (x) his mark.
- Page 373, estimate of value of estate in the County of Albany, April 1775, at Saratoga Patent,
 - 8 acres of wheat & 5 acres of good meadow
 - 3 cows, 4 oxen, 1 heifer, 5 sheep
 - 1 horse and saddle

So, it's quite apparent that two distinctly different men are detailed in these two claims. One, Austin Seely, was from the area around Arlington, VT, where he continued to live between 1783 and 1784, even though he submitted his claim at Halifax. This man set his signature as 'Austen.'

The other man, Augustus Seely, had resided at Saratoga, in New York Province, and submitted his claim at Quebec on almost the same date as Austin Seely had, even as he continued to reside at Saratoga. This

man signed only with an (x) mark.

There can be no question but that these were two different men. It would have been monumentally difficult, almost impossible, for a single man to have submitted a claim for losses at Halifax on 12 April 1786, and then to have also submitted a claim for losses at Quebec three days later, on 15 April 1786.

Facts about Austin Seely, of Arlington, VT, are detailed in Gavin K. Watt's *The British Campaign of 1777, Volume Two, The Burgoyne Expedition*,

Burgoyne's Native and Loyalist Auxiliaries, Note # 391, page 190 (detailed elsewhere in this report).

So, was the

man named Augustus Seely who submitted his claim in Quebec in 1786 the same man who was settled to land in Lancaster Township in 1784? Possibly, but more work will have to be done to flesh this answer out. Certainly, linkages are going to be difficult to prove.

Several residents of Lancaster Township submitted petitions to the Executive Council of Upper Canada. The first was dated 31 March 1790 [*Upper Canada Land Petitions, Petition No. 30 ½, Bundle L Miscellaneous, 1788-1795, Volume 306, microfilm C-2138*]. This shows the original signatures of William Falkner and Augustis Celey, among others, and the signature mark (x) of James Seley. The docketing on this petition identifies it as a 'copy.' But the docketing also suggests that it had been handed to Major John McDonell, who was further requested

'to make the individual additions.'

Apparently, Lancaster Township had been surveyed on the second concession only as far as Lot 14 by Patrick McNiff. A new surveyor, Mr. McDonnell, had apparently been hired to complete the work where McNiff had stopped and run the lines for the 'the other two Concessions.' The petitioners were apparently distressed because the front portions of their parcels were so low in elevation that they found it necessary to go in to the 'Back Concessions to raise our bread.'

Does this document show that the man named Augustus Seely who had been living at Saratoga, who had his rebellion losses claim rejected at Quebec in 1786, was the same man who was living in Lancaster Township in 1792?

They reported having written to the head surveyor twice in the past, and were concerned that new emigrants being located to some of the unsurveyed back concession lines might cause trouble and inconvenience. The petitioners sought redress.

The notion that this man named Augustis Celey signed his name to this petition suggests that this was not the man from Saratoga whose claim for losses was rejected at Quebec. But within the same bundled petition [*No. 21, Bundle L Miscellaneous*] was yet another petition. This petition was written on 23 June [1792], also by inhabitants of Lancaster Township. These men affirmed that they had "always been loyal Subjects, and were the first who joined Sir John Johnson, Bart., the year 1775 & followed him to Canada in 1776 and Served in his Reg't all the time of the late

Rebellion, that your Petitioners were amongst the first who Settled on his Majesty's lands, the year 1784, that notwithstanding our repeated application to have our Land Surveyed it is still undone."

They prayed that his Excellency would give orders so that the Township could be surveyed "at Lot No. 14 3rd Concession above where Mr. Patrick McNiff left off," then to "run the 4th Concession line which will make the Division line between us and the Late Emigrants on that line

and at the same time to run our family Lands in the 9th Concession, at which time it will appear whether or not the Emigrants have been placed

on our lands or not."

This petition was received by the governor on 26 June, and in a council meeting on [7?] October 1792, it was referred to the surveyor general to report thereon. It was reported on by 28 October 1792, but no further action appears to have been taken; at least no further docket entries appear to have been made concerning this Petition.

At least 32 men signed the petition; there were probably other signatures on the document, but tears and missing pieces preclude knowing who all of the names might have been. Some of the 'signatures' on the document appear to be in an original hand, but most appear to have been written by one person, with many (x) marks present. One of the (x) marks is against Augustus Silly. Another is against Jas Silly.

Does this document show that the

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man named Augustus Seely who had been living at Saratoga, who had his rebellion losses claim rejected at Quebec in 1786, was the same man who was living in Lancaster Township in 1792? The suspicion is raised, but this document by itself does not in my estimation prove this conjecture.

