



Seeley Genealogical Society

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Subject: FGS Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor Nomination

The Seeley Genealogical Society is pleased and honored to nominate Mrs. Madeline Helene Merrill Mills [June 16, 1916 - July 24, 2004] for induction into the Federation of Genealogical Society's Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor.

During her tenure of office (1992-1999) as genealogist of the Seeley Genealogical Society, Mrs. Mills was instrumental in the compiling, co-authoring, and publishing of three books, The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602 - 1667) Generations One through Five, c1997; The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602 - 1667) The Sixth Generation Families, c1995; and The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602 - 1667) The Seventh Generation Families, 2000. These three books contain the information concerning the posterity of Obadiah Seeley and Robert Seeley, both of whom were colonists of New England.

The information was compiled from various sources and required extensive organizing on the part of Mrs. Mills. Not all records agreed, so Mrs. Mills had to use much "discretion and logic" in trying to assemble family groups.

These volumes form the basis of the genealogical record of the Seeley Genealogical Society and have proven invaluable to many people researching the Seeley surname. We are grateful for the fine work of Madeline Helene Merrill Mills and recommend her as most worthy of posthumous induction into the Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor.

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The above letter was sent to FGS posthumously nominating Madeline Mills for induction into Ruth C. Bishop Volunteer Hall of Honor. FGS selected Madeline as one of the honorees for induction. Although the certificate did not arrive until after the reunion, SGS was notified of the honor and an announcement was made at the reunion notifying the membership. One of the two certificates will be officially presented to Madeline's daughter Kathie Olsen at the 2007 reunion and the other now hangs on the wall of honor in the Seelye Research Center in Abilene.