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Standing and Ad Hoc Committees of SGS

By Katherine M. Olsen, President

I thank Paul Taylor for his suggestion that I write an article on the large number of Seeley Genealogical Society's committees. I think it might be interesting for SGS members to know what committees we have, what their purposes are, and who the members of various committees are. I welcome volunteers who would like to be involved in these committees.

Our constitution and by-laws outline the place of committees in the Seeley Genealogical Society. There are three sections in the by-laws Article V: Committees. Section 1 states, "The President shall appoint necessary standing and ad hoc committees and require reports from them." Article III: Duties of Elected Officers, Section 1 states, "The President... shall be a member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees.... The President shall serve as the chairperson of the committee to organize the membership meeting conducted per Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution."

Ad hoc committees are set up with a purpose and end when that purpose is met. The by-laws mention two ad hoc committees:

Article V: Section 2 states, "Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least two (2) members one year in advance of the national reunion. The Nominating Committee shall ascertain that all candidates nominated will be willing to serve if elected." Linda Crocker chaired this committee with Marshall Seelye and Camille Seeley Bell as members for the 2013 election. At the conclusion of the membership meeting, this committee disbanded.

Article V: Section 3 states, "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 oftener if required by the Executive Board. The results will be presented to the membership in attendance at each reunion, and submitted in writing for publishing in the newsletter." Lynda Simmons and Lou Ann Crisler served on this committee for the 2013 reunion. The committee found the Treasurer's books to be organized, accurate, and orderly. Its report was published as part of the minutes of the Membership Meeting in the November, 2013 newsletter. This committee also disbanded at the conclusion of the membership meeting.

Another ad hoc committee is the Reunion Committee which is assembled for the purpose of arranging the

upcoming reunion. The 2013 reunion committee did a great job! I chaired the committee with Bill Hileman, Marion Hileman, Sue Ann Craven, Roeberta Shingledecker, and Linda Crocker. This committee disbanded at the conclusion of the reunion.

A great group has volunteered to serve as the 2015 Reunion Committee. I will again chair. Members include Terry Tietjens, Jesse Crisler, Lou Ann Crisler, Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker, Chris Havnar, Camille Seeley Bell, Ivey Harris, Ruthetta Hansen, Sue Ann Craven, Thera Seeley Clark, Walt Seelye, and Marie Seelye. We will hold a planning meeting in Abilene, Kan., on

Thursday, July 17, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this effort.

Another ad hoc committee is the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, chaired by George Seeley with Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker, Mary Palley, Richard Speer (deceased) and me as members. This committee proposed changes to the constitution and by-laws. These proposed changes were published in the newsletter and voted on by SGS members at the reunion. This committee disbanded at the conclusion of the membership meeting. A new constitution committee needs to be assembled for the 2015 reunion. If you are willing to serve, please contact me.

Finally, the SGS Research Committee, formed at the 2013-2015 Executive Board Meeting held in Grand Rapids, will determine and prioritize the research goals for 2013-2015. The committee consists of Walt Seelye, Jim Seeley,

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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 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, Seelee, 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)

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for the summer of 2015 (exact dates TBD) in Abilene, Kan. 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

Kathie Olsen, SGS President

I am still playing catch-up from our recent reunion. It was a wonderful and busy few days, providing an opportunity to visit with each other and learn new things about our Seeley family. I appreciate all those who had any part in making it such a success.

If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to order a copy of the Grand Rapids Souvenir Book. It will contain the happenings at the reunion as well as the happenings in the Society since the last reunion, including the updated constitution and by-laws. Send a check for \$30.00, payable to SGS to me, by March 15, 2014. It will go to press shortly after that date. Thanks to Paul Taylor for leading this endeavor!

Our Facebook page is up and running under the capable hands of Paul Taylor. If you are a Facebook user, please join and contribute information. We also have a wonderful website at www.seeley-society.net, maintained by our webmasters, Chris and Jerry Havnar. Take the time to visit the website. These are important resources for all of us.

Thanks also to elected and appointed officers who volunteer their time, money, and efforts to SGS. Please consider volunteering to help, either as an officer or by serving on a committee. A list of the SGS committees is also in this newsletter.

Our application for non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service was submitted September 27, 2013. I was notified that it had been received and I would hear more, though I have not yet heard anything.

Because expenses continue to exceed income, all members need to consider receiving the newsletter via email which requires no printing nor mailing fees. Please let Lynda Simmons know your correct/current email address. Please notify her if your email address changes. Her address is on page 11. Please consider making a contribution to the Operating Fund of SGS, which is dwindling. Send your donations to Sally Seeley. Her address is on page 11.

Every member of SGS is a recruiter for new members! You know your relatives better than anyone else. Explain the benefits of SGS membership and invite them to join. A membership form is in this newsletter. We need to encourage new, younger members who will be willing and able to help do the work of SGS. This organization has been functioning for almost 50 years and I hope it will still be functioning in 50 more years! It takes a lot of committed people to move forward the purposes of this organization, and we welcome all to join us!

The next meeting of Elected and Appointed Officers will be Friday, July 18, 2014, in the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan., at 1:00 p.m. In addition to the meetings, we will be working in the SRC to organize and file materials that have been received since we met there in 2012. All are always welcome to join us!

