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## 2017-2019 SGS Executive Board Meeting, June 26, 2019 Draft Minutes

*Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary*

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•*Editor's Note:* There were three official meetings at the 2017 SGS Reunion in San Diego, CA: the final meeting of the 2017-2019 SGS Executive Board, the 2019 SGS General Membership Meeting, and the first meeting of the 2019-2021 SGS Executive Board. Newsletter space limitations prevent us from publishing minutes of all three meetings in this edition of the newsletter. The minutes from the second and third meetings will be included in following issues of the SGS Newsletter. If you need to see the minutes for those meetings before then, please send an email note to

SGS Secretary Patricia Brooks Palmer (contact info on page 15) who will be happy to email you an Adobe Acrobat version of each meeting's minutes.

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

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

#### **Elected and Appointed Officers**

**Attending:** Lynda Simmons, Margaret Petersen, Kathie Olsen, Jesse Crisler, Wesley Waring, Paul Taylor, Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker,

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## The Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter

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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, Sealee, 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 Treasurer Margaret Petersen (see contact info on page 15). Make checks payable to Seeley Genealogical Society.

### 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 2021, in St. Louis, MO. 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 continue to be amazed by the talent and dedication of my fellow SGS members and our Executive Board.

Thanks to the members who took the time to respond to our surveys from the 2019 Reunion and Membership Chair Jim Seeley.

You have so many good ideas and insights to share. The Board is already working on many of your suggestions to make SGS more valuable to our members.

We hope you will consider taking a more active role in the Seeley Genealogical Society. On page 6 of this newsletter, Jim Seeley shares specific ways you can help.

As I mentioned, the members of our volunteer SGS Executive Board are hard at work for you. I thank all of them for their service. I would like to highlight some of the officers and new things they are doing.

Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian, has completed updating and correcting the seventh Generation Book. This was really a big job!

Paul Taylor, our First Vice President and Editor of our SGS Newsletter, and Pam created a new Membership and Product Order Form that streamlines ordering and payments. It will be in every issue of the newsletter.

Now that Pam has completed the update of the Seventh Generation Book, she is turning her attention to the Sixth Generation Book. Look for updates on that project in future newsletters.

Wesley Waring, SGS Research Director, is developing criteria for funding research on Seeley family

brickwalls. Wes is receiving suggestions from the Board to develop those criteria and would like to hear from you. Please send suggestions to

Wes soon. He plans to compile them for the Board to consider and vote on before the February newsletter.

Jim Seeley, Membership Chair, and Connie Birth, Assistant Membership Chair, have developed an SGS New Member Notebook with valuable information about SGS. Jim has sent copies to new members. SGS plans to make it available to all members soon. Jim and Connie are also contacting members whose membership renewals are due.

Paul Taylor, Chris Havnar, and Linda Crocker continue to work with Web Designer Logan Seelye on our great new website. Linda and Chris also constantly update the SGS Ancestor File.

Second Vice President, Jesse Crisler is editing the SGS 2019 International San Diego Reunion Souvenir Book. It is almost ready for publication. If you haven't ordered it, please order it on page 16.

I want to draw your attention to pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. There, you will find our 2019 Treasurer's Report from Margaret Petersen. It is laid out differently from years past to include information from the reports for the last five years. In the interest of



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## Membership Chair's Update

Story By Jim Seeley, SGS Membership Chair



The SGS Board's Membership Plan to deal with our declining membership, approved during the June 2019 Reunion, is being implemented.

An email or mailed letter was sent to each and every SGS member asking for ideas on how we can make SGS more valuable to its members. To date, we have received 23 member responses containing a lot of ideas. I'm hoping for many more.

This plan is envisioned as a continuous one, i.e., collecting ideas and implementing those that hopefully will improve the value of SGS to its members now and in the future. So ideas are not only welcome, but needed!

I analyzed the responses and sent my analysis to the SGS Executive Board along with a copy of all ideas received to date, for the development of an implementation plan (Part C of the approved Membership Plan). Here is where we stand so far to make SGS a more valuable society to its members:

1. 15 Copies of the SGS New Member's Notebook have been mailed to new members and some others involved in its development. This Notebook contains four sections defining "Who We Are" followed by nine sections describing "SGS Resources Available to Assist" our Members. Change One from the original version most significantly describes 1) how Y, mitochondrial, and autosomal

DNA testing, and 2) an understanding of how the Seeley Ancestor File can help SGS members. I've concentrated on using words that highlight the value of the resource rather than the biology or technical aspects of it. More improvements to the SGS New Member's Notebook are needed and will be completed.

2. Pam Turner and Paul Taylor modified the SGS membership application to combine it with an SGS product order form, with all forms and money going to the SGS Treasurer, who then forwards the forms to the appropriate SGS officers for action. Although this adds work for the Treasurer, it streamlines the response process, reducing response time.
3. Several ideas are under consideration by the SGS Executive Board and in various stages of implementation:
  - a. SGS may fund research on members' brickwalls; a criterion is being developed to help the Board determine which ones to fund.
  - b. Revise focus of SGS reunions; nine members' ideas are being combined with the evaluation forms submitted by attendees of the 2019 SGS Reunion.
  - c. Increase use of Facebook. Six members suggested using Facebook to update members on a more timely basis.
  - d. Educate and encourage members to use DNA testing to find cousins, particularly

the autosomal DNA tests offered by a few laboratories.

- e. Incentivize joining SGS. Nine members offered ideas, some of which have not been tried before.
- f. Prioritize keeping current members. This was suggested by five members. The SGS Executive Board is considering making the SGS New Member's Notebook available to ALL members.
- g. Focus more on the younger generation was suggested by four members.
- h. Encourage volunteerism by being more specific about the Society's needs. The SGS New Member's Notebook lists many areas of SGS work that could use some help.
- i. The list of website recommendations has been

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### New SGS Members:

- Victoria and Howard Zingler, Painted Post, NY, Sep. 2019
- James and Joanne Rienhardt, Lyons, NY, Sep. 2019
- Linda Melvin, Flowery Branch, GA, Sep. 2019

### New SGS LIFE members

- William and Holly Simmons, Arlington, VA, Oct. 2019
- Kristyne Seeley and Michael Whitmore, Ashville, NY, Nov. 2019

### Deceased SGS Members:

- Dean White, Pomona, NJ
- Gilbert Seely, Bellingham, WA
- Nancy Davidson Seeley, Grass Valley, CA
- David B. Stewart, Lenexa, KS

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Pam Turner, Ruthetta Hansen, Terry Tietjens, Patricia Palmer.