Some additional petitions were submitted by the inhabitants of Lancaster Township over the next few years. The issue was always the same: lack of survey and distressed conditions for those on the 2nd and 3rd concessions.

Augustus Sealey is named in one of the petitions, on a "Schedule of Locations 3rd Concession of Lancaster, from the Quebec Plan" [Petition 77, Bundle L-11]. As presented elsewhere, Augustus had been located to Lots 20, 21, and 25 on the 3rd Concession line. But neither Augustus Sealey nor James Sealey is otherwise named, nor did they sign their names or make their marks on either of these two *additional* petitions.

Complete copies of each of these two bundles of petitions are included here simply to aid in showing the complexity of conditions on the ground in Lancaster Township for the first twenty years after Augustus Seeley was settled there.

- First, Petition No. 21, Bundle L-5, 1797-1802, RG 1, L3, Volume 285, C-2125.
- Second, Petition No. 77, Bundle L-11, 1811-1819, RG 1, L3, Volume 287, C-2126.

I must stress that even though Augustus Sealey apparently petitioned from Lancaster Township in 1792, as one who had mustered and served

with Sir John Johnson's Royal Regiment of NY (according to Petition No. 30 ½, Bundle L Miscellaneous, 1788-1795), no evidence that he had ever actually mustered with the unit can be found in either the papers of Sir Frederick Haldimand or in Gavin K. Watts's *History and Master Roll of the King's Royal Regiment of New York* (Revised). Unless, as is beginning to be thought possible, his first name was recorded at various times as "Justus" or "Justice," as a variation of "Gustice" or mishearing of "[Au]gustus." See the affidavit in the Upper Canada Land Petition in the name of Peet Seeley, Petition 133, Bundle S-3, 1845, for a presentation of Peet's father James's father's name "Gustice."

Augustus Seely was reported as being located to Lots 20, 21 and 25 on the 3rd Concession of Lancaster Township.

Enclosed copies from appropriate portions of the Abstract Index to Deeds for these Lots [*Glengarry County Land Registry Office, Office No. 14; Book No. 80*, accessed through <<https://www.onland.ca/ui/>>] show the following history relative to the above three lots:

Lot 20 Crown Patent issued to Augustus SEALY on 1 September 1797.

Augustus SEALY assigned his rights to this parcel to Jacob SNYDER & George CLINE on 16 July 1804.

Lot 21 Crown Patent issued to Augustus SEALY on 1 September 1797. Augustus SEALY also assigned his rights to this parcel to Jacob

SNYDER & George CLINE on 16 July 1804.

Lot 25 Crown Patent issued to Augustus SEALY on 1 September 1797.

This parcel was sold by James SEALY to John McLENNAN on 16 April 1807.

It would be *very* prudent to investigate further to see if James Sealy, who sold Augustus Sealy's land in Lancaster Township (Lot 25 Concession 3) in 1807 could be further identified by signature or by residence. This could help tremendously in consolidating whether the Elizabethtown James Seely might have been this man, and whether he was ever identified as a son of Augustus's.

The Crown Patent issued to Augustus Sealy for all three lots in 1797 implies that he had resided on the parcels since at least 1790. He would have been required to complete certain settlement duties, erect a house and a specified number of out-buildings, clear land to a certain extent, and have a specified amount of land seeded and producing a specified quantity of crop before the Crown Patent would have been issued.

An alphabetical index to Lancaster Township Deed Records from the Glengarry County Land Registry Office (Office No. 14, Alexandria, Ontario) [*Alphabetical Index, Lancaster Township Deed Records*, accessed through <www.familysearch.org> as Microfilm Reel No. 201743, Digital Series No. 8130277] shows that the instruments which would need to be examined are

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SGS Queries (as of May 5, 2018)

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 answer challenging research questions.

Submit queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com, or mail to Linda at home (contact information on page 15). 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 a query:

Be specific and detailed: Give all the information you have about the person or family in question,

especially dates and locations.

What resources have you already consulted? SGS publications or website? 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 a Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed, please keep us informed of any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested in 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 others. Your query will also be posted on the website. Make sure we have your current and complete contact information—sometimes we receive new information months or even years after a query appears.

If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues of the Newsletter, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, **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 two digit year, two digit month of the Newsletter issue and query sequence number.

