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## ***The Seeley Family: Blazing Trails along the Way***

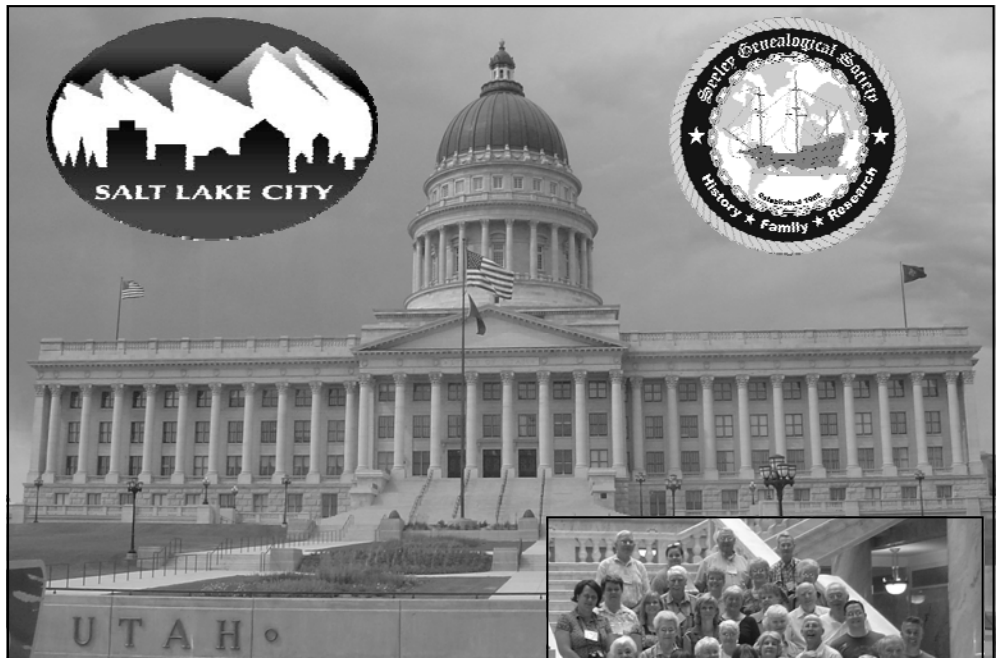
### **SGS 2009 International Reunion Held in Salt Lake City, Utah**

*By Kathie Olsen, SGS President*

The Seeley Genealogical Society convened for its biennial meeting at the Airport Quality Inn in Salt Lake City, Utah on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 through Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009. There were 90 registrants, and at least 99 people were in attendance at various events!

Registration began at 9:00 am and the Hospitality Room was opened for members to display documents and artifacts, and for visiting with each other. The Board of Directors met at 9:30. The board was commended for their commitment to SGS!! We excused Marshall Seelye who was getting married and unable to attend. Bob Seeley, SGS CD-ROM Project Manager, and Ken McCrea, SGS DNA Lineage Project Manager, were also excused. We heard reports from the various committees. Several important decisions were made concerning finances and membership. Recalling Montell Seely's enthusiastic appeal to hold the 2009 reunion in Salt Lake City, we voted to dedicate the reunion and the souvenir book to him.

Kathie Olsen, SGS President, called the Opening Session to order at 1:00 pm. We were welcomed by the hotel staff. The Board of Directors was introduced. Announcements were made. A wonderful DVD presentation, "A Tribute to Robert Seeley" was given by Camille Seeley Bell. The theme of this reunion was "The Seeley Family: Blazing Trails along the Way." President Olsen introduced the theme with a Power Point Presentation showing the movement of Seeley families across the United States and Canada. Margaret Petersen and Terry Tietjens introduced the song from which the theme was taken, "They the Builders of the Nation, Blazing Trails along the Way." We were then pleased to hear from Dallin Oaks, an Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a Seeley descendant. He spoke on the "Power of Family History." He told us that in knowing of our ancestors and talking about them to our children and



Reunion attendees saw many sites in and around Salt Lake City during the reunion including Utah's ornately appointed capitol building. Constructed on a prominent hill in 1916, the building looks over the city.

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**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, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

**Membership Dues**

\$8 per year, \$15 two years, \$21 three years, or \$30 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$100. (Dues are in U.S. dollars and the membership year runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31)

Pay all dues to:

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**SGS International Reunions**

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for July 2011 in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania (Bradford County, and Tioga County, Pennsylvania and Chemung County of New York). 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.

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## President's Report

Well, the reunion has come and gone until 2011! We've already begun to plan the next one which will be held in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania. It takes a lot of time and effort to put together a reunion and I am so glad for the beginnings of a reunion committee; Jim Seeley who is from that area and Sally and George Seeley have already volunteered. If you would like to be involved, let me know! Plan for it now! Put it on your list of things to do in 2011. Keep watching for the newsletter for updated details.

The reunion in Salt Lake City in August met all my expectations! It was so fun to be together! I am so grateful for all the help and offers of help that I received. Cindy Wilson, the hotel liaison, was terrific. I hate to start making a list because I will surely forget someone but you know who you are and thanks so much! I couldn't have done it without you! My sisters; Margaret and Lynda, and Camille Seeley Bell were terrific!

The speakers; David Dilts and our own Dallin Oaks, Dian Little, Linda Crocker, Carol Haddon, Chris Havnar, Pam Turner, Clair Hendrickson, Paul Taylor and Jim Seeley were all top-notch.

Terry Tietjens playing the Tabernacle Organ will be a fond memory for the rest of my life! One elderly gentleman joined our group with the explanation, "I just wanted to be a part of whatever was happening here." It was really special!

We spent time in the Family History Library. Because we didn't schedule time to talk about the successes, maybe there are those who would like to share your story. Perhaps we could make an article for the next newsletter. Please contact me if you are willing to share.

Camille Bell put together a DVD presentation on the Life and Times of Robert Seeley with slides from both the England and New England tours. Thanks, Camille. If any of you didn't get a copy but would like one, send \$10.00 USD to Camille Bell, 93 North Valley View Drive, North Salt Lake, UT 84054. Make the check out to Camille Bell. The price includes shipping and handling.

Clair Hendrickson prepared a GEDCOM file of the information in the SGS publications of both Robert/Nathaniel and Obadiah descendants. The Robert/Nathaniel file also contains information on their descendants from the International Genealogical Index. In order to use this GEDCOM file, it will have to be loaded onto a genealogy-type program, such as Personal Ancestral File or Family Tree Maker. If you would like a copy, send a check for \$15.00 payable to SGS to Clair Hendrickson, 8483 Terrace Drive, Sandy, UT 84093. The price includes shipping and handling.

There is a new edition of the SGS CD-ROM. The Updated Ancestor File, chaired by John R. Seely, with data entry by Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar, was introduced at the reunion. You can purchase this CD for \$15.00 by contacting Bob Seeley. Contact information is on page 16.

More testing of males with the Seeley/Seelye/Seely/Cilley/Sealy surname and with documented lineage to one of these immigrants; Robert, Richard or Obadiah, is needed to determine more than one generation from the DNA. Also we need those of the Seeley (any spelling) surname and documented lineage to other immigrants to be tested. If you or someone else you know is willing to undergo the test, go to the web page set up by our DNA Lineage Project Manager, Ken McCrea, <http://SeeleyDNA.info/SignUp.htm>.

