



# SGS Newsletter

Seeley Genealogical Society Est. 1965



HISTORY ★ FAMILY ★ RESEARCH

Issue 183-2020-1/February/2020

## Criteria for Funding Research on Seeley Genealogical Brickwalls

### IN THIS ISSUE:

**TWO:** The Latest from SGS President Lynda Simmons

**THREE:** An Update on the SGS DNA Lineage Project

**FOUR:** 2019 SGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

**FIVE:** Author Laura Seeley Re-Launches her book *Shadowbox Hunt*

**TEN:** 2019-2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

**TWELVE:** SGS Queries

Like Us on Facebook!



[facebook.com/seeley.society/](https://facebook.com/seeley.society/)

These guidelines are intended to determine when the Seeley Genealogical Society might need professional research help, when a DNA test would be appropriate, and whether SGS should pay all or part of the cost of such testing. The SGS Research Committee would be the starting point for this process with input from the full Executive Board. The Research Committee consists of Wesley Waring, Chairperson, Walt Seelye and Linda Crocker. Their contact information is on page 15 of this newsletter. It would be appreciated if those receiving help would consider membership in SGS.

Situations when professional help would most likely be useful include:

- Several “brickwall” individuals appear to be in the same general locality.

- DNA testing shows descent from a known line, but the link is unknown or unproven.
- Either recurring or multiple queries have been made regarding the same brickwall, especially from several lines of descent.
- DNA testing reveals that a line identified as descending from Nathaniel actually descends from Obadiah (or vice versa) or the line matches neither.

Situations when yDNA testing would be helpful include:

- A brickwall that has a living male Seeley (any spelling) descendant.
- Confusion regarding descent from Nathaniel or Obadiah.

Guidelines for determining who pays for a DNA test and how much include:

**See Brickwall Criteria Page 14**



## The Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter

is published quarterly by the  
Seeley Genealogical Society

### Editors

Paul Taylor  
Jesse Crisler

Address newsletter correspondence to:  
SGS Newsletter Editor  
Paul Taylor  
See Contact Info on Page 15

### 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

See Contact Info on Page 15

### 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*

These are exciting times for the Seeley Genealogical Society. Many of you responded to our Membership survey. Thank you. This is a great way to get new ideas and directions for SGS. We have had new volunteers for SGS and are looking for more. Thanks to all of our officers, our volunteers, and you!

A big thank-you goes to Jim Seeley, interim Membership Chairperson, for creating, distributing, and collecting the Membership survey. Jim along with Connie Birth, Assistant Membership Chairperson, also developed a Membership Notebook which will be given to each new SGS member and will be shared with all of our membership with this newsletter.

Jim categorized your responses into ten areas of concern and provided the Executive Board his recommended group priority as part of his analysis. The Board then approved the following priority list putting what were considered the best ideas to meet the most urgent needs at the top of the list.

1. Fund research and brickwalls (The criteria for this was approved by the Board and is available on page 1 of this issue of the SGS Newsletter)
2. Meaningful, fun reunions, providing more time for family communication and history
3. Website—Continue updating the new SGS site while and transferring information from old site
4. Facebook—Make it an even more valuable tool for communication and recruitment

5. DNA research—Encourage the use and the sharing of information

6. Keeping current members—

Provide meaningful benefits for membership

7. Focus more on younger generation—Involve new young leaders to give direction
8. Encourage volunteerism—Note specific needs
9. Incentivize joining SGS—Provide specific benefits for joining
10. Develop a mock SGS census and hire a press agent

We are grateful for all of your suggestions. The SGS Executive board will consider and prioritize each. In fact, SGS is already responding to them by:

- Establishing Criteria for Funding SGS Research and Brickwalls.
- Publishing new copies of Generation Seven books with corrections. The errata are now available to everyone who has an older book (see page four). Pam Turner revised the book with assistance from Kathie Olsen, Linda Crocker, and Jesse Crisler.
- Updating the filing guide to the Seelye Research Center for easier access.
- Planning is underway for the next SGS Reunion in St. Louis in the summer of 2021.
- Updating of the Website and



**Please See President's Report Page 3**

## Three Kinds of DNA An Update on the SGS DNA Lineage Project

Story By Walt Seelye, SGS DNA Lineage Project Manager

SGS has found DNA very useful in determining the relationship between Robert/Nathaniel and Obadiah Seely; as we look back four hundred years and further, paper trails get more and more sparse, but DNA is passed from generation to generation. Robert and Obadiah are unrelated, according to their yDNA. But we can still use yDNA to assist in clarifying the lineage of today's SGS male members, whether Robert, Obadiah, or another ancestor.

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is the blueprint within our cells that directs the growth of an individual. Half comes from one's mother, and half from one's father. DNA determines to a great extent one's height, hair color, ear shape, etc. Over generations, small, rare changes (mutations) happen which are passed on to succeeding generations. These mutations, even when not making obvious external changes, can be used

to identify descendants.

Most cells in our bodies have a nucleus containing 23 chromosome pairs: 22 autosome pairs and a sex chromosome pair, one member of each pair inherited from the father, and the other from the mother. Chromosomes contain genes, and the genes contain DNA. Chromosome pair 23 is radically different for males and females: females have two X chromosomes, whereas males have an X chromosome paired with a much smaller Y chromosome. The Y chromosome contains yDNA.

yDNA is passed only from father to son; generally, male descendants keep the family surname, so that's where to look for a yDNA match. If trying to find a female's male ancestors, get a yDNA swab from her blood brother, father, father's brother, etc. SGS traces through Seeley-surname males. yDNA bolsters the paper trail; it could guide research

toward an ancestor out of a choice of possibilities where documentation is weak. However, it cannot distinguish among a father, his brother, or their g-g-grandfather.

Within the cell but outside the nucleus are mitochondria, the energy engines of the cell; they also contain DNA. Only females pass along Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), i.e., mtDNA is passed from mother to daughter and son, but only the daughter passes mtDNA to her children; a male does NOT pass on mtDNA. Thus mtDNA can only be traced through a mother, her mother, her mother's mother, and so on. This is somewhat more difficult than yDNA because of the convention of a wife taking her husband's surname.

Warning! yDNA (or mtDNA) may reveal a non-paternity event (NPE), such as infidelity or adoption, possibly an informal arrangement—

**Please See DNA Lineage Project Page 14**

### CONTINUED From Page 2: President's Report

- bringing vast amounts of data from the old site by the Communication Committee, especially Paul Taylor, Logan Seelye, and Chis Havnar.
  - Posting daily on Facebook by Paul Taylor. He would welcome help with this. He tries to share general news or blog posts about genealogy. He would also like to share information about Seeleys in the news. If you come across anything like that while online, please send Paul an email with a link what you'd like to share, and he'll share it with our more than 500 Facebook followers. Paul's contact information is on page 15 of this newsletter
  - Creating and distributing the Membership Notebook to all new members. The Membership Notebook will be sent electronically to all members along with this Newsletter.
  - Attempting to contact members whose dues are not up-to-date and former members at least twice.
  - Listing specific ways to volunteer in the November 2019 Newsletter and the Membership Notebook
- If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas or would like to make more suggestions, please contact Jim Seeley or me. Our contact information is on page 15.
- The SGS Board is meeting in Abilene in April. Your suggestions will be the

focus of our meeting.

