



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The SGS Board of Directors met at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS on 18 May 2002. A quorum of the elected directors attended. Results of the meeting were:

1. Minutes of the 8 Sep 2001 Board meeting were approved.
2. The agreement between SGS and the Holiday Inn Patriot in Williamsburg, VA was approved. The overall Reunion agenda was approved with modifications. The Reunion registration fee will be \$5 per person.
3. A list of churches in the Williamsburg area, with directions to each, will be provided with the registration packet.
4. Procedures for SGS members to make changes to the LDS Ancestral Files were established. (See page 5 in this issue.)
5. **Dian Little** (Assistant Genealogist) was requested to lead development of the *Seelye Women Book* and **she accepted**. She could use some volunteers to assist

her.

6. SGS will proceed with an Obadiah DNA Testing Project under the direction of Wesley Waring and supervision of the Chief Genealogist. See page 7.
7. The Chief Genealogist presented a DRAFT paper summarizing past research and outlining potential future research on the Obadiah Lineage Question. No further research will be initiated until after the Obadiah DNA Test Report is received. (See page 8.)
8. The cost for old copies of SGS Newsletters will increase to \$2.00.
9. The Board will recommend no increase in the dues structure at this time. This was the subject of considerable data collection and discussion via E-mail after the meeting. (See page 3.)

Thanks to all the Board members who attended the meeting...and at their own expense! Also, Thanks to Terry Tietjens who hosted the meeting.

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Some members have complained that recent SGS Newsletters aren't as "newsy" as they used to be. If you have research results, or other items that may be of interest to other members, please send them to the Newsletter Editor.

Please consider volunteering to help with one of the Projects listed elsewhere in this issue.

A list of proposed changes to the SGS Constitution and By-laws will appear in the November Newsletter. Please send your recommendations to Kathy Olsen.

I am seeking a volunteer to relieve me as the Query Editor for our Newsletter. I have extensive paper files I can turn over to retain consistency.

Jim Seeley, President
Seeley Genealogical Society

SGS Board Reviewed Dues Structure

At the 18 May 2002 meeting of the Board of Directors, there was serious consideration given to recommending that the membership vote to raise dues during our 2003 SGS Reunion. However, a vote was delayed in order to obtain comments from our Treasurer who was not able to attend. Subsequent to the meeting, our Treasurer provided the following Income vs. Expense summary since 1993. This analysis was provided to each Board Member (with one exception - - did not have Email) and **the Elected Directors then voted not to recommend a dues increase at this time.**

Seeley Genealogical Society Summary of Income vs. Expenses

Year Ending	Income	Life Membership	Income w/o Life	Expenses	Difference	Remarks
Aug '93	6533.33	700.00	5833.33	3948.38	1884.95	
Aug '94	4432.32	1199.19	3233.13	2721.06	512.07	
Aug '95	8643.64	800.00	7843.64	9599.31	[1755.67]	See Note 1
Sep '96	8749.34	1300.00	7449.34	3441.72	4007.62	See Note 2
Sep '97	9260.59	800.00	8460.59	8716.02	[255.43]	See Note 3
Sep '98	4871.81	400.00	4471.81	4372.50	99.31	
Sep '99	12131.84	1600.00	10531.84	10710.77	[178.93]	
Sep '00	5889.33	800.00	5089.33	7267.08	[2177.75]	See Note 4
Sep '01	11136.04	1100.00	10036.04	8375.91	1660.13	
Totals	71648.24	8699.19	62949.05	59152.75	3796.30	

NOTES:

1. Includes expense of \$3,043.75 for printing books.
2. Includes higher sales of 6th Generation Books.
3. Includes expense of \$2,779.67 for printing 1 – 5th Generation Book changes.
4. Includes expense of \$2,760 for printing 7th Generation Books.

The original estimate regarding LIFE membership was that interest from those funds would sustain the costs (Newsletter printing & mailing) for those members. The ability of current lower interest rates to produce the needed funds was a concern.

There has been a year-to-year variability in the difference between Income and Expenses caused primarily by printing (expense) then selling (income) SGS documents. See the Difference column and Notes.

Over the nine-year period income, excluding LIFE membership, is still about \$3796 higher than our expenses.