The Board has established a DNA Testing Assistance Fund. If SGS approaches an individual to participate, SGS will provide the funds, if requested. This approach was approved by the members in the Membership Meeting. I encourage members of SGS to contribute to this fund by sending a donation for this fund to Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer. Jim Seeley, our Past President, has agreed to serve as a liaison for the DNA Lineage Project.

A new slate of officers was nominated and elected at the reunion. There were only a few changes. Paul Taylor agreed to serve as 1st Vice President and Ruthetta

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## Seeley Genealogical Society Membership Meeting Minutes

Seeley Genealogical Society President Katherine Olsen, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Aug. 8, 2009, Quality Inn Airport, Salt Lake City, Utah

Quorum — Parliamentarian, George Seeley, announced that a quorum was present at the meeting.

Minutes — Secretary, Mary Palley, read the Minutes of the last Membership meeting held September 15, 2007, at Cromwell, CT. The Minutes were unanimously approved as read.

Treasurer's Report — Sally Seeley distributed the Treasurer's Report which was approved as presented, subject to audit. The Treasurer will show Reunion Income and Expenses as line items in order to determine income or loss from the Reunion.

LeAnne Seely and Pam Turner, the Audit Committee, reported that the Treasurer's records are satisfactory.

SGS Books — It was suggested that SGS offer the three-volume set of Seeley genealogies at a reduced rate to encourage gifts of the books to libraries. The President will determine whether there is sufficient stock to encourage additional purchases.

DNA Committee Criteria — James R. Seeley, DNA Liaison, read the proposed criteria to determine whose DNA test should be funded by SGS. The Criteria are as follows:

- SGS will continue to encourage members to add their own DNA test results to the DNA database as they are willing and able.
- The testing should be deemed to be helpful for SGS in general, not just to a particular individual. For example, large family groupings such as the Cilley family of New Hampshire and Maine, or the Seley family of central Kansas.
- Partial or full funding of DNA testing will be considered only after SGS has had an opportunity to investigate/verify the known ancestral line.
- The purpose will be to determine if the subject matches the DNA signature of a known line (Nathaniel or Obadiah) or to develop or establish the signature of a new line.

Motion to adopt these criteria was approved.

Fiscal Year — The Fiscal Year should remain October 1 to September 30, regardless of when the Reunion and Membership Meeting occur. Officers will determine whether this requires a change to Constitution or By Laws.

Research Funds — Research funds shall be used for Query Editor access to internet research sites.

Dues Increase — Secretary, Mary Palley, suggested that SGS consider raising dues for both Life Members and Regular Members. Since a change in dues requires a Constitutional Amendment and advance published notice to the members, this was tabled.

Newsletter Cost — The SGS Newsletter costs \$650 - \$800 per issue to print and mail. This translates to about



SGS Members present at the reunion vote on one of the measures brought to the floor during the general membership meeting on Aug. 8, 2009

\$2 per copy.

Nomination of Officers — Jim Seeley presented the slate of candidates selected by himself and Ray Hall as this year's Nominating Committee, as follows:

President:	Kathie Olsen
1st Vice President:	Paul Taylor
2 Vice President:	George Seeley
Secretary:	Mary Palley
Treasurer:	Sally Seeley
Chief Genealogist:	Linda Crocker
Director:	Terry Tietjens
Director:	Ruthetta Hansen
Director:	Wesley Waring

There being no further nominations, all were elected.

Appointees — President Olsen requested that all members in appointed positions continue in their positions.

2011 Reunion — There was some discussion whether the Reunion should continue every 2 years, or should change back to every 3 years. A poll (not a vote) was taken of all present and the poll was unanimous that the Reunion should continue every 2 years.

The locations considered for 2011 were: Southern California; Abilene, Kansas; Elmira, NY or Saratoga, NY. The tri-county area of NY and PA was unanimously chosen. Officers will plan an area tour before and/or after the reunion for interested members.

President Olsen appointed a Reunion Committee which includes Sally and George Seeley, Kathie Olsen, Jim Seeley

President Olsen asked that the membership allow the committee to choose the dates. This motion was unanimously passed.

Abilene, KS Meetings — Once each year the officers will meet in Abilene, KS, to work in the Seelye Research Center, and for a meeting of the Board. All SGS members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Adjournment — Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Mary Palley, SGS Secretary

Reviewed by Katherine M. Olsen, SGS President

## What's New in SGS – The SGS CD-ROM

Story by SGS Web Master Chris Havnar



### History of the Data Base – SGS Ancestor File Index

Starting in 1982 John Seeley began entering data on Seeley/y/ye individuals into a file using a legacy database program. Many of you have seen printouts of this data, the light blue books that are now housed in the Seelye Research Center in Abilene. These books also traveled to many previous reunions.

About 2002 Dan Seelye converted the database into Word format and the sales of the CD began at the 2003 reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia. I still have my copy of the initial version of the CD which also included copies of the three SGS publications in Word format.

Last fall Bob Crocker converted the database into Excel format, adding fields for the 8th generation SGS number and cities for birth, marriage and death events. Excel has certain advantages, chief among them that the data is highly sortable and searchable.

Linda Crocker and I began entering data from obits, biographies, and queries. This is the type of information that we previously had been feeding John for his input. Entering data into a common database was interesting when Linda lives in West Virginia and I live in California.

We are utilizing a cutting edge computer application to house the actual file, an online storage solution called Drop Box. When we first started Drop Box was still in final beta testing stage. Only one of us can be in the file at any one time, which does necessitate e-mails back and forth along the lines of "Going On", "Done for Now", "Saving and Off". Some of these e-mails have gone astray – so this is the back story behind the e-mails. The application was initially designed as a storage place for folks that needed access to the same file from various computers, possibly someone who travels a lot. Drop Box has received mainly positive reviews in the computer industry.

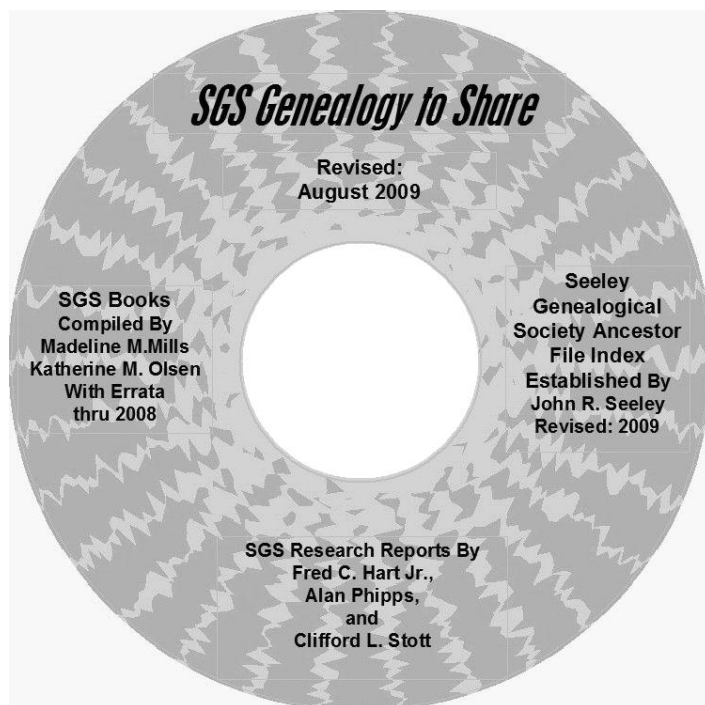
Last October, when Bob Crocker converted the Seely Children Ancestor File Index database, there were 20,246 lines of data.