Plan now to attend the next reunion in 2015 in Abilene, Kan., where we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the founding of SGS.

Call for Articles Concerning Our Seeley Ancestors

By Kathie Olsen, SGS President

I challenge each of you to write a newsletter article about one of your ancestors. Here are the guidelines:

1. Complete name including maiden and married surnames,
2. Give the Seeley lineage including SGS#'s, if known,
3. Subject is deceased,
4. Include a timeline of pertinent information including birth, marriage, children, death, etc.,
5. Include pertinent achievements of this individual,
6. Include a picture, if available,
7. Cite source information with references in footnotes,
8. Submit the history to me for possible inclusion in an upcoming newsletter, on our website, or on our Facebook page.

For an example, see the February, 2012, newsletter article by Jesse Crisler, "In Their DNA -- Notable Seeley Descendants: Mary Young Wilcox."



SGS Committees *(continued from page 1)*

Linda Crocker, Wesley Waring, and me. No chair was designated. If you have suggestions for research goals, please contact me or any other member of this committee. Besides ad hoc committees, SGS maintains many standing committees. I sincerely appreciate all who currently serve. I would welcome anyone else who volunteers to join any of these committees. The below list is alphabetical.

The Ancestor File Committee consists of Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar. They are "responsible for maintaining a computerized database of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society" (Section 2 of the by-laws ARTICLE IV: Duties of Appointed Officers). In addition they regularly update the Ancestor File with information gathered from obituaries, vital records, queries, and other research. Linda also serves as the query editor of the newsletter and in this capacity, she responds to inquiries to the Society by members and non-members discovering or verifying information on their Seeley ancestors and connects them to established SGS lineages. Any new information uncovered is added to the Ancestor File.

The Awards and Recognition Committee is chaired by Jim Seeley with Marshall Seelye and me as members. This committee identifies opportunities for members to be recognized by SGS and other organizations. Mary Flynn Palley and Marshall Seelye were recognized as outgoing officers for their service to SGS. Chris and Jerry Havnar were recognized for their many contributions to SGS as recipients of the first biennial Outstanding SGS Volunteer Award. The SGS newsletter with Paul Taylor as Editor was awarded an Honorable Mention by the National Genealogical Society.

The DNA Lineage Project Committee chaired by Walt Seelye, continues the project of organizing findings connected with DNA testing.

The Genealogy Committee is technically not a standing committee. Linda Crocker is elected to serve as the chief genealogist her assistant genealogists include Dian Little (Obadiah line), Pauline Cilley Garner (other lines), and Chris Havnar (Robert/Nathaniel line). The SGS area coordinators are: Ann Hall, Chris Havnar, Ardienne Damcic, Andrew Waber, Terry Tietjens, Paul Seeley, Marshall Seelye, Janet Seely, Laura Condie, Liz Alexander, Mary Palley, Dian Little, Bob Seeley, and Jim Seeley.

The History of Seeley Genealogical Society Committee is chaired by Ruthetta Hansen, SGS historian with Jim Seeley, Wesley Waring, and me as members. One of the tasks of this committee is to write a two page-history to be published in the next souvenir book.

The Membership Committee is chaired by Lynda Simmons with Margaret Petersen and me as members. This committee is responsible for the promotion of the Society membership, maintenance of membership rolls, and collecting and forwarding of dues to the Treasurer.

The Publications Committee chair, Paul Taylor, is responsible for the organization, printing and mailing of the Seeley Genealogical Society newsletter. In addition to the newsletter, the Publications Editor shall be responsible for the publishing of and/or providing oversight of the other publications of SGS. Bob Seeley, the CD-ROM Project Director, serves under the direction of this committee. A sub-committee was established at the 2013-2015

Executive Board Meeting held in Grand Rapids to address possible changes to the newsletter. In addition to Paul as chairperson, other members are Wesley Waring, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, and me.

The Seelye Research Center Committee is co-chaired by Terry Tietjens, as director, and Pam Turner, as librarian. They are responsible for maintaining the National Research Center in Abilene, Kan., as a resource to Society members and members of the general public.

The Seeley Genealogical Society Website Committee is chaired by the webmaster, Chris Havnar with Jerry Havnar as advisor. It maintains the website, www.seeley-society.net.



SGS Welcomes New Members:

Stan L. Seely, Layton, Utah

Karen Hart, South Boardman, Michigan

Milford, Conn., Celebrates 375 Years in 2014



Descendants of early Milford, Conn. families and others who would like to visit are invited to the many activities being planned during the summer of 2014. There will be an Early Families Weekend July 19 and 20. Other events throughout the year include a Gala, Parade, and Town and Cemetery Tours. Check the Milford Historical Society website for details.

<http://www.milfordhistoricalsociety.org/>

Did you receive this edition of the newsletter electronically?

If so, you received it up to three weeks before those still taking the hard copy.

You're also seeing it in living color with active hyperlinks.

Most importantly you're saving SGS a substantial amount of money, making it possible for the Society to accomplish its mission of research, collection, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity.

Thank You!

If you would like to reap the benefits of electronic delivery of the SGS Newsletter, contact SGS Membership Chair Lynda Simmons at summitkids@gmail.com.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

Not sure if your dues are due?

