



### September 11, 2001

As Franklin Delano Roosevelt said about December 7, 1941: "A day that will live in infamy." We too will not forget this date and its tragic events; nor will we forget those who so unpredictably lost their lives, New York City Police and Firemen, as well as those in New York and Washington and aboard the four ill-fated aircraft, who had left their families to go to a routine day of work. Lists of the known dead do not contain the names of any Seeleys and variant spellings; however, it is probable that Seeley descendants of other names were among those killed. For these, and for all those who died, we as a society offer our individual and collective prayers, both for the deceased and for their surviving families.

God Bless America!

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to those who were killed or injured during the attacks of September 11, 2001. We want to remember those Seeley descendants who may have lost their lives or were injured by listing their names in the SGS Newsletter. If any reader knows of such a person, please send their name, city and state of domicile to the Newsletter Editor. Our hope is that no Seeley descendant lost any close family or friends in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, or the plane lost in Somerset County,

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PA; however, our deepest sympathies go to the families and friends of all the victims. Elsewhere you will find initial reactions to the attacks from several SGS members. If you know of any Seeley descendants who have participated in the rescue efforts, or supported those efforts, please provide the Newsletter Editor with their names, addresses, and a synopsis of their involvement.

My thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work in developing a strong slate of officers and to the Membership for their vote for the new Executive Board. Special thanks go to the retiring Executive Board for their dedicated service and particularly to our former President, Dan Seelye. He served 4 years and hosted the Tacoma, WA., SGS 2001 Reunion. As the incoming President, I had the pleasure to present a corsage of gratitude to Dan's wife, Ruth, for her support of Dan and the SGS. Marshall Seelye presented a plaque to Dan as a token of the Society's appreciation for his outstanding efforts. Dan presented the Society a gavel to be passed along for use by future SGS Presidents.

I will continue to coordinate SGS Queries as I have in the past. Ann Hall, the new Chief Genealogist will pursue other initiatives. Omitting the normal query column was considered in this issue, dedicated to the victims of the 11 September attacks; however, some queries were received several months ago, and waiting until the February Newsletter seemed unfair. So, queries and query updates received up to the SGS Reunion are included in this issue. Those submitted for posting at the Reunion and subsequent will appear in the February Newsletter.

One priority Seeley Research objective is to seek proof, or a preponderance of data that would support assumptions made in the SGS Publications regarding Obadiah's lineage. Your thoughts are welcome. Please copy Ann Hall on any comments or suggestions you may have for further research in this area.

The Historical Triangle of Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown Virginia was selected by the membership as the site of the 2003 SGS Reunion. The dates selected were the week following Labor Day, September 4-6, 2003. Mark your calendar. A committee of Carolyn Seeley Taylor (tours), Tom Seeley (location), and Tammy Seeley Graham (speakers) are busy helping me with advance preparations.

Volunteers are solicited to host the 2005 SGS Reunion, along with a recommended location. Contact me with your ideas. Several areas discussed during the Tacoma reunion were Salt Lake City, New York State, Fort Wayne, and Des Moines.

Ray Hall and Terry Tietjens have suggested a "call for papers" be issued for presentations at the 2003 Reunion on Seeley issues of interest. I think that is a great idea. Please send a synopsis of your idea for a paper to Tammy Seeley Graham (wabitlvr@aol.com) and to me (jrseeley@aol.com). Tammy and I will select those to be presented.

A committee was appointed during the Tacoma reunion to review the SGS By Laws and make recommendations for changes so they may be published in the

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## SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

### General Information

Membership is open to anyone interested in Genealogy, History or Biography; amateur or professional, and includes Seeleys and Seeley descendants. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, there are hundreds of other surnames of allied families, who intermarried into the Seeleys to form this ALL AMERICAN FAMILY. The name Seeley is spelled many different ways including as examples the following - Seeley, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc. All similar surname spellings are invited to become members.

### OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

To preserve and make available for Genealogical research the family records of the Seeley Ancestors. to encourage and assist the study of family history; to promote the exchange of knowledge and to encourage the deposit of family records. To cooperate with other Societies and assist in the publication of Genealogical holdings. To publish the generations of the Seeley family beginning with Capt. Robert Seeley who immigrated to America in 1630. To assist in the education of Genealogical methods, standards and record keeping.