The 2009 Version of the CD contains 23,500 lines of data in the Seely Children Ancestor File Index database.

I did not keep statistics for the Non Seeley children, but the increase should be proportional. The 2009 version of the Non Seeley Children contained over 9,100 lines of data. (Linda has informed me that we started with 8451 lines.)

### Future of the Database – SGS Ancestor File Index

We have often joked that we should have all the old Seeleys in the database by now but we prove ourselves wrong all the time. The database will continue to grow and continue to be fleshed out. Linda continues to get queries. Her research is always added to the database. As people continue to pass away the information from obituaries is added to the database. Additionally, for the website, I have been mining copies of newspapers available on the



internet in subscription services for Seeley obituaries, wedding announcement, birth announcements, etc. for information to add to SGS's knowledge and the database. With research, Linda and I are often able to take just one obit or marriage announcement and modify or add information for 10 - 20 individuals.

### Making of the CD

Bob Seeley, of Lincoln City, Oregon, makes the actual SGS CD's that we sell. I sent the cleaned up version of the Excel files to Bob, and he worked his magic and produced the CD's that were for sale with the ladies at the reunion registration table. There were 12 copies of the CD. When they received the CD's the 1st day of the Reunion they sold out immediately. If you missed out on the CDs, they are available by contacting Bob. The cost is \$15 and should be ordered by sending a check payable to Seeley Genealogical Society to: Robert Seeley, 861 S.W. 48th Street, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367-1306.

### Contents of the CD

The CD contains the database files in both Excel and Word format. The Ancestor File Index databases are Seeley Children; Seeley Children sorted by mother, Non Seeley Children, Non Seeley Children sorted by mother, and a database of contributors and sources for the Ancestor File. The CD also contains all three SGS publications with errata thru 2008. The CD also contains various SGS-funded research reports, by Fred C. Hart Jr., Alan Phipps and Clifford L. Stott.

The difference between this CD and the 2007 version is an additional SGS Publication errata and significantly updated SGS Ancestral File Index files, specifically the Seeley Children Lists and the Non-Seeley Children Lists.

## Seelye Research Center News

Story by Pam Turner, SRC Librarian



For those of you who weren't able to attend the reunion, let me give you an update on the decisions made regarding the Seelye Research Center. The most exciting thing to me is the decision by the committee to purchase two portable hard drives, not to exceed \$300, to put our data onto. These drives will be held by the query editor and librarian. This is exciting for two reasons; first, the data will be in different locations protecting it from loss and, second, having data at the query editor's fingertips will help with research; we will no longer have to wait for a yearly trip to the research center to look items up. This project is by no means close to being completed but we are well under way with the scanning of the 8th generation descendants.

In the coming months you will probably hear about different databases or indexes that are being compiled to help us organize our data. Right now there are three large projects underway. The first is the Descendants of the 8th Generation Index, which I've covered in previous issues of this newsletter. The next is the Unconnected Index; this will be an index of persons of Seelye lineage that haven't connected yet into the Nathaniel or Obadiah line. This index will look very similar to the 8th Generation Index and as with the 8th Generation Index all source documentation will be scanned. The last is the Ancestor File Index established by John Seely. This index has been converted into both Excel and text files for easier viewing on your computer and Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar have become the transcribers for this index. All of these indexes are constantly being worked on and updated as our schedules allow and are also becoming part of our digitizing process for the SGS.

Right now is a very exciting time to be a member of SGS. Because of the work being done by our members, new information is being added daily to our archives and with it new families are being found to be added to our publications. If you would like to add your family history to our archives, please send any information you have to Linda Crocker or Chris Havnar. They will ensure that your data is recorded and added to our archives at the Seelye Research Center.

## Obituary -- Mary Nell Seley



Mary Nell (McMahan) Seley, the daughter of Byron and Jennie (Milroy) McMahan was born October 20, 1929 at the Clay County Hospital in Clay Center, Kansas. She grew up on the family farm in rural Clay County and attended a one room school house near their home. Mary and several of her cousins moved to Clay Center to attend high school and she graduated in 1947.

She met Marvin Seley in Clay Center and they fell in love. After accepting Jesus as their Savior when they were

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## Seeley Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report

For the period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009

Beginning Balance	\$18,784.44
<b>Receipts</b>	
Dues	\$1017.00
LIFE Memberships	\$500.00
SGS Generation Books	\$472.00
SGS CD-ROM Sales	\$225.00
SGS Gedcom CD-ROM Sales	\$270.00
Research Donations	\$5.00
DNA Fund Donations	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$145.64
2007 Reunion Books	\$60.00
NARA Collection	\$127.00
Back Issues of Newsletter	\$4.00
<b>Reunion Receipts</b>	
Registration Fees	\$900.00
Wednesday Dinner	\$1600.00
Bus Tour	\$1275.00
Box Lunch	\$371.00
Friday Dinner	\$1700.00
Saturday Picnic	\$237.00
Saturday Supper	\$266.00
Sunday Brunch	\$377.00
Research Donation	\$6.00
Souvenir Book Orders	\$1060.00
	<u>\$7792.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$10,617.64</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Printing of Newsletters	\$2738.93
Postage to Mail Newsletters	\$609.40
Donation Seelye Research Ctr	\$1500.00
FGS Dues	\$75.00
Donation to NARA	\$127.00
Ancestry.com Subscription	\$445.00
Webmaster	\$250.00
NGS Dues	\$50.00
Burn, Mail Ancestor File CD's	\$116.89
Burn, Mail Gedcom File CD's	\$191.48
<b>Reunion Disbursements</b>	
Picnic Pavilion Rental	\$40.00
Office Supplies	\$171.71
Tour Bus	\$675.00
Picnic Meals	\$225.00
Quality Inn: Meals	\$2860.00
Gratuities	\$168.00
	<u>\$4139.71</u>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$10,243.41</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$19,158.67</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>	
Checking Account	\$7051.43
25 Month CD (Matures 11/15/09)	\$10,000.00
15 Month CS (Matures 4/15/10)	\$2107.24
	<u>\$19,158.67</u>
<b>Individual Fund Balances</b>	
(included in above cash accounts)	
Research Fund	\$1729.27
DNA Fund	\$150.00
Submitted Oct. 1, 2009 by	
Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer	

## Tietjens Gives Performance on Mormon Tabernacle Organ

During the 2009 SGS International Reunion in Salt Lake City, Terry Tietjens one of SGS Directors and owner of the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kan. had the opportunity of a lifetime: playing the organ in Salt Lake's world-famous Mormon Tabernacle.

The performance took place on Thursday, Aug. 6 lasting about fifteen minutes and consisting of five musical selections. Observing the performance were members of the Seeley Genealogical Society who were seated in the Tabernacle's choir loft.

