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## SGS Website Redesign Continues

Story By Paul Taylor SGS Website Redesign Committee Chair

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The SGS Website redesign has not moved at a pace we would have liked. Although work was brought to a near standstill by the pandemic, the fact is that the project has taken much longer than expected without that added obstacle. Still, the website redesign committee has restarted meetings and is providing our web designer, Logan Seelye, more guidance.

A major advancement in the project is that Logan completed the switch-over of the site from <http://> to the more secure <https://>. It was not a simple task but needed to be done.

Another major task is one for which we had not planned and which

visitors to the site may not see or notice. While investigating methods for making it possible for members to pay their dues or purchase SGS products online, Logan discovered a tool that will allow us to accomplish that and so much more.

To make it possible for members to pay dues online, he needed to find a system that would track membership, making it possible for renewals to occur on time and instantaneously. One thing led to another, and now we will eventually be able to make many of our Membership Chair's duties significantly easier by using the tool's

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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, Selee, 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 surely hope that each and every one of you is well! Every member is very important to SGS. We hope you are safe and feeling good. We especially worry about the safety of our older SGS members or those with any kind of health problems. This has been quite a year, and we are not through yet. It is especially scary now with COVID-19 cases surging so high.

We were so looking forward to meeting in St. Louis in the summer of 2021. Doctors and government leaders are hoping that enough of us will have been vaccinated by then to be safe, but there are no guarantees. The more the Board deliberated about our 2021 Reunion and Membership Meeting, the more it became apparent that we could not meet together physically in 2021. The Board voted unanimously that SGS should instead hold a virtual Membership Meeting and Reunion in 2021.

The Reunion Planning Committee met following the Board meeting to discuss details about an agenda and presentations and set a date when SGS members can meet together in St. Louis. The Board will meet again in January to review suggestions from the planning committee. The planning committee has been invited to join the Board to make final plans. The details for the 2021 Reunion will then be finalized and published in the February 2021 issue of the Newsletter.

We will all work hard to ensure that each of our members will be able to access the meeting, vote in the Membership Meeting, and enjoy being together even if that will be

virtually rather than in person.

As you read the minutes of our October 24, 2020, SGS virtual Board meeting, please note the many things SGS is

doing to respond to your ideas in the Membership Survey. We are grateful to those of you who responded and have tried hard to address your ideas and concerns.

All of the SGS committees continue to work through the pandemic. I heartily thank all of the committee chairs and members for working very hard at this difficult time. Pam Turner has worked especially hard on revising the SGS Constitution. Along with proposed revisions, the Constitution is published in this issue of the Newsletter for you to read. The revisions will not go into effect until they are voted on during the Membership Meeting next summer. If you have questions or ideas about any revisions, please get in touch with Pam or me.

The Website Committee has already met twice and are meeting again in December. You will be excited to see changes and progress that are being made to the Website.

We are very sorry that we cannot be physically together this year for our SGS Reunion and Membership Meeting. Many great presentations are already being lined up. The meetings will be interesting and full of valuable information. We will



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## Draft Minutes 2019-2021 SGS Executive Board Meeting, Oct. 24, 2020

*Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary*

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. EST.

**Quorum:** Lynda Simmons confirmed that a quorum was present.

### **Elected and Appointed Officers**

**Attending:** Lynda Simmons, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, Wesley Waring, Margaret Petersen, Paul Taylor, Patricia Palmer, David Petersen, Pam Turner, Chris Havnar, Connie Birth, and Shanna Besendorfer.

**Excused:** Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Terry Tietjens, and Kathie Olsen

**Others Attending:** John Mills

### **Welcome and Announcements:**

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spreadsheet and productivity functions.

This will include things like automatic renewals, if members choose to do so. If they do not, the system will automatically send reminders to members that dues are due and ask them to renew online. It is a secure system that leverages PayPal's tried and true interface for moving funds. Should a member not want to use online payments, the printable membership form will still be available and can be used to mail a check to the Treasurer.

The major benefit of this tool is that current SGS members with dues paid in full will have access to the secure, "members only" part of the site using a login and password that is generated when the system goes fully active and/or when new members join. When members renew their memberships or when new members join using the online tools,

Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked officers for their continued work in making the Society a success.
- She then asked those attending to introduce themselves and describe their work and responsibilities in the Society.

### **Old Business**

**Updates:** Lynda Simmons

- PayPal has been investigated as an addition to the SGS Website and will soon be set up.
- Paul Taylor is developing a trifold brochure for distribution to BOOT (Boosters of Old Town), DESD (Descendants of Early San

access to the secure part of the site will be immediate.

The tool will also make the process of distributing the Newsletter easier, by sending out a semi-automated note to members that the latest edition of the Newsletter is online in the members only section and available for download.

THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO DO, so please bear with us. We will continue to update you on our progress in the Newsletter. Here is a snapshot of where we are right now:

The genealogy section of the site was by far the most massive part of the old site. It was much larger than we initially suspected which is why it has taken so long to move it. Chris Havnar, who along with her husband, Jerry, managed the Website for many years has completed a herculean amount of data movement for this section and has already

Diego), and the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Old Town San Diego State Historical Park.

- The SGS Membership Action Plan is complete and is being implemented by Connie Birth and Shanna Besendorfer, to include funding research and brickwalls, promoting use of the SGS Facebook page, focusing on the SGS 2021 Reunion, promoting new membership in SGS, prioritizing and keeping current members, focusing on younger members, encouraging volunteerism among members, completing the SGS Website and updating it regularly, and

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begun adding new information to it when she finds it.