Membership Dues	\$8.00 per year, U. S. Funds. Year is September 1 to August 31. (15 two years; \$21 three years; \$30 five years)
Life Membership	\$100.00, U. S. Funds, Pay all dues to Membership Chairman.
Research Fund	Personal Contributions. Any amount welcome at any time.
Donald Eff Memorial Fund	Personal Contributions welcome at any time.
Newsletter	Quarterly newsletters, Special Editions, Free Queries, Announcements and Offers of Help. Newsletters are issued in February, May August and November, Queries and other articles must be in the hands of the Editor by the 15th of the month prior to publication.
Reunions	SGS Reunions are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2003 in the Williamsburg, VA area. Please advise the Editor if your branch or family have plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.
National Research Center	Co-located with the Seelye Mansion at 1105 N. Buckeye, in Abilene, KS 67410

### SGS PUBLICATIONS

*Descendants of Robert Seeley (1602-1677) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657): Generations One Through Five*, 1997 Edition, and *The Sixth Generation Families*, 1995 Edition, are both available for US\$17.00 each including postage. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657)*, 2000 Edition, is available for US\$25.00 including postage. These books may be ordered from from the Seelye Research Center, P. O. Box 337, Abilene, KS, 67410-0337, or from the President, Chief Genealogist, or Newsletter Editor of the Society at their addresses listed on page 2 of this Newsletter. Prior issues of the Newsletter are available for US\$1.00 each from the Newsletter Editor or from the Seelye Research Center.

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Newsletter for your consideration and action at the 2003 SGS Reunion. Committee members are Kathy Olsen (Chair), Walt Davis and Ray Hall. Members' inputs are welcome.

Following my election as President, I asked the SGS Executive Board to accept as a challenge (1) Increasing SGS membership and (2) Finding ways to make our membership more active. Again, inputs from all members are welcome. Please include George Seeley and Kathy Olson on any suggestions in this area.

Contributions to the Seelye Research Center are tax-exempt. Contributions can help with, among other things, entering data into a computer, organizing Seeley data files, and paying utility bills.

The criteria for making changes to the three SGS Publications was read and confirmed by the SGS Board. The criteria will be published elsewhere in this and future Newsletters. It is also found in the front of the three books published by the SGS.

I will continue to Chair the Web Site Committee charged with developing a Web Site to record the 8<sup>th</sup> and succeeding generations of Seeley descendants. George Seeley will augment membership of the Web Site Committee, already consisting of Mark Cilley, Edgar Seeley, and Terry Tietjens.

Ann Hall, the Chief Genealogist, was asked to take a leadership role in SGS research efforts. Wesley Waring is asked to assist Ann in those efforts. Contact them with your ideas.

The development of a **Seeley Women Book** is being considered. Volunteers are requested to lead or assist with such a project. Meanwhile, data on Seeley Women, not found in the three SGS Publications, should be sent to John Seely and Terry Tietjens.

Look for a list of Area Coordinators and their duties elsewhere in this Newsletter. Volunteers are needed for this important function.

Walter Davis was appointed SGS Delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). John Seely was appointed an Alternate Delegate.

A trip to the United Kingdom (UK) is tentatively being planned for 2004. Kathy Olsen has agreed to take the leadership for planning this trip. Members Richard Green and Tom Seeley will assist her. Send your comments to Kathy on the scope, itinerary,

## DUES ARE DUE

Please check your address label on this Newsletter to note the date that your dues are "Paid to" in the upper left hand corner of the label. **If the date is shown as 08/01, your dues are now due for the year 2001-2002.** You should remit your dues to the Membership Chairman, George R. Seeley, 1442 Thousand Acre Rd, Delanson, NY, 12053-2223. You are encouraged to take advantage of the multiple year membership renewal as shown on page 4 of this Newsletter.

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## REACTIONS TO TERRORIST ATTACK

The following SGS members have expressed their reactions to the Terrorist Attack on September 11, 2001. They are reprinted below as indicative of the feelings of SGS members and U.S. citizens:

James R. Seeley: My reactions to the Events of 11 September were disbelief that such a terrible act could happen; anger at those responsible, followed by grief for those lost or injured followed the tragedies of 11 September. My emotions were on a roller coaster watching the events unfold. One of my major early concerns was that our Nation be careful how we respond so we don't generate more hatred that could precipitate more attacks in future years against our families and loved ones. I have been a strong supporter of the response our country has taken so far. We seemed to have carefully considered who organized those terrorist attacks and the actions we have taken so far (at this writing) have been those that minimize injury to innocent people. At the same time, we are providing aid to those poor refugee Afgans not only for strong humanitarian reasons, but also to minimize the hate factor toward Americans. In our grief, we are sustained by the care we share for each other, our spiritual beliefs, and the courage we inherited from our ancestors. I believe our Society's work in better understanding our family heritage can add to the strength we all need. Certainly, these hard times demand the best from all of