### Reunion members in

**attendance:** Carolyn Taylor, Ken Petersen, Caroline Haddon, Ivey Harris

**Excused:** Chris Havnar, Walt Seelye

### Welcome and Announcements:

Lynda Simmons

Lynda Simmons welcomed all in attendance and thanked everyone for helping with the 2019 SGS Reunion, noting that sixty-seven individuals had registered.

She also thanked the staff of the Mormon Battalion Visitors Center and the Cosmopolitan Hotel, all involved in the reunion planning process, and members of the Executive Board.

She reviewed various reunion matters, including box lunches, evening meals, tours, schedule, and the annual reunion photograph, which will be taken on Saturday morning.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 2018 SGS Executive Board Meeting, April 27, 2018, and April 28, 2018, were read, with one correction noted; the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

**Seventh Generation Book:** Pam Turner, SRC Librarian

- The Seventh Generation Book is currently being revised to reflect corrections by Kathie Olsen and Linda Crocker, and information on errata is available to interested SGS members.
- Errata for both the Nathaniel and Obadiah sections have been included in the revised edition, where possible.
- The foreword has been revised, but the original index will remain

unchanged.

- The Board recommended that the revised Seventh Generation Book be reprinted, the price to remain \$35.00 to cover printing and mailing costs.
- Terry Tietjens will investigate printing ten more copies of the Sixth Generation Book.
- The Board decided the revised book should note that evidence, derived from research by Apryl Cox, indicates that William was the father of Obadiah.
- Jesse Crisler commended Kathie Olsen who with her mother compiled the Seventh Generation Book



**DNA Test Requests:** Lynda Simmons

- Linda Crocker reported that only a few individuals have been tested via the Y-DNA process.
- The Board determined that Y-DNA testing should be considered when a male could be a Seeley.

### Family Tree DNA Update:

Wesley Waring, Director

- The SGS-related site on FTDNA has been removed from control of the SGS by a specific individual.

- Wesley has spoken with FTDNA to resolve the issue.
- As of June 2019, Dee Bardis remains the proctor of the FTDNA/Seeley Lineage Project.

**Seeley Research Center:** Pam Turner reported that she will continue as SRC Librarian.

### Future of SGS

**Research:** Wesley Waring

- Bruce Murduck's research of primary sources has not been printed in its entirety in the Newsletter.
- Murduck's research is considerably more expensive than Apryl Cox' research.
- Where are the "brick walls" for SGS members?
- Results of Jim Seeley's membership action plan will guide the formulation of future Society research goals.

**Membership:** Jim Seeley, Membership Chair

- Logan Seelye will receive life membership in SGS.
- Jim Seeley provided an update on SGS membership.
- 25 life members have not been receiving the SGS Newsletter.
- SGS membership numbers only 253 members. Jim recommended a plan to abate the decline in membership by A) collecting members' ideas, B) analyzing the ideas submitted, C) developing an action plan to implement the ideas, D) implementing the action plan, E) continuously monitoring membership numbers, and F) collect news ideas and implement new actions as warranted.
- Jim recommended that the Board define this plan as the SGS Membership Plan.



- Linda Crocker moved and Jesse Crisler seconded that the Board accept the proposed SGS Membership Plan; motion unanimously approved.

**Website Update:** Paul Taylor, Second Vice President

- Chris Havnar has provided additional information to be included in the SGS Website and has assisted Logan Seelye with migration of data from the old site.
- Logan Seelye will give an overview of the new Website at the general membership meeting of the reunion.

**Souvenir Book:** Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked Leanne Seely for her work on the 2017 Parkersburg Reunion Souvenir Book.
- Jesse Crisler volunteered to oversee the publication of the next Reunion Souvenir Book.
- Margaret Petersen noted that six Parkersburg souvenir books will be for sale at this reunion.

### Standing Committee

**Reports:** Lynda Simmons announced that chairs of standing committees will give reports at the General Membership Meeting.

**New Business:** Lynda Simmons  
**Integration of SGS Income and**

**Sales:** Pam Turner

- Pam Turner proposed the adoption of new form, the SGS Membership and Products Order Form, which would provide a more seamless approach for tracking both member dues and the sale of SGS books and other products.
- Margaret Petersen agreed to email Jim Seeley information on new members and send Terry Tietjens requests for generation books.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Linda Crocker seconded that Margaret email the appropriate SGS Board members regarding requests from the SGS Membership and Products Order Form; motion passed unanimously.

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**Constitution:** Paul Taylor

- Paul Taylor requested that a committee be formed to discuss and recommend changes to the SGS Constitution.
- The Board determined this action should be taken following the election of officers at the general membership meeting.

**2021 SGS Reunion Site**

**Selection:** Lynda Simmons

- Kathie Olsen submitted a nomination on behalf of John Mills, Stephanie Mills Moore, and herself for St. Louis, Missouri, as the site of the next reunion.
- Jim Seeley recommended Stamford, Connecticut as the site of the next reunion.
- After discussion Linda Crocker moved and Paul Taylor seconded that St. Louis, Missouri, be the site recommended to the general membership for the 2021 SGS Reunion; motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** 5:23 p.m.

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sent to Paul Taylor, the SGS First Vice President and SGS Executive Board member in charge of the website update being implemented by Logan Seelye.

- Two other ideas were submitted that are currently on the back burner.

Progress has been slow in establishing communication with the 25 members who aren't receiving the SGS Newsletter. We've only contacted a few. Work continues.

FOR ALL SGS members: if you haven't already done so, please send me an alternate point of contact for you (preferably someone who does

not live with you). Include their name, email address, and phone number. This information will be helpful if you move or we otherwise lose track of you. As mentioned above, we're currently unable to establish contact with 25 SGS members. I've had to resort to asking Chris Havnar to search local obituaries; I've even called an Episcopal church and a real estate agent to find lost members. An alternative point of contact would make it a lot easier to locate you if we lose track of you.

Also, if you haven't already done so, please send your ancestor line and family information to SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker (contact

info on page 15). The more family info we have the more valuable the Seeley Ancestor File becomes to our members.

I appeal to an SGS member to contact SGS President Lynda Simmons and volunteer to relieve me of Membership Chair duties. However, I would still like to serve on the committee to improve our overall membership rolls and increase the value of our society to our members. Meanwhile, SGS Assistant Membership Chair Connie Birth has been a big help, even though living in tornado alley has caused her a number of phone, Internet, and computer problems.