Check out the address label on this issue of the Newsletter.

The second line gives you the month and year your dues are paid to. For example:

10/15 means Paul & Carolyn's dues are paid up to October 1, 2015

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Those who receive the newsletter electronically, may contact Membership Chair Lynda Simmons (contact info on page 11) to find out their dues date.

Nathaniel vs. Obadiah DNA

Story by Walt Seelye, SGS DNA Lineage Project Coordinator

Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) is the latest tool for tracing your family tree. With a cheek swab you can verify your lineage for generations back or discover a challenging new direction for research.

The Seeley Genealogical Society had documented Nathaniel as the son of Robert Seeley of the 1630 Winthrop Fleet, but Obadiah was only suggested to be a second son. We discovered through DNA that Obadiah is not Robert's son; Robert and Obadiah are not related for farther back than we can determine. So Obadiah's descendants now must determine how he came to America.

Various types of DNA analysis, available for different purposes, might assist in this effort. At the moment, SGS is narrowly focused on a 37-marker Y-DNA analysis. The Y chromosome is passed unchanged (except for random mutations) from father to son, while other chromosomes are a recombination of father's and mother's chromosomes. Thus we look only at Seeley-surname males for this analysis.

These 37 positions (out of thousands) on the Y chromosome are so-termed non-coding DNA (formerly called "junk DNA"). They do not contribute to any gene, we do not know what they do. But they can be used to trace lineage, since over the course of a dozen generations, very few random mutations occur. (The average is 1 change in 500 generations.)

Incidentally, these 37 positions (markers) have nothing to do with the DNA tests in criminal investigations. In the lab your swab is assigned a number, and the technicians don't know your identity. (Lineage DNA analysis typically takes 4-6 weeks, unlike TV where the results come within

the and hour's program!)

DNA is made from various combinations of four nucleotide bases (building blocks), labelled A, C, G, & T for short. The lab examines the specific markers listed for repeating patterns within the marker, such as GATAGATA or CTGCTGCTG, etc, called Short Tandem Repeats (STRs). Differences in the number of STRs separate the Seeleys from the Joneses, for example. Because DNA genealogy is so new, various labs choose different markers for analysis; thus Family Tree DNA lab's 37-marker Y-DNA test can be compared with only 26 markers of the Nathaniel standard. A small change in one or two markers is considered normal over a 12-generation span. By comparison, Nathaniel and Obadiah differ in 13 markers, which puts their common ancestor long before people had surnames.

How can we use DNA analysis? DNA can confirm or deny what your paper trail tells you, as far as your general descent is concerned. It can guide the direction of your research. For example, it can tell you that you share a common ancestor with "cousin" Bob, but it cannot tell you precisely how you connect. It can reinforce your lineage but not show the details that paper documentation can. Still, by showing an unexpected link, it can open a new area of investigation.

As more DNA analyses come in from Seeleys, we are finding a number of cousins who, according to DNA, are neither Nathaniel nor Obadiah descendants, raising opportunities and questions that progress in DNA research, coupled with additional hard work getting paper documentation, may answer.



Seelye Research Center Update

Story by Pam Turner, SRC Librarian



In the past year I have been stressing the importance of protecting the information that you store on your computer. Now I want to let you know that doing a "back-up" may not be enough. The always looming possibility of a computer crash became a reality for me last month when my computer refused to boot up. My first reaction cannot be printed, and my second reaction was "that's okay, because I've got my backups." After finding a computer that ran Windows 7 and getting it set up. However, I realized that my backup was not going to do me any good because the backup program copied everything exactly, including the operating programs, as it was on my old computer and placed it very conveniently into a restore file. I soon found out that XP and Windows 7 cannot talk to each other so you cannot hook up that drive with your backup and select restore. I then thought, "Okay, I'll probably lose my photos and personal documents, but the

SGS files are also on a thumb drive so I've still got those (sigh of relief)." Thankfully, I am married to a geek and he obtained a cable that would let us hook up my internal hard drive to the new computer like it was an external drive, and then we could move over all of the individual files that I couldn't see in my backup file.

Now I am in the process of learning a new system. Once it is setup to my liking, I will make another backup. I will also copy individual files separately so I can see and select them. I have learned that one type of backup is not enough and that changing technology must also be a consideration in the protection of your data. So, if you are using a program that is older than Windows 7, you just might want to copy individual files to a thumb drive, external drive, or both.

The SGS board, reunion committee, and filing team will meet in Abilene, Kan., July 17-18. One agenda item will be the Seelye Research Center (SRC) and what we would like to see it become. The board has been discussed this item via email and we will continue until July. If you have an idea regarding the SRC, now is the time to voice it. Please email me with your thoughts and I will pass them on to the board. I hope all of you have a great spring!

Meet the SGS Board of Directors and Appointed Officers

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Over the course of the next few issues of the SGS Newsletter, we will introduce the Elected SGS Board of Directors (indicated with a *) and appointed officers with photos and brief biographies.*

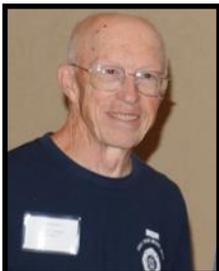


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Serving as SGS Chief Genealogist is both a joy and an honor. I joined SGS in the 1980s hoping to find some information on my ancestor, James Seely, of Dundee N.Y. After all these years he is still my brick wall, so I understand the yearning of people who want to find out about their own special Seeley. As query editor, I get the first shot at trying to help those who contact SGS. It is always a thrill when I can send them information they did not have. It is even better when I can connect them to a known line or when research yields a whole new group of Seeleys for the SGS Ancestor File. When I do not have queries to research, I help Chris Havnar by proofing her database entries and seeing what else I can discover about each one. We will never run out of Seeleys to research.