I want to make you aware of two national genealogical conferences taking place in Salt Lake City. ROOTS Conference is February 26-29, 2020. The National Genealogical Society is May 20-23, 2020. On Monday, May 18, the NGS needs many volunteers to fill bags with conference materials. Please let me know if you can help.

We are excited for your input and wish to make SGS more helpful and meaningful to you and to add the knowledge of our family. We have wonderful officers and volunteers in SGS and would love to have you join us! Come and be part of the action! Have a great year!

## 2019 SGS General Membership Meeting, June 29, 2019 Draft Minutes

*Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary*

*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. The first set of minutes were in the November SGS Newsletter. These are the minutes from the second meeting. Minutes from the third meeting begin on page 10 of this newsletter.*

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

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

### **Elected and Appointed Officers**

**Attending:** Lynda Simmons, Kathie Olsen, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, Paul Taylor, James Seeley, Wesley Waring, Terry Tietjens, Margaret Petersen, Ruthetta Hansen, Pam Turner, Patricia Palmer

**Excused:** Chris Havnar, Walt Seelye

### **Welcome and Announcements:**

Lynda Simmons welcomed the attendees to the reunion.

**Minutes:** Linda Crocker moved and Jesse Crisler seconded that the minutes of the 2017 SGS General Membership Meeting be approved; the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Reports from Officers:** Lynda Simmons

**President:** Written report submitted by Lynda Simmons  
It is a pleasure being the president of our Seeley Genealogical Society.. This is a great organization, and it is filled with ever varying happening and ideas. SGS is also filled with

wonderful cousins who are all interested in their Seeley heritage, regardless of how they spell their names.

The very first thing I want to do is thank every officer and every committee member for all of their ideas and hard work in making SGS the great organization it is. You have heard from all of our officers today, all of whom do a very good job! We invite all members to consider serving as officers committee members, or volunteers. This is a fun way to get to know your cousins and help SGS. Do not let your location or mobility keep you from considering serving SGS.

As the Society's president, I not only direct the activities of the society, but I am also on every committee. This helps me understand all that is going on in SGS and be part of the decisions that are made. That means that most communication with involved members is done via the Internet because our officers and committee members live all over the

country.

During the last two years Wes Waring, Kathie Olsen, and I have worked directly with our researchers, Apryl Cox and Bruce Murduck.. Their research has been published in the Newsletter.

Our Communications Director Paul Taylor, Webmaster Chris Havnar, and the Communications Committee all felt the SGS Website needed to be revised. Logan Seelye, a web designer by profession and the grandson of former SGS President Daniel Seelye, who started the first SGS Website, was chosen to redesign the website, bringing over all of the information from the old site. Logan has done an excellent job, and we are excited to have him describe the new site to us. Chris has helped Logan by bringing over a great deal of information from the old site to the new. We are very grateful for the new Website and everyone who has made it possible!

**Please See Draft Minutes Page 5**

## Update from the Seelye Research Center

*Story by Pam Turner, SRC Librarian*

Happy New Year! Just a reminder to those of you who may not know this, but SGS has re-published the Seventh-Generation book. This book contains new information and errata that have been compiled since its first publication in 2000.

If you have previously purchased this book, you will find the changes attached to this email as separate files for Nathaniel and Obadiah. These errata are being sent as attachments because the changes are 33 pages long. If you don't have access to a computer and would like

these changes mailed to you in hardcopy form, please let me know and I'll send them out to you (my address and email can be found on page 15 of this newsletter). I would ask that you try and get these pages printed locally before asking SGS to mail them to you. Each mailing will cost approximately \$1.65 and SGS will be picking up the cost to send out these errata.

I hope you find this new information helpful in your research; much work was done by many people to accomplish this.



## CONTINUED From Page 4: Draft Membership Meeting Minutes

I thank Kathie Olsen for providing rooms at the Welk Resort for the Reunion Planning Committee, where nearly every member of our committee spent a week in January 2018 in the San Diego area, finding interesting speakers and activities for this reunion. The committee met each day to discuss what we found and then worked through conference calls to discuss the reunion and our progress.

I met with the Executive Board in Abilene, Kansas, in April 2018 for our board meeting. Paul Taylor and Michael Hook provided electronic connections so that members who could not attend physically were able to participate with the rest of us during our meetings. We were able to work in the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, managed by Pam Turner, who also recently took over as the CD-Rom Project Manager.

We have recently had a change in our Membership Chairperson. We are very grateful to Marie Seelye for her four years of hard work and excellent service to SGS in that position. Unfortunately, she has experienced some health problems and could not continue serving. We thank her for all she has done for SGS. Jim Seeley has graciously agreed to serve as interim Membership Chairperson, and he is already working hard until a permanent replacement can be found. All committee and officers are important. Our reunions are important, too! This is when our members can come together to share ideas, help each other, gain new knowledge, and form friendships with their cousins that are very meaningful. I am grateful that our Constitution set up reunions, officers, and committees to make SGS run smoothly. In our board meetings,

we have discussed the possibility of a change in the Constitution, and we now need members to be on a committee to consider such a change.

A listing of elected and appointed offices appears in the Constitution. Please consider where you would

most be interested in serving. Our present officers have committed to serve for the next two years, but we would love to have you serve as a volunteer or as a member of a committee immediately and consider

**Please See Draft Minutes Page 6**

## Author Laura Seeley Resurrects *Shadowbox Hunt*

At last summer's SGS International Reunion, attendees were treated to a presentation by author and artist Laura Seeley who shared her family history, an overview of her published works, and a brief art lesson.

Laura's latest book will soon be launched on the Kickstarter website, where she offers nine levels of rewards, depending on the amount one pledges. Check it out online here:

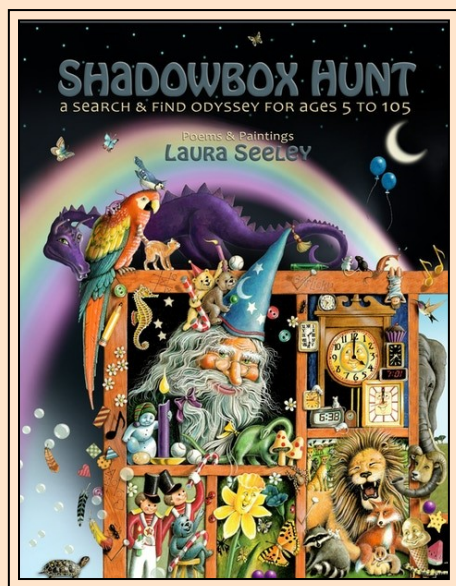
[www.bit.ly/2RdhPNX](http://www.bit.ly/2RdhPNX)

This edition of the book began when Laura decided that one of her

books deserved a second launch, with modified art and verse, along with fresh design. Now, the new edition of *Shadowbox Hunt* is all set for production as a sparkling, over-sized 12x15" edition. With the original edition, Laura and the publisher sold 5000 copies and much of the art was licensed for jigsaw puzzles (included in rewards) and fabric design. The publisher has come back on board to help with wholesaling and distribution.