NEW QUERIES

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1808-1 Submitted by Mary Morken via Facebook Mary is helping a friend find her biological ancestors; the friend's mother was adopted as an infant in Scranton, PA. Through DNA analysis they think the friend's grandmother was a daughter of Alexander L. Seeley (1908-1977) and his wife Eveia May Enslin (1908-1992). Mary wonders whether SGS has any information on Alexander's descendants, especially his daughters Betty Maie, Joan, and Josephine.

SGS Response: Alexander is not in the SGS database, but a census search led to Alexander's family and back to his father and grandfather:

1940 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Alexander, age 32, b. PA, carpenter for a ??? contractor
- Seeley, Eveia, age 31, b. PA
- Seeley, Richard, age 8, Betty Maie, age 5, Joan Ann, age 3, Josephine, age 1, all b. PA

1930 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Alexander, age 22, b. PA, PA, PA, house carpenter, md. less than 1 yr. to
- Seeley, Eva N., age 21, b. PA, PA, PA

1920 census Scranton, Lackawanna, PA

- Seeley, Theodore, age 35, b. PA, PA, PA, carpenter in RR shop
- Seeley, May, age 35, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Dorothy age 14, Alexander, age 12, Ralph, age 10, Elizabeth, age 8, all b. PA, PA, PA

1910 census Scranton, Lackawanna, PA

- Seeley, Theodore, age 21, b. PA, PA, PA, runner for car broker, md. 6 yrs. to
- Seeley, May, age 27, b. PA, PA, PA, 3 ch., 2 living
- Seeley, Dorothy, age 4, Alexander, age 2, Ralph, age 6 mos., all b. PA, PA, PA
- Robinson, Eugene, bro-in-law, age 37, single, b. PA, PA, PA, laborer in cellar(?)

1910 census Dunmore, Lackawanna, PA

- Seeley, Arthur, age 51, b. PA, PA, PA, asst foreman, electric line, md. 27 yrs. to
- Seeley, Cora L., age 43, b. PA, PA, PA, 10 ch., 4 living
- Seeley, Marian, age 3, b. PA, PA, PA

1900 census Lake, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Arthur, b. Oct 1859, PA, PA, PA, RR brakeman, md. 18 yrs. to
- Seeley, Cora, b. Apr 1866, PA, PA, PA, 3 ch., 3 living
- Seeley, John, b. Jan 1883, Theodore, b. Mar 1886, George, b. May 1889, all b. PA, PA, PA
- 2 brakemen are also boarding with them.

PA Death Certificates:

- Arthur E. Seeley, b. 7 Oct 1858 at So. Canaan, PA, d. 22 Oct 1941 at Dunmore, Lackawanna, PA, son of John Seeley and Anna Swingle, wife Lillian Seeley, informant dau-in-law May Seeley, widow of Theodore
- Theodore Seeley, laborer, of Dunmore, Lackawanna, PA, d. there 13 Nov 1939, aged 53 years, 7 mos., 23 days, of kidney disease, b. in PA to Arthur Seeley, b. PA, and his wife Cora Smith, also b. PA, informant Theodore's wife, Mrs. May Seeley, nee Robinson; bd. East Canaan, Wayne, PA.

- Alexander Seeley, Jr., b. 22 Jul 1930 at So. Canaan, Wayne, PA, d. there, aged 3 hours (premature birth), son of Alexander and Eveia May Seeley, both b. So. Canaan; bd. East Canaan Cemetery by Alexander Seeley, undertaker

PA Birth Certificates:

- Alexander Lane Seely, b. 8 Jan 1908 at So. Canaan, Wayne, PA, to Theodore Seely, aged 22, b. Avoca, PA, farmer, and Mae Robinson, aged 22, b. So. Canaan, PA, housewife, 2nd child

SSDI

- Alexander Seeley of Lake Ariel, Wayne, PA, b. 8 Jan 1908, d. Sept 1977

Burials in East Canaan Cemetery, Wayne Co. PA

- Seeley, Elizabeth: 1911–1952 (daughter of Theodore and May R. Seeley)
- Seeley, Eveia May (Enslin): 1908–1992 (wife of Alexander Seely, Sr.)
- Seeley, May R.: 1886–1950 (wife of Theodore Seeley)

So Alexander is the son of Theodore, son of Arthur, son of John Seely and Anna Swingle. John is SGS# 3482.

Unfortunately, I cannot find any information on Alexander's children which is the information Mary was looking for. If you know this family, please have them get in touch with us.