There are still some decisions to make regarding what this section will ultimately include, but we are nearing final decisions on many fronts. Once that happens, it will be a matter of going through a punchlist of remaining tasks to get the Website fully established with business rules and a path forward for continuous monitoring and updating.

The goal is to be able to walk members through the Website at the next SGS Membership Meeting.

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provide a way for every member to vote in the Membership Meeting. Please watch for further information about our virtual meeting this coming summer in the February SGS Newsletter. Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

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encouraging DNA testing.

- A new chair needs to be appointed to the Awards and Recognition Committee.
- The Nominating Committee has been appointed with Camille Bell as chair and Ivey Harris and Jesse Crisler as members.
- The new Y-DNA Committee chair is Kara Donaldson.
- Pam Turner and Paul Taylor have designed a new form for both the SGS Membership Application and Product Items; Margaret Petersen now receives all payments and sends necessary paperwork to the Membership Chair and other officers.
- Criteria for brickwall research for SGS funding has been completed.
- The Membership Notebook, which was previously sent to all SGS members along with the February 2020 issue of the Newsletter, is now being sent to all new members.
- The SGS Website is updated continually, especially by the addition of obituaries submitted by Webmaster Chris Havnar.
- Chris Havnar, who has been searching for SGS life members who are not receiving copies of the SGS Newsletter, has located very few of them.
- Linda Crocker requested a ZOOM meeting with Kara Donaldson, Wesley Waring, Lynda Simmons, and Chris Havnar regarding the Seeley DNA Project process.

**Financial Report:** Margaret Petersen

- Margaret Petersen provided the Board an update regarding SGS finances.
- Susi Pentico, a speaker at the San

Diego Reunion, has not cashed her honorarium check.

- Margaret Petersen has refunded payments for generation books until revisions of the books are completed.
- She explained that the notation of "other printing" in the financial report refers to Reunion Souvenir Books and seventh generation books.
- SGS continues to profit from SGS certificates of deposit.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Paul Taylor seconded accepting the Treasurer's report as presented; motion unanimously approved.

**SGS Constitution Revisions:** Lynda Simmons and Pam Turner

- Lynda Simmons led a discussion regarding the addition of voting members to the SGS Board.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Paul Taylor seconded maintaining the number of Board members at nine; motion unanimously approved.
- Lynda Simmons clarified that any proposed changes to the Constitution must be approved by members at the next SGS Membership Meeting.
- Pam Turner reviewed revisions to the Constitution, noting revisions recommended by officers; she was thanked for her hard work by Lynda Simmons.
- Pam Turner will send proposed changes to all members for review prior to the 2021 SGS Membership Meeting.

**Membership Meeting and Reunion 2021:** Lynda Simmons

- The Board determined not to hold

the 2021 Reunion in St. Louis.

- Connie Birth noted that holding a virtual Membership Meeting does not conflict with requirements stated in Article VI of the Bylaws
- Jesse Crisler moved and Linda Crocker seconded that the next SGS Membership Meeting be held virtually and the next SGS Reunion in St. Louis be postponed to a future date; motion approved unanimously.
- In her president's message Lynda Simmons will explain why the 2021 Reunion will not be held in St. Louis as well as why the next Membership Meeting will be held virtually.

**New Business****Encouraging Members to Volunteer and Member Survey:** Pam Turner, Connie Birth, Shanna Besendorfer

- Pam Turner provided the rationale for and genesis of the survey.
- Paul Taylor recommended additions and other items for consideration for inclusion in the proposed survey be discussed at the January 2021 SGS Board Meeting after which the survey could be presented to the general membership.
- Connie Birth plans to call all SGS members to touch base with them.

**Internet and Website Development:** Lynda Simmons, Paul Taylor

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**New SGS Members**

- Cynthia A Pflumm  
*Shawnee, KS*
- Patricia Reeves Allen  
*Larchmont, NY*
- Darold Seeley  
*Las Cruces, NM*

## Proposed Changes to the SGS Constitution and Bylaws

The SGS Constitution and Bylaws require that revisions or amendments to those documents be printed for the membership in the Newsletter at least three months prior to the biennial Membership Meeting. A committee appointed by SGS President Lynda Simmons has drafted proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. Accordingly, a summary of the proposed changes follows as well as a complete copy of the draft Constitution and Bylaws on page 10. This document will be voted on by the membership during the SGS Membership Meeting to be held virtually in 2021. If it is ratified, it will be adopted by the Society, effective October 1, 2021.

Although the list below is the largest number of proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws in recent memory, the changes are in general NOT substantial. Among the items addressed are

- clarity and several grammatical and punctuational issues indicated in red in the draft document
- issues that have been problematic in the past, such as who votes at Board meetings
- changing the title of one of the appointed officers to describe more accurately the role the job has become
- elimination of gender references
- changing the phrase “national reunion” to “Membership Meeting” (Recent surveys have shown that some members are less inclined to attend an event billed as a reunion because it seems non-essential as opposed to a membership meeting which sounds more in line with an obligation of society membership;

expect to see the phrase membership meeting in place of reunion in future communications from the Society),

- changing quorum requirements from a hard number to a percentage of membership allowing for fluctuation in the total number of Society members,
- addition of language to allow for technological advances in communication such as email, social media, and virtual meeting tools, and
- changes in internal administrative processes.

The committee was chaired by Pam Turner who took suggestions from Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker, Lynda Simmons, Paul Taylor, Jesse Crisler, and Wes Waring.

Members wishing to express their opinions on the proposed revisions may get in touch with Pam Turner (contact data on page 15) for consideration of the issue. Please be sure to include the appropriate change number used in the list below.