I grew up in Rochester, N.Y. and have lived in Ontario, Ohio (twice), Wisconsin, Indiana, Maryland, West Virginia (in the 70s and now), Delaware, Luxembourg, and England. I have children and grandchildren in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Oregon, sisters in Virginia, New York, and Minnesota, and a vacation home in Massachusetts. My husband Bob and I love to travel!

I don't spend all my time doing genealogy. I currently work as a volunteer at my church as the Parish Ministries Coordinator, running the Food Pantry, Reading Camp, a monthly meal for the church neighbors and assisting in the office. I also serve as Stewardship Chairperson for the statewide diocese. I enjoy playing cards, gardening, and reading. I'm looking forward to my first cruise (to Alaska) this summer, to seeing my fellow board members in Abilene in July, and to the next SGS Reunion in 2015.



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I grew up in the manufacturing city of Worcester, Mass., and its surroundings and graduated from Clark University with a math degree. I am very interested in computers; happily, my Air Force active duty allowed me to play with larger computers, which led to a career with both defense contractors and non-defense commercial programming. The Air Force also brought me to Colorado, where I met

my wife, Marie, and we have settled in Black Forest outside Colorado Springs. In retirement I've volunteered with the Black Forest Fire Department, first as a line firefighter and now on the Board of Directors. The fire training there led me to mitigate my property so that even though last June's 14,000-acre fire came within 100 feet of our house, it was undamaged. Marie and I are both involved with genealogical societies, and I'm treasurer of The Winthrop Society, Descendants of The Great Migration 1630-35. FYI, all SGS members descended from Robert/Nathaniel are eligible to join Winthrop – I used the SGS CD-ROM as part of my proofs of lineage.



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At the last reunion, I was asked to continue as co-chair of the SGS Ancestor database with Linda Crocker as the other co-chair. We are continuing the work started by John Seely of compiling a database of Seeley (all spellings) ancestors and descendants. The names surface through mentions in obituaries, research on genealogical websites, or queries received by Linda. We coordinate our efforts with Pam Turner who maintains electronic and paper files on identified Seeley lines. Some lines are identified back to a SGS 8th-generation individual/number. We put obituaries on the SGS website, www.seeley-society.net, for Seeley surnamed individuals and Seeley daughters, women who were born a Seeley and married. My husband, Jerry, and I took over running the website from former SGS president, Dan Seelye. I retired after an almost 40 year career with the federal government. It is hard for me to believe that I have been retired for more than two years. The only "to-do in retirement" item I have completed is cleaning out my sock drawer. Jerry and I care for our grandson during the day. He will be joined by a sibling this summer, and the Havnar Family Day Care will be very busy by the end of the year. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you have regarding the website or to submit obituaries not yet posted on the website. I already have one envelope in the to-do-soon pile but always welcome additional submissions.

Does SGS Have Your E-Mail Address?

The Answer Is: Probably Not.

News travels fast in the information age and sometimes it's helpful to immediately reach out to SGS membership.

Please send an e-mail note with your e-mail address to SGS Membership Chairman Lynda Simmons at summitkids@gmail.com

Afraid of spam? Fear not! SGS will not publish, sell, or share your e-mail address and will only reach out to you with important society information.

What Do You Like Most About SGS?

Story by Lynda Simmons, SGS Membership Chair

When you think of your SGS Membership, what do you like best? Why do you belong to the Seeley Genealogical Society? Is it the vast Seeley research available to you and the help given you by skilled genealogists? Could it be our award-winning newsletter? You may love getting to know your Seeley cousins at our fun SGS Reunions? Do you enjoy having your questions answered in the queries published in the SGS Newsletter? Do you visit our wonderful Web Page and Facebook? Have you used the Seeley Ancestral File? Do you have our SGS publications? Is it our very reasonable dues?



Think about all of these great benefits of SGS membership! Share them with your Seeley cousins who do not belong to the Seeley Genealogical Society. Encourage all of your Seeley relatives to join SGS!

SGS needs help to increase its membership! You know other Seeley cousins. Please invite them to join us. Please use the membership form in this newsletter and send it to me, Lynda Simmons. If you have questions, please contact me. My contact information is on page 11. Make a difference for SGS!

Military Times Hall of Valor Features Seeley Marine from Korean War

Maj. Henry W. Seeley, Jr.

United State Marine Corps

1st Marine Division (Rein.)

Motor Transport Officer

Place of Birth: Washington, Conn.