## How Can I Help SGS?

*By Jim Seeley, Acting Membership Chair*

It makes sense that volunteers contribute to the strength of organizations like the Seeley Genealogical Society. We are a non-profit organization; we do not sell products or services for profit; we do not have a political or religious belief to convince others of. We want to help SGS members achieve their goals of learning more about their ancestors.

Just asking for volunteers in the past has not helped as much as we would have liked, so listed here are some positions, talents, or interests members may have that could be used to help fellow members. If you match any of them, please let SGS President Lynda Simmons know, and she will connect you with the SGS Executive Board and officers or members of SGS who can use your help.

- Membership Chair (The incumbent is doing this on an interim basis until we find someone else to take the job.)
- Newsletter Editor. When the current SGS Executive Board term ends, Paul Taylor will have been editing the SGS Newsletter for 18 years. He understandably believes a change might be needed and also thinks the newsletter could benefit from a new eye. If you would like to take this task on, Paul would be happy to provide a thorough turnover and training to make sure you're set up for success.
- Research Y-DNA, mtDNA, or autosomal DNA for ways to make this science more useful to SGS members through their knowledge and advice.
- Use a variety of tools, energy, and

initiatives to track down members who may have moved, or for a number of reasons SGS has lost ways to communicate. The idea is to set as a priority keeping the members we have, rather than losing them just because they moved and forgot to let us know their new contact information.

- Analysts who have the ability to assemble genealogical data collected from a number of sources, maybe even provided by SGS, and then can point the way forward for a member to pursue more research.
- Suggest common sense criteria for the SGS Executive Board to use in deciding which members' "brickwalls" should qualify for SGS research funds.

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### **If you can help in any of these areas (or in an area not listed), please contact SGS President Lynda Simmons (contact info on Page 15)**

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- Assist the SGS Secretary in tracking action items, providing the Executive Board status of action taken, ensuring a person is designated to take the action, performing follow-up, reminding members of action item completion when the issue appears again, reporting periodically on how many and which action items remain open.
- Track metrics, like total SGS assets, total SGS membership, and other information that measure the health of the Society. Keep the SGS President informed for the

biennial "State of the Society" report delivered at each Reunion.

- Solicit and analyze members' ideas for those most likely to positively influence growth in the health of SGS and its goals.
- Assist with the objective of "documenting SGS" by helping with Newsletter content and publication, the Reunion Souvenir Book content and publication, use of Facebook and other social media to communicate with members, and website content and organization.
- Develop ways for members to pay their dues online, pay for documents or items SGS offers for sale online, or pay for a paper-copy subscription to the SGS Newsletter.
- Improve ways to notify members when their periodic financial commitments are due.
- Assist with the collection and recording of Seeley data in SGS databases.
- Provide advice and/or assistance to the SGS Treasurer on how to manage SGS funds from collection, investment, paying bills, reporting financial status, and preparing or performing audits.
- Teach elements of genealogy during SGS Reunions.
- Assist with planning for effective and interesting SGS reunions to include: selecting speakers; planning an agenda that helps attendees learn more about each other; offering attendees the opportunity to report challenges they face in learning more about

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## How Can SGS Help Me? *The Seeley Ancestor File*

*By Jim Seeley, Acting Membership Chair*

*Editor's Note: There are a number of SGS resources that might be of value to you in your Seeley genealogical research. In coming issues of the SGS Newsletter, we'll refresh your memory with information about those resources. Be sure to tell your cousins about these resources and encourage them to become members of SGS.*

The Seeley Ancestor File was started by volunteer John R. Seely who served as SGS Vice President (1986-1995) and the appointed SGS Database/Ancestor Files Coordinator (1995-2011). It is now maintained jointly by volunteer SGS officers Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker and Assistant Genealogist Chris Havnar.

There are two lists. The first is the SEELEY Children alphabetical list in which the following information is provided when known:

- In this list, since all entries are Seeley surnames, ONLY given names are listed in alphabetical order
- The descendant's generation

number ONLY for those descendants of either immigrant Robert or Obadiah Seeley

- The SGS number, if descended from either Robert or Obadiah Seeley
- The descendant's year of birth, and town, county, and state where born
- The descendant's year of death, and town, county, and state where died
- For the descendant's marriage, the spouse's surname followed by the given name, year of marriage, town, county, and state where married
- The descendant's mother's maiden surname, followed by her given name,
- The descendant's father's surname, followed by his given name
- File number(s) or source code(s) that identify the source of the information listed in the data fields described above

The second list is the NON-SEELEY Children alphabetical list. The data fields are the same as the SEELEY Children alphabetical list EXCEPT:

- The surname is listed alphabetically, followed by the descendant's given name
- The TOWN is NOT listed for any of the data elements.

These are currently in searchable MS Excel files, but since they contain so much information on living Seeley descendants, they must be kept private. Access is available via the SGS Chief Genealogist.

If you have a copy of the three Generation Books, either on CD or in paper form, you can help find your way through a "brick wall" by including a likely SGS number in a query to the SGS Genealogist. However, even without a suspected SGS #, the SGS Genealogist is willing to use the database and other available information to assist a person in locating ancestors.

## A Great, but Simple Idea

*By Jim Seeley, Acting Membership Chair*

Most newsletter readers will recall that I sent out, in May 2019, an appeal for ideas on how we might turn around the declining SGS membership. Well, I received several good ideas, but there is one that I thought was worth sharing.

A senior (I believe) SGS member from Florida wrote me a handwritten letter that proposed I call him so we could discuss his idea, so I did. His idea was profoundly simple. He said, "If you send me several copies of the SGS Membership Application, I will pass them on to the officers of my

Seeley group who meet annually in Painted Post, New York," and ask them to give them to prospective Seeley descendants.

Guess what? Following that conversation, I have since received word of two new members, one from Painted Post, NY, and another from Lyons, NY. I don't know with 100 percent certainty whether they were the result of that gentleman's idea, but I think they may be.

That gave me the idea of including a few SGS Membership Application forms in the SGS New

Member's Notebook for the recipient to pass on to prospective new members. I'm thankful and impressed with the idea and initiative of that SGS member from Florida.