### Constitution

1. Change revision date to **October 1, 2021**
2. Art. 1 Sect. 1: change “...referred to as ‘the Society.’” to “...referred to as ‘the Society **or SGS.**’”
3. Art. 4 Sect. 1:
  - a. added the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph: **“Voting members of the Executive Board must be elected and not appointed.”**
  - b. eliminated “man” from the word chairman
  - c. changed “Publications Editor” to **“Director of**

### Communication”

- d. eliminated original third paragraph which discussed the issue of gender; this sentence is no longer needed since references to gender have been removed.
- e. added the following as the third paragraph: **“Any member of the SGS may hold the position of an elected or appointed officer within the SGS.”**
4. Art. 4 Sect. 2:
  - a. replaced “national reunion” with **“Membership Meeting”**
  - b. changed the quorum requirement for the membership meeting from “25 members” to **“ten percent of the membership”**
  - c. for clarity added the phrase **“for a valid election.”**
5. Art. 4 Sect. 3: replaced “national reunion” with **“Membership Meeting”**
6. Art. 4 Sect. 4: changed “more than one office” to “more than one **elected** office”
7. Art. 4 Sect. 7: changed “a majority of those voting shall elect.” to “a majority of **the voting quorum** shall elect.”
8. Art. 5 Sect. 1: changed “meet at least every two years, as specified” to “meet at least every two years, **physically or virtually**, as specified”
9. Art. 5 Sect. 4: changed “To conduct business of the Society, a quorum of 25 members will be required.” to “To conduct business of the Society **at a Membership Meeting**, a quorum of **ten percent of the membership** **Please See Revised SGS CBLs, Page 6**

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will be required.”

10. Art. 6 Sect. 1: corrected a formatting error that resulted in “501 (c) (3)” appearing as “501 © (3)”

**Bylaws**

11. Change revision date to **October 1, 2021**
12. Art. 1 Sect. 1:
- changed “approved by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership at the national reunion, subject to quorum requirements” to “approved by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership, subject to quorum requirements **and the minimum requirements of Article V, Sections 1 and 4 of the Constitution.**”
  - changed “Dues are to be paid to the Membership Chairman, who will issue a membership card and forward dues plus appropriate documentation to the Treasurer.” to “Dues are to be paid to the **Treasurer who will send the members’ documentation to the Membership Chair.**”
  - eliminated the phrase: “The fiscal period for dues shall coincide with the Society’s fiscal year.”
13. Art. 2 Sect. 2:
- changed “It is recommended that the President call a meeting of the Executive Board each year in the month of August or at a mutually agreed upon time.” to “It is recommended that the President call a meeting of the Executive Board **at least once**

**a year.**”

- changed “The President may present to and solicit from officers and directors public mail responses to questions, programs and reports necessary for the administration of the Society.” to “**The President and Executive Board may conduct business by any method that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other.**”
- changed “These are to be reported to the membership in the newsletter.” to “**Minutes of Board meetings are** to be reported to the membership in the **Newsletter.**”
- Art. 2 Sect. 3: changed “A special officers and directors meeting may also be called by twenty-five members of the Society.” to “A special officers and directors meeting may also be called by **ten percent of the membership** of the Society
- Art. 3 Sect. 1: changed “The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society and preside at all meetings. He shall be a member of all committees...” to “The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, **shall** preside at all meetings, **and** shall be a member of all committees...”
- Art. 3 Sect. 2: changed “If the President determines that an elected officer or director is not performing the duties for which elected, he may request the Executive Board remove the member.” to “If the President determines that an elected officer or director is not performing the duties for which elected, **the President** may request the Executive Board remove the member **from the Board.**”
- Art. 3 Sect. 5: changed “The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the reunions.” to “The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the **Membership Meetings.**”
- Art. 3 Sect. 6: changed “The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds and maintain all accounts in the name of The Seeley Genealogical Society. He shall be responsible for adequate financial records.” to “The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds and maintain all accounts in the name of The Seeley Genealogical Society **and** shall be responsible for **maintaining** adequate financial records.”
- Art. 3 Sect. 7:
  - changed “The Chief Genealogist shall have custody of the genealogical files of the Society, and maintain such other files necessary for the performance of his duties. He will safeguard them from common hazards.” to “The Chief Genealogist shall have custody of the genealogical files of the Society, maintain such other files necessary for **performing assigned duties,** **and** safeguard them from common hazards.”