Silver Star

Awarded for actions during the Korean War

Action Date: December 2, 1950



Award Citation: "The President of the United States of America takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Major Henry W. Seeley, Jr. (MCSN: 0-7315), United States Marine Corps, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as Motor Transport Officer of the FIRST Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 2 December 1950. When his convoy was attacked and surrounded by numerically superior hostile forces while proceeding from Koto-ri to Hagaru-ri, Major Seeley boldly refused the enemy's demand to surrender and quickly reorganized friendly Marine and Army elements in a determined effort to fight a way out of the ambush. Although continually exposed to hostile fire throughout the ensuing action, he bravely led his men in inflicting heavy casualties upon the enemy and, skillfully directing the tactical movement of the convoy, succeeded in leading his unit out of the trap. By his marked courage, aggressive fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty, Major Seeley served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

2013 SGS Reunion Souvenir Books For Sale

Once again, SGS will compile and produce a souvenir book commemorating the Seeley Genealogical Society's 2013 International Reunion. The book's contents will be similar to those of the past five reunions and will include many pictures of attendees (accompanied by the names of those in the photos to help you learn our cousins' names).

It will also include a "Dedication" page and a list of SGS members known to have recently died; it will include reunion highlights, a description of the tours taken, copies of the presentations, a copy of the SGS Constitution and By-Laws, a copy of the treasurer's report, a list of past reunion locations and the officers elected at those reunions, a list of reunion attendees with a group photo, and more.

The book is designed to inform members who were unable to attend the reunion of what took place in Grand Rapids AND serve as a souvenir for those who did attend. It is also one part of our initiative to document SGS.

If you have not already ordered a book, please send a check, by March 31, 2014, payable to SGS, to Kathie Olsen (her address is on page 11) for \$30.00 U.S. per copy. To give you an idea of the book's probable size, the 2011 Reunion Souvenir Book was 94 pages.

The SGS reunion souvenir book is a great gift idea, but only one printing is planned. Time is running out, so order yours today!



National Genealogical Society Launches 2014 Conference App

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) announces the release of the Mobile Conference App for the NGS 2014 Family History Conference, which will be held May 7-10, 2014, in Richmond, Va. To download the free NGS Conference App, go to <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/mobile-app/>.

The NGS Conference App is available for iOS, Android, Blackberry, Windows Phone, and web-enabled devices. Search your app store for NGS 2014.

New this year is a five-minute video that reviews highlights of the app and how to use key features. The informative video can be found on the NGS conference website at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/attend/mobile-app/>. Click on the App Video Tutorial. Some convenient features of the app include:

- The Dashboard keeps you organized with latest info.
- About This Show keeps conference info in one place.
- Alerts give attendees important updates from NGS.

- The built-in Twitter feed allows you to follow and join conference chatter. Use #NGS2014GEN.
- Sync your schedule across multiple devices.
- Attendees can locate exhibitors they plan to visit.
- Connect, message, and share schedules with your colleagues through the Friends feature.
- Link to syllabus material for each lecture, which will be available about 22 April 2014.

NGS encourages you to begin using the app now to improve your conference experiences in Richmond.

2015 Reunion Planning Committee Meeting Set

The 2015 SGS International Reunion will be in Abilene, Kan. The reunion planning committee will meet on Thursday, July 17, 2014, in the Seelye Research Center at 1:00 p.m. The reunion dates, place, theme and activities will all be determined at this meeting. If you have ideas for the reunion or would like to serve on the planning committee, please contact SGS President Kathie Olsen (contact information on page 11). Everyone else should start planning now to come to the reunion in the summer of 2015!

SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor
Linda Crocker
(Data Current as of January 31, 2014)*

Query number is 2 digit year, 2 digit month of newsletter, query sequence number.

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover).

Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor, researched and then sent to the Query Team and



Please See Queries Page 8

Be an SGS Recruiter -- Invite Your Friends to Like the SGS Facebook Page

Story by Paul Taylor, SGS Publications Editor

Have you "liked" the Seeley Genealogical Society Facebook page yet? If not, you are missing out on daily genealogy-related news updates as well as information about Seeleys shared from www.seeley-society.net as well as other friends of the page.

The Facebook page also serves as a great advertisement for SGS and will hopefully encourage others to become full members of the society.

What can you do to help? First, if you haven't already done so, go to www.facebook.com/seeley.society and "like" the page.

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At the last SGS reunion, the board of directors resolved that all members are recruiters for the Society. You can help in that objective by inviting others to like the Facebook page. As we increase the number of dues-paying members, we will guarantee that the Society will be able to continue doing its work as outlined in our constitution.

Right now, the page has 269 likes. The Society's goal for the next year is to drive that number up to 400. Sharing the news of the society and the story of our family is only a few mouse clicks away. Invite your friends today!

SGS Queries *(continued from page 7)*

Area Coordinators for their input. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any information on the queries below contact the submitter but also remember to send a copy of the information to Linda, so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

Query Updates

Update to Query 1311-1 Re George Seeley, b. 1871 OH

George's great-granddaughter, Karen Hart (karenhart@torchlake.com), was trying to identify his parents. We found his probable parents George and Bridget Cely in the 1870 census of Berea, OH, with his older sister Ann, age 1, and older children Joseph and Mary Flanagan, ages 9 and 8, but could not find them in the 1880 census.