*Editor's Note: I'm very interested in sharing stories highlighting discussions about genealogy or our Seeley family history, such as a distant cousin helping your research, or a story about a Seeley ancestor that you haven't heard of before, or a genealogy tip you might wish to share with our members. Send your story to the Newsletter Editor (see page 15).*

# 2019: SGS Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Margaret Petersen, SGS Treasurer

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b> (Oct. 1 Previous Year)	\$90,118.87	\$94,079.30	\$91,525.43	\$89,799.34	\$84,484.48

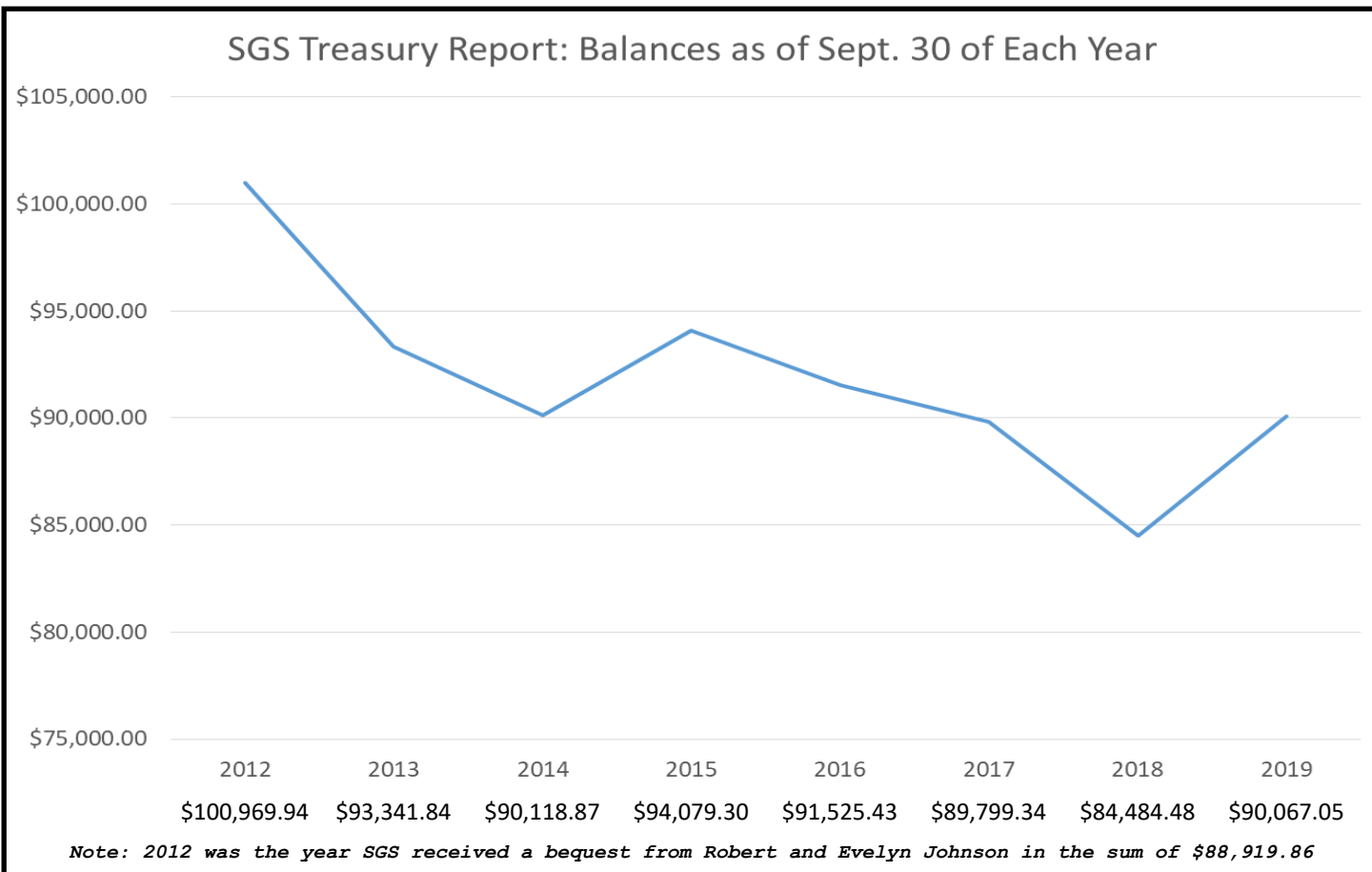
<b>Checkbook</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Beginning Checkbook Balance</b>	\$13,831.10	\$17,791.53	\$14,276.17	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14
Add Total Receipts	\$16,482.41	\$2,048.57	\$11,360.00	\$6,772.04	\$13,200.00
Subtotal	\$30,313.51	\$19,840.10	\$25,636.17	\$17,978.06	\$22,098.14
Less Disbursements	\$12,521.98	\$5,563.93	\$14,430.15	\$9,079.92	\$10,118.08
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>\$17,791.53</b>	<b>\$14,276.17</b>	<b>\$11,206.02</b>	<b>\$8,898.14</b>	<b>\$11,980.06</b>

<b>Investments</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Beginning Investment Balance</b>	\$75,530.40	\$76,287.77	\$77,249.26	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37
Investment Interest/Loss	+\$757.37	+\$961.49	+\$1,344.06	-\$3,011.95*	+\$2,505.62
<b>Ending Investment Balance</b>	<b>\$76,287.77</b>	<b>\$77,249.26</b>	<b>\$78,593.32</b>	<b>\$75,581.37</b>	<b>\$78,086.99</b>

<b>Checkbook and Investment Total</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$17,791.53	\$14,276.17	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14	\$11,980.06
Ending Investment Balance	\$76,287.77	\$77,249.26	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37	\$78,086.99
<b>Total Ending Balance Sept. 30</b>	<b>\$94,079.30</b>	<b>\$91,525.43</b>	<b>\$89,799.34</b>	<b>\$84,484.48</b>	<b>\$90,067.05</b>

\* The 2018 investment table indicates a \$3,011.95 loss. That's because an 18-month CD (valued at a total of \$5,274.04) matured and the initial investment and the interest were added to the check book rather than reinvested.