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- b. changed “He will be assisted by genealogists appointed by the President. He shall comply with the requirements of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution. He shall also work closely with the Director of the national Research Center...” to “**The Chief Genealogist** will be assisted by genealogists appointed by the President **and** shall also work closely with the Director of the **Seelye** Research Center...”
20. Art. 3 Sect 10: changed “...duties not names elsewhere...” to “...duties not **named** elsewhere...”
21. Art 4 Sect 1: changed “Publications Editor: The Publications Editor shall be responsible for the organization, printing and mailing of the quarterly newsletter. The newsletter shall include inquiries submitted to the Society for general membership response. The closest liaison must be maintained with the Membership Chairman and the Chief Genealogist to perform these duties.” to “**Director of Communication: The Director of Communication shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Society’s public and internal communication in accordance with this document, the direction of the President, and the best interest of SGS. This may include but is not limited to the publishing of a Newsletter and other publications of SGS, management of the Society’s online properties, and other duties as assigned. The Director will be**
- assisted by volunteers and others appointed by the President.**”
22. Art 4 Sect 2: changed “Ancestor Files Chairman: The Ancestor Files Chairman shall be responsible for maintaining a computerized database of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society. He shall also be responsible for...” to “Ancestor Files Chair: The Ancestor Files Chair shall be responsible for maintaining a computerized database, **in coordination with the Chief Genealogist**, of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society **and** shall also be responsible for...”
23. Art. 4 Sect. 3: change “...as a resource to Society members and members of the General Public. He shall act as an advisor...” to “...as a resource to Society members and the **general public and** shall act as an advisor...”
24. Art. 4 Sect. 4: change “Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the Society membership, maintenance of membership rolls, and collection and forwarding of dues to the Treasurer. He shall be...” to “Membership Chair: The Membership Chair shall be responsible for the promotion of the Society membership **and the** maintenance of membership rolls. **The Membership Chair** shall be...”
25. Art. 5 Sect. 2
- a. changed “...national reunion.” to “...**Membership Meeting.**”
- b. changed “The election shall be as provided in Article IV, Section 2 and Section, 3 of the Constitution.” to “The election shall be as provided in Article IV, Sections 2, 3, **and 7** of the Constitution.”
26. Art. 5 Sect. 3:
- a. changed “...once every two years, or oftener if required...” to “...once every two years, or **more often** if required
- b. changed “The results will be presented to the membership in attendance at each reunion, and submitted in writing for publishing in the newsletter.” to “The results will be presented to the membership in attendance at each **Membership Meeting**, and submitted in writing for **publication** in the **Newsletter.**”
27. Art. 6 Sect. 1
- a. changed “Amendments and/or revision to the Constitution and the By-Laws...” to “Amendments and/or revisions to the Constitution and the **Bylaws...**”
- b. changed “...majority vote of the membership at a national reunion subject to the quorum requirement.” to “...majority vote of the membership at a **Membership Meeting, or through acceptable communication channels as determined by the Board**, subject to the quorum requirement.”
- c. changed “...a minimum of three months prior to the reunion.” to “...a minimum of three months prior to the **Membership Meeting.**”

# 2020: SGS Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Margaret Petersen, SGS Treasurer

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b> (Oct. 1 Previous Year)	\$94,079.30	\$91,525.43	\$89,799.34	\$84,484.48	\$90,067.05

Checkbook	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Beginning Checkbook Balance</b>	\$17,791.53	\$14,276.17	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14	\$11,980.06
Add Total Receipts	\$2,048.57	\$11,360.00	\$6,772.04	\$13,200.00	\$3,305.00
Subtotal	\$19,840.10	\$25,636.17	\$17,978.06	\$22,098.14	\$15,285.06
Less Disbursements	\$5,563.93	\$14,430.15	\$9,079.92	\$10,118.08	\$3,254.66
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance</b>	\$14,276.17	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14	\$11,980.06	\$12,030.40

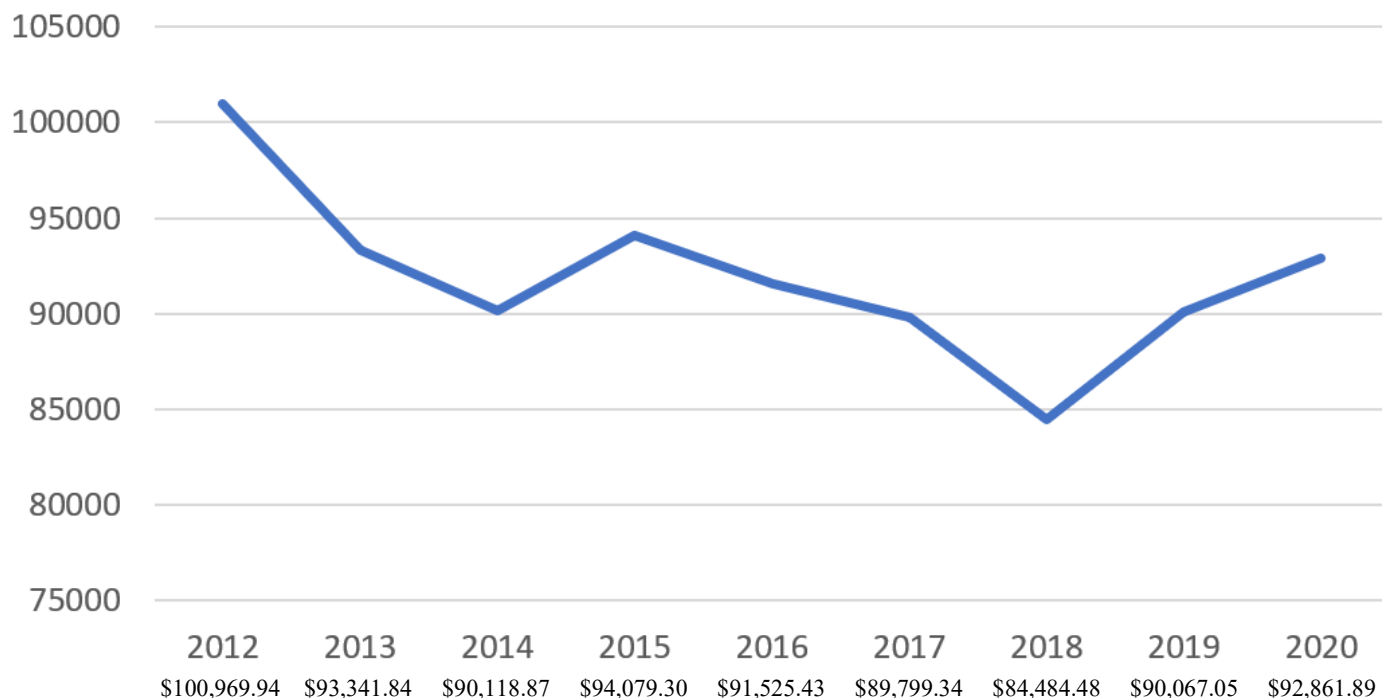
Investments	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Beginning Investment Balance</b>	\$76,287.77	\$77,249.26	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37	\$78,086.99
Investment Interest/Loss	+\$961.49	+\$1,344.06	-\$3,011.95*	+\$2,505.62	\$2,744.50
<b>Ending Investment Balance</b>	\$77,249.26	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37	\$78,086.99	\$80,831.49