Karen recently heard from a relative that Bridget Jane Kelly, (the wife of George Cely/Seeley) was married to John Flanagan/Flannagan and lived in Ohio at that time. She found a census record from 1860 in Pultney Twp, Belmont, OH, showing where a John Flanagan and a Bridget Kelly were in the household of Dennis Hays. She also found an Ohio marriage record from Cuyahoga Co., OH, dated Nov. 21, 1858 for John Flannegan and Bridget Kelley.

I searched for Joseph Flanagan and found this:

1860 census (Berea P.O.), Middleburg, Cuyahoga, OH

- Flannagan, John, age 25, b. IRE, laborer
 - Flannagan, Bridget, age 25, b. IRE
 - Flannagan, Joseph, age 6 mos., b. OH
- They are listed directly after Thomas Kelley age 30 and wife Jane age 23, both b. IRE.

Karen's father recalls hearing of a "step-brother" to his grandfather George William Seeley (this George was born in 1871 in Elyria, OH) but the step-brother had moved and was living in Tulsa, OK. Possibly this would be Joseph Flanagan. Her dad also believes that there was a step-sister of this same grandfather (possibly, Mary Flanagan) who lived in the Chicago area.

If you have any more information on these Cely/Seeleys or Flanigans, we would love to hear from you.

New Queries

Query 1402-1 Submitted by Carol Manley (manleycj@netwitz.net)

Carol has just started to work on her family tree and has found conflicting information on the parents of her great-grandfather, Harmon P. Seely, b. 11 Oct. 1844, Rome, WI, d. 11 Jan. 1941, Centralia, IL. One source lists John D. Seely as his father and Almira (Stewart) Seely as his mother, but another source lists Elijah Davis as his father and Almira as his mother. Carol turned to SGS for help.

SGS Response: The SGS Ancestor File lists the parents of Harmon P. Seely as Elijah Davis Seely and Almira Swert and shows him marrying Henrietta Norman in 1876 in Cherokee Co., IA. The sources listed include the IGI, the census and an obituary.

The obituary is also available on the SGS website:

Harmon P. Seely – January 11, 1941 – Centralia, IL

Harmon Seely Dies In Illinois

Word was received last week of the death of Harmon P. Seely on Jan. 11 at Centralia, Ill where he has been living since 1929. Mr. Seely was a Civil War veteran and had lived in Crook County some time. He was the father of John D. Seely of the Seely community.

*Harmon P. Seely was born at Rome, Wisconsin on October 88, 1884** and lacked only a few years of reaching the century mark. He was the son of E.D. and Elmira Seely. When about the age of 16 he moved to Iowa with his parents and enlisted as a private in Co. D. 16th Iowa Volunteers known as Crocker's Iowa Brigade.*

Mr. Seely, always known as Dad, fought in the historic battle of Shiloh and a short time later was taken prisoner at luka, Miss. Months when he was exchanged for a southern soldier held in a Union camp. He stood in the front lines at Atlanta and Nashville and fought in the siege of Vicksburg. He was married to Henrietta Norman on March 4, 1876 from which union four children were born, one girl died at two years and one son, B.E. died in May, 1911. A son, H.N. lives at Centralia where the deceased has been the last 12 years, and John D., the remaining son, lives at Seely.

Harmon Seely lived in Iowa on a farm for some years and in 1905 moved to Miller, S.D. where he followed the carpenter trade until Jan. 1910 when he moved to Crook county in the vicinity now known as Seely. He remained here until 1929 when he moved to Centralia. His wife preceded him in death, having died July 4, 1937.

In addition to his sons, he is survived by four grandsons, three granddaughters and six great grandchildren.

Published in the Crook County News, (Wyoming), January 31, 1941 front page

****** Date of Birth incorrect as printed. The 1900 Census shows October 1844.

Harmon P. is the son of SGS # 3449: Harmon P.; Elijah Davis (# 3449); Daniel (# 1554); David; Charles; Samuel; Jonas; Obadiah.

There's an Illinois death record that lists Harmon's father as John D., but that is his son. That's not surprising, I often see incorrect information on death certificates. Sometimes informants do not know that it asks for the father of the deceased and put the names of their own fathers, or the transcribers put the informant's name where the father's name should go.

1850 census Sullivan, Jefferson, WI

- Seely, Elijah D, age 35, chair maker, b. NY
- Seely, Almira D, age 35, b. NY
- Seely, Eliza, age 11, b. NY; Harmon, age 5, b. WI, Millard, age 1, b. WI
- Landeraff, George, age 17, farmer, b. Germany

In 1860 ED Seeley age 44, Almira, age 44, Eliza, age 19, Harmon, age 14, and Millard, age 11, are in Boone, Hamilton, IA.

I found a biography of Harmon's father, Elijah Davis Seely, at: <http://ow.ly/tTeUx>

It says Elijah's wife was Almira Frink. The children include Harmon, who is listed as Harrison. I would guess that whoever wrote the book couldn't read their notes and mis-read his name.

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Clinton - Garfield Cemetery Rolfe, Pocahontas County, IA

- The cemetery is located south of Rolfe in Section 4 (SW corner) and Section 9 (NW corner), Garfield Township, Pocahontas County, IA
- Seely, _____ (father), D, 122, 2, no dates
- Seely, Almira Frink, 1891, D, 122, 4, wife of E.D., died age 79 years
- Seely, Lulu, 1881, 1882, A, 75, 4, dau of H. P. & H.