Note: Previous years' treasurer's reports appear in the November issue of the SGS Newsletter (except 2015 which appears in the February 2016 newsletter)





Receipts	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dues	\$1,281.00	\$752.00	\$810.00	\$401.00	\$906.00
LIFE Memberships	\$625.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$375.00
Books	\$154.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$137.00	\$608.00
CDs	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$135.00
Research Donations	\$4.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund Donations	\$1,554.00	\$642.00	\$704.00	\$418.00	\$31.00
Bank Interest	\$757.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hard Copies of Newsletters	\$661.00	\$108.00	\$593.00	\$157.00	\$360.00
Member Donations to SRC	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Refund	\$802.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Registrations	\$7,404.00	\$0.00	\$7,543.00	\$0.00	\$8,026.00
Reunion Sales (Shirts, etc.)	\$799.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$572.00
Return of Deposit from Hotel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Reunion Raffle Tickets	\$786.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.00
Reunion Souvenir Book Pre-Order	\$1,050.00	\$70.00	\$665.00	\$105.00	\$1,085.00
Reunion Souvenir Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
Other (shirt, hat, postage, etc.)	\$0.00	\$26.57	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$12.00
18-Month CD Matured	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.04	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$16,482.41</b>	<b>\$2,048.57</b>	<b>\$11,360.00</b>	<b>\$6,772.04</b>	<b>\$13,200.00</b>

Disbursements	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Postage	\$115.46	\$86.48	\$306.59	\$56.64	\$102.27
Supplies	\$25.43	\$9.99	\$19.69	\$7.42	\$93.99
Newsletter Printing	\$2,781.25	\$1,485.75	\$420.86	\$415.90	\$318.74
Newsletter Postage	\$518.67	\$396.08	\$97.62	\$128.64	\$54.70
Other Printing	\$216.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$962.56
Reunion Souvenir Book Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,081.86	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book Mailing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.82	\$0.00	\$0.00
SGS Donation to SRC	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
SGS Donations to Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Utah State Fee for CD Investments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
NGS Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ancestry Subscription	\$600.00	\$299.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.40
Reimburse DNA Testing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reimburse Member Due to Illness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Researcher Apryl Cox	\$647.50	\$0.00	\$592.00	\$1,221.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Researcher Bruce Murduck	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,765.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Research	\$0.00	\$1,471.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$471.75
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Website Domain Name Renewal (5 Yrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.33
Website Redesign	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Expenses	\$6,078.46	\$0.00	\$7,520.38	\$1,408.33	\$6,431.35
Reunion (2017) Deposit	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion SGS Banner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Award Plaque	\$64.11	\$0.00	\$42.74	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$12,521.98</b>	<b>\$5,563.93</b>	<b>\$14,430.15</b>	<b>\$9,079.92</b>	<b>\$10,118.08</b>

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## 19th Century Transportation and Old Town San Diego's Seeley Stable

### From California State Parks

*Editor's Note: The 2019 SGS International Reunion in San Diego, CA afforded attendees the opportunity to learn about the history of the region, as well as Seeley family history. The Seeley Stable is one of the structures in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (learn more here: [parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=663](https://parks.ca.gov/?page_id=663)). It was a key part of the stagecoach business of Albert Seeley and is located nextdoor to his Cosmopolitan Hotel.*

### THE STORY

During the 1800s, travel time in California was measured in days and weeks. Before the first railroads in the state were completed in the latter part of the century, the mainstay of commerce was the stage line. Typically, a local enterprise consisted of teams of horses and wagons. Drivers braved whatever came along to transport passengers, freight, and mail.

Stagecoach travel was always risky, even on the best of roads. Apart from holdups and bad weather, the newspapers of the day told frequently of disastrous accidents. Bad ruts, rock slides, and overflowing creek beds were common sources of trouble, often resulting in major detours or worse. Albert Seeley lost one of his stages in 1876 when it was swept into the sea along the San Onofre Creek.

Stage Lines in California generally had their start during the Gold Rush boom. Using all sorts of wagons, independent lines began to connect San Francisco with San Jose; Sacramento with Stockton, Marysville and Virginia City; and Mother Lode towns with Portland, Oregon. The



The Seeley Stable Museum is a reconstruction of the original stable built and used by Albert Seeley in 1867. Seeley used the stable for horse and carriage storage. Today the building is an Old Town San Diego State Historic Park Museum displaying horse drawn vehicles and western memorabilia.

first stage line between Los Angeles and San Diego began in 1852.

Mail service between eastern cities and California began in 1850, but not until 1857 was a mail route approved between San Antonio and San Diego via Yuma. This stage line, officially called the "San Antonio and San Diego Mail," was also derisively called "The Jackass Mail" because mules were used to pull the stage. Parts of the route were so rough, it had to be traversed by pack mule.

In 1861, the same year the San Antonio and San Diego Mail stage line ceased operation, Wells Fargo and Company began to acquire control of western stage lines. In little more than a decade, railroads would become the principal mode of transportation. However, communities like San Diego, which were not immediately located on a railroad, still had to depend on a local stage service a little while longer.

### THE BUILDING

The original Seeley Stables was built circa 1869 to support the transportation services offered by Albert L. Seeley. Horse stables typically would have horse stalls, wagon storage, and tack rooms on the ground floor, while feed and straw would be hoisted to the top floor for storage. The current museum has three large areas: the main floor, the upstairs loft, and the outside yard. One area on the main floor is set up to resemble a 19th century express office. Items of western memorabilia on the second floor and many of the wagons were donated by Roscoe E. "Pappy" Hazard, a San Diego transportation and highway construction pioneer of the first half of the 20th century.

The exhibits on the ground floor contain several rare examples from

California's early wheeled transportation history. One of the earliest is an original ox-drawn carreta from the Spanish Period. Across from it are a pair of massive freight wagons. Farther back in the exhibit is a Concord "mud wagon" stagecoach. There were two distinct classes of Concord coaches, with a number of variations. The mud wagon was particularly suitable for the rough and rocky terrain of Southern California.

Among the western memorabilia upstairs are a number of items that relate to Southern California. The California vaquero and saddle displays will give you a sense of San Diego rancho life during the Spanish and Mexican eras. The branding iron, like many other tools and words in the cattle industry, finds its origins in Spanish ranching.

The original Seeley Stables was demolished in 1920. The Seeley Stable Museum is a 1974 reconstruction by California State Parks.

The yard in back contains covered wagons and sturdy freight wagons that were once used to haul people and goods long distances. A large collection of horse-drawn buggies, surreys, carts, and carriages is housed in the two out-buildings in the courtyard. In addition, the yard has two resident donkeys.

## THE PEOPLE

Albert Lewis Seeley (1822-1898) was born in Illinois. A stagecoach driver since 17, he had worked in Texas and Los Angeles. In 1867, Seeley came to San Diego with his Englishborn wife, Emily, and their six children. He soon began the United States Mail Stage Line.