### ABOUT THE BOOK:

- Twelve subjects, from colors and letters, to mammals and reptiles.
- Each subject is intricately featured in a shadowbox.
- A lyrical verse about the subject is accompanies each shadowbox.
- A helpful key lists the names of objects to find.
- Brainteasers and fun fact questions also appear.
- With the original edition, folks had *Shadowbox Hunt* parties.
- Alzheimer's and autistic patients responded positively to the book's challenges.



### New SGS Members:

- Marvin and Debra Seeley  
Lakeview, OH

### New SGS LIFE Members

- Jackie and Tom Hickok  
Troy, PA  
(were already members)

### Rejoining Members

- Ardienne Damicis  
Milford, CT
- Steven and Lauren Schluter,  
Maplewood, NJ
- Terry Rostamo  
Raleigh, NC

## CONTINUED From Page 5: Draft Membership Meeting Minutes

becoming an officer in two years. We would love for you to give your time, talents, and skills toward helping the Seeley Genealogical Society become even better.

Thank you all for being members, committee members, and officers, and for contributing to SGS!

**First Vice-President:** Written report submitted by Paul Taylor  
My report as First Vice President is going to be very short because the fact of the matter is that our president is probably the hardest working member of our Society and does so much work that it makes my job easy. We have spent some time on the phone together, and so we get caught up regularly. I try to support her as best I can. That is really my primary function as the First Vice President.

The souvenir book of each reunion is an excellent tool for documenting the history of SGS as we go along. I am an ardent supporter of that product. In the past they have included written versions of the proceedings of these reunions, but, more importantly, they have also included copies of our constitution and bylaws, a history of the Society, minutes of meetings from the preceding two years, and many pictures, so they are valuable tools for anybody in attendance to remember the event by. They are excellent opportunities for those who could not come to find out what happened at a reunion, and also excellent ways to learn more about the history of the Society. In ten, twenty, thirty years from now, those books will contain a snapshot of the Society for the two years that each covers. The souvenir book is an important communication and historical tool for the Society.

The Newsletter is published quarterly and is the news document for the Society. It is the primary benefit of membership. One of the reasons people join the Society is to learn about other aspects of their family, so we try to find genealogical news to include in the Newsletter, news that is related to the history of our family, and news about the Society. But if you have a story, particularly if you can illustrate it with photos, about a member of your family from the past, I would like to share that. Keep that in mind as you think about your Seeley genealogy. If you have an interesting story about your family history (or about how you found that history), share it with me, and we will get it into the Newsletter. Stories really are things that people are interested in reading. If there is news about some aspect of genealogical research that you have learned about, we would like to have that as well. For example, Stephanie Moore gave a presentation at the last reunion about DNA research, so I asked her to write an article for the Newsletter about that.

I also oversee the Website. A committee was appointed at the last reunion to determine what we want our Website to be. We set out parameters and spoke with Logan Seelye, who is a web designer. He gave us a really good price for redesigning the Website of the Society. Doing so has taken a bit longer than expected, partially because I am slow in managing the committee, but also because the old Website contained far more information than both he and I estimated. So it has taken time to bring information over to the new

Website. Because we were getting close to the reunion, we decided to go live with the new Website somewhat sooner than I would have chosen otherwise. But because our old Website could not be updated at all, it was full of old information, and we needed to replace it with something that at least gave correct information, and so we went live with it sooner than we had expected to. The architecture is all in place. Logan will talk to you about that later today, and you will be able to see what the Website looks like and where it is headed.

From the committee's perspective, we laid out some requirements, got them approved by the Board, got funding approved by the Board, signed a contract with Logan, and got underway. As the Website has been rolled out, some work has been done on the back side. Logan is moving things from the old site and tweaking the new site constantly. Chris Havnar, who was the driving force behind the previous Website, has also been helping him move data over. The Website is progressing nicely. It is not complete; it perhaps never will be. But it is getting closer to becoming so. If you have the opportunity to poke around on it, I encourage you to do so. Send me any questions or concerns you have about it by email, and we will talk with Logan to figure out what can be done.

Finally, I manage the Facebook page. You should follow the Society's Facebook page. Once you do follow it, please send an invitation to all of your Seeley relations or anyone you know who is interested in genealogy

Please See Draft Minutes Page 7

**CONTINUED From Page 6: Draft Membership Meeting Minutes**

to join our Facebook page. Our goal was to have as many Facebook followers as we have Society members. We are double that number for sure and are close to tripling it. Most importantly, if you see a newspaper article or another social media posting that is related to either Seeley history or genealogy in general, send me a link, and I will share it on Facebook. Just by sharing things on Facebook, we draw more attention to it, and that will bring more awareness to the Society. Send me things to put on the page, check out the page, and recommend it to your friends and family. All of that will help the Society.

**Second Vice-President:** Written report submitted by Jesse Crisler During the past two years since the last SGS Reunion, as Second Vice President of our organization, I have endeavored to respond to directions from Lynda Simmons, our President. Because I live near Lynda, we are in touch with each other often, sometimes more than weekly, when she regularly asks me to take care of items for her.

Since I have also served as a member of the Reunion Planning Committee for this year's reunion, much of our communication has centered on needs of the reunion itself. I accompanied members of the committee to San Diego in January, 2018, to determine an appropriate venue for meetings, discuss possible speakers, devise a preliminary schedule of events, visit sites for possible tours and meals, and accomplish a number of other tasks. This visit to San Diego naturally resulted in a number of assignments for each committee member, which in

my case involved arranging for Laura Seeley to speak to us, scheduling the Mormon Battalion headquarters for our Thursday night barbecue, organizing the walking tour of Old Town, delivering a talk to Society members on Seeleys in California, and tending to other details of somewhat less importance.

As for other duties, I have chaired the SGS Awards and Recognitions Committee for the past several years, working with committee members Thera Clark and Marshall Seelye and then with Dal Seeley, who replaced Marshall, to identify a volunteer of the year who is subsequently honored at the next reunion. I have particularly enjoyed this opportunity to review the accomplishments of various members of the Society, many of whom give an astonishing amount of their time and effort to SGS. I have also served as chair of the SGS Nominating Committee for the past six years; other members of this committee are Camille Seeley Bell and Marie Seelye. This responsibility for the last two reunions has not been an onerous one, since all officers have graciously consented to continue in their positions. Lynda Simmons appointed Kathie Olsen and me to an interim SGS Auditing Committee this past year as well.

Additionally, I serve as assistant editor of the SGS Newsletter under the able and visionary supervision of its editor, Paul Taylor. To produce four newsletters annually, we have developed a system that seems to work very well. While Paul is responsible not only for the layout of the Newsletter but also for gathering most of its content, I edit and proofread each issue and routinely

contribute my own stories. After the reunion at Horseheads, Paul asked me to proofread the Reunion Souvenir Book; I subsequently proofread the souvenir books for the Grand Rapids, Abilene, and Parkersburg reunions. Recently, Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian, also enlisted me to proofread changes she is making for a reissue of the *Seventh Generation Families*; this has required me to broaden my editorial horizons and sharpen my proofreading skills.