Summary: The current budget is estimated to be able to accommodate the current level of expenses plus a modest budget to initiate an Obadiah DNA Test Project, and after that Project is completed, to implement a frugal research program. The President and the Treasurer will continue to monitor our financial posture as membership varies and postal rates increase. Contributions for research are welcome.

Jim Seeley
SGS President

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.

Objectives 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\$2.00 each from the Newsletter Editor or from the Seelye Research Center.

Member's Home Pages

Seelye Genealogy to Share	Daniel P. Seelye	http://home.att.net/~seelyegen
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORRECTIONS TO LDS ANCESTRAL FILES DATA

Katherine Olsen, SGS First Vice President, has agreed to facilitate any corrections to previously submitted ancestral files. If a change is necessary, the submitter is requested to send the change, along with all supporting documentation to her so she can work with the LDS Ancestral Files Manager to make the changes.

MISPLACED MEMBER

Mary Bittle, a LIFE Member, has become a "misplaced member." No change of address has been received, and the last two Newsletters addressed to her address in Denver have been returned by the Postal Service. She does not appear in the Denver area telephone directory, and internet searches have not located her. If anyone knows of her whereabouts, please advise George Seeley, the SGS Membership Chairman.

ENGLAND IN 2004

Several individuals at the Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion in Tacoma last September expressed interest in going together to England in 2004 to visit Seeley Family sites. If you are interested in going on such a trip, please write a short note to Kathie Olsen at 639 8th Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84103-3124 or send an E-mail to davidkathie@mstar2.net. The dates and itinerary are open to suggestion; and the final arrangements, including costs will be determined at a later time depending on the interest.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARDS

At the suggestion of one of our newer LIFE Members, Dorothy Ackerle, the Membership Chairman has been authorized by the SGS President to procure laminated wallet-size membership cards for all LIFE Members. The cards have been ordered and all LIFE Members should receive their cards by the end of September. If any LIFE Member does not receive his/her card, please contact George Seeley, the SGS Membership Chairman.

CILLEY FAMILY REFERENCES

Copies of two references regarding the Cilley Family have been procured by the SGS for inclusion in the Seeley/Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS. One is *The Cilley Family Letters* by Eve Anderson; the second is *The Cilley Family Roots in New England* by Anne M. Cilley. Interested members may contact Terry Tietjens, the Research Center Director for further information.

SGS DATABASE

All SGS members are requested to submit their genealogical database to John Seeley, the SGS Database Coordinator, to facilitate research by others. Non-members who have a Seeley connection are likewise encouraged to submit their information.

SGS DELEGATE TO FGS

John R. Seeley has accepted the position of SGS Delegate to the FGS, replacing Walter Davis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any family group is planning a local or regional meeting, a notice of that meeting will be published in this Newsletter if the editor is informed. This is not restricted to Seeley/Seelye family groups; but all such notices are welcome. Please submit them in time for Newsletter deadlines of February, May, August and November.

NEW MEMBERS

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(Correction of error in May Newsletter)

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Note: Above new Life Members are all upgrades from normal membership status.

WINTHROP AND VERNADEL SEELEY

The SGS has been notified that Winthrop Seeley, a long-time member of the Society, passed away May 9, 2002. His wife Vernadel had recently also passed away on January 1, 2002. Winthrop, age 93, was an attendee at the SGS Reunion in Tacoma, WA in 2001, and had indicated his hope to attend the reunion in Williamsburg in 2003. Their obituaries will be published when they are received.

OBITUARIES

Rebecca (Seeley) Straub

Of Dearborn, MI, died April 26, 2002, of Cancer. She was the mother of Nancy Slanec, grandmother of Heather Slanec; and the twin sister of Rachael Conte. Four sisters and one brother predeceased her. She was retired from the IRS Detroit Computing Center, loved music and the arts and dancing, and was a voracious reader, seamstress and quilter. Her memory will live on in her many quilts she made for newborns.

(Submitted by Rachel Conte, 24320 Michigan, Apt 503, Dearborn, MI 48124-1842.)