Checkbook and Investment Total	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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<b>Total Ending Balance Sept. 30</b>	<b>\$91,525.43</b>	<b>\$89,799.34</b>	<b>\$84,484.48</b>	<b>\$90,067.05</b>	<b>\$92,861.89</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)*

## SGS Treasurer's Report Balances as of Sept. 30 of Each Year



*Note: 2012 was the year SGS received a bequest from Robert and Evelyn Johnson in the sum of \$88,919.86*



Receipts	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Dues	\$752.00	\$810.00	\$401.00	\$906.00	\$855.00
LIFE Memberships	\$375.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	\$625.00
Books	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$137.00	\$608.00	\$1007.00
CDs	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$135.00	\$300.00
Research Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Fund Donations	\$642.00	\$704.00	\$418.00	\$31.00	\$64.00
Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Hard Copies of Newsletters	\$108.00	\$593.00	\$157.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
Member Donations to SRC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Registrations	\$0.00	\$7,543.00	\$0.00	\$8,026.00	\$0.00
Reunion Sales (Shirts, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$572.00	\$0.00
Return of Deposit from Hotel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Reunion Raffle Tickets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book Pre-Order	\$70.00	\$665.00	\$105.00	\$1,085.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$210.00
Other (shirt, hat, postage, etc.)	\$26.57	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$24.00
18-Month CD Matured	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,274.04	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,048.57</b>	<b>\$11,360.00</b>	<b>\$6,772.04</b>	<b>\$13,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,305.00</b>
Disbursements	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Postage	\$86.48	\$306.59	\$56.64	\$102.27	\$277.51
Supplies	\$9.99	\$19.69	\$7.42	\$93.99	23.36
Newsletter Printing	\$1,485.75	\$420.86	\$415.90	\$318.74	\$319.31
Newsletter Postage	\$396.08	\$97.62	\$128.64	\$54.70	\$87.05
Other Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$962.56	\$1,296.57
Reunion Souvenir Book Printing	\$0.00	\$1,081.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book Mailing	\$0.00	\$6.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SGS Donation to SRC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
SGS Donations to Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Utah State Fee for CD Investments	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NGS Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ancestry Subscription	\$299.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.40	\$0.00
Reimburse DNA Testing	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reimburse Member Due to Illness	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Researcher Apryl Cox	\$0.00	\$592.00	\$1,221.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Researcher Bruce Murduck	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Research	\$1,471.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$471.75	\$0.00
Website Maintenance	\$464.98	\$351.59	\$16.99	\$16.99	\$0.00
Website Domain Name Renewal (5 Yrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.33	\$0.00
Website Redesign	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Expenses	\$0.00	\$7,520.38	\$1,408.33	\$6,431.35	\$0.00
Reunion (2017) Deposit	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion SGS Banner	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Award Plaque	\$0.00	\$42.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Digitize Generation Six Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	25.86
Refund Orders for Generation Six Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$5,563.93</b>	<b>\$14,430.15</b>	<b>\$9,079.92</b>	<b>\$10,118.08</b>	<b>\$3254.66</b>

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## Proposed Revisions to SGS Constitution and Bylaws

# Seeley Genealogical Society Constitution and Bylaws

## Constitution

(Revised October 1, 2021)

### ARTICLE I: Name

- SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be THE SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as “the Society or SGS.”
- SECTION 2. The Reverend Garner Osborne is recognized as the founder of the society. Any person who was a member prior to 1965 is a charter member.

### ARTICLE II: Objectives

- SECTION 1. The Society will solicit as members, descendants of the Seeley surname of all spellings to include those who by marriage have acquired another surname, and anyone who has an interest in genealogy. Known surname spelling variants include Seelye, Seely, Selee, Sealey, Sealy, Seela, Cilley, Ceely, Ceilly, and Ceilley; however, all similar spellings or variants are included.
- SECTION 2. The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity. In so far as practical, the Society will respond to all that inquire about Seeley ancestral lines. The Society will receive, hold and invest appropriate monies, dues, gifts, proceeds from sales, interest, etc., and control and administer any properties for the benefit of the Society. The Society shall publish a periodic Newsletter.
- SECTION 3. The Society will establish and maintain associations with societies of other surnames and state and national organizations to encourage interest in genealogy and to benefit therefrom.
- SECTION 4. The Society will pay special recognition to Robert Seeley of England who immigrated to America in anno domini 1630; and to Obadiah Seeley, who appeared in the records of Stamford, Connecticut in 1640.
- SECTION 5. The Society will maintain the Seelye Research Center, co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kansas. The Research Center will collect family and archival records for research by the membership and members of the general public.