"Seeing and listening to Terry Tietjens play the organ at the Mormon Tabernacle during the 2009 SGS reunion was impressive and an emotional experience for me. The fact that he could play the foot pedals and all five keyboards without making a noticeable mistake was wonderful. It was the highlight of the reunion for me," said SGS Past President Jim Seeley.

"I sat in the middle of the church because I wanted to hear the full effect of the organ. It was wonderful and Terry did a great job," said Seelye Research Center Librarian Pam Turner. "A gentleman in front of me commented on how well he was playing for a first timer. This man had also played the organ on different occasions in his life and said that you always get nervous. It was really nice watching Terry get to accomplish a dream."

"I felt very privileged to be able to participate in a mini Seeley takeover of the Mormon Tabernacle organ and choir loft. I was especially pleased that Terry was able to fulfill a lifelong dream and to play my little part by just being there. It was a little embarrassing to sing along -- the Mormon Tabernacle Choir members have nothing to fear -- we were pretty pathetic. However, Terry did a great job and it created a once-in-a-lifetime memory for all of us," said SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker.

Tietjens says playing the organ, the 12th largest pipe organ in the world, is the realization of a life-long dream. Among the musical selections he played was the reunion theme song "They the Builders of the Nation, Blazing Trails along the Way," as well as the Kansas State Song "Home on the Range."

"The time we spent at the Tabernacle was one of the highlights of the SGS reunion. Sitting in the choir loft and singing was an honor. Terry did a magnificent job of playing the organ. An experience like this only happens once in a life time, and I was glad I was there to share it with family and friends. I'll never forget it!" said SSG Historian Ruthetta Hansen.



### Members Encouraged to Donate SGS Publications

SGS has a good number of the three SGS Publications in stock. Since many members have purchased their personal copies, and since the publications are also contained on the SGS CDROM, book sales have dropped in the past few years.

SGS Members are encouraged to purchase a set of the books and donate them to their local Historical and/or Genealogical Society. The cost for the three books is \$59.00 and checks should be made payable to SGS. Ordering instructions can be found on page 16.

The three SGS Publications contain the eight generation descendants of immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley. These books have already been donated to some institutions, including the Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, NY and the Bradford County Pennsylvania Historical Society. Let Kathie Olsen (contact data on page 15) know about your donations so the institutions don't receive duplicate copies.



## 2009 SGS Reunion Souvenir Books For Sale

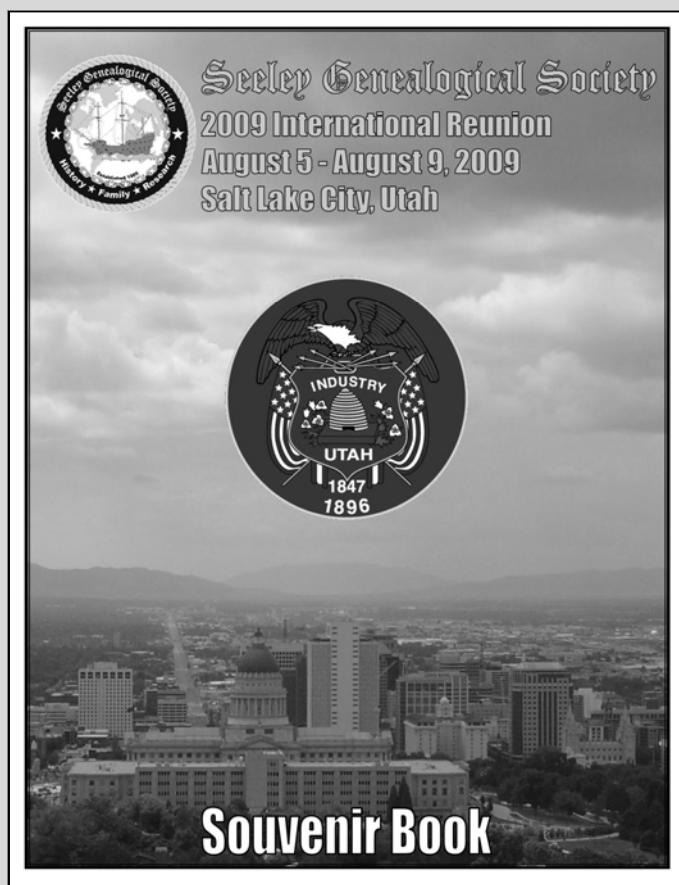
Once again SGS will assemble and produce a Souvenir Book commemorating the Seeley Genealogical Society's 2009 International Reunion. The book's contents will be similar to those of the past three reunions and will include lots of pictures of attendees (accompanied by the names of those in the photos to help you learn our cousins' names).

It will include a "Dedication" page and a list of SGS Members known to have recently passed; it will include reunion highlights; a description of the tours we took; a copy 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 reunion officers elected; 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 we did in Salt Lake City AND as a souvenir for those who did attend. This is one part of our initiative to document our society.

If you haven't already ordered a book, please send a check, payable to SGS, to Kathie Olsen (her address is on page 15) for \$20.00 US per book. We anticipate the books will be mailed early next year. To give you an idea of the book's probable size, the 2007 Reunion Souvenir Book was 114 pages.

Only one printing is planned so get your order in now.



## SGS Welcomes...

### New Members

Charmaine W. Matthews  
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Helper, UT 84521

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Taylorsville, UT 84123

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Provo, Utah 84604

Clair B. Seeley  
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Renfrew, On Canada K7V 0A1

Cheryl Dillon  
4258 Henderson Road  
Harrowsmith, On Canada KOH IVO

Jennifer Kim Seeley  
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Russell, On Canada K4R 1A5

Leah Seeley Neilson  
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Beth Ellen Seeley Sevy  
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Clinton, UT 84015

Coleen Wilcox Thompson  
548 East 300 North  
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Carolyn Nibley Sukhan  
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Folsom, CA 95630-2135

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### New LIFE Members

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Woodbridge, VA 22192-6470

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LA Sal, Utah 84530

Chris Seeley  
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Cobourg, Ontario Canada K9A 502

## Attendees of the SGS 2009 International Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah



**BACK ROW:** Donald E. Harris (Leavenworth, Kan.), George R. Seeley (Delanson, N.Y.), Clair Hendrickson (Salt Lake City, Utah), Jerry Havnar (Pacifica, Calif.), Brian Craven (Harrison, Mich.), LeAnne Seely (Castle Dale, Utah), ?????????, James R. Seeley (Churchville, Va.), Clair Seeley (Renfrew, Ontario, Canada), Paul Taylor (Virginia Beach, Va.), Chris C. Seeley (Cobourg, Ontario, Canada), Cameron Seeley Taylor (Virginia Beach, Va.), Terry Tietjens (Abilene, Kan.), Wesley A. Waring (Maple Grove, Minn.), Ed N. Seela (Temple, Texas), Wilma I. Seela (Temple, Texas), Ronald L. Page (Draper, Utah), Dean A. Winston (Warsaw, N.Y.).