Justus Frandsen Seely

Age 61, passed away February 23, 2002, in Portland, OR. He was born Feb. 11, 1941 to Justus O. and Louise Frandsen Seely in Mt. Pleasant, UT. Justus attended Brigham Young University and Utah State University. In 1969 he received his PhD in Statistics from Iowa State University. He served in several positions on the staff of Oregon State University where he retired as Dean of the College of Science. On June 7, 1965 he married Averil Samson. He is survived by his wife, daughter Heather Seely Roberts, son Justus Samson, daughter Erin Lee, five grandchildren, and one sister, Mary Louise Seamons. His parents predeceased him. (Deseret News, SLC, UT, Mar. 3, 2002. Submitted by Nancy B. Fratt, 735 Castleman Drive, Westfield, NJ, 07090.)

Anna E. Seeley

Anna E. Seeley, 91, former wife of the late John Sele, died May 24, 2002 at the Mystic Nursing Home in Mystic. Anna was the daughter of Edward J. and Anna (Baltrusiatis) Esons. Prior to her retirement she had served as a telephone operator for over 28 years. Anna is survived by her son Francis Edward Seeley. (Hartford Courant, May 29, 2002. Submitted by George Seeley, PO Box 195, Cobalt, CT 06414-0195)

OBADIAH DNA PROJECT

Wesley Waring, Project Director

Fred Hart, who has performed research for the Seeley Genealogical Society on the possible relationship of Obadiah Seeley to Robert Seeley, suggested to the Society that we consider using DNA testing to help determine if there was such a relationship. Recent advancements in the techniques for such research have received much publicity in genealogical circles, and he feels that such a project might resolve the issue or define an avenue for further future research. The SGS Executive Board discussed the proposal in the May 2002 meeting and agreed to fund a DNA project directed at resolving the specific issue of proving or disproving a relationship between Obadiah and Robert/Nathaniel. The following decisions were made regarding this project:

- a. All DNA test projects, including the Obadiah DNA Project, should come under the supervision of the SGS Chief Genealogist since additional DNA test projects may be considered in the future.
- b. Each DNA project supported by the SGS should have a Project Director designated.
- c. Wesley Waring was designated as Project Director for the Obadiah DNA Project.
- d. A budget of \$1800 was approved for the Obadiah DNA Project. The President may adjust this budget by up to \$500 if necessary.
- e. Each person volunteering to provide a sample should be requested to contribute \$100 since it is perceived that not only SGS, but the individual as well, will benefit from the analysis and results of the analysis. The Board strongly recommended the use of up to three known NON-descendants of Robert and Obadiah as test "control samples." The cost of these test samples would be paid by the SGS as a project cost.
- f. The Project Director, in conjunction with the Chief Genealogist, should consider engaging appropriate expert assistance in generating a Project Plan in order to help assure success of the project and to aid in interpreting its results. Drafts of the Project Plan and other pertinent documents should be provided to the President and First Vice President.
- g. The Board delegated responsibility for selection of the testing laboratory to the Project Director in consultation with the Chief Genealogist.

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The Project Director has received initial proposals from three laboratories engaged in performance of DNA testing being utilized in genealogical research by others. These proposals are being reviewed by the SGS. The Project Director has made preliminary contacts with a genealogist/geneticist who is knowledgeable in DNA research and its limitations. If selected she would aid in establishing the Project Plan and in selection of the testing laboratory. In addition, Fred Hart has agreed to assist as requested.

A preliminary list of volunteers is being developed. If any male member, who can trace his paternal lineage to either Obadiah or Robert/Nathaniel would like to be considered, please contact Wesley Waring, the Obadiah DNA Project Director. Additionally, any who can prove no lineage connection, who would like to be considered for the "control" group, are also requested to volunteer. Wesley's address is listed on page 2 of this Newsletter.

OBADIAH LINEAGE QUESTION

Ann S. Hall, SGS Genealogist

The relationship of Obadiah Seeley to Robert Seeley and Nathaniel Seeley has at various times been considered resolved, i.e., Nathaniel and Obadiah are sons of Robert; however, recently the fact that Obadiah is the son of Robert has come under question. Despite extensive research by professional genealogists retained by the Seeley Genealogical Society, no positive proof has been developed relating the specific Obadiah Seeley to whom many Seeley descendants trace their heritage, to Nathaniel, son of Robert Seeley to whom many other Seeley descendants trace their heritage. Likewise, no conclusive proof has been found to disprove this relationship. In an attempt to clarify the question regarding Obadiah's relationship to Robert and Nathaniel, a review of all research results available to the Society was conducted and has been summarized in a draft paper being prepared for submission at the SGS Reunion in Williamsburg, VA, in 2003.