In 1868, the U.S. government

granted mail service over the Tucson to Los Angeles route via San Diego. Seeley was awarded a contract for the San Diego to Los Angeles run. In addition to the two-day, tri-weekly mail and passenger service to Los Angeles, Seeley's stage line also provided service between San Diego and Yuma.

On May 1, 1869, to provide a depot and accommodations for his line, Seeley purchased the former Bandini residence for \$2,000 in gold coin. He added a wooden second story to the adobe structure and renamed it Cosmopolitan Hotel.

The new hotel served as a local social center as well as a stage stop. The *San Diego Union* stated that it was "one of the roomiest and most comfortable hotel buildings in Southern California." Also at this time, Seeley constructed this stable barn adjacent to the hotel.

Seeley's business prospered during the following decade. In 1871, he expanded to Los Angeles mail and passenger service six days a week. Also, he purchased the Blackhawk Livery Stable. Three years later he contracted with Wells Fargo and Co. to run his coaches tri-weekly to gold mines in the Cuyamacas and weekly from Julian to San Bernadino. Seeley was also awarded a four-year contract to deliver mail to Julian, leaving from the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Mondays and Fridays.

Seeley's business declined steadily over the next decade as railroad lines spread throughout the state. By 1887, Seeley had ceased running stages except for a local line between San Diego and Ocean Beach. That same year, he sold the Cosmopolitan Hotel and the stable for \$15,000 in gold coin. Seeley and his wife moved to San Francisco in 1895.

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transparency, we want to give members the opportunity to make year-to-year comparisons of how the Society is allocating resources. Although the line chart shows a downward trend, which has mostly been arrested as we've reduced expenses, these figures do not reflect donations in goods and expenses from members who would not take reimbursement. SGS has funded and will continue to fund genealogical research.

I want to close by honoring a special couple who have given much to our Society: George and Sally Seeley. George served as both First and Second Vice President, Membership Chair, as Chair of the Constitution and By Laws Committee and Parliamentarian. Sally was Treasurer for many years.



To honor them, the 2019 SGS International Reunion Souvenir Book will be dedicated to Sally and George in recognition of their many years of outstanding service to SGS. Thank you so much, Sally and George!

Again, thanks to all who shared their ideas in the surveys and thanks to those who have been taking or may be moved to take a more active role in SGS. I look forward to working with you as we implement new ideas both for our 2021 Reunion in St. Louis and for our Society as a whole.



## SGS Queries (as of October 18, 2019)

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](mailto:llbc100@msn.com), or mail to Linda at home (contact information on page 15). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor. Linda summarizes the query and responses for inclusion in the quarterly SGS 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? Public records? 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.

### Query Updates:

**Update to Query 1902-2** Submitted by Lynette Fowlston ([clynpnt@charter.net](mailto:clynpnt@charter.net))

Lynette is still trying to determine the origins of Isaac Seely/Seeley who was b. in 1812 in NY. He appears in the 1850 census of Parke County, IN, with his wife, Mary Owens Seely, and their six children. There is a record on Findagrave that shows him dying in 1851 at age 39 years, 10 months, 22 days. The cemetery record says he had a brother Charles D. Seely (but no further information) and wife Mary A. Owen. There is no source information, and I can't locate a Charles D. Seely in any other record.

There is also a census record in Parke County in 1840 that shows Isaac, age 20-30, with one son under five, one daughter under five, and a wife, age 20-30. Various online trees identify his father as Israel Seeley, SGS#1608, but we don't list Isaac or Charles as his children. We welcome any help you can give us.

**Update to Query 1602-3** Submitted by Candace Wilmot ([cwilmot@illinois.edu](mailto:cwilmot@illinois.edu))

Candace is still trying to locate the parents of her 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandmother Almena Clifford, who was b. 1803 in Norwalk, CT, and died 27 Jan 1882 in Serena, LaSalle, IL. We recently received more information.

Candace says, "Because she named her first child Joseph Seeley Clifford, I have always thought that might have been her father's name. Her mother, Polly (unknown) (Seeley?) Wheelock, accompanied John and Almena when they moved to Illinois in 1850.

"There is a Joseph Seeley documented in

Plattsburgh, Clinton, NY, who died 25 December 1919 at age 41. The only other mention of this Joseph in Plattsburgh is three notices in 1917 and two in 1919 stating letters for him are held at the post office.

"On 10 NOV 1818, a death notice appeared in the *Plattsburgh Republican* for a nine-year-old Polly Seely, daughter of Joseph. The *Republican Farmer* in Bridgeport, CT, was requested to republish this for the connections in Norwalk.

"The 1820 census shows Polly Seely in Plattsburgh with one female in her household who is the right age to be Almena."

**SGS Response:** as noted in the original query, Almena and her husband, John Clifford, were listed in the 1850 census in both Ottawa, LaSalle, IL, and Plattsburgh, Clinton, NY (where Poly Wheelock, age 64, is also listed with them). They were also in Clinton in the 1840 census.

1880 census Serena, LaSalle, IL

- Clifford, J Richard, age 40, b. NY, NH, CT, farmer
- Clifford, Cynthia, age 32, wife, b. NY, NY, NH

Next home

- Clifford, John, age 73, father, b. NH, NH, NH
- Clifford, Almena, age 76, mother, b. CT, NY, CT

In the 1870 census these 4 Cliffords are all living together in Serena.

1860 census Serena, LaSalle, IL

- Clifford, John, age 54, farmer b. NH
- Clifford, Arminia, age 56, b. CT
- Clifford, Richard, age 20, Maria, age 15, Maria, age 18, all b. NY (in the 1850 census the girls were Mary, age eight and Maria/Electa, age five/six

Findagrave

- Joseph Seely, b. 1778 d. 26 Dec 1819, buried at Riverside Cemetery, Plattsburgh, Clinton, NY.  
We have a lot of Joseph Seeleys, but I can't identify this one. I also cannot find him in the 1810 census of Plattsburgh. If anyone can identify this Joseph, please let me know.