**MIDDLE ROW:** Pam Turner (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Ruthetta M. Hansen (McCracken, Kan.), Sue Ann Craven (Harrison, Mich.), Dian Little (Shoreline, Wash.), Kim Wijsman (Renfrew, Ontario, Canada), Cheryl Dillon (Renfrew, Ontario, Canada), Lynda Simmons (Park City, Utah), Sally Seeley (Delanson, N.Y.), Stephen J. Hollands (Tacoma Park, Md.), Kathryn Seely (Castle Dale, Utah), Linda Crocker (Parkersburg, W.Va.), Ivey Harris (Leavenworth, Kan.), M. Sibyl Page (Denver, Colo.), Sandra W. Page (Draper, Utah), Nicholas G. Taylor (Virginia Beach, Va.), Carolyn Seeley Taylor (Virginia Beach, Va.), Judith H. Winston (Warsaw, N.Y.).

**FRONT ROW:** John R. Seely (Carson, Calif.), Chris Havnar (Pacifica, Calif.), Kathie Olsen (Salt Lake City, Utah), Mary Flynn Palley (Logan, Utah), Caroline L. Haddon (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Laura J. Condie (Binghamton, N.Y.), Coleen Thompson (Spanish Fork, Utah), A. Marion Hileman (Harrison, Mich.), Loleath "Toots" Brundage (Ogden, Utah), Charmaine Matthews (Helper, Utah), Geneva Hobbs (Chapman, Kan.).

**NOT PICTURED:** Jeffery A. Allred (Salt Lake City, Utah), Silvia H. Allred (Salt Lake City, Utah), Doris Barry (Salt Lake City, Utah), Camille Bell (North Salt Lake, Utah), Rand Bell (North Salt Lake, Utah), Clifford Bizek (Dallas, Texas), Maurine Bryner (Sandy, Utah), Thera Seeley Clark (Kaysville, Utah), Enid Cox (Salt Lake City, Utah), Glenn Cox (Salt Lake City, Utah), Pat Crosby-Burns (West Valley, Utah), Sue Ann Seely Croshaw (Seattle, Wash.), Elizabeth Frost (Yokota, Japan), Nathan Frost (Yokota, Japan), Uneta Grange (Huntington, Utah), Angela M. Groke (Carlsbad, Calif.), Bill Hileman (Harrison, Mich.), Ellen J. Hunnicutt (Mesa, Ariz.), Delene Jenkins Jacques (Vernal, Utah), Jessica Dee Jacques (Vernal, Utah), Dell Johnson (Logan, Utah), Mary Ann Kirk (Salt Lake City, Utah), Colleen Seeley Kossin (North Salt Lake, Utah), LaVona Seeley Lewis (North Salt Lake, Utah), C. Lamar Mayer (Monterey Park, Calif.), Jeannine Mayer (Monterey Park, Calif.), Kara McHardy (Mesa, Ariz.), VaLynn Melzer (Monterey Park, Calif.), Stacy Mitchell (Scott's Valley, Calif.), Dallin Oaks (Salt Lake City, Utah), Michelle Olsen (Burke, Va.), Nancy Olsen (Salt Lake City, Utah), Scott Olsen (Salt Lake City, Utah), Sue Davis Olsen (Price, Utah), Bonnie J. Packard (Carlsbad, Calif.), Jonne R. Page (Draper, Utah), Sandy Peel (Salt Lake City, Utah), Margaret Petersen (Tooele, Utah), Ken Petersen (Tooele, Utah), Maybeth S. Peterson (Mesa, Ariz.), Mary A. Pyle (Clinton, Mo.), Kent E. Pyle (Clinton, Mo.), Sonja Redd (LaSal, Utah), Ashleigh Shirley (Monterey Park, Calif.), Mark Simmons (Park City, Utah), Carolyn Nibley Sukhan, (Centerville, Utah), Katie Turvaville (Mesa, Ariz.), Karl Weiler (Fresno, Calif.), Linda Weiler (Fresno, Calif.), Terry Weiler (Newport Beach, Calif.), Clint Weiler (Elk Grove, Calif.), Jana Welch (Draper, Utah), John. H. Wilcox (Taylorsville, Utah), Kathi P. Wilcox (Taylorsville, Utah).

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others, we will come to appreciate their sacrifices, their dedication to good causes and their perseverance.

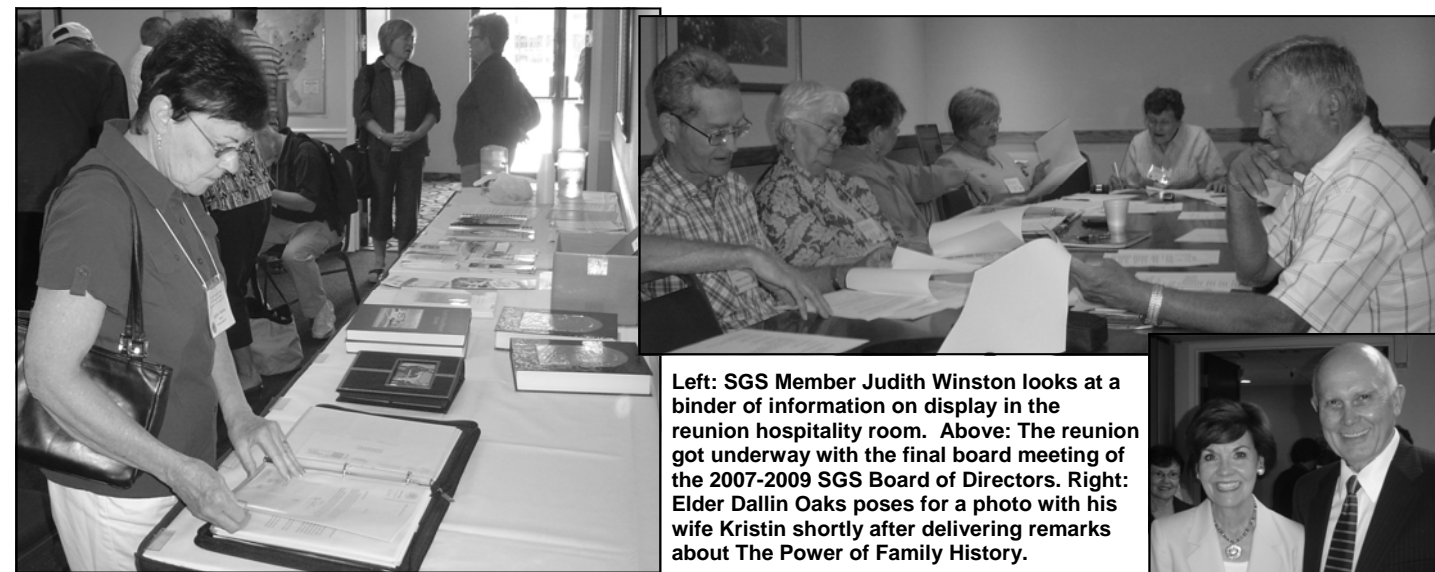
"What's Happening in SGS" an informational session was held at 3:15. Presentations were given by: Clair Hendrickson, an SGS member, about a new GEDCOM CD that he entered from data in the SGS Publications and International Genealogical Index; Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist and Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster, about the new edition to the Ancestor File (A million thanks to John R. Seely who started the database back in the middle ages and still serves as the chairperson); Paul Taylor, the newsletter editor, gave us an update on costs of production; Pam Turner, Librarian of the Seelye Research Center, brought us up to date on filing and other issues; Jim Seeley had exciting news to share concerning the DNA project (reported in the August 2009 newsletter); and Chris

and Jerry Havnar, SGS Webmasters, shared information concerning the website ([www.Seeley-Society.net](http://www.Seeley-Society.net)) which had a countdown to the reunion that was great!