1808-2 Submitted by Judith Lee (jr26lee@gmail.com)

Judith contacted us after finding our website by accident(!). She wondered whether we had information on her mother's family. Her mother, Beatrice, was born in 1910 to John Wesley Seeley from Wayne Co., PA. Judith says John Wesley was born about 1885 near Lake Ariel in Wayne Co. and married Mary Ann Hogley (unsure of spelling) about 1900. She says they had six daughters and six sons. The names are Harold, Jerald, Beatrice, Robert, Laura, Emma, Margaret, Ray, Roy, Shirley, Mickey, and Lawrence (unsure of birth order).

SGS Response: We had several John Wesley Seeleys in the SGS Ancestral file including one born in 1879, married to Mary Ann Hoadley. To verify that this was the correct John Wesley, I began with census information:

1940 census South Canaan, Wayne, Pennsylvania, USA

- Seeley, Wesley, age 61, b. PA, farmer
- Seeley, Mary, age 51
- Seeley, Leroy, age 31, farm laborer, Margaret, age 17, Laura, age 13, Mildred, age 11, Shirley, age 9, all b. PA
- Next home
- Seeley, Wallace, age 45, b. PA, farmer
- Hartshorn, William, hired hand, age 19, b. PA, farm laborer

1930 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Wallace, age 34, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer
- Robinson, Eugene, hired man, age 58, b. PA, PA, PA, farm laborer

Next home:

- Seeley, Edward J., age 38, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer
- Seeley, Andrew A., age 83, foster father, b. PA, PA, PA, 1st md. at age 25
- Seeley, Sarah, age 79, foster mother, b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, William, age 78, widower, foster uncle, b. PA, PA, PA

Next home

- Seeley, Wesley J., age 50, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer, md. 24 yrs. to
- Seeley, Mary, age 40, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Leroy A., age 20, Beatrice H., age 19, Raymond, age 17, Robert A., age 15, Gerald W., age 13, Laurence, age 11, Irene E., age 9, Margaret H., age 7, Laura E., age 3 yrs., 8 mos., Mildred K., age 1 yr., 6 mos., all b. PA, PA, PA

Next home:

- Seeley, H....I, age 71, widower, b. PA, PA, PA

1920 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Wesley age 40 b. PA, PA, PA, farmer
- Seeley, Mary age 31 b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Harold age 13, Leroy age 12, Beatrice age 10, Raymond age 8, Robert age 6, Gerald age 4, Laurence age 2, all b. PA, PA, PA

1910 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Wesley J., age 32, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer, md. 6 yrs. to
- Seeley, Mary, age 32, b. PA, PA, PA, 3 ch., 3 living
- Seeley, Herold C., age 3, Leroy, age 10 mos., Beatrice H., age 0 mos.

1900 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seely, John L, b. Aug 1831, PA, md. 46 yrs. to Louisa, b. Dec 1833 PA

Seely, Hershel, b. Nov 1856, Wessley, b. May 1879

1880 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, John, age 48, b. PA, NJ, PA, farmer
- Seeley, Louisa A., age 47, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Hurshel, son, age 23, laborer, Birdsel, son, age 14, Cordela, dau, age 11, Emery, son, age 9, Blanche, dau, age 4, John W., son, age 1, b. May 1879, all b. PA, PA, PA

1870 census So Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, John, age 39, b. PA, farmer
- Seeley, Louisha, age 37, b. PA
- Seeley, Hershel, age 14, Arthur, age 10, Isabelle, age 8, Seymour, age 7, Birdsall, age 5, Delia, age 2, all b. PA

1860 census Salem, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, John, age 30, laborer, b PA
- Seeley, Ann L, age 28, b. PA
- Seeley, Harchell, age 3, b. PA, John, age 6 mos., b. PA
- Swingle, Mary, age 7 mos., b PA, Harriet age 12, b. PA, John, age 10, b. PA

I believe John's wife is Louisa Ann Swingle, dau. of Otho Swingle:

1850 census Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Otho Swingle, age 40, b. PA, farmer
- Bridgett Swingle, age 60, b. Ireland, laborer
- Lavina Swingle, age 49, b. PA
- Swingle, Melissa, age 19, Louisa A., age 17, Genette, age 15, Elizabeth, age 11, Emily, age 9, Samuel, age 7, Harriet, age 5, John, age 6 mos., all b. PA

PA Birth Certificate

- Beatrice Hilda Seeley, b. 16 Apr 1910 at So Canaan, Wayne, PA, to John Wesley Seeley, age 31, b. So. Canaan, and Mary Hoadley, age 21, b. Canaan Corners, Wayne, PA
- Harold Edwin Seely, b. 6 Jan 1907 at Canaan, Wayne,