Finally, I have attended all meetings of the SGS Executive Board, participated in several conference calls with members of the Reunion Planning Committee, and worked closely with Lynda and other board members in various other ways, as assigned.

**SGS Treasurer's Report:**  
Margaret Peterson

Using a handout, Margaret Peterson reviewed the checkbook process, explained the income and expenses sections of her report, defined the process she used to create a five-year CD at Mountain America Credit Union, and noted that she will write a final financial report at the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2019, which will be published in the Newsletter.

Jim Seeley requested a report of the Society's total assets for both last year and the current year, which Margaret will include.

Jesse Crisler and Tammy Seeley George completed an audit of SGS books and found them correct.

**SGS Chief Genealogist:** Written report submitted by Linda Crocker.

Since the last SGS reunion, most

**Please See Draft Minutes Page 8**



## CONTINUED From Page 7: Draft Membership Meeting Minutes

of my work has been on queries with many arriving via our Facebook page. A lot of the queries either ask me to verify information or provide sources for information that the submitter has found online. I do my best to help each, some more successfully than others. The Ancestral File is a big help; Chris Havnar, who could not be at the reunion, and I work on that together. When we took it over, the sources were basically just the names of people who had submitted information, but as we have been updating that information and adding information, we have been putting in sources. Now if I get a query about Sarah Jane Seeley, for example, I can look on the Ancestral File and see what information we already have and hopefully where the information came from. Is it from a census record? Is it a cemetery record? Then I can look in all my online files and find out what I already know so I will not replicate that information, which is helpful.

Other queries tie in to many of our brick wall lines. It is frustrating to me when I cannot get good answers for people. Every two or three years I will get a query about one of these brick walls. But I also always look to see if there is any more information because you never know when new information will come up.

Probably my favorite queries are those that lead to new families that we did not even know about, and then we can add new families to our Ancestral File. When I find time, or when I need to beef up the query column in the Newsletter because no interesting queries have been submitted, I research individuals that have been added to the Ancestral File, usually by Chris from the obituaries that she

keeps adding, but that have not been researched back far enough to know their line.

I also suggest DNA testing. When I find a male Seeley whose line has not yet been established or perhaps does not tie in with Robert or Obadiah, then I want us to do more in terms of DNA. There is always something more that could be done. I just wish there were more hours in the day so I could devote more time to research. Paul Taylor will probably not believe me, but I do appreciate the Newsletter deadlines because they ensure that I keep up with queries and other things in a very timely fashion. I thank you for the opportunity to serve SGS in this way.

### **SGS Director-at-large, Director of Seelye Mansion, and SRC**

**Director:** Written report submitted by Terry Tietjens

It continues to be an honor for the Seelye Mansion to provide a building to house all items for the Seeley Genealogical Society. I have transferred legal title of the Seelye Research Center to the Historic Seelye Mansion Foundation. There is full insurance coverage on building and contents.

We continued to collect Seeley (all spellings) items that are sent to the Seelye Research Center. Maybe a year ago, four boxes of family records, many photographs, and other documents, and even a wedding dress were sent by Carol Seeley Scott, who wrote *The Eel Catcher's Travels* (2012). Ruthetta Seelye Hansen helped place these items in filing cabinets for further examining, and then they will be placed in permanent files. Carol Scott has done work in England on the Seeley family lines.

We also collect Seeley family information from Seeleys on tours. We always give out old newsletters for their information on SGS.

Several SGS books have been sold. We have many copies of Generations 1-5, but only one volume of the *Sixth Generation Families* left. CDs are also available in Abilene.

The Seelye Research Center is now being painted and will be finished in July. Another dehumidifier was purchased for the Research Center

**SGS Director-at-Large and Historian:** Written report submitted by Ruthetta Seelye Hansen

I helped file Carol Seeley Scott's Seeley information at the Seelye Research Center. I attended meetings at the Research Center for the Historic Seelye Mansion Foundation. I answered calls from Seeleys and others seeking information about their ancestry. I then sent this to Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist. I answered a query from Murphy Priebe about perfume bottles and responded to John Seely, who wanted information about the Seelye Research Center.

**SGS Director-at-Large:** Written report submitted by Wesley Waring  
Since our last meeting, I am not aware of any new DNA tests having been done.

After completing several research reports for the Seeley Genealogical Society, Apryl Cox has decided to stop doing research for clients. She also has stated that she has gone back as far as she can on the Seeley family in the filmed records that are available. One of the last things that she did, if I understand correctly, is

**Please See Draft Minutes Page 9**



## CONTINUED From Page 8: Draft Membership Meeting Minutes

correct errors in Seeley information introduced by others in the FamilySearch website maintained by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I think her reports are up to date in the SGS Newsletter.

Since our last meeting Bruce Murduck has completed the research he was working on in Canadian loyalist records. Some of that was also published in an issue of the Newsletter. I sent a copy of that report to some of you, and if others want a copy, I can forward it.

Are our own publications such as the CDs the best way to keep our information from being altered?

When we have had research done by qualified, accredited or certified researchers such as Alan Phipps, Fred Hart, Clifford Stott, Apryl Cox, and Bruce Murduck, we have published most, if not all, of it. I am not aware of anyone in the general public or other researchers who has been in contact with us concerning any significant questions or proof of errors in these researchers' work.

With that in mind, I am wondering at what point should the Seeley Genealogical Society accept research with documentation, done by someone we hired as being up to date or replacing something that we have previously printed?

**SRC Librarian and CD-ROM Project Manager:** Written reports submitted by Pam Turner

After SGS received several requests for copies of the Seventh Generation Book, which has been out of print for some time, discussion began on the feasibility of printing more copies. I checked into printing costs; after I presented my findings, the Executive Board decided to print

more copies; they also decided to update copies by printing the errata that had been found since the initial appearance of the book. I volunteered to compile the errata for placement in the new copies. I then discovered that I could incorporate most of the errata directly into the book without changing its pagination which would have invalidated its indices. The few errata that would have resulted in changes in pagination will be included at the back of each section of the book, and references to those errata will be made directly in applicable sections. Along with the inclusion of errata, I also updated the foreword to remove no longer valid information. Finally, I am closely proofreading the entire book for any lingering typos and inconsistencies. These changes have resulted in a thorough revision of *Seventh Generation Families*. I hope to have the new book ready for printing by August, 2019.

After I took over the position of CD-ROM manager from Bob Seeley in June 2017, I decided to update the files to make them more user friendly. I scanned all past issues of the Newsletter into PDF files, divided them into ten-year increments, and put the Newsletter index on the CD. This made both past issue of the Newsletter and the index of them searchable. I also updated the CD with the reports of Apryl Cox, whom the Society hired to research the ancestry of Robert and Obadiah Seeley. With her approval I created a book from the Obadiah PAF file, making it useable by anyone. Since the last reunion, five copies of the CD have been sold, with two people waiting for a revised copy. Earlier this year, I volunteered to compile the errata for the Seventh

Generation Book. This has now been completed as a PDF file, which will be published later in the Newsletter.