Our dinner speaker was David Dilts from the Family History Library. His topic was "The History of Family History." It was a very interesting presentation including everything from the Bible to organizations such as Seeley Genealogical Society.

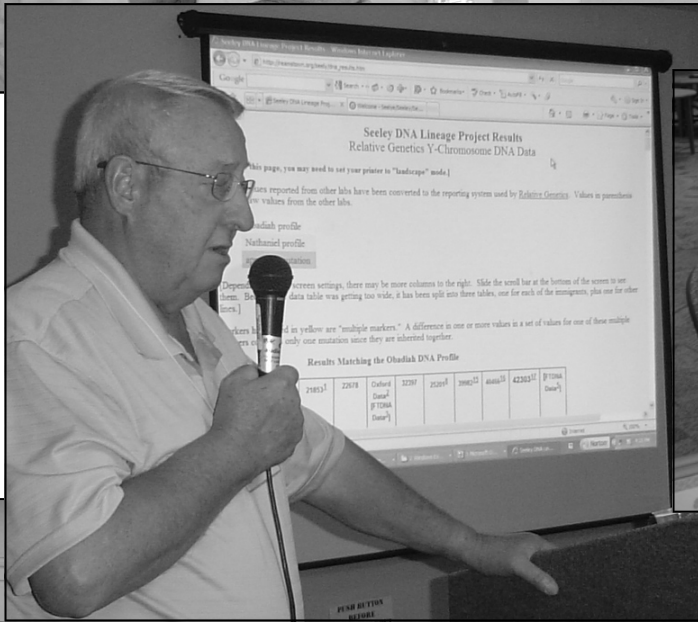
On Thursday morning, we met at the Family History Library for an introductory session and then members were encouraged to use the resources of the Family History Library to answer questions in our own quests. Mentors were provided, if desired. We should have scheduled a time to talk about the successes that members had in locating information!

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Left: SGS Member Judith Winston looks at a binder of information on display in the reunion hospitality room. Above: The reunion got underway with the final board meeting of the 2007-2009 SGS Board of Directors. Right: Elder Dallin Oaks poses for a photo with his wife Kristin shortly after delivering remarks about The Power of Family History.





Page 10, Clockwise: (Top) SGS members enjoyed two dinners together with guest speakers as well as presentations given by SGS members. (Center) SGS Members Ed and Wilma Seela are assisted by one of the volunteer staff as they conduct research during the reunion trip to the Family History Library. (Bottom Right) Reunion attendees Kim Wijsman and Cheryl



Dillon pose for a photo while wading in the Great Salt Lake during the reunion tour of Salt Lake City and environs. (Bottom Left) The tour also included a guided tour of Temple Square. (Middle Left) One of the member presentations during the reunion was an update by SGS Past President Jim Seeley on the SGS DNA Lineage project. Page 11 (Above Left) Justus Azel Seelye Family Organization (JASFO) President Camille Bell introduces SGS President Kathie Olsen as she welcomes SGS reunion attendees to a picnic hosted by JASFO. (Right) SGS and JASFO Member Karl Weiler cuts a piece of brisket he prepared in a dutch oven on a grill. (Editor's Note: The brisket was UNBELIEVABLE! If Karl ever invites you to join him for some, DO NOT pass up the opportunity!)



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One of the highlights of this reunion was the opportunity that Terry Tietjens had to play a short recital on the Tabernacle Organ in the Tabernacle on Temple Square. Terry played the theme song as well as "Home, Home on the Range" and other songs. We were able to sit in the Choir seats and sing along. I don't know what we sounded like but we loved it! Richard Elliot, the Tabernacle Organist, was so gracious and provided a demonstration of the capabilities of this famous organ at the conclusion. Thanks to SGS members, Enid and Glenn Cox for making the necessary arrangements!

Other activities of the day included a tour of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Humanitarian Center which provides aid to those around the world experiencing various disasters. There was a walking tour around the Temple Square area. The wind was blowing very hard but some brave souls did complete the tour! In the evening, some members did attend the Tabernacle Choir Practice in the Conference Center.

Friday morning we loaded onto a bus for a tour of the Salt Lake City area. Various family members acted as tour guides. We heard from Dr. Ken Petersen about the geology of the Salt Lake Valley including Lake Bonneville and the Great Salt Lake; Margaret Petersen spoke about the commercial history of the Great Salt Lake; Dr. Mark Simmons gave us the history of the Kennecott mining operations; Lynda Simmons talked about the pioneer settlement of the Salt Lake Valley including Gardner Mill; Camille Bell spoke of modern Salt Lake City, the canyons and the ski industry; LeAnne Seely filled us in on the Pony Express; Kathryn Seely shared the experiences of the Seeley family as Mormon Pioneers; Debbi Lundskog boarded the bus to tell us about the University of Utah

medical facilities as well as the 2002 Olympics; and Kathie Olsen spoke about historic South Temple Street. We had tour guides provided at the Utah State Capitol and Temple Square. We stopped at the Great Salt Lake; Gardner Village, where we enjoyed a nice box lunch; This is the Place Monument; Olympic Museum at the University of Utah; Utah State Capitol and Temple Square.

We addressed some of the "brick walls" in Seeley research on Friday evening, after dinner. Presentations were given by Linda Crocker; Jim Seeley; Pam Turner and Carol Haddon; and Dian Little. A question and answer period followed with others sharing some of their own research dilemmas.

Saturday began with the Business/Membership Meeting. There are minutes from this meeting in this newsletter on page three. New officers were elected. Kathie Olsen will continue as President with Paul Taylor and George Seeley as Vice Presidents. Mary Palley, Secretary and Sally Seeley, Treasurer were re-elected. Linda Crocker was elected Chief Genealogist/Query Editor and Terry Tietjens, Ruthetta Hansen and Wesley Waring will serve as Directors. Thanks to the Nominating Committee (Jim Seeley and Ray Hall) for assembling the slate of officers and thanks to all those who agreed to volunteer to serve this great organization of ours. All members serving in appointed positions are requested to continue in their positions. Their contact information is in this newsletter on page 15. We also adopted DNA criteria for SGS funding of DNA tests.

An exciting discussion ensued while we contemplated possible sites for the 2011 reunion. The tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania (Bradford County, and

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Hansen as one of the Directors. Paul will continue to serve as Publications Editor and Ruthetta as Historian. Dian Little was replaced as Director but will serve as Assistant Genealogist along with Chris Havnar. The rest of the board remained in their previous positions. The newly elected Board of Directors and appointed officers met in our first meeting on Saturday, August 8, 2009 to set the course for the next two years. A Constitution Committee was appointed with George Seeley as chairperson to determine what changes are necessary to our Constitution and By-laws.

I appreciate the willingness of SGS members to volunteer to serve. Thanks so much!! Thanks for giving of your time and money. This organization could not function without volunteers. We still need more! If there is some way you are willing to help, please contact me.

Kathie Olsen (Katherine M. Olsen)  
President, Seeley Genealogical Society

## Mary Seley *(continued from page 5)*

young, they decided to rededicate their lives to Christ and be baptized at the First Baptist Church. They were then married on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1947.