PA, to John Wesley Seely and Mary Ann Seely
WWI Draft Reg'n

- Wesley John Seely of Gravity, Wayne, PA, b. 2 May 1879, farmer, next of kin, wife, Mary Ann Seely, of Gravity, Wayne, PA, signed Wesley John Seely

WWII Draft Reg'n

- John Wesley Seeley of South Canaan, Wayne, PA, b. 2 May 1879 at So. Canaan, self employed, next of kin Mrs Mary Seeley of same address; signed Wesley Seeley
- Robert Seeley of Gravity, Wayne, PA b. 8 Oct 1914 in Wayne Co., next of kin Mrs Mary Seeley, mother

SSDI

- Wesley Seeley, last resided Lake Ariel, Wayne, PA, b. 2 May 1879, d. Jan 1968

PA Death Cert.

- Mary Hoadley Seeley, age 62, md., b. 10 Dec 1888 at Waymart, PA, to James Hoadley and Emma Shaffer, d. 25 May 1951 at South Canaan, Wayne, PA, informant Wesley Seeley

I also found death and marriage information for several of Beatrice Seeley's siblings which I can send to anyone who asks. You will also note that John Wesley is a son of John Seely, SGS #3482.

1808-3 Submitted by Cindy Leshinski via the SGS Facebook page.

Here we have another query relating to SGS# 3482 and his son John Wesley Seeley. Cindy's son was working on a family tree for a school project and her husband did a DNA test through Ancestry. They had two surprises. First, they discovered that 18 months before Cindy's husband was born he had a sister given up for adoption. The second surprise was that the test showed he had 1st, 2nd and 3rd cousins in a family they had never heard of—the Seeleys! They have concluded that her husband's father was not his biological father. Unfortunately, both his parents are deceased, so they cannot find answers to any questions. Cindy has been in touch with some of the cousins identified on Ancestry, who are trying to help, but they do not know how her husband fits in. Cindy says that by mapping dozens of family trees of these cousins she found that her husband's great-grandparents are James Baldwin Hoadley and Emma Shaffer. So possible grandparents are John Wesley Seeley and Mary Ann Hoadley.

SGS Response: I asked Cindy whether Judith Lee (see query 1808-2) was one of these cousins. She replied that she has been corresponding with Judith, who comes up as a 2nd cousin. I asked what kind of test Cindy's husband took, and she replied that it was the autosomal test, and he is about to do the 23 and me test as well (another autosomal test). I suggested he consider a Y-DNA test to identify his paternal line: is it Seeley or another established surname? If you have other suggestions, please notify me, and I will share them with Cindy.

1808-4 Submitted by Chris Havnar

(chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris found an obituary for Vane Hamilton Seely:

*Vane H. Seely – October 12, 1965 – Long Beach, WA
SEELY – Vane H., late of Long Beach, WA.;
beloved husband of Clara Vincent Seely; father of
Betty Holden, Tillamook; grandfather of John and*

*Terrie Holden. Mr. Seely was a retired member of
Portland Police Dept. Friends invited to funeral
services Friday, 1:30 pm, Chapel of Miller &
Tracey, SW 20th pl & Morrison. Vault interment
Willamette National Cemetery. Published in the
Oregonian Thursday October 14, 1965*

She found a birth record:

- Vane H. Seeley, b. 7 Aug 1897 at Lakechon, Clark, WA, to J. E. Seeley, age 30, railroad worker, b. IL, and Maggie Swager, age 29, b. WA, mother of 3

Multnomah Co Marriages

- Seely, J. E., to Crosley, Mary M., 1894

SS Application and Claims Index

- Vane Hamilton Seely, b. 7 Aug 1897 at Felida, Clark, WA, to John E Seely and Margaret Swager
1940 census Portland, Multnomah, OR

- Vane Seely, age 42, b. WA, officer, city police force

- Clara Seely, age 41, b. OR

- Betty Seely, daughter age 18, b. OR

1930 census Portland, Multnomah, OR

- Vane H. Seely, head, age 32, age at first marriage 23, b. WA, PA, WA Police Officer City

- Clara Seely, wife, age 31, age at first marriage 22, b. OR, Denmark, Denmark

- Betty J Seely, daughter age 8, b. OR, WA, OR

1920 census Portland, Multnomah, OR

- John Eubanks, head, age 57, b. IL, US, US, street maintenance

- Margaret M. Eubanks, wife, age 52, b. WA, PA, IL

- Vane H. Seely, stepson, age 22, b. WA, IL, WA

- Harry C. Livingston, son-in-law, age 34 b. IN, IN, IN, office clerk, electric company