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# QUERIES

**(Data as of 5 October 2001)**

**Query number is 2 digit year; 2 digit month of Newsletter; query sequence number**

**Please note:**

**Please send queries to Jim Seeley at the Email address listed on page 2 of this Newsletter or to your Area Coordinator, listed elsewhere. Jim will continue to coordinate SGS Queries. Our new Chief Genealogist will pursue other initiatives.**

## QUERY UPDATES

**Update to Query # 0108-2:** (August Newsletter) The submitter was Joyce Grant Fesler, Email [joycefesler@msn.com](mailto:joycefesler@msn.com) and her query was Re Sarah Weed Seely, b. 7 Jul 1808 and m. John B. Grant. Dan Seelye had responded that he believed she was the daughter of Jehu Seely (SGS # 3279) whose line is Jehu<sup>7</sup>, Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Elijah<sup>5</sup>, Obadiah<sup>4</sup>, Obadiah<sup>3</sup>, Obadiah<sup>2</sup> (superscript is generation number from the SGS 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Publication.) Mary Tim (Timmy) Baggot responded by Email to Joyce stating she believed Sarah Weed Seely was probably a sister of Timmy's great-great grandmother Hannah Eliza Seeley. She also indicated that Sarah (Sally) was 4<sup>th</sup> in the family of six. Timmy provided considerable detail on the family and she has posted her family tree on the Internet at [www.baggot.net](http://www.baggot.net). Thanks for your response, Timmy.

**Update to Query # 0108-9:** (August Newsletter) The submitter was Bob Sasman, Email [marbol6@core.com](mailto:marbol6@core.com). Bob sought information regarding the Seelye stone house and "Owl's Nest" at Joshua's Rock, on the shore of Dunham's Bay, Lake George, Queensbury, NY. While attending the SGS Reunion at Tacoma, Leslye Teuber replied via Dan Seelye as follows: "Francis Seelye is the sister of my great, great grandfather, Darius Seelye. Elwin Seelye, a brother of Francis married Elizabeth Eggleston, daughter of Dr. Edward (Eggleston). The home was built by the Eggleston Family. They had three children Elwyn, Allegra, and Maude.

"Joshua's Rock is on Lake George, Warren County, NY. The home is on the National Historic Register. There is a library on the estate, plus other lodgings. The home is now owned by the descendants. I have a picture of the home, plus pictures of the cemetery on the property. There are headstones for Ripe and Reuben." Thanks for your response, Leslye.

**Only 2 of 13 queries in the August Newsletter received a response.**

**Can't we as a Genealogical Society do better?**

## NEW QUERIES

*Please send a copy of any information you might develop regarding the following queries to the submitter, with a copy to Jim Seeley.*

**Query # 0111-1:** Submitted by Mark Carpenter, Email [polaraman@aol.com](mailto:polaraman@aol.com).

**Subject: Mrs. Gertrude Seelye** of Mercer County, PA

Mark is trying to locate descendents of Mrs. Gertrude Seelye of Mercer County, PA. Her maiden name was Ryder. Her husband's first name is unknown.

**SGS Interim Response:** Terry Tietjens, Director of the Seelye Research Center, and John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator both report they could find nothing that would help. If any SGS member or Seelye Researcher has relevant information, please reply, citing the Query number, direct to Mark Carpenter, copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-2:** Submitted by Brian Smith, Email [gsmith@pica.army.mil](mailto:gsmith@pica.army.mil)

**Subject: C. Barnum Seeley** born **Clinton Hallett Seeley**

Brian seeks information on what became of Clinton Hallett Seeley, son of Nathan Seeley and Pauline Taylor Barnum. Brian states Pauline Barnum was the daughter of P.T. Barnum, founder of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus. Per a quote from a web site, <http://www.gbnf.com/genealogy/barnum/html/>

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[d0030/13424.HTM](#) in his will, P.T. Barnum disposed of an estate of \$4,100,000, and he made careful provision for the perpetuation of his name. Since he had no sons, he provided that his grandson, C. H. Seeley, should receive the sum of \$25,000 besides his share in the estate, if he would change his name to C. Barnum Seeley, "so that the name of Barnum shall always be known as his name."