The results of the review of research results can be summarized as follows:

- a. No conclusive proof has been found to either prove or disprove the relationship of Obadiah to Robert and/or Nathaniel.
- b. Equally plausible scenarios can be developed based on past research findings to support Obadiah as being the son of Robert, or to support Obadiah as being completely unrelated to Robert and Nathaniel. Neither can be proven or disproven.

During the Executive Board Meeting in Abilene, KS, in May 2002, this draft was presented for discussion with the recommendation that no further research be funded by the Society pending completion of the Obadiah DNA Project discussed above. The Board accepted this recommendation.

QUERIES

SGS QUERIES (Data as of 15 July 2002)

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

Please send queries to Jim Seeley at jrseeley@aol.com or to your Area Coordinator listed elsewhere. Jim assigns Query numbers for tracking purposes and forwards the query to the Query Team comprising Dan Seelye, John Seely, Kathie Olsen, Ray and Ann Hall, and Terry Tietjens. He then consolidates responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query # to the SGS Newsletter Editor. Contact Jim and the query submitter if you have information to add.

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query # 0108-9 Re Joshua's Rock (Frances Seelye) The submitter was Bob Sasman, Email mar-bo16@core.com. The August 2001 Newsletter response contained no information. Subsequently, information was received and summarized in the November 2001 Newsletter. On 23 May 2002, an Email was received from Margaret Rasmussen, Email Mrasmussen@us.shire.com, of Falls Church, VA who states her "husband's family is one of the descendants who own one of about 6 family compounds on the property. Odd Seeley died a few years ago and left The Owls Nest to his only surviving relative, his niece Kit. The house is now for sale. It is beautiful and haunting and I would hate to see it fall into ruin. Because the house is part of the Joshua's Rock Corporation, it can only be sold to a descendant of the family. There is a website ... with a picture of Owl's Nest. ... The land was a land grant from King George to the Eggleston family (I believe)..."

Update to Query # 0205-2 Re Abner Seelye The submitter was Laura Seelye Wesselhoff, Email laurawesselhoff@juno.com. The initial SGS response failed to identify the ancestors for Abner Seelye and we still can't, but we have heard from a cousin in Laura's line who also descends from Abner Seelye (b. 1820 or 1821 in Ohio) and Lucretia Joy (b. 1826 in Maine). He is James Virgil Seelye from Pekin, Illinois. His dad is James Glen Seelye, also from Pekin. According to Jim: his grandfather was Glen Bryan and his great grandfather was James Abner Seelye. James Abner was born in Pekin, Illinois in 1852. He died in Pekin at the age of 83. James Abner's parents were Abner Seelye/Seely/Sealy (b.1820 or 1821 in Ohio) and Lucretia Joy (b.1826 in Maine). They were married in Tazewell Co., Illinois in 1844 and lived in the city of Pekin in Tazewell Co., Illinois from 1844 thru at least 1852.

Children:

- 1) William H.; b. 1844 in Illinois
- 2) Louisa L.; b. 1847 in Illinois
- 3) Caroline; b. 1849 in Illinois
- 4) James Abner; b. 1852 in Illinois

In 1854, Abner married Mariam Merrill (b.1827 in Maine). They were married in Tazewell Co., Illinois. They lived in Pekin, Illinois from 1854 to at least 1860.

Children:

- 5) Amelia; b. 1853 in Ohio, Probably Mariam's child before marriage to Abner.
- 6) Ida; b. 1859 in Illinois

In 1861, Abner married Catherine Emerick (b.1843 in NY). They were married in Tazewell Co., Illinois. They lived in Pekin, Illinois thru at least 1880 (probably until almost 1900).