I have corrected the name of Harmon's wife in Ancestor File, based on the biography and the cemetery record.

Query 1402-2 Submitted by Joseph W Mornhineway (josephwm@epix.net)

Irvin W. Seeley is the grandfather of Joseph's wife but apparently he was born with a different name, Irvin Fuller in 1905 in PA. Irvin died in 1993. He was reared by Andrew A. and Sarah Jane Seeley. Irvin's wife was Annabel P. Seeley (1911-1994). Joseph really hopes to find some information on Irvin's biological parents. His mother-in-law said that her father (Irvin Seeley) had a half-sister (same father) named Beatrice Fuller (who his wife remembers visiting as a child) and that their father's name was Joseph Fuller. She vaguely remembers someone saying that Sarah Jane was Irvin's biological mother and that Andrew adopted him.

SGS Response: I found a transcript of Irvin and Anna's marriage in Corning, NY on Rootsweb: Marriage License #434 was issued in Corning, NY, by town clerk, G. Merle Hunt, to William Irvin? Seely, of RFD#1, Corning, NY, and Anna Bell (Annabelle) Peterson of RFD#1, Corning, NY. Groom info: white, age 22, b. PA, s/o Andrew Peterson? and Sara Fuller, both b. US, first marriage.

Information on bride: w, age 17, b. Big Flats, NY, d/o Justin Peterson, b. US, and Myra Aker or Oker, b. US. The couple was married on 14 November 1927 in Corning, Steuben, NY, by George S.G. Haus?, clergyman, witnessed by Raymond T. Coon, of Campbell, NY, and Marion A. Peterson of Coopers Plains, NY.

From Findagrave.com

- Irvin W Seeley
 - Birth: Mar. 23, 1905, Homestead, Allegheny, PA
 - Death: Jan. 1, 1993 Campbell, Steuben, NY
 - Spouse: Anna Bell Peterson Seeley (1911 - 1994)
 - Burial: Rural Home Cemetery, Big Flats, Chemung, NY
 - Plot: D-C-18-5
 - Find A Grave Memorial# 44970201

1930 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Wallace, age 34, b. PA, PA, PA, single, farmer
- Robinson, Eugene, age 58, hired man, b. PA, PA, PA, farm laborer

Next family:

- Seeley, Edward, age 38, b. PA, father b. PA, written over by Vermont, mother, b. PA, farmer
- Seeley, Andrew A., foster father, age 83, b. PA, PA, PA, md abt 58 yr to
- Seeley, Sarah J., age 79, foster mother b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, William, age 78, foster uncle b. PA, PA, PA

Next family:

- Seeley, Wesley J., age 50, b. PA, PA, PA, farmer, md abt 23 yr to

- Seeley, Mary A., age 40, b. PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Leroy A., age 20, laborer, Beatrice H., age 19, Raymond, age 17, Robert A., age 15, Gerald W., age 13, Lawrence, age 11, Irene E., age 9, Margaret H., age 7, Laura E., age 3 yr, 8 mos., Mildred K., age 1 yr, 6 mos., all b. PA, PA, PA

Next family

- Seeley, Hershel age 71, widower b. PA, PA, PA

1920 South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Dwelling 162: Seely, Wesley, 40, and Mary, 31, with Harold, 13, Leroy, 12, Beatrice, 10, Raymond, 8, Robert, 6, Gerald, 4 and Lawrence, 2
- Dwelling 163: Dingy, William, 68, b. PA, PA, PA, single
- Dwelling 164: Seely, Andrew, 73 b. PA, PA, PA, with Sarah J., 70, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, and Wallace, grandson, 25, Irving, son, 15, both b. PA, PA, PA

1910 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Andrew A., age 63, b. PA, father b. NY, mother b. PA, farmer, md 39 yr to
- Seeley, Sarah J., age 62, b. NJ, NJ, NJ, mother of 4 children, 2 living
- Seeley, Wallace, age 15, grandson, b. PA, PA, PA
- Niles, Eddie, age 18, laborer, b. PA, PA, PA, odd jobs
- Fuller, Irvin, boarder, age 5, b. PA, PA, PA

1900 census Lake, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Andrew A., b. Nov 1848, PA, PA, PA, farmer, md 28 yr to
- Seeley, Serry Jane, b. Jun 1850, PA, PA, PA, 4 ch., 4 living
- Seeley, Willie, son, b. Sep 1881, day laborer
- Seeley, Eddie, son, b. May 1891, PA, PA, PA
- Seeley, Walice, son, b. Dec 1895, PA, PA, PA

1880 census South Canaan, Wayne, PA

- Seeley, Andrew A., age 33 b. PA, PA, PA, farmer
- Seeley, Sarah J., wife, age 29, b. NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seeley, Dennis H., age 7, Birtha A., age 4, John F., age 2, all b. PA, PA, NJ

I find it difficult to believe that Sarah Jane, married to Andrew A. Seeley since 1872, suddenly had two children (Irvin and his sister Beatrice) out-of-wedlock while in her 50s and then Andrew adopted at least one of them. It seems more likely that Irvin is a grandson like Wallace (and possibly Eddie Niles/Edward Seeley) or some other relative or is not related by blood at all. It would help to find obituaries for some of these folks, birth records, etc.