**SGS Response:** John Seely, SGS Database Coordinator, responded to Brian that he had a Clinton Hallett Seeley in his database. He was born in Bridgeport, CT 10 Aug 1867 and died there ca 1958. He married Florence Tuttle 30 Dec 1896, possibly in New York City. John had no dates or places for Florence. Some of the above came from an obituary of Herbert Barnum Seeley in 1914 from the ST PAUL DISPATCH and a book THE FABULOUS SHOWMAN, P.T. BARNUM, p. 172. John also shows Jesse Barnum Seeley as a sibling of Clinton. A sincere WELL DONE to John Seely for tracking down the information Brian Smith requested. John said many members have heard "something" about a Seeley connection to P.T. Barnum and this could correct any misconceptions although stories are good for the soul.

**Query # 0111-3:** Submitted by Louise Walsh Throop, 12087 Ruth Glen, Sunol, CA 94586.

**Subject: Benjamin Sealy**

Louise requests assistance in determining the death of Benjamin Sealy, who m. Elizabeth SOLDS, widow (per a New York license dated 23 Jan 1773). Louise believes this couple was probably married in Hempstead (Nassau) NY or perhaps Weston (Fairfield) CT and that the printed version may be inaccurate and that SOLES is meant for Elizabeth.

Louise is also seeking information on the birth and death of this Elizabeth, who may have been a widow of Benjamin Soule from Dutchess Co., NY(?). Louise also wants to know if Elizabeth had any children by Benjamin Sealy.

**SGS Interim Response:** John Seely responded that the SGS 6<sup>th</sup> Generation Book lists a Benjamin Seeley "(b abt 1756 Weston, CT) m 23 Jan 1773, NY, Elizabeth Scolds. Resided VT. Moved to Canada. Had sons." The SGS Publications do not list a date of death for Benjamin Seeley nor does they list birth or death dates for Elizabeth Scolds. Jim Seeley replied to Louise by letter with the interim response and with information on joining SGS. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, direct to Louise Walsh Throop at the above address, copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-4:** Submitted by Kathy Cummings, c/o Marilyn O'Connor, 47 High Street, Carthage, NY 13619

**Subject: Hiram Seeley**

Kathy seeks information on the ancestors of her grandparents, Hiram Seeley and his wife Perleyette Remington. She states Hiram was born in Massachusetts around 1799 and he had a previous wife, Sarah (maiden name unknown). In 1850 Hiram and Sarah were in Saint Lawrence County, NY. Eventually Sarah died and Hiram married Perleyette Remington. They had a big family, as did Sarah and Hiram. She listed Hiram and Perleyette's children as: Abigail, Lucy, Henry, Jesse, Dora, twins Carra and Clarra, Etta, and George. She listed Hiram and Sarah's children as: Hiram, Clarissa, William, Ambrose, Sarah, Alfred, Eleanor and another female.

**SGS Interim Response:** A review of the 3 SGS Publications did not find a match for this Hiram Seeley. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, direct to Kathy Cummings at the above address, copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query #0111-5:** Submitted by Sharon Moehring, Email [Jmoehring@att.net](mailto:Jmoehring@att.net).

**Subject: Jonas Seely and Elizabeth Quick**

Sharon is requesting information on Jonas Seeley who married Elizabeth Quick and moved to Ralls Co., MO from Ohio County (Brooks CO, WVA) in 1804. Jonas is believed to be the son of John Nichols Seely. Jonas Seely's daughter, Sarah Seely, married Green DeWitt and they moved to Texas. Sharon is a descendent of Sarah Seely and Green DeWitt.

**SGS Interim Response:** Terry Tietjens, Director of the Seelye Research Center, responded that he had some information about John Nichols Seely and will send that material to Sharon.

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**Query # 0111-6:** Submitted by Tammy Russell, Email [tammytaylor@snowcrest.net](mailto:tammytaylor@snowcrest.net).

**Subject: Charles M. & Catherine Seeley**

Tammy is seeking information on the family of Charles M. & Catherine Seeley. Tammy has Catherine's divorce decree dated 1885 in San Francisco, seen by Judge J. F. Sullivan. Catherine's daughter's death notice states that they were from Milwaukee, WI. Catherine's daughter was born in 1861.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye responded that he could find no connection to this family in his files and requested that Tammy provide additional names and data if available. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, direct to Tammy Russell at the above Email address, copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-7:** Submitted by Elizabeth Kommersmith, Email [bessyjane@hotmail.com](mailto:bessyjane@hotmail.com).