**New Queries:****1910-1** Submitted by Chris Havnar[chris.havnar@gmail.com](mailto:chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Chris sent information on descendants of a Jacob Seely, born 1834, NY, and his wife, Armina Wilcox. Beyond identifying Armina's surname, we hadn't been able to tie Jacob to an earlier Seely (this was back in 2008). We had:

1910 census Lebanon, Madison, NY

- Seeley, Henry, age 35, b NY, NY, NY, farmer
- Seeley, Agnes, wife, age 17, b. NY, NY, NY
- Seeley, Jacob, father, age 80, widower, b. NY, MA, MA, retired farmer

1880 census Georgetown, Madison, NY

- Seeley, Jacob, age 46, Teamster, b. NY, MA, MA
- Seeley, Armina, age 40 (heart disease), b. NY, VT, VT
- Seeley, Asa, age 19, farm labor, Jessie, age 16, Emaline A., age 12, Walter, age 10, Elias, age 7, Henry, age 5, all b. NY, NY, NY

- Seeley, infant grandchild b. in May in NY, NY, NY

1870 census Georgetown, Madison, NY

- Seeley, Jacob, age 37, b. NY, farmer
- Seeley, Elmina, age 30, b. NY
- Seeley, Hellen, age 12, Ida, age 10, Asa, age 8, Jessie, age 6, William, age 4, Annice, age 2, Walter, age 1 mo. (b. May 1870), all b. NY

1860 census DeRuyter, Madison, NY

- Seeley, Jacob, age 20, b. NY
- Seeley, Arnina, age 21, b. NY
- Seeley, Helen, age 2, Ida M., age 5 mos., both b. NY

Burials Hawks Cemetery, Georgetown, Madison Co NY

- Seely, Armina Wilcox, wife of Jacob, d. 3 Oct 1885, age 45 years and 8 mos.
- Seeley, Asa, 1862—1944
- Seeley, Olive Beebe, 1859—1928
- Seeley, Charles, 1895—1963

**SGS Response:**1900 census Smithfield, Madison, NY

- Seeley, Jacob, b. April 1827, NY, NY, NY, widower, farm laborer/servant in the home of Patrick Ginney

1875 census Georgetown, Madison Co NY

- Seely, Jacob, age 41, b. Cortland Co., NY, farm laborer
- Seely, Armina, age 35, b. Madison Co. NY
- Seely, Helen, age 17, Asa, age 13, Jessie, age 11, William, age 9, Annis, age 7, Walter, age 5, Elias, age 2 yr. 2 mos., John H, age 4 mos., all b. Madison Co., NY

1850 census Georgetown, Madison, NY

- Wilcox, Asa, age 35, farmer b. VT
- Wilcox, Harriet, age 36, b. VT
- Wilcox, Annis, age 12, Armina, age 10, Joseph R., age 8, Elias, age 6, Jay, age 4, Ernest, age 6 mos., all b. NY

Another burial is on Findagrave in Hawks cemetery

- Seeley, Jacob, b. 1833, d. 25 Sep 1914 at Erieville, Madison, NY

While we have lots of information on Jacob's descendants, we would like to be able to connect him to his ancestors. If you have any leads, please answer this query.

**1910-2** Submitted by Chris Havnar[chris.havnar@gmail.com](mailto:chris.havnar@gmail.com)

Another obituary found by Chris that leads in an interesting direction.

*Richard 'Rick' A. Seeley, 40, of Bethany [IL] passed away at 6:31 a.m. Wednesday August 28, 2019 in his residence.*

*Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday September 7, 2019 in St. Isidore Catholic Church, Bethany. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Tuesday September 3, 2019 in the Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan. Rite of Committal and Burial will be in St. Isidore Cemetery, Bethany. Memorials are suggested to the Education Fund for Lincoln Seeley at the Scott State Bank. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [reedfuneralhome.net](http://reedfuneralhome.net).*

*Rick was born March 22, 1979 in Decatur the son of Mark and Judi Tueth Seeley. He had worked for Brush Enterprises in Bethany and then was a blender for ADM in Decatur. Rick was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church, had been a member of the Bethany Fire and Ambulance Service for 15 years and had been the assistant football coach for Sullivan High School. He enjoyed spending time outdoors with his family and friends and tending to his homestead farm.*

*Surviving are his life partner Brittney Cheatham of Bethany; parents Mark and Judi Seeley of Bethany; children Lincoln Seeley, Annabelle Cheatham and Coen Hall all at home; brother Scott (Shecanna) Seeley and nephew Stone Seeley of St. Louis; uncles Patrick Tueth of Blue Island, Mike (Brenda) Seeley of Taylorville and Pat (Brenda) Seeley of Sullivan.*

*He was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents.*

—Published online by Reed Funeral Home

Using online records, Chris determined that Richard's father Mark was born in 1954 and resided in Bethany, IL. But how does Mark fit into the Seeley family?

**SGS Response:**

From the *Journal-Gazette* (Mattoon, IL, 10 Dec 1994, p. 6):

*Sullivan – Clifford L Seeley, 74, of Sullivan died at 2:25 a.m. Friday (Dec. 6, 1994) at his residence.*

*The funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Reed Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Turner officiating. Burial with military graveside services will be in Ash Grove Church – Cochran cemetery in Windsor. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.*

*He was born Nov. 23, 1920, in Mattoon, the son of Cecil and Daisy Buckley Seeley. He married Bebe Hunt in 1947. She survives.*

*Other survivors include his mother, Daisy Buckley of Mattoon; three sons, Mike Seeley of Taylorville, Pat Seeley of Sullivan and Mark Seeley of Bethany; a brother Jim Buckley of Mattoon; two sisters, Hollice Yunker of Sullivan and Fern Thompson of Shumway; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother.*

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*Mr. Seeley was a farmer and welder at Progress Industries in Arthur. He was a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 151 and was affiliated with Sullivan First Baptist Church. He was a WWII Army veteran. Memorials may be made to the family.*

From the SGS Ancestor File Clifford's line is: Clifford Lyle, Cecil Lyle, John Willard, William Henry, William, SGS# 1692.

Research commissioned by Jim Seeley, former SGS President, helped us recognize that children listed under William #1692 in the 7th generation volume actually belong to SGS #1595. William #1595 is the William who married Fanny Gray. William Henry has been assigned SGS # 3699d. This information appears in the latest (2019) edition of the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation volume (an example of one of the many corrections made), along with information on William Henry's 12 siblings (numbered SGS#3691-3699 plus 3699a, b, c) and their mothers, the wives of SGS# 1692. A summary of the research commissioned by Jim appeared in the November 2017 edition of the SGS newsletter. This is one of many good reasons to buy the new volume!