I will also now be able to organize, redo, and index a plethora of items in the Research Center.

**SGS Membership Chair:** Jim Seeley

Lynda Simmons thanked Marie Seelye for the excellent job she did as Membership Chair from August 1, 2015, to May 15, 2019; she also noted her appreciation to Jim Seeley for volunteering to become Membership Chair.

- Total SGS Membership is 241 individuals and declining.
- Twenty-five members do not receive the Newsletter.
- SGS learned of two deaths since May 15, 2019, reducing membership from 242 to 240.
- Thirteen SGS members are known to have died since the 2017 reunion.
- The Wisconsin Historical Society has been added to the SGS membership list as a paying society raising membership to 241.
- Jim Seeley distributed a plan to slow or abate declining SGS membership, and, if possible, to increase it.
- Lynda Simmons noted appreciation for Jim Seeley's evaluation of the membership and his plan to slow or abate the decline in SGS membership.

**SGS Acting Parliamentarian:** Kathie Olsen

Kathie Olsen has been a part of the SGS since 1993. She and her mother Madeline Mills wrote the SGS generation books

Please See Draft Minutes Page 10

## CONTINUED From Page 9: Draft Membership Meeting Minutes

She thanked Pam Turner for her continuing effort to revise the Generation Book Seven.

### Old Business: Lynda Simmons Service as an Officers of SGS:

Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons discussed the need for members to consider serving either as an officer of SGS Members or as a member of a committee, including the next Reunion Planning Committee, the Research Committee, the Nominating Committee, or the Awards and Recognitions Committee.
- Jesse Crisler, chair of the present Nominating Committee, noted that all current officers have agreed to serve for the next two years.
- Jim Seeley moved to approve the slate; motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Lynda Simmons had previously appointed Jim Seeley as SGS Membership Chair.

**New Business:** Lynda Simmons

### 2021 Reunion Site

**Recommendation:** Lynda Simmons

- Recommendations for St. Louis, MO, and Stamford, CT, had been submitted.
- The Board recommended St. Louis.
- St. Louis was unanimously approved as the site of the 2021 reunion.

**Assistant Membership Chair:** Discussion

- Jim Seeley asked whether he might have an assistant to help with membership.
- Connie Birth volunteered and was appointed SGS Assistant Membership Chair.

**SGS Website:** Logan Seelye

- Logan Seelye provided the membership a visual overview of the new SGS website, reviewing how to view various sections, how to use the dropdown menus, and how to filter information in the research section.
- Chris Havnar had 2,633 records on the original site.

- The site includes many new features: DNA results are now available; queries can be searched by year; notable events and news sections have been added; past issues of the Newsletter up to 2017 can be searched.
- Paul Taylor and Logan Seelye will develop a process for joining SGS online as well as for payment of dues.
- Members with recommendations or additions to the new site should get in touch with Lynda Simmons, Paul Taylor, or Logan Seelye.
- Logan Seelye will also pursue developing security for the site.
- Lynda Simmons thanked Logan Seelye for developing the new site, noting that he will take into account suggestions and recommendations of the membership as he continues his work on it.

**Adjournment:** After Lynda Simmons adjourned the meeting, members assembled on the porch of

## 2019-2021 SGS Executive Board Meeting, June 29, 2019 Draft Minutes

*Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary*

*Editor's Note: This is the final set of minutes from the meetings conducted at 2019 SGS Reunion in San Diego. The first set of minutes was included in the November SGS Newsletter. The second set is above. If you need to see the minutes from the first meeting, 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 4:33 p.m.

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

### Elected and Appointed Officers

**Attending:** Lynda Simmons, Kathie Olsen, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, James Seeley, Wesley Waring, Terry Tietjens, Margaret Petersen, Paul Taylor, Ruthetta Hansen, Pam Turner, Patricia Palmer.

**Excused:** Chris Havnar, Walt Seelye

### Welcome and Announcements:

Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked officers

for their continued assistance during the Reunion.

- Board members provided an overview and an evaluation of the reunion, noting that it included diverse speakers who went above and beyond our expectations, mics should be provided for speakers at subsequent reunions, the next reunion include a local tour on the first day, and reunion dinners begin earlier than 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Kathie Olsen

**Please See Draft Minutes Page 11**

**CONTINUED From Page 10: Draft Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

recommended that minutes of board meetings be read at future meetings.

**Old Business and Updates:**

Lynda Simmons

- James Seeley will install the SGS officers on Saturday evening, prior to Logan Seelye's presentation.
- Logan Seelye and Paul Taylor will investigate PayPal for membership payments as well as payments for books and other SGS items and report findings to the Board.
- Jim Seeley and Paul Taylor agreed to develop a tri-fold brochure for distribution to BOOT (Boosters of Old Town), DESD (Descendants of Early San Diego, and the Cosmopolitan Hotel.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Terry Tietjens seconded that SGS give an honorarium of \$100 to BOOT in gratitude for its support of SGS; motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Seeley met with Connie Birth to discuss implementing the SGS Membership Action Plan.
- After discussing developing a YouTube channel, the Board determined that would be too time-consuming as a communication tool at this time.
- SGS has many Facebook followers, though followers on Facebook have not requested membership in the Society.
- Thirty members have requested copies of the 2019 Reunion Souvenir Book, and many copies of Logan Seelye's book have been sold in anticipation of his presentation at the closing session of the reunion.

**Standing Committees:** Lynda Simmons

- The Auditing Committee is not a standing committee; auditing occurs at a reunion, after which the committee is dissolved until the next reunion.
- Kathie Olsen was appointed as chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee and will request other members to serve on the committee.
- The Nominating committee is not of immediate concern but will be revisited in one year.
- Linda Crocker will follow-up with Walt Seelye for an update regarding the Y-DNA Project and DNA Committee.
- Pam Turner and Margaret Petersen will collaborate regarding requests for CDs, generation books, and payments for said items.

**New Business:** Lynda Simmons

**Approval of new committees:**

Lynda Simmons

- Jesse Crisler moved and Linda Crocker seconded the creation of a constitution committee to consider possible revisions to the constitution and a 2021 reunion planning committee to plan the 2021 SGS reunion in St. Louis, Missouri; motion passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed changes to, and revisions to the wording of the SGS Constitution, specifically noting that the Membership Chair should be a voting member of the Board.
- Pam Turner will write an article for the Newsletter to advise members of the creation of a new Constitution committee and recruit members who may wish to serve on it.

- Members of the planning committee for the 2021 reunion include Lynda Simmons, Kathie Olsen, John Mills, Stephanie Mills Moore, Paul Taylor, Jesse Crisler, Lou Ann Crisler, Linda Crocker, Camille Bell, Annette Earl, Ivey Harris, Connie Birth, and Kelly Findley.
- The Reunion Planning Committee will determine dates for the 2021 reunion.