**Subject: George Washington Seely**

Elizabeth is seeking any additional information SGS may have on George Washington Seely, page 3900 on Dan Seelye's Web Site.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye provided Elizabeth with a Family Group Sheet on George Washington Seely, SGS # 3900, 8<sup>th</sup> generation in the Obadiah line, b. 20 Mar 1826 in Palmyra, NY. His father was Charles Seely (SGS # 1763) and his mother was Phoebe Johnson. He resided in California. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has additional information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, direct to Elizabeth Kommersmith at the above Email address, copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-8:** Submitted by Sally Close Meabon, Email [esm92@wilmington.net](mailto:esm92@wilmington.net).

**Subject: Harriet Seeley**

Sally is a great-great granddaughter of Harriet Seeley (1802) who married Reuben Close in 1828 and Sally is requesting more information on Harriet. She understands that Harriet and Reuben were divorced and she wonders if all the children she has listed for them were from this union or more than one union. The children she has for Harriet are: Fidelia (1822-1896), George (1824-1895), Charles (1826-1883), Julia (1828-1899), Newbury (1830-1880), Reuben (1832-1910), Harriet F. (b. 1835), Polly (1837-1871), Elizabeth (1839-1852), and William (1844-1852).

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye responded that this Harriet Seeley is listed as SGS # 956 (7<sup>th</sup> generation in the Nathaniel line), daughter of Nathaniel Seelye and Rebecca Goodspeed. This entry in the SGS Seventh Generation Book states only that there were children born to this couple. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, direct to Sally Close Meabon at the above Email address, copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-9:** Submitted by Marian F. Fraser, Caixa Postal 574, 40,000 Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

**Subject: Henrietta Timm Seely**

Marian states that in the June 2001 issue of the *Connecticut Nutmegger*, she found a review of *Descendants of Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley*. She has been trying off and on for years to find, for a friend, the line of Henrietta Timm Seely who married 22 February 1870 Henry J. Mumford who was born 23 February 1844. This, plus the fact that they had a son, Leon Orville Mumford, born 5 January 1871, is the sum total of her information. Henry J. Mumford's father was of Otsego County, NY. The son, Leon, resided in Summit, NJ in 1931 and 1943. Marian is seeking information on Henrietta's line.

**SGS Interim Response:** A review of the 3 SGS Publications found no good match. However, a remote possibility could be SGS # 2992, this "Henrietta Seeley (b 29 Dec 1843; d 27 Feb 1902) m Mr. Williams" is about the right age to have born a son in 1871 but it would have been in a different marriage. This Henrietta is 8<sup>th</sup> generation, dau of Ebenezer Seeley in the Ebenezer, Enos, David, John, Nathaniel, Robert line. Clearly, more research is needed. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-10:** Submitted by Wayne Thomas, Email [wthomas@home.com](mailto:wthomas@home.com).

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**Subject: Francis Seeley**

Wayne is researching his great great grandparents Francis Seeley and Mary Durland. He believes they may have been married in Milford, PA in about 1837 or 1838. According to census data, they later lived in Wisconsin (1860), Iowa (1870), and Minnesota (1880). Wayne is looking for confirmation on the information he has and for information on their ancestors.

**SGS Interim Response:** Dan Seelye responded with a Family Group Sheet on Francis Tuttle Seely, SGS # 3664, who married Mary Durland. If this is the correct Francis Seely, he is in the 8<sup>th</sup> generation of the Obadiah line (Isaac, Bazaleel, Bazaleel, Ebenezer, Jonas, Obadiah). This writer had not heard from Wayne whether this is a fit or not. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, to Wayne copy to Jim Seeley.