### ARTICLE III: Membership, Dues and Fiscal Year

- SECTION 1. There shall be three classes of membership in the Society:  
 Charter: Persons who participate in founding and administration of the Society prior to 1965.  
 Individual, Library, or Society  
 (3) Lifetime  
 Charter, Individual, and Lifetime memberships shall apply to a member and spouse.
- SECTION 2. Dues shall be specified in the SGS Newsletter subject to revision per Article I of the Bylaws.
- SECTION 3. Any and all references within the Constitution and Bylaws referring to the fiscal year shall refer to the period from October 1 through September 30.

### ARTICLE IV: Officers

- SECTION 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. Voting members of the Executive Board must be elected and not appointed.  
 The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chair, a Membership Chair, a Director of Communication, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the Seelye Research Center.  
 Any member of the SGS may hold the position of an elected or appointed officer within the SGS.
- SECTION 2. Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. The election is to take place at the Membership Meeting. Officers and members in good standing are eligible to vote. A quorum of ten percent of the membership is required for a valid election.
- SECTION 3. The officers' and directors' term of office shall begin on October 1 following the election or reelection of officers and directors at the Membership Meeting.
- SECTION 4. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time, except for short times resulting from succession to office as provided for in Article IV, Section 5.
- SECTION 5. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of any officer, except the President or a Vice President, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected officers. For the unexpired term, of the President and/or a Vice

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President, succession will be automatic from the remaining elected officers in the order shown in Article IV, Section 1 above, exclusive of the Treasurer.

SECTION 6. The elected officers and directors shall constitute an Executive Board.

SECTION 7. If there is more than one nominee for any office, elections shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of the voting quorum shall elect.

**ARTICLE V: Meetings**

SECTION 1. The membership shall meet at least every two years, physically or virtually, as specified in the **Bylaws**. Business of the Society may be conducted if there is a quorum present at the Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2. The officers and Executive Board shall meet as specified in the **Bylaws** and serve without monetary compensation.

SECTION 3. The order of business at all meetings will be governed by **Robert's** Rules of Order, Revised. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian, who will serve at the pleasure of the president.

SECTION 4. To conduct business of the Society at a **Membership Meeting**, a quorum of ten percent of the membership will be required. Five elected officers constitute a quorum of the **Executive Board**.

**ARTICLE VI: Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society**

SECTION 1. At the time that the dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society becomes necessary, all remaining assets shall be transferred to one or more entities that are involved in collecting, disseminating and archiving genealogical information available for general public use. The Board of Directors shall distribute such remaining assets to such entities with similar objectives as outlined in the SGS Constitution, provided that they meet IRS Section 501 (c) (3) requirements.

**Bylaws**

(Revised October 1, 2021)

**ARTICLE I: Dues and Membership**

SECTION 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to periodically review the dues structure to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Society. Changes proposed by the Executive Board must be approved by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership, subject to quorum requirements and the minimum requirements of Article V, Sections 1 and 4 of the Constitution. Dues are to be paid to the Treasurer who will send the members' documentation to the Membership Chair.

SECTION 2. Membership will be awarded as specified in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Membership may be refused or suspended by a three-fifths vote of the Executive Board to anyone or any organization, whose interests conflict with the purpose of the Society.

**ARTICLE II: Meetings**

SECTION 1: The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall call meetings of the Board and the general membership subject to the minimum requirements of Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. It is recommended that the President call a meeting of the Executive Board at least once a year. The Society recognizes the geographical dispersion of the officers and directors. The President and Executive Board may conduct business by any method that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other. Minutes of Board Meetings are to be reported to the membership in the **Newsletter**. The in-person meeting of officers and directors is encouraged when it is practical.

SECTION 3. Six (6) of the officers and **Board of Directors** may call a special meeting of the officers and directors for consideration of issues. A special officers and directors meeting may also be called by ten percent of the membership of the Society by signed petition, at no expense to the Society. Quorum requirements will apply.

**ARTICLE III: Duties of Elected Officers**

SECTION 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, **shall** preside at all meetings, and shall be a member of all committees except the nomination and auditing committees. The President is authorized to approve disbursement of reasonable fund amounts from the Treasurer's account(s) for the routine operation of the Society business, to carry on correspondence and to publish the **Newsletter**. The President shall serve as the **chair** of the committee to organize the **Membership Meeting** conducted per Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.

SECTION 2. If the President determines that an elected officer or director is not performing the duties for which elected, the President may request the Executive Board remove the member from the **Board**. Such removal will require a three-fifths vote of the eligible Executive Board members.

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- SECTION 3. The First Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President, and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.
- SECTION 4. The Second Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President and First Vice President.
- SECTION 5. The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the Membership Meetings. The Secretary will perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President.
- SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds and maintain all accounts in the name of The Seeley Genealogical Society and shall be responsible for maintaining adequate financial records. When the Executive Board shall determine bonding is required, this will be done at the expense of the Society. If investment of funds of the Society is made, approval of the Executive Board is required.
- SECTION 7. The Chief Genealogist shall have custody of the genealogical files of the Society, maintain such other files necessary for performing assigned duties, and safeguard them from common hazards. The duties are those generally accepted as responsibilities of a genealogist. The Chief Genealogist will be assisted by genealogists appointed by the President and shall also work closely with the Director of the Seelye Research Center to assure that all Society records are copied and/or archived at the Center for researchers' use.
- SECTION 8. Directors: The three Directors shall serve as representatives of the general membership. They may be assigned duties by the President to assist in the administration of the Society.
- 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.
- SECTION 10. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named elsewhere.

**ARTICLE IV: Duties of Appointed Officers**

- SECTION 1. Director of Communication: The Director of Communication shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Society's public and internal communication in accordance with this document, the direction of the President, and the best interest of SGS. This may include but is not limited to the publishing of a Newsletter and other publications of SGS, management of the Society's online properties, and other duties as assigned. The Director will be assisted by volunteers and others appointed by the President.
- SECTION 2. Ancestor Files Chair: The Ancestor Files Chair shall be responsible for maintaining a computerized database, in coordination with the Chief Genealogist, of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society and shall also be responsible for responding to inquiries to the Society regarding established lineage.
- SECTION 3. Research Center Director: The Research Center Director shall be responsible for maintaining the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kansas, as a resource to Society members and the general public and shall act as an advisor to the President and to the Chief Genealogist.
- SECTION 4. Membership Chair: The Membership Chair shall be responsible for the promotion of the Society membership and the maintenance of membership rolls. The Membership Chair shall be appointed by the President from the membership, exclusive of the Treasurer.
- SECTION 5. Assistant Genealogist: Assistant Genealogists, when appointed, will be responsible for specific tasks in support of the Chief Genealogist's function.

**ARTICLE V: Committees**

- SECTION 1. The President shall appoint necessary standing and ad hoc committees and require reports from them.
- SECTION 2. Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least two (2) members one year in advance of the Membership Meeting. The nominating committee shall ascertain that all candidates nominated will be willing to serve if elected. The election shall be as provided in Article IV, Sections 2, 3, and 7 of the Constitution. Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the consent of the nominee.
- SECTION 3. Auditing Committee: The President shall appoint an auditing committee of not less than two (2) members to examine the financial records of the Society, once every two years, or more often if required by the Executive Board. The results will be presented to the membership in attendance at each Membership Meeting, and submitted in writing for publication in the Newsletter.

**ARTICLE VI: Amendments and/or Revisions**

- SECTION 1. Amendments and/or revisions to the Constitution and the Bylaws will require approval by a three-fifths majority vote of the membership at a Membership Meeting, or through acceptable communication channels as determined by the Executive Board, subject to the quorum requirement. All proposed changes must be printed in the Newsletter for membership review a minimum of three months prior to the Membership Meeting.

# SGS Queries **(as of Oct. 24, 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:

### 2011-1 Submitted by LeeAnn ([yettalass@verizon.net](mailto:yettalass@verizon.net))

LeeAnn was in touch with us to let us know that she is selling a teaspoon on Ebay that was made by Seely & Son. She has identified that maker as J. F. Seely of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence, NY. On the back is inscribed "Seely & Son 3 oz." She thought we might be interested in the information for historical or genealogical purposes.



**SGS Response:** First of all, I can tell you that all sorts of things turn up if you just search for "Seely" on Ebay! As far as J. F. Seely is concerned, we have John Fine Seely in the SGS Ancestor File as a son of Joab Seely, SGS# 3051. John was born in 1823 and died in 1897. He is buried in the Ogdensburg Cemetery. We have his wife as Hannah Edsall.

1860 census Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence, NY

- Seely, John F., age 35, b. NY, jeweler store
- Seely, Hannah E., age 34, b. NY
- Seely, John A., age 8, Hermon B., age 5, Mary A., age 3, Holly age, 8 mos., all b. NY
- 2 servants

1870 census Oswegatchie, St Lawrence, NY

- Seely, John F. D., age 45, jeweler, b. NY
- Seely, John A., age 18, clerk in store, Herman B., age 15, Mary H., age 13, Hattie E., age 10, all b. NY
- Pomeroy, Mary A., age 53, keeping house, b. NY
- Pomeroy, Louis., age 24, school teacher, Mary C., age

- 21, keeping house, both b. NY
- McGregor, Nellie E., age 13, Gilbert Page, age 10, both b. NY
- Crane, Amanda, age 49, b. VT
- Hodgson, M. C., age 27, music teacher, b. VT
- 1 servant

1880 census Ogdensburg, St Lawrence, NY

- Seely, John F., age 56, widower, jeweler, b. NY, NY, VT
- Seely, John A., age 28, jeweler, b. NY, NY, NY
- Seely, Hallie, age 20, b. NY, NY, NY
- Pomeroy, Mary A., age 62, sister, b. NY, NY, VT
- McGregor, Helen, age 23, boarder, b. NY, SCOT, NY
- 1 servant

You can read an obituary for John F. Seely on our website: <http://www.seeley-society.org/genealogy/obituaries/john-f-seely/>

### 2011-2 Submitted by Steven J Seely ([stevie659@aol.com](mailto:stevie659@aol.com))

George Henry Seely is the submitter's grandfather. Steven says, "He died at 49 in Lawton Oklahoma. Born Dec 6th 1901. Died Jan 1960. 1st wife was Anna Marie Devaney. 2 sons and 4 daughters."

**SGS Response:** We have an obituary and a news article about George's death on our website: <https://www.seeley-society.org/genealogy/obituaries/george-h-seely/>. We also have George listed in the SGS Ancestor File. George was actually born in 1911 in Greenbush, Crawford, KS to Beecher W. H. Seely. However, we did not have the name of George's mother in the Ancestor File nor death

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information for Beecher.