Mary and Marvin made their home in Clay Center and their two daughters, Mary Jo and Jacque, were born there.

The family moved to Topeka, Kansas in 1952 and stayed there until the girls graduated from high school.

In the late 1970's when Mary was close to 50, she decided to go back to school and become a nurse. It was hard working full time as an aide at a local nursing home and going to school full time, but she made it and graduated as a LPN. She continued to work as a nurse, until Marvin passed away in 1999.

She continued to be involved with the Howorth Naval Reunions after Marvin had passed away. They had made many friends and it was important to both of them.

Mary moved to Abilene, Kansas in 2000 near her daughter Mary Jo. This move allowed Mary to help take care of her mother Jennie McMahan while she was in the nursing home there.

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Tioga County, Pennsylvania and Chemung County of New York) was selected by the members present. The exact place and dates will be announced. An optional tour will be planned. A reunion committee consisting of Kathie Olsen, Jim Seeley, George Seeley and Sally Seeley was appointed. After the membership meeting, a group photo was taken by the hotel pool.

In the afternoon on Saturday, SGS participated with JASFO (Justus Azel Seelye (SGS #836) Family Organization) at a family picnic held in Sherwood Park. It was entitled "Pioneer Fair." There was plenty of good food and entertainment and an opportunity to mingle with our cousins. After the fair, the "new" Board of Directors met in a meeting back at the hotel. The new officers were installed at a reception held in the hotel. Light

refreshments were served and there was time to visit with other reunion attendees.

On Sunday morning buses took us to the Conference Center for a broadcast of "Music and the Spoken Word" by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. At the conclusion of the performance, we returned to the hotel for a farewell buffet brunch. This gave us one last opportunity to spend time with each other before going our separate ways.

I would highly recommend that you purchase a souvenir book. It will contain the text of the presentations, other information and lots of pictures. You will want one whether you were at the reunion or not! If you didn't order one at the reunion, there is still time (ordering information can be found in the Souvenir Book article on page 7). It will cost \$20.00. There is a deadline of November 20, 2009.

Thanks to all who made this reunion a great success!

## SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor  
Linda Crocker  
(Data Current as of October 17, 2009)*

### WHAT'S NEW IN QUERIES?

I receive a couple of queries each month, usually via the website. Often I am able to easily answer the query, using our database or ancestry.com, helping someone move back a generation or two from where they are in their research into a known Seeley line. Other times I arrive at a dead-end, resulting in the queries you find in your newsletter.

When not researching queries I have been researching the lines of folks in the obituaries or biographies that Chris Havnar posts to our website. Right now I have 462 left to do – usually by the time I finish one or two Chris has added 5 or 6 to the list! While I realize

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While living in Abilene Mary became one of the historians for the Seelye Genealogical Society. She spent many hours trying to trace our line of Seley's back to the beginning and was involved in the planning of several of the Seelye Reunions.

She continued to live in Abilene until 2007, when she then moved to the Care Center in Henderson, Nebraska to be near her daughter Jacque.

Her parents, her husband and one grandson preceded her in death. Mary is survived by her daughters Mary Jo Hansen, Jacque Ediger and her husband Vern, her grand children Bud Millard and wife Jamie, Jennie Hiatt and husband Eric, Annie Vecchio and husband John, Mike Ediger, Stephanie Friesen and husband Kevin, Ryan Ediger, and ten great-grandchildren Caitlin, C.J., Madison, Cole, Allie Jo, Karley, Blake, Easton, Nick and Cooper with another great-grandson and the first great-great grandchild both on the way.

She was a devoted Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother and loved dearly by them all.

that those who have passed on are no longer trying to trace their family, I uncover a lot of collateral lines, adding names, places and dates to the database. This makes it more likely that I can quickly and completely answer future queries.

### INTRODUCTION TO SGS QUERIES

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

Please send your queries to Seeley Genealogical Society Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see page 15 for contact information). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators for their input. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the quarterly SGS 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 Research Query 2009-D** Re: William Seeley of Waterbury, CT, father of Charles b. 1821

This query arose because a DNA test result from a descendant of Charles Seely showed that he was in the Obadiah line and he had his lineage traced to Nathaniel. Two suggestions had been that this William was either SGS# 3184 (of the Obadiah line) or SGS# 1137 (of the Nathaniel line). We had ruled out the William identified as # 3184 because he moved to IL before Charles was b. in CT.

Jean Richards ([jbeoabn@gmail.com](mailto:jbeoabn@gmail.com)) contacted us to report that she is a cousin of the man who had the DNA test. She and her cousins have researched and found various facts about William and Charles:

- In Volume 50 of The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records, page 329, under **Seeley, Seley**: "Charles s. William of Waterbury m. Amy Pritchard d. Roger of Waterbury Dec. 25, 1843". In the Waterbury Vital Records, that would be Vol. 3, P. 229.
- a copy of death record from Waterbury City Hall for William Seeley dated 22 September 1854 at age 74, making his birth about 1780.

Four children of "William and Patty Seley" were buried in Waterbury's Grand Street Cemetery. They are: Albert, Mar 26, 1811; David A. Sep 1, 1815; Nelson, Aug 28, 1815; Sherman, Apr 20, 1816.

Jean theorizes that it may be that there is little information on William (SGS# 1137) because his father (William, SGS# 377) was charged with aiding the (Loyalist) raiders of Dayton House in 1780.

We still have the problem that William #377 is identified in the Nathaniel line. Can anyone figure out where he belongs in the Obadiah line?

### NEW QUERIES:

**Query 0911-1** Submitted by Patrick Seeley ([108cm@comcast.net](mailto:108cm@comcast.net))

Patrick sent the following:

- Seeley, Patrick John, b July 6, 1966, Suffern NY, Currently living in Hershey PA, Son of
- Seeley, John Patrick, b Jul 6, 1932, Cleveland, OH, d Mar 3, 2003 Harrisburg PA, Son of
- Seeley, George Russel, b July 11, 1899, Cleveland, OH, d Aug 27, 1954, Son of
- Seeley, William A, b 1875, location unknown, d Aug 29, 1903, Cleveland, OH, Son of Unknown

Patrick says that William A Seeley died a premature death by suicide (hanging). His wife was Helen Neville b unknown, md Feb 1, 1898, at St John Cathedral, Cleveland, OH. Helen died on May 11, 1958 at Cleveland OH.

A family story says George Seeley and Helen were wards of the state when Helen suffered from TB while George was young and she was sent to a solarium somewhere outside Cleveland. She recovered but the dates of recovery and the status of George are both unknown. Given the style of death of William A Seeley's death, he was never discussed at family gatherings according to Patrick's father and aunt who are both now deceased. Patrick would like to expand his family tree by a generation.