**Query # 0111-11:** Submitted by Robin Estes, Email [robine11@prodigy.net](mailto:robine11@prodigy.net).

**Subject: Ruth Seeley**

Robin believes she might be related to a Ruth Seeley who married an Abijah Hall in 1789. Supposedly they had a Seeley born in 1790 and an Ira born in 1792. She believes they may have more children. She has an unproven birth date for Ruth Seeley of 25 Sep 1765. She has circumstantial information on Ira S. Hall indicating he is the son of Abijah and Ruth. She believes Abijah is the son of John Hall and Abigail Shepard who resided in Middletown Ct. In 1790 Abijah is living in Chatham, Ct. with a wife and one child. Abijah is also residing in Chatham in 1800, 1810. Abijah's birth date is 31 Jan 1747/8. Robin then finds her GGGGrandfather Ira S. Hall in Seneca Co., N.Y. in 1820 and Wayne Co., NY in 1830. Ira Hall then moves to Michigan sometime in the early 1830's. Robin has been unable to determine whom Ruth Seeley's parents are, where she was born or if there is any record of their marriage or her birth. Can SGS help? Ruth has been through the Barbour collection.

**SGS Interim Response:** The SGS Publication *Generations One Through Five* lists a Ruth Seely (b. 6 Sep 1765) who has siblings living in Norwalk, New London Co., CT. However, it contains no additional info. This was the closest match found. This query was received too late to obtain inputs from the SGS Query Team. If any SGS member or Seeley Researcher has information relevant to this query, please reply, citing the Query number, to Robin Estes, copy to Jim Seeley.

### AREA COORDINATORS

During Reunion 2001, the concept of **Area Coordinators** was discussed and adopted. Area Coordinators will become actively involved in processing queries received which concern their designated area(s), both by coordinating the query with the submitter, and by evaluating the benefits of further research, utilizing the resources available in their designated area(s). Initial volunteers for Area Coordinators were:

Terry Tietjens	Kansas
Ann Hall	Rocky Mountain West including Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, and Montana.
Marshall Seelye	New York Counties of Warren, Washington and Saratoga
Jeffrey A. Allred	Utah
Dian Little	Quebec, Canada

All SGS members are requested to consider volunteering for specific areas in which they reside of in which they have specific expertise. Please submit your willingness to volunteer to Ann Hall, SGS Genealogist.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001**

Beginning Balance October 1, 2000		\$19,316.59
Add Receipts		
Dues	\$2,861.00	
Research	168.25	
First Five Generation Books	374.00	
Sixth Generation Books	255.00	
Seventh Generation Book	1,572.20	
Life Memberships	1,100.00	
Interest	879.59	
Convention Registration	130.00	
Prepaid Bus Trip	1,218.00	
Prepaid Convention Meals	2,575.00	
Newsletters	3.00	
Total Receipts		11,136.04
Total Available Cash		30,452.63
Less Disbursements		
Postage	1,146.27	
Supplies	168.62	
Newsletters	1,724.69	
Donation to Seelye Archive	1,000.00	
Dues for Fed. Of Gen. Societies	75.00	
Dues for NYSCOGO	25.00	
Advertising	40.00	
Memorial Committee	100.72	
Convention 2001 Expenses:		
Bus Trip	1,218.00	
Speaker	400.00	
Dinners (\$2,151.05 less \$500.00 deposit)	1,651.05	
Equipment Rental	666.80	
Supplies	150.76	
Bank Charge	9.00	
Total Disbursements		8,375.91
Ending Balance September 30, 2001		22,076.72
Ending Balance included in the following three accounts:		
Regular Checking Account	11,142.68	
Don Eff Memorial Research Account	1,434.04	
Life Membership Certificate of Deposit	9,500.00	
Submitted by:	William J. Thresher	September 30, 2001
	Treasurer	
	Seeley Genealogical Society	

## **SUMMARY OF REUNION 2001 Tacoma, WA September 6-9, 2001**

The 2001 Reunion of the Seeley Genealogical Society was preceded by an all-day bus tour of the Tacoma area. Twenty-nine reunion attendees were treated to views of the period architecture of downtown, and to noteworthy homes including the boyhood home of Bing Crosby. After a pleasant luncheon at a waterside restaurant on Point Defiance the tour continued through Point Defiance Park, past the infamous "Galloping Gertie" (Tacoma Narrows Bridge) to the quaint village of Steilacoom, Washington's oldest incorporated town (founded 1854), where the group was treated to a walking tour of the oldest homes. The tour was concluded by a very interesting tour and explanation of the Tacoma Port, one of the largest container handling ports in the world. Various types of container ships and the container handling systems were shown and explained to the group.