Children:

- 7) John; b. 1862 in Illinois
- 8) George; b. 1864 in Illinois
- 9) Daisy B.; b. 1866 in Illinois
- 10) Lilly W.; b. 1868 in Illinois

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- 11) Margaret; b. Sep. 1869 in Illinois
- 12) Catherine; b. Feb/Mar. 1880 in Illinois
- 13) Gertrude; b. Feb/Mar. 1880 in Illinois

James Abner married Frankie Herriford in the town of Bernadotte in Fulton Co., Illinois on May 30, 1872. They both died in Pekin, Illinois in 1935. They lived in Pekin, Illinois all their lives and had 9 children.

Children:

- 1) Blanche Vogel; b. Mar 1881, Pekin, Illinois
- 2) Cora Court; b. Apr. 1876, Pekin, Illinois
- 3) Harry Seelye; b. Oct. 1877, Pekin, Illinois
- 4) Henry Seelye; b. Nov. 1879, Pekin, Illinois
- 5) Myra Wynn; b. 1881, Pekin, Illinois
- 6) Daisy (Schwemin) Duncan; b. Mar. 1883, Pekin, Illinois
- 7) Louise Bussert; b. 1885, Pekin, Illinois
- 8) Earl Seelye; b. Jul. 1890, Pekin, Illinois (**Laura Seelye Wesselhoff's great grandfather**)
- 9) Glen Bryan Seelye; b. Jul. 1896, Pekin, Illinois (**Jim Seelye's grandfather**)

If anyone else familiar with this line can determine the ancestry of Abner Seelye, please contact James Virgil Seelye (seelyjv@gallatinriver.net), Laura Seelye Wesselhoff (laurawesselhoff@juno.com), copy to Jim Seelye (jrseeley@aol.com).

NEW QUERIES

Query # 0208-1: Submitted by Ione Paul, 206 Brookhaven Court, Slidell, Louisiana 70468-3400

Subject: Olive Seeley b. (?) 18 Aug 1799

Ione Paul is seeking information on her ancestors Olive Seeley who m. Mathew Beebe (b. 1795 in Rutland, VT and d. in 1890 in Traverse, MI. Olive and Mathew Beebe had a daughter, Josephine (b. 20 Jun 1824, d. 25 Mar 1895) who m. Doctor John Dixon DeVelving, b. 26 Mar 1827 in Colbourg, Ontario, Canada and d. 27 Mar 1914 in Blackwell, OK. He is bur. beside his wife in Chebanse, IL.

SGS Interim Response: Ann Hall, SGS Chief Genealogist, wrote Ione Paul that she had found the following info in the 1880 census for Chebanse, Iroquois, IL - - John D. Develing, Male, Married, White, Age 50, Born: Canada. Josephine Develing Fem Married, White, Age 45, Born VT. Clara A. Develing, Fem, White, Age 17, Born IL. Ann suggested Ione search previous Federal Census records. No info on Ione's Olive Seeley or Mathew Beebe could be found in the 3 SGS Publications. If anyone has information on Ione Paul's Seeley ancestors, please write to her (address above), copy to Jim Seeley, Ann Hall, and Terry Tietjens (addresses on page 2).

Query # 0208-2: Submitted by Rebecca Mullineaux, Email vancenrebecca@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Rufus Anson Seely/Seeley, b. ca 1829

Rebecca is looking for any family of Rufus Anson Seely/Seeley (b. ca 1829) such as parents or siblings. Rebecca believes that Rufus m. Maria Antoinette Latham (b. ca 1831 and resided in Poughkeepsie, NY per 1880 census). It listed Lincoln, Maria as mother b. ca 1792 (?).

SGS Interim Response: The only listing that is close in the SGS Publications is the 7th Generation Book that lists, as SGS # 4029, a Rufus Bell Seely (b. 1 Feb 1831 – just two years after the birth date of Rufus as listed by Rebecca) whose parents lived in Munda, NY. (Mapquest.com does not display a Munda, NY). Ann Hall, SGS Chief Genealogist, reported that the 1870 Federal Census Index for Rockland, Sullivan County, NY, line 185 listed a Rufus Seely (age 29, bp NY) with the family of David Seeley (67 yrs, bp CT) and Mary (60 yrs, bp NY). If anyone has additional information that might help Rebecca, please respond directly to her, copy to Jim Seeley.

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Query # 0208-3: Submitted by Dwight Fischer, Email [dfisher @ ezl.com](mailto:dfisher@ezl.com).

Subject: Becky Seeley

Dwight is looking for a Becