



Seeley Genealogical Society

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Dear Linda;

This letter commends you for your outstanding performance as the Query Editor for the Seeley Genealogical Society.

In the February 2003 issue of the SGS Newsletter, members were informed of your agreement to assume the challenging position as Query Editor. My expectation at that time was that you would use the existing Query Team, and the resources they had, to respond to queries. However, you have, at your own expense, visited specific sites to gather information. You have extensively analyzed U.S., State, and other Census data and you have used other internet sources to assist people with finding more information on their ancestors.

More heartwarming was your courage in accepting this position shortly after losing your mother. You responded to the first 47 queries while living in the United Kingdom and you had not even met members of the Seeley Genealogical Society. You continued your volunteer duties during a challenging move back to the United States, temporarily living in Massachusetts before finally settling in Parkersburg, West Virginia. In all, according to my count, you have responded to 128 queries in the four and a half years you've been our query editor.

But the number of queries you've processed doesn't tell the whole story. You've responded to queries submitted via the Seeley website from nonmembers. You encouraged members to submit "brick wall" queries. The scope of effort you have expended and the amount of data you've published in the SGS Newsletter has truly impressed our members and has contributed to the newsletter winning national attention. The broad range of resources you have used in developing query responses has been continually impressive.

Linda, you have impressively raised the bar as the SGS Query Editor. Your performance has been way beyond our original expectations and has set a wonderful example for other SGS volunteers. I am proud to present you with a Certificate of Commendation on behalf and with the thanks of the Seeley Genealogical Society.

James R. Seeley
President, Seeley Genealogical Society

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