**SGS Newsletter:** Paul Taylor

- Terry Tietjens will receive ten copies of the Newsletter to distribute at his discretion at the SRC.
- Jim Seeley noted that twenty-three SGS life members are not currently receiving a copy of the Newsletter and requested two copies as membership chair; Sue Craven should be advised of distribution concerns.

**Marketing SGS-related items:**

Jesse Crisler

- Jesse Crisler expressed concern that we are possibly attempting to market too many products at reunions.
- SGS will continue to market reunion souvenir books; the Reunion Planning Committee will determine what other items, if any, will be marketed at reunions.

**Red Shirt Day:** Kathie Olsen requested that those who will be attending the 2021 reunion be reminded to wear their red Seeley shirts for the group photo.

**Next SGS Executive Board Meeting:** Lynda Simmons announced that the next Board meeting will be held May 1 or May 2, 2020, Abilene, Kansas.

**Adjournment:** 5:58 p.m.



# SGS Queries (as of January 18, 2020)

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.

## New Queries:

**2002-1** Submitted by Jo Vaselinko ([jvaselinko@aol.com](mailto:jvaselinko@aol.com)) Henry Van Dyke is one of Jo's favorite authors. While in a bookshop in Saratoga Co., NY, recently, she discovered *The Friendly Year* by Van Dyke. A calling card was glued inside the front cover: Nathan A Seelye, Burnt Hills, NY. She wonders if our members may be interested in the book.

**SGS Response:** The book was originally published in 1899. The SGS Ancestor File has Nathan Alson Seelye, b. 1842 Fairfield Co., CT, d. 1902, Ballston Spa, Saratoga, NY, son of Alson Seelye, SGS # 2096. The NY Death Index says that Nathan A. Seelye died 4 Sep 1902 at Burnt Hills, NY. If you are a descendant of Nathan, please contact Jo.

**2002-2** Submitted by Branda Corey ([mountainfrogs@comcast.net](mailto:mountainfrogs@comcast.net))

Branda is looking for information on her great-grandfather, Floyd H. Seely, who was married to Gladys Marie Seely. They lived in Middletown, NY. She is specifically looking for birth certificates or where Floyd was born and says it is likely he was born in Ireland, based on family stories.

## SGS Response:

1930 census Middletown, Orange, NY

- Seely, Floyd H., age 36, b. NY, NY, NY, house carpenter
- Seely, Gladys M., age 35, b. NJ, CAN, NY
- Seely, Marion F., age 13, George M., age 6, both b. NY, NY, NY

1920 census Wawayanda, Orange, NY

- Seely, Floyd, age 26, b. NY, NY, NY, carpenter
- Seely, Gladys, age 24, b. NY, US, NY
- Seely, Marion, age 3 yrs., 2 mos., b. NY, NY, NY

## NYMI

- Floyd Harold Seely, age 22, son of George M. Seely and Isabelle Goble(?), md. 7 Apr 1915 in Orange Co., NY, to Gladys Marie Brown, age 20, of Waywanda, music teacher, who was b. Paterson, NJ, to William A. Brown, b. CAN, and Zelma Robertson, b. USA

## SS Applications

- Gladys Marie Seely, [Gladys M. Seely], [Gladys Marie Brown]
- b. 13 Mar 1895, Middletown, O(range), NY, to William A Brown and Zelma B Robinson
- d. 2 Feb 1990

## 1915 census Sussex, Sussex, NJ

- Elston, Margaret E., b. July 1858, NY, NY, NY, widow
- Seeley, Thaddeus, b. Dec 1824, NY, NY, NY, widower

## 1910 census Greenville, Orange, NY

- Seeley, Geo. M., age 55, b. NY, NY, NY, dairy farmer, md. 22 yrs. to
- Seeley, Ida D., age 42, b. NY, NY, NY, 4 ch., 3 living
- Seeley, Floyd H., age 16, Merle G., age 14, both b. NY, NY, NY
- Seeley, Thaddeus, age 85, widower, b. NY, NY, NY
- Bull, Anna Louise, mother-in-law, age 72, widow, b. NY, NY, NY

## 1900 census Greenville, Orange, NY

- Seeley J. Milton, b. Dec 1855, NY, NY, NY, farmer, md. 12 yrs. to
- Seeley, Ida Belle, b. Jan 1868, NY, NY, NY, 3 ch., 3

living

- Seeley, Rawling M., b. Sep 1888, Floyd H., b. Jul 1893, Gertrude G., b. Jan 1896, all b. NY, NY, NY

#### 1900 census Mount Hope, Orange, NY

- Seely, Thadeus, b. Dec 1824, NY, NY, NY, farmer, mdd 49 yrs. to
- Seely, Nancy, b. May 1830, NY, NY, NY, 5 ch., 3 living
- Seely, John G., b. Oct 1862, NY, NY, NY, farm laborer, md. 11 yrs. to
- Seely, Idella daughter-in-law, b. Oct 1870, NY, NY, NY, 3 ch., 3 living
- Seely, Madyn, b. May 1894, Helen, b. May 1896, Ethe, b. Jan 1899, all grandchildren b. NY, NY, NY

#### 1870 census Greenville, Orange, NY

- Seely, Thadious, age 46, farmer, b. NY
- Seely, Nancy, age 39, b. NY
- Seely, Charles, age 17, George M., age 14, Maggie E., age 12, John G., age 7, Albert E., age 4, all b. NY

#### 1860 census Greenville, Orange, NY

- Seeley, Thadeus, age 35, farmer, b. NY
- Seely, Nancy, age 30, b. NY
- Seely, Charles, age 8, Milton, age 5, Elizabeth, age 3, all b. NY

#### 1855 census Greenville, Orange, NY

- Seely, Thaddeus, age 30, b. Orange Co., NY, farmer
- Seely, Nancy, age 25, b. Orange Co., NY
- Seely, Charles, age 3, b. Orange Co., NY
- They are living two houses away from the Schultz family of the 1850 census.
- On the following page Deborah J. Corwin, age 31, is a tailoress, boarding in the home of William Seely, age 34, b. NJ, his wife Julia A., age 31, b. Orange Co., their 3 young children and William's sister Sarah Seely, age 23. William is SGS# 3515

#### 1850 census Minisink, Orange, NY

- Seely, Thaddeus, age 25, farmer, b. NY
- Corwin, Deborah J., age 29, b. NY
- Corwin, Martha, age 17, b. NY
- Seely, John D., age 14, b. NY
- S., Harriett, age 11, b. NY

Living in same home are

- S., James, age 71, farmer, b. NY
- S., Deborah, age 66, b. NY

The previous dwelling is occupied by

- Knap, James, age 65, tailor, b. NY
- K. Mary, age 55, b. NY
- Schutts, James, age 28, farmer, b. NY
- Schutts, Sarah, age 25, b. NY
- S., Joel, age 4, Margaret, age 2, George, age 2 mos., all b. NY

*This census taker just uses the first initial for the surname of following family members!*

From other census records James and Deborah S. are surnamed Schultz.