**SGS Response:** 1900 census Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

- Seeley, William A., b. Dec 1873 PA, parents b. ENG, lineman, md 2 yr to
- Seeley, Helen, b. Apr 1873 OH, parents b. IRE, 1 child, 1 living
- Seeley, George R. b. Jul 1899 OH, PA, OH 1910 Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH
- George R age 10 listed as son of Nellie Seeley and grandson of Margaret Neville 1880 Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH
- Seely, George H, age 36, b. OH, NY, OH, RR Brakeman
- Seely, Laura, age 39, b. PA, PA, NY
- Seely, Addie age 10, William age 7, Charles age 3, all b. PA
- Russell, Frank H., age 23, b. PA, PA, PA, works in wrench factory, boarder
- Corby, Charles, age 22, b. PA, PA, PA, polisher, boarder
- 1870 Girard, Erie, PA
- Seeley, George, age 28, b. PA, farm laborer
- Seeley, Laura, age 28, b. PA
- 1860 Girard, Erie, PA
- Seely, Wm, age 54, b. NY, tanner & currier
- Seely, Elizabeth age 44, b. OH
- Seely, Helen age 14, Geo age 10, Frank age 7, DeWitt age 5, all b. OH
- 1850 Sadsbury, Crawford, PA
- Seely, William, age 37, b. NY, tanner and currier
- Seely, Elizabeth, age 38, b. OH
- Seely, Helen age 4, George age 3, both b. PA
- 1860 Fairview, Erie, PA
- Russell, Caroline, age 41, seamstress, b. NY
- Russell, Benj F age 21, fr (farmer), b. PA; Laura, age 18, svt (servant), b. PA, Matilda, age 16, svt, b. PA
- 1900 census Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

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- Seeley, George H., b. Nov 1846 OH, NY, OH, steel polisher, md 33 yr to
- Seeley, Laura R., b. Oct 1841 PA, PA, NY, 5 children, 4 living
- Seeley, Charles R b. Oct 1877 PA, OH, PA, baker
- Seeley, George R b. Feb 1881 OH, OH, Pa, apprentice photo eng.
- Isaac, William C., boarder, b. Mar 1885, OH, ENG, CAN, bread salesman

1910 OH Miracode Index Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

- Laura Seeley age 55 b. PA head
- Charles R Seeley age 32, son, b. PA

1920 Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

- Seeley, Charles R, age 41, b. PA, PA, PA, bread salesman
- Seeley, Ellen, age 42, b. ENG, ENG, ENG, to US in 1907
- Rentley, Elizabeth, age 83, mother-in-law, b. ENG, ENG, ENG, to US in 1908

WWI draft reg'n: George Russell Seeley of Cleveland b. 11 July 1899, inspector for Ferris Mader Flag Co. (?), next of kin Mrs N Seeley of same address in Cleveland

Charles Russell Seeley of Cleveland b. 10 Oct 1878, bakery salesman, names Mrs Nellie Seeley of same address as next of kin

So, William A. is the son of George H. Seeley and his wife Laura Russell. George H. is the son of William and Elizabeth Seely of Crawford and Erie Co. PA. William is b. 1806-13 NY and Elizabeth is b. 1812-1816 in OH. Can anyone identify this William Seely?

**Query 0911-2** Submitted by Kaye Dyer (kaydyerdyer7821@msn.com)

Lydia Seeley was born between 1805/1808, Saratoga County, New York and died June, 1885, Alleghan County, Michigan. She married John Hardendorf about 1823 in Steuben County, New York. Their children were Alpheus, Abram, Myron (twins) John, Adelia (twins) Lydia, Harriett and George. Kaye would like to know Lydia's Seely lineage.

**SGS Response:** 1850 census York, Steuben, IN

- Hardendoph, Alpheus, age 24, farer, b. NY
- Hardendoph, Lydia, age 42, b. NY
- Hardendoph, George age 5, Harriet age 8, Lydia age 10, Adelia age 15, Abram age 17, all b. NY

Lydia is not listed in the Seeley Genealogical Society's ancestor database. Paul Seeley, a member of the Query Team, noted that Daniel Seeley (SGS# 609) had a 1<sup>st</sup> wife named Lydia Comstock and a daughter Lydia. Daniel resided in Ballston, Saratoga, NY. This Lydia is too old to be the right one, however she had two brothers, Samuel (SGS# 1940) and Joseph (SGS# 1943), both named in their father's will dated 1807 and probated 1812. We have no information on these men but it is certainly possible that one of them could have named a daughter Lydia after their mother.

Pam Turner, SGS Librarian, suggested looking at a copy of "Centennial History of Ballston Spa – 1762-1907" by Edward F. Grose, copyright 1907" which is available at

the Ballston Spa Library.

Can anyone identify this Lydia or send information on Samuel or Joseph, sons of Daniel of Fairfield CT and Saratoga NY?

**Query 0911-3** Submitted by Patricia Fischer (ChekWriter@aol.com)

Pat has contacted us before asking for information on Permillia Seeley who married John MILLS, Jr, son of John MILLS - Rebecca SMITH of Sussex CO NJ USA. They were in PA at one time, and then removed to Ontario, Canada, around Grimsby, and/or Windham, Norfolk, ONT CAN area. Since then she has had her brother do a DNA test and it confirmed his descent from John MILLS, husband of Permelia or Permillia SEELY, son of John MILLS and Rebecca SMITH of Sussex Co NJ USA. John and Permelia were born ca 1760's either of NJ or CT or PA.

**SGS Response:** We get questions about this Permillia/Permillia once every year or two (see Query SR-2001-13 on our website). I would love to be able to identify her. However ... now I would like to know the original source of the information that she was John Mills' wife - some kind of written record. The only Permillia/Pamelia, etc that we know of that early was a daughter of Benjamin Seelye of CT (some confusion as to which Benjamin) but she is b. 1810 and md to Horace Frazier. I am really curious if anyone can find some proof that John Mills' wife was really a Seeley.

## 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?

What exactly do you want to know? Parents' names and details? Sibling information? Information on a family marrying into the Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed please keep us informed about any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested 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 information. One more name, date or place may be the key to linking your line to another. Your query will also be posted on our website. Make sure we have your current contact details – sometimes we get new information months or even years after your query appears.

## HOW TO ANSWER A QUERY

If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, Query Editor. Please include the Query number, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.



## SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2009 - 2011

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## Seeley Genealogical Society Membership Form

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DESCENDANT OF:  Robert  Obadiah  Other (Attached)  Unknown

I/we have submitted our Seeley line as far as known to Linda Crocker  YES  PLANNING TO  
or Chris Havnar (contact info above) for inclusion in the SGS Ancestor File  NO

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1. *The Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), Generations One Through Five, 1997 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
2. *The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
3. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition* (U.S. \$25)
4. The SGS CD-ROM -- Revised August 2009 (U.S. \$15) that includes:
  - Folder A: the Three SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen
  - Folder B: SGS Ancestor File Index Revised August 2009 by Chris Havnar & Linda Crocker (original by John Seely)
  - Folder C: 1980's Research Rpt. on Obadiah Seeley (New Eng. records), Fred C. Hart, Jr., CG
  - Folder D: Research Report on Robert Seeley by Alan Phipps, MA, AG
  - Folder E: 2006 Research Rpt on Obadiah Seeley (old English records), Clifford L. Stott, CG
5. The SRC Document Index (with change 4 entered) lists documents shelved at the Seelye Research Center (U.S. \$10).

Items 1, 2, and 3 should be ordered from Terry Tietjens, item 4 from Bob Seeley, and item 5 from Pamela Turner. You can find contact information (address, phone number, & e-mail address) on page 15.

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