- Bertha F. Livingston, stepdaughter, age 34, b. OR, Can/Nova Scotia, WA

- Paul Vane Livingston, grandson, age 5, b. OR, IN, OR
1910 census Portland Ward 8, Multnomah, OR

- John S. Eubanks, head, age 50, b. IL, IL, IL, manufacturer

- Maggie M. Eubanks, wife, age 42, yrs. in present marriage 0, mother of 3, b. WA, PA, IL

- Agnes Honeyman, boarder, age 62, wd

- Clarence A. Eubanks, son, age 21, b. OR, IL, OR, law student

- Harry W. Crosby, stepson, age 22, b. OR, Canada/ Nova Scotia, WA, blacksmith

- Ben H. Seely, stepson, age 12, b. WA, IL, WA

OR Church and Cemetery Records

- Margaret M. Seely, age 41, md. 21 Oct 1909 at The Dalles, OR, to John S Eubanks

Portland Death certificates

- Seely, John E., d. 1898

Chris could not find any more information on John E. Seely.

SGS Response:

Findagrave:

- John E. Seely, bd. 16 Dec 1898 at Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah, OR, two photos of the gravestone; one clearly says, 1867-1898; the other looks like 1839 - 18__8; they seems to be photos of the same stone, though.

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- 1891, John E. Seeley, brakeman, res. East Portland, boards east side of Gaines, 3 s of Russell 1900 census Portland, Multnomah, OR
- Seely, Maggie, b. Nov 1853, WA, PA, IL, 3 ch., 3 living, boardinghouse keeper
- Seely, Henry, b. Jul 1886, Bertha F., b. Jul 1885, both b. OR, CAN, WA; Vane H., b. Aug 1897 WA, CAN, WA
- Wenker, Mary, sister b. Aug 1880 WI, WI, SWITZ

Obituary for Bertha:

Livingston--August 25, Bertha Florence, 2421 SE Ash; mother of Paul V. Livingston; sister of Vane H. Seely and Mrs. Meta Crosby. Services Saturday, August 28, 10 am, Ross Hollywood Chapel, NE 48th & Sandy. Friends invited. Vault interment Lincoln Memorial. Member of First Christian Church. The Oregonian, Portland, OR, Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, Page 38

ORBI

- Bertha Florence Crosby Livingston, b. 19 Apr 1885 at Portland, Multnomah, OR, to William Henry Crosby and Mary Margaret Swager

ORMI

- Crosby, W. H. to Swager, Maggie, 1883 1930 census Portland, Multnomah, OR
- Meta Crosby, age 33, wife of Harry Crosby, age 43, md. 12 yrs.

Therefore, Henry and Bertha Seely of the 1900 census are Margaret Swager's children from her earlier marriage to William Crosby.

I also cannot find John E. Seely in any record that would identify his parents. Vane Seely's census records indicate that his father was b. in IL, CAN, or PA; John's marriage record indicates IL. If you can help identify this John E. Seely, get in touch with me.

SGS Reunion 2019 in San Diego

Contact SGS President
Lynda Simmons to
find out how you
can help!

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the Admiral Baker Recreation Area. This is one of the many benefits of this area. There are other hotels and RV parks in the San Diego area, but we think these are among the best. Please plan to come to San Diego and make reservations soon. San Diego accommodations fill up fast.

We are grateful to LeAnne Seely, who is editing the Parkersburg Souvenir Book. It will be out soon. If you haven't ordered your copy, please send \$35.00 to me. This is an excellent history of SGS. My contact information is on page 15.

I am thankful for each SGS member. You are essential to the long-term success of the Society and we hope you will be part of shaping the future of SGS.

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Augustus SEALY to Jacob SNYDER & George Cline

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James SEALY to Norman McLeod
- Volume B1, #449
James SEALY to John McLellan

Instruments numbered 159 and 449 are referred to (but *not* identified by number) in the abstract Index to Deeds for Lots 20, 21 and 25, Concession 3, Lancaster Township, but which parcel Instrument No. 448 pertains to is not presently known.

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- 4-22 RICHARD BLOXISH (b about 1520, possibly in Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwickshire, England; bd 21 Oct 1558, St. Martin Parish, Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)
- 4-43 MORICE BLOXISH (bur 18 Oct 1603, Aston Juxta Birmingham, Warwickshire, England)

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