1920 census Girard, Crawford, KS

- Seeley, Inez, age 44, b. IL, IL, IL, widow
- Seeley, Louella, age 19, b. KS, IL, IL; Lottie B., age 17, b. MO, IL, IL; both groc. store saleslady
- Seeley, Fannie B., age 16, Sarah E., age 14, Almeda, age 10, George H., age 9, all b. KS, IL, IL

1900 census Baker, Crawford, KS

- Seely, Beecher W., b. Oct 1866 IL, PA, IL, coal miner, md. 10 yrs. to
  - Seely, Inez, b. Dec 1874, IA, KY, PA, 5 ch., 4 living
  - Seely, Frank, b. Nov 1891, Hattie, b. Aug. 1893, Christina, b. Dec 1897, Louella, b. Feb 1900, all b. KS, IL, IA, except Christina, b. Indian Terr., IL, IA
  - B. W., Inez, Frank, and Hattie are also in the 1895 state census of Washington, Crawford, KS
- They are also in Washington, Crawford, KS, in 1905 with the addition of Lottie, b. 1902, and Fannie b. 1904

1910 census Grant, Crawford, KS

- Sheely, Beecher W., age 43, b. IL, IL, IL, farmer, md. 19 yrs. to
- Sheely, Inez S., age 35, b. IA, PA, OH, 9 ch., 8 living
- Sheely, Hattie M., age 16, md. 2 yrs., b. KS, IL, IA; Christina, age 12, b. OK, IL, IA; Lou, age 10, b. KS, IL, IA; Lottie B., age 7, b. MO, IL, IA; Fannie B., age 6, Eva L., age 4, Almeda, age 1 yr., 2 mos., all born KS, IL, IA

1915 Census Girard, Crawford, KS

- Seely, Ineze, age 40, b. IA; Christine, age 17, b. KS, Ella, age 15, b. OK, Lottie, age 13, b. MO; Fannie, age 11, Eva, age 9, Mida, age 6, George, age 4, all b. KS
- Short, Frank, age 23, b. KS, miner

KS Marriage Index:

- Beecher W. Seely, age 26. Md. Dec 24, 1892, Crawford Co., KS, to Iniz Brown

Montana Death certificate

- Beecher W. Seely, md., white male, b. Oct 10, 1866, IL, OK, coal miner, died at Hoffman, Park, MT, Nov 7, 1929

**2011-3** Submitted by Cindy Pflumm

([cindypflumm.watts@gmail.com](mailto:cindypflumm.watts@gmail.com))

Cindy has been searching for the ancestry of her great-great-grandmother Triphenia Seeley, daughter of Elijah Seeley and his wife, Rosanna James. The information Cindy has shows Elijah as a son of William W., who is a son of Solomon Seeley, son of Elnathan. She wanted to know whether this information was correct, and whether we had her line going further back.

**SGS Response:** Elnathan is SGS# 128 and his son Solomon is SGS# 81a. When the Sixth Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley was published, we listed no children for Solomon, but since then we have added five children, including SGS# 1196e, William W. Seeley, who married Tryphenia Mattoon. Interestingly, Pam Turner, the SGS Research Center Librarian, is also descended from William W. through his son William W., II. I put Cindy in touch with Pam, and it turned out there was a DNA match between Cindy and Pam's aunt. We had Elijah in the SGS Ancestor File, married to Rosanna, but without her maiden name and without all his children. Elijah had sons John and William, who both died in the Civil War, and daughters

Mary (who married Henry Jones) and Tryphenia/Triphenia who married John Dallas. Get in touch with me if you would like more information on these Seeley descendants.

**2011-4** Submitted by Katherine McCarron

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Katherine is looking for the burial location of John Nichols Seely, SGS# 441. According to findagrave.com, *"John Nichols Seely married Katherine Brinker in 1780 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. John N. Seely applied for, and received, a pension for his services as an officer in the Revolutionary War. He applied for the pension on June 6, 1832, while a resident of Ralls County, Missouri, and when he was 83 years of age. On his pension application he stated that he enlisted early in December, 1776, in Captain Alexander Patterson's company in the 12th Pennsylvania Regiment. He was commissioned as Ensign on February 3, 1777. John was in the Battles of Ash Swamp and Short Hills, and served until August 20, 1777, when he resigned because of ill health. He also stated that he was in the Battles of Bunker Hill, Germantown, and Brandywine, and that his discharge was signed by General Washington. John and Katherine had 13 children: Susan, Mary, Jacob, George Washington, Elizabeth, Abraham, William, Sarah, Isaac, John N., Sally, Ann, Katherine, and Eleanor. John and Katherine's burial location is unknown. They have been placed in Salem Cemetery since it is in Ralls County and several of their descendants are buried there."*

Katherine wonders if any of our members live in or near Ralls Co., MO, and, if so, would they be willing to look for a marker. Also, there is a book at the State Historical Society of MO in Rolla titled *Cobb-Seely*

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- Paul Taylor has changed Internet and Website passwords, as requested by Lynda Simmons.
- Chris Havnar is an integral part of the process for the expansion of the SGS Website.
- Paul Taylor and Logan Seelye continue to work together and with Chris Havnar to update the Website.

**2021 Membership Meeting and Reunion:** Lynda Simmons

- The SGS Reunion Planning Committee should propose to the Board options for the next Membership Meeting, including place and time.
- Lynda Simmons will schedule a meeting of the Reunion Planning Committee and report its recommendations at the next Board Meeting.
- Paul Taylor agreed to investigate the process, price, and feasibility of a large group ZOOM meeting.
- Lynda Simmons appointed David Petersen a member of the Reunion Planning Committee.

**Adjournment: 2:30 p.m. EST.**



## 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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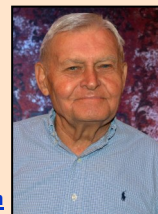
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## SGS Appointed Officers and Volunteers for 2019- 2021

**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."

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Conducts and arranges for genealogical research on behalf of the society.
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☐ ROBERT SEELEY (1602-1667)   ☐ OBADIAH SEELEY (1614-1657)   ☐ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_   ☐ UNKNOWN

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