Daniel Seelye opened the Reunion at the Business Meeting on September 7, 2001. During the Business Meeting the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved, and the Membership Chairman, George Seeley, reported current membership at 384, of which 93 are Life Members. James Seeley discussed the proposed concept of Area Coordinators, and presented a draft of a new brochure being drafted to describe the SGS and to aid in recruiting new members. Katherine Olsen reported that the Seventh Generation Book was almost sold out and proposed having it reprinted. (Reprinting was later approved, and since the reunion 100 additional copies have been provided to the Seelye Research Center.) She also discussed the need for documentation guidelines for any proposed changes or corrections for the three SGS publications. Terry Tietjens reported that the Research Center is "doing well" but could use both more research visits by members, and volunteer help to organize the material. The Nominating Committee presented their proposed slate of officers, all of whom were elected. (See page 2 of this Newsletter for the current list of Officers.) Following election of officers for the 2001-2003 term, the location for the 2003 Reunion was selected as Williamsburg, VA., and James Seeley's offer to host the Reunion was accepted.

The guest lecturer, Janet Nixon Baccus, presented three very interesting sessions. These sessions were entitled: "Workshop on Beginning Genealogy," "What is Available in the Local Area," and for her banquet talk, "Coast to Coast in 50 years," her own genealogical research.

On Saturday, September 8, James Seeley presented issues that he had developed during his term as Chief Genealogist for the SGS. These issues are separately discussed elsewhere in this Newsletter. Daniel Seelye presented a session on "Hardware and Software Needs for Genealogy." During the afternoon "wrap-up" meeting, Katherine Olsen suggested that we continue the research Fred Hart has started to attempt to define the ancestry of Obadiah, pursuing it into England if necessary. Marshall Seelye

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suggested that the SGS compile a listing of Seeleys (and variant spellings) who have made a name for themselves through some significant accomplishment in our country's history. It was also suggested that the list include all Seeleys who have served in the military. Suggested sites were discussed for the 2005 Reunion, and additional suggestions were requested from the membership.

Two long time members of the SGS also were able to attend the reunion: Winthrop Seelye, age 94, from Portland, OR, who claimed he spelled his last name correctly; and Henry (Hank) Seeley from Lawrence, KS. Both have been long time members of the SGS, and the Society applauded their attendance at the reunion.

On Sunday, September 9, Daniel Seelye's sister Audrey Thompson and their families hosted a very enjoyable picnic at Audrey's home in Eatonville, WA, near Tacoma. This was a wonderful chance to say our goodbyes over good food in a beautiful part of the Puget Sound area.

**Attendees at the Reunion included:**

Dorthy N. Ackerle	Rolton Landing, NY	James R. Seeley	Herndon, VA
David & Elizabeth Alexander	Wappingers Falls, NY	Joan Seeley	Martinsburg, WV
Billie Barnes	Greensburg, KS	Leonard & Nancy Seeley	Grass Valley, CA
Clifford Bizek	Dallas, TX	John R. Seely	Carson, CA
Walter & Helen Davis	Santa Ana, CA	Henry Seely	Lawrence, KS
Richard Green	Concord, CA	David Seelye	
Karen Hadley	Seal Beach, CA	Daniel & Ruth Seelye	Desert Hot Springs, CA
Ramon & Ann Hall	Evergreen, CO	Daniel & Sally Seelye	Puyallup, WA
Ruthetta S. Hansen	McCracken, KS	& sons Adam & Logan	
Don & Ivey Harris	Leavenworth, KS	Eugene A. Seelye	Knoxville, PA
Christine Havnar	Pacific, CA	Marshall & Evelyn Seelye	Hudson Falls, NY
Darrel & Marie Hickey	Wichita, KS	Richard & Julia Seelye	Kirkland, WA
Geneva Hobbs	Chapman, KS	Scott & Debbie Seelye	Puyallup, WA
Joanne Kemp	Gig Harbor, WA	& daughter Alyse	
John & Dian Little	Shoreline, WA	Winthrop Seelye	Portland, OR
Frank Macek	Denver, CO	Beverly Smith	Port Orchard, WA
John Macek	Denver, CO	Leslye Holt Teuber	Woodinville, WA
Virginia Macek	Denver, CO	Lee H. Thomasson	Aberdeen, WA
David & Katherine Olsen	Salt Lake City, UT	Audrey Thompson	Eatonville, WA
Anne Paige	Broomfield, CO	William & Evelyn Thresher	Shelton, CT
Joan Phillips	Saugatuck, MI	Terry Tietjens	Abilene, KS
David & Jean Seeley	Issaquah, WA	Ed & Mona Walker	Newark, CA
George & Sally Seeley	Delanson, NY	Nancy J. Warnock	Dallas, TX
Jack H. Seeley	Seattle, WA	Karen Williams	Golden, CO