### New Addition to The 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley (SGS#4)

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you have heard that we have just published an updated version to our 7<sup>th</sup> Generation volume on the descendants of Robert and Obadiah. This article proves that we will never be done. Chris Havnar, one of our SGS Ancestral File Directors, continues to obtain and research Seeley obituaries. In doing so, she discovered several siblings of SGS# 3387, Martin Nicholas Seely. She started with this obituary: Martin N. Seely - July 4, 1932 – Fair Hill, PA

### Martin N. Seely Claimed by Death, Fair Hill Man Dies At 85

*MONTROSE, July 8 – Martin Nicholas Seely, 85, one of the best known farmers in western Susquehanna county, died at his home at Fair Hill on Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock. Mr. Seely had been in ill health for some months, due to a nervous ailment, and his condition became critical less than a week prior to his death.*

*He was a native of Kirkwood county, Mo., where he was born Dec. 31, 1846. His father died when he was nine years of age, and his mother came to Niven, Wyoming county, with her children to be near relatives. After attaining young manhood, he conducted a feed mill at Lynn, this county, for fourteen years and later resided in West Nicholson and Dimock before buying a farm at Fair Hill thirty years ago and locating there. He married Mary Susan Green on July 1, 1874m and her death occurred in September 1920. The following children survive: Mrs. I.C. Parker, Giles G. Seely, Fairdale; Mrs. Reed H. Raub, Mrs. Charles Steiger, Forest Lake, Pa.; Mrs. Myron Green and Clude F. Seely, Fair Hill. One brother and four sisters preceded him in death. The funeral was held from his late home this afternoon. Interment was in South Montrose cemetery.*

Published in the *Tribune* (Scranton, PA) Saturday July 9, 1932

Chris found census data to identify Martin's siblings: 1850 Census: District 73, Ralls, MO

- John Seely, age 45, Farmer, born MO
- Elizabeth Seely, age 35, b. PA
- Martin N Seely, age 3, b. MO
- Margaret C Seely, age 1, b. MO

1860 census *Springville, Susquehanna, Pennsylvania*

- Seeley, Betsey (family indexed as Suley), age 46, b. NY
- Seeley, Martin, age 13, Cynthia M., age 11, Susan E., age 9, William F., age 7, Elizabeth S., age 4, all ch. b. PA

- Smith, Earl, age 20, farm laborer, b. PA

The siblings are now identified as:

- Margaret Cynthia, SGS #3387a, b. 1849 Ralls Co., MO, died 1881, Bozeman, Gallatin Co., MT, md. Calvin Maryatt/Maryott, 2 children
- Susan Elizabeth, SGS #3387b, b. 1851, Ralls Co., MO, d. 1919, Lathrop, Susquehanna, PA, md. 1869 Nathan Robert Stark, md. 1878 Robert Anthony Squires, 2 children
- William Franklin, SGS #3387c, b. 1853 Ralls Co., MO, d. 1930, Jessup, Susquehanna, PA, md. 1903 Alice Strickland, no children
- Elizabeth, SGS #3387d, b. 1856, Shibley's Point, Adair, MO, d. 1901, Susquehanna Co., PA, md 1876, Delmar Stark, 3 children

The obituary says four sisters, but we don't have any information on another. Perhaps this is a sister who died as an infant or a mistake in the obituary.

Chris has quite a bit of information on descendants of all these children of John Seely and his wife, Elizabeth Parks. Contact her if you want the details.

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their ancestors; researching the best options to meet the reunion objective of meeting, eating, and sleeping in one location; researching local options for assistance with members' genealogical challenges; publicizing SGS Reunions in local media with the objective of attracting more attendees, especially Seeley descendants; arranging meals, tours, and fun events and activities for both children and adults; managing the collection of Reunion Registration Forms; processing the forms; preparing Reunion folders containing prepaid meal tickets, name tags, overall and meeting agenda, registration committee assignments (time, location, materials for handout, etc.); arranging for meeting locations, audio/visual aids, stipends for guest speakers; arranging for caterers etc.; documenting Reunion attendance numbers and planning for the benefit of future Reunion Planning Committees.

There are probably even more ways you can help SGS, so let me know if you have an idea that is not listed above. You can also take a look at the current listing of standing SGS committees on page 15.



## SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2019 - 2021

**SGS Constitution, Art IV, Sect. 1:** The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Genealogist, and three Directors elected from the general membership.

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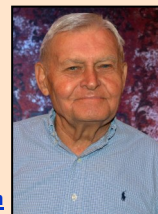
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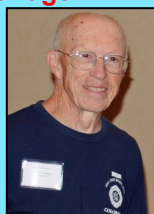
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## SGS Standing Committees

SGS welcomes you to take a more active role in the Society. Consider serving in an elected or appointed position, or join one of our committees dedicated to improving the society and serving its members. Contact Lynda Simmons for more information.

- **Nominating Committee:**  
Not a permanent committee. The president shall appoint a nominating committee one year in advance of the reunion, as per the SGS Constitution.
- **Auditing Committee:**  
Not a permanent committee. Appointed by the president every two years to audit financial records and activities of SGS.
- **Awards and Recognition Committee:**  
Seeks opportunities to recognize the work and achievements of the society and its members.
- **SGS Research Committee:**  
Conducts and arranges for genealogical research on behalf of the society.
- **DNA Research Committee:**  
Manages the SGS DNA lineage project and works with the above committee to research and share information about the use of DNA in genealogy.
- **Publications/Communication Committee:**  
Oversees the publishing of the SGS Newsletter, Reunion Souvenir Book, and other publications.
- **SGS Website Redesign Committee:**  
Oversees the website redesign.
- **2021 Reunion Committee:**  
Arranges the upcoming SGS reunion which will be held in St. Louis, MO.



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### Membership Application

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ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP+4:
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I AM A DESCENDANT OF:

☐ ROBERT SEELEY (1602-1667)
 ☐ OBADIAH SEELEY (1614-1657)
 ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_
 ☐ UNKNOWN

I AM WILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION ON MY SEELEY FAMILY LINE WITH SGS

☐ YES
 ☐ NO

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#### Seeley Genealogical Society Services And Products

ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP	\$10.00 US		SUBTOTAL:
TWO YEARS MEMBERSHIP	\$18.00 US		SUBTOTAL:
THREE YEARS MEMBERSHIP	\$25.00 US		SUBTOTAL:
FIVE YEARS MEMBERSHIP	\$36.00 US		SUBTOTAL:
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