If you recognize this family or can do some research in Steuben Co., NY, or Wayne Co., PA, please send us your information.

Query 1402-3 Submitted by Chris Havnar (chris.havnar@gmail.com)

A recent obituary posted by SGS Webmaster Chris Havnar on the SGS website (www.seeley-society.net) for Eileen Conger Seeley (1922-2014) mentioned that she was survived by her husband of 68 years, James E Seeley Jr.

Chris dug a little deeper looking at public records on Ancestry.com, where she found James and Eileen together in Rocky Mount, NC (Eileen's place of death) and James' birth date of 15 Dec. 1921. There was no information about parents or place of birth for James or Eileen in the obituary. That left her wondering, "Who is this James E Seeley Jr.?"

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SGS Response: First, I looked for a census record for a James E. Seeley b. in 1921/22. I found:

1930 census Mission, Volusia, FL

- Seeley, L.S., age 55, b. CT, CT, RI, widow, 1st md at age 19, dairy man at dairy
- Seeley, Gertrude R., dau., age 33, single, b. NJ, CT, NJ, dairy helper
- Seeley, James E., son, age 31, b. NJ, Ct, NJ, dairy man, 1st md at age 19
- Seeley, Hazel A., dau-in-law, age 30, b. FL, FL, FL, 1st md at age 18
- Seeley, Jas E. Jr, grson, age 8, Sarah age 3, grdau, both b. FL, NJ, FL

In the 1935 FL census James and Hazel Seeley, both age 36, are in Volusia Co. with James, Jr., age 13, Sally, age 8, Lewis, age 4 and Mary Ruth, age 1

In 1940 they are still in Volusia Co., FL.

Next I tried to find an Eileen Conger in the same area.

After initially drawing a blank I found:

FL Marriage Index

- Name: Jessie Eileen Conger
- Spouse: James Edmund Seeley, Jr
- County of Marriage: Orange
- Marriage Date: 1944
- Volume: 921
- Certificate: 24315
- Source: Florida Department of Health

Next I went back through census and other records to see if I could identify James Edmund Seeley's parents, grandparents, etc.

1900 census Newark, Essex, NJ

- Seely, Lewis S., b. Apr 1867, NJ, NJ, NJ, bookkeeper, md 10 yr to
- Seely, Mary L., b. May 1870, NJ, NJ, NJ
- Seely, Annie, b. Mar 1896, James, b. Jul 1898, both b. NJ, NJ, NJ

1900 census Newark, Essex, NJ

- Seely, Stephen A., b. Aug 1848, CT, Ct, CT, city hall clerk, md 31 yr to
- Seely, Elizabeth, b. May 1849, AL, RI, RI, 2 ch, 1 living
- Seely, Stephen, father, b. Oct 1827, CT, Ct, CT, widow
- Meeker, Ella, aunt, b. Apr 1838, CT, CT, CT

1880 census Darien, Fairfield, CT

- Seely, Stephen, age 58, farmer, widowed, b. CT, Ct, CT
- Seely, Stephen A., age 33, son, painter, b. CT, CT, CT
- Seely, Elizabeth, age 33, dau-in-law, b. AL, RI, RI
- Seely, Louis S., age 6, b. CT, CT, AL

1870 census Darien, Fairfield, CT

- Seely, Stephen, age 44, b. CT, sugar refiner
- Seely, Harriet, age 43, b. CT
- Seely, Alfred, age 21, b. CT
- Seely, Lizzie B, age 21, b. AL
- Seely, Juliet, age 11, b. CT

1860 census Darien, Fairfield, CT

- Meeker, Samuel, age 60, b. CT, carpenter
- Meeker, Sarah, age 57, b. CT
- Meeker, Augusta, age 22, b. CT
- Seeley, Stephen, age 35, sugar refiner, b. CT
- Seeley, Harriet E., age 34, b. CT
- Seeley, Stephen A., age 12, b. CT

WWI Draft Registration

- James Edmund Seeley, b. 12 Jul (1918 crossed out and 1900 written over), resides Eustis, Lake, FL, dairy and farming, names father, Lewis Steven Seeley, as next of kin
- Lewis Stephen Seeley, b. 27 Jul 1873, resides Eustis, Lake, FL, dairy man, names wife Mary Louise Seeley as next of kin

US Passport Application

- Name: Lewis S Seeley
- Birth Date: 27 Jul 1873
- Birth Place: Darien, Connecticut
- Age: 47
- Passport Issue Date: 7 Feb 1921
- Passport Includes a Photo: Yes
- Residence: New Smyrna, FL
- Father Name: Stephen S Seeley
- Father's Birth Location: Darien, CT
- Father's Residence: Deceased

The Stephen Seeley with wife Harriet in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Darien, CT, is SGS# 4164, a descendant of Obadiah Seely.

I was also able to find cemetery records, Florida marriage records, etc. that allowed me to carry some of the lines forward, adding about fifteen names total to the Ancestor File. If you would like further information on this family, please contact me (see my contact information on page 11), and I will send it along.

How to Submit a Query

If you would like to submit a query, please follow a few guidelines.

Be specific and detailed: Give us all the information you have about the person or family in question, especially dates and locations.

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS publications or website? The census? 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 the Seeley family? Our sources?

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