#### Findagrave

- Thaddeus Seely, b. 1824, d. 1918, bd. Manning Cemetery, Greenville, Orange, NY, with wife Nancy Cortright Seely, b. 1830, d. 1908, and son Albert E., d. 27 Jul 1889, age 23 yrs., 7 mos., 2 days. The entry also shows: Marriage: 5 April 1851, Thaddeus Seely to Nancy Cortright at Minisink, Orange, NY, by Rev. Stephen Case, of the First Baptist Church of Wantage, Sussex, NJ

#### Obituary for Thaddeus

<http://www.seeley-society.org/genealogy/obituaries/thaddeus-seely/>

According to Elizabeth White (see link below), Thaddeus is a son of Charles Seeley, our SGS# 3452 and his second wife, Asenith Mills, but we do not have that information listed in the SGS Ancestor File.

<https://ia803003.us.archive.org/30/items/theseelyseelyfa34whit/theseelyseelyfa34whit.pdf>

On Ancestry.com I found the estate records for Charles Seely, who died in Feb 1844, leaving widow Asenith Seely and children Deborah Jane Curren, widow of Gemi(?) Curren, Caroline Seely, Lydia M Carpenter, wife of James L Carpenter, David Seely, John B Seely, Martha Seely, Harriet Seely, and Thaddeus Seely. Only Deborah and Lydia are of full age (21).

Thaddeus, Deborah, Caroline, Lydia and her husband, James Carpenter, all sign. Thaddeus is the witness that Asenith signed by her mark. This verifies the entries in Elizabeth White's book.

**Conclusion:** Branda's gt-gt-grandfather's line is Floyd H, George Milton, Thaddeus, Charles (SGS# 3452), David, David, Charles, Samuel, Jonas, Obadiah I know this research does not take Floyd back to Ireland. Sometimes family stories get confused. Perhaps there is another Irish relative. I could not find Gladys until she was with Floyd in the 1915 census, so I could not tell whether she might be the one with Irish ancestors.

**2003-1** Submitted by Jim Reinhardt ([siderious@gmail.com](mailto:siderious@gmail.com))

Jim has been investigating Patience Wickham Germain/Jermaine. We have her listed as the third wife of Gideon Seely, SGS# 1332. Apparently, Patience applied for a widow's pension based on Gideon's military service, but it was denied, although both her son and son-in-law stated that she married Gideon in 1842. Jim has not been able to locate a marriage record for Gideon and Patience and says she is. not mentioned in any documents of Gideon or his children. He also has not been able to find information of Patience's former husband, Anthony Germain, nor place her in Onondaga Co., NY, where Gideon lived prior to his death in 1844.

#### **SGS Response:**

##### Findagrave:

- Anthony Jermaine, d. 16 Apr 1834, bd. Jackson Cemetery, Navarino, Onondaga, NY

#### 1840 census Lafayette, Onondaga, NY

- Patience Germain (indexed as German but looks like Germain without the i dotted): 1 male, 20-30, 1 female, 20-30, 1 female, 50-60

#### 1850 census North Plains, Ionia, MI

- Crippen, Syllas, age 39, b. NY
- Crippen, Mary A., age 30, b. NY
- Crippen, Mary, age 8, b. MI
- Celey, Patience, age 60, b. NY
- Germain, Angeline, age 26, b. NY
- Wallace, Franklin, age 14, b. MI
- George (indexed as Gera) Germain (son of Anthony and Patience) is listed with his family a few houses earlier and several families contain members who are surnamed Crippen or Wallace

#### 1860 census North Plains, Ionia, MI

- Crippen, Mary A., age 40, b. NY
- Seely, Patience, age 71, b. NY
- Crippen, Mary Adelia, age 18, b. MI

Please See SGS Queries, Page 14

## CONTINUED From Page 2: SGS President's Report

"Children, Johnny will stay with us, while his folks are having a rough time." And Johnny stayed and stayed. In earlier times, much of today's paperwork was considered unnecessary by the populace; other families in the area possibly knew the circumstances, and that was as far as it went.

The 22 autosome pairs in the cell nucleus contain autosomal DNA (atDNA), which is transmitted by both mothers & fathers. In each generation there is a somewhat random selection of atDNA, half from the mother and half from the father, but what pieces of the father make up his contribution? Of the mother? Male and female siblings are often quite different, drawing different segments from the same parents. Do this for a couple of generations, and some characteristics may drop out, while others persist, just due to random selection. I look like my Douglas ancestors (mother's side), my sister looks like the Chapins (father's side). My son has Seeley height, but his red hair could be from his father's side or from his mother's side, i.e., is it Seelye DNA (mine) or Hartmann DNA (my wife Marie's)?

atDNA shows general ancestral origins, by country or region, based on comparison of one's atDNA with others of known (more or less) ethnic background. Comparing DNA test results from different laboratories is often confusing. Different labs may produce somewhat different results, because each lab draws on its own database. As more people submit swabs for testing, that lab's database will grow and change; thus someone might get updates after receiving original results, showing a somewhat different ethnicity mix. Marie did her atDNA test a couple of years ago, and it showed 97% European, 3% Central/South Asian (primarily Afghanistan: think trade routes, Silk Road?). Over about two years she received two updates, with the latest analysis (below) reasonably close to her four-hundred-year paper trail. atDNA can give a person's ethnic background, more or less, and it might suggest possible relatives from a distant ancestor, but it cannot give a family tree.

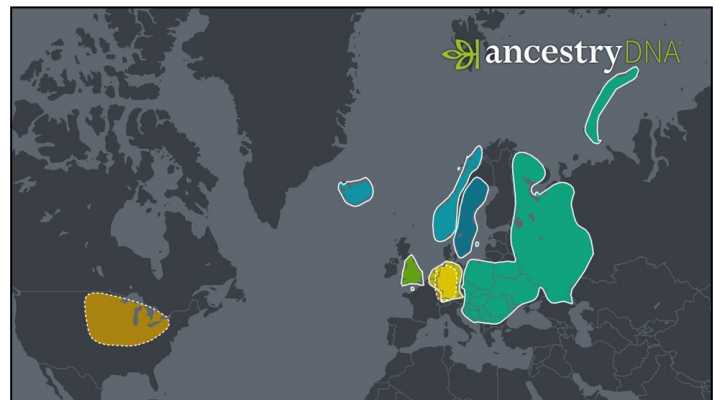
## CONTINUED From Page 1: Brickwall Criteria

- Preference for interested individuals to pay for their own testing, if willing.
- Negotiation between SGS and individuals up to the full amount of testing to aid in brickwall research
- SGS offers to pay for testing if the Society recruits someone for testing to help our research—tangled Nathaniel/Obadiah lines, for example.
- SGS does not pay for testing if a line has already been tested, and no valid questions about a person's connection to the line remain.

## CONTINUED From Page 13: SGS Queries

- White, Delos, age 30, b. NY
- White, Angeline, age 3, b. NY
- Patience is also listed with her daughter Mary in the 1870 census in North Plains.
- Findagrave
- Patience, b. 12 Mar 1790, Washington (there is a Washington in Dutchess Co., NY, and Washington Heights, Lake, and, Ville in Orange Co., all with plenty of Wickham families), d. 2 Sep 1872, bd. North Plains Cemetery, Ionia, Ionia, MI

**Conclusion:** While the lack of a marriage record and the denial of a widow's pension are troubling, Anthony J/ Germain's death in 1834 and Patience's listing in the 1840 census in Onondaga County address some of Jim's concerns. If you have anything to add, please let us know.