**OBITUARY**—Charles J. Seeley, Ballston Spa, NY: Charles J. Seeley, 88 of 63 Knickerbocker St died Friday, June 22, 2001 at Saratoga Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was born in the Town of Ballston to Edward and Florence Seeley and was a lifelong resident of the area. He retired in 1976 as a steam fireman with the NYS Department of Parks and Recreation at the Saratoga Spa State Park.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Anna Littleton and Mary Ramsdill, and a son-in-law, William Condie,

who passed away on Feb. 26, 2001. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Gladys Seeley of Ballston Spa; a son and daughter-in-law, George and Margaret Seeley of Malta; five daughters and their husbands, Caroline and Donald Hadden of Colorado Springs, Roberta and Henry McGhee of Torrington, Conn., Mable Seeley of Albany, Laura Condie of Binghamton and Florence and Herbert Hilder of Corinth. [Submitted by Caroline Haddon, 9640 Dutch Elm Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80925]

## PICTURES REUNION 2001



**Elected Officers:** George Seeley, James Seeley, Katherine Olsen, William Thresher, Joan Phillips, Marshall Seelye, Ann Hall, Terry Tietjens. (not pictured were Daniel Seelye and Wesley Waring.)



Daniel Seelye, Immediate Past President, receiving a Plaque of Appreciation from Marshall Seelye, SGS Director, with Dan's wife Ruth looking on.



**James R. Seeley  
President Elect**



Daniel P. Seeley, SGS President, welcoming Winthrop Seelye of Portland, OR, age 94, long-time member of the SGS.

**REUNION 2001 SOUVENIRS**

Dan Seelye, Past President of the Seeley Genealogical Society, still has on hand the following souvenirs appropriate to the SGS Reunion 2001. These may be purchased from Dan at his address on page 2 of this Newsletter. Any profit will be for the support of the Research Center in Abilene.

SGS Lapel Pins	\$5.00
SGS Logo T-Shirts	\$12.00 (sizes Large and Extra Large)
SGS Logo Caps	\$10.00

Please include full cost of desired items plus \$3.95 for Priority Mailing. All funds must be in U.S. dollars or equivalent. Please make checks payable to: Daniel P. Seelye

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us. Don't be afraid to lean on a friend when you need it and offer similar support to those you cherish.

Marshall B. Seelye: Matthew 24:6 and following refers to "wars & rumors of wars" and says that we will be hated by all nations because of Him. Our country may not be hated by *all* nations but the events of 9/11/01 show a great hatred by some. The United States was founded as a Christian nation and I believe that as long as we as a people remain a Christian nation, we will be victorious and remain a great nation. It is sad that a catastrophe of this magnitude is necessary to bring people of all races & religions together in love & caring. I pray that we remain "*One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all.*" God Bless America!

Walter B. Davis: Walter provided his comments in the form of the following internet addresses: [cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/wtc.zoom.html](http://cnn.com/SPECIALS/2001/trade.center/wtc.zoom.html); and [angelfire.com/fl4/Ice?Walker/AtributetotheVictimsandFamily.html](http://angelfire.com/fl4/Ice?Walker/AtributetotheVictimsandFamily.html)

### The Recording of a Cemetery

Today we walked where others walked  
 On a lonely, windswept hill;  
 Today we talked where others cried  
 For Loved Ones whose lives are stilled.

Today our hearts were touched  
 By Graves of tiny babies;  
 Snatched from the arms of loving kin,  
 In the heartbreak of the ages.

Today we saw where the grandparents lay  
 In the last sleep of their time;  
 Lying under the trees and clouds;  
 Their beds kissed by the sun and wind.

Today we wondered about an unmarked lspot;  
 Who lies beneath this hallowed ground?  
 Was it a babe, child, young or old?  
 No indication could be found.

Today we saw where Mom and Dad lay.  
 We had been here once before  
 On a day we'd all like to forget,  
 But will remember forever more.

Today we recorded for kith and kin  
 The graves of ancestors past;  
 To be preserved for generations hence,  
 A record we hope will last.

Cherish it, my friend; preserve it, my friend,  
 For stones sometimes crumble to dust  
 And all generations of folks yet to come  
 Will be grateful for your trust.

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