### DNA Story for Marie

● Germanic Europe	65%
● Germany & the Midwestern United States	
● England, Wales & Northwestern Europe	24%
● Eastern Europe & Russia	7%
● Norway	2%
● Sweden	2%

SGS members have submitted their yDNA analyses for comparison with other SGS members. See the results at <http://www.seeley-society.org/research/seeley-dna-lineage/results/>. We welcome yDNA results to add to our diagrams, with privacy maintained. Contact DNA Project Manager Walt Seelye at [dna@seeley-society.net](mailto:dna@seeley-society.net) for details.



## 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.

### President

**Lynda Simmons**  
3330 W Signal Peak Dr.  
RP103  
Taylorsville, UT 84129  
(435) 649-9878  
cell (801) 910-0300  
[summitkids@gmail.com](mailto:summitkids@gmail.com)



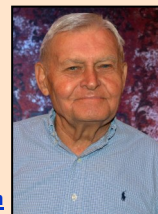
### Secretary

**Patricia Brooks Palmer**  
150 Luxorwind Drive  
Garner, NC 27529  
916-730-6228  
[palmnet@aol.com](mailto:palmnet@aol.com)



### SGS Director & Seelye Research Center Director

**Terry Tietjens**  
P.O. Box 337, 1105 N.  
Buckeye  
Abilene, KS 67410  
(785) 263-1084  
[seelyemansion@yahoo.com](mailto:seelyemansion@yahoo.com)



### 1st Vice President & Pubs Editor

**Paul Taylor**  
705 Redgate Lane  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
(757) 759-9551  
[paul.taylor.va@gmail.com](mailto:paul.taylor.va@gmail.com)



### Treasurer

**Margaret Petersen**  
2728 S. Highland Drive #4  
Salt Lake City, UT 84106  
(801) 466-3671  
[kpetersen7835@msn.com](mailto:kpetersen7835@msn.com)



### SGS Director

**Wesley Waring**  
16179 89th Ave. N.  
Maple Grove, MN 55311  
(763) 494-3277  
[wesleyawaring@cs.com](mailto:wesleyawaring@cs.com)



### 2nd Vice President

**Jesse S. Crisler**  
2221 West 850 North  
Provo, UT 84601  
(801) 375-8004  
[jessecrisler3@gmail.com](mailto:jessecrisler3@gmail.com)



### Chief Genealogist

**Linda L Crocker**  
61 Ronald Reagan Drive,  
Westwood,  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
(304) 210-5591  
[lbc100@msn.com](mailto:lbc100@msn.com)



### SGS Director & Historian

**Ruthetta Seelye Hansen**  
1129 S County Line  
McCracken, KS 67556  
(785) 394-2316  
[rhansen@gbta.net](mailto:rhansen@gbta.net)



## SGS Appointed Officers and Volunteers for 2019- 2021

**SGS Constitution, Art IV, Sect. 1:** "The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chair, a Membership Chair, a Publications Editor, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the National Research Center." **SGS By-Laws, Art. III, Section 9:** "The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the board of directors and committees in a non-voting advisory capacity." **SGS By-Laws, Art. III, SECTION 10:** "The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named elsewhere."

### Past President & Acting Parliamentarian

**Katherine M. Olsen**  
2708 South Highland Drive  
#5  
Salt Lake City, UT 84106  
(801) 355-0301  
[katherinemolsen@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemolsen@gmail.com)



### Assistant Membership Chair

**Connie Birth**  
5103 Poole Lane  
Spencer, OK 73084  
(405) 771-2290  
[cbirth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbirth@sbcglobal.net)



### Webmaster, SGS Ancestor File, Assistant Genealogist

**Chris Havnar**  
625 Canyon Dr.  
Pacifica, CA 94044  
(650) 359-5617  
[chris.havnar@gmail.com](mailto:chris.havnar@gmail.com)



### Seelye Research Center Librarian & SGS CD-ROM Manager

**Pamela D. Turner**  
1935 Okeechobee Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915  
[Cello\\_t@comcast.net](mailto:Cello_t@comcast.net)  
(underscore between o and t)



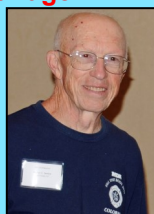
### Acting Membership Chair

**Jim Seeley**  
4540 Marshall Run Circle  
#108  
Glen Allen, VA 23059  
(804) 364-8101  
[jrseeley36@gmail.com](mailto:jrseeley36@gmail.com)



### DNA Lineage Project Manager

**Walt Seelye**  
13802 Pine Glen Dr East  
Black Forest, CO 80908-3508  
(719) 495-4316,  
[seelyew@gmail.com](mailto:seelyew@gmail.com)



## 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.



# Seeley Genealogical Society

## Membership Application

### AND

## Product Order Form

FULL NAME:	SPOUSE'S NAME:		
ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP+4:
HOME TELEPHONE:	CELL PHONE:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:	SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS:		

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

### Alternate Contact Data In Case Member Moves Or Becomes Unreachable

FULL NAME:	RELATIONSHIP:
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL ADDRESS:

### 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:
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP	\$125.00 US		SUBTOTAL:
RECEIVE NEWSLETTER FREE BY EMAIL ( <i>WITH SGS MEMBERSHIP</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		SUBTOTAL:
RECEIVE PRINTED NEWSLETTER BY MAIL ( <i>WITH SGS MEMBERSHIP</i> )	\$12.00 US/YEAR	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
THE SGS CD-ROM – REVISED SEPTEMBER 2019 THAT INCLUDES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen (corrections included). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One through Five</i></li> <li><i>The Sixth Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)</i></li> <li><i>The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2019 Edition</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>SGS Funded Research Reports including those by Fred C. Hart, Jr. CG; Alan Phipps, MA, AG, Clifford L. Stott, CG, and Apryl Cox, AG</li> <li>SGS Newsletters (includes all issues from 1965-2014, in PDF format and searchable text format. Also includes searchable indexes of all articles through 2006)</li> </ul>	\$15.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
Print: <i>The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One through Five</i> , 1997 Edition	\$17.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
Print: <i>The Sixth Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)</i> , 1995 Edition ( <b>Currently Unavailable</b> )	\$35.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
Print: <i>The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1617-1657)</i> , 2019 Edition	\$35.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
2019 SGS International Reunion Souvenir Book	\$35.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
SGS 50th Anniversary T-Shirts: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	\$12.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
SGS 50th Anniversary T-Shirt 2XL	\$14.00 US	QUANTITY:	SUBTOTAL:
Tax Free Donation to SGS, a 501(c)(3) Organization			SUBTOTAL:
			<b>TOTAL:</b>

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM (WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO SGS) TO MARGARET PETERSEN, SGS TREASURER,  
2728 S. HIGHLAND DRIVE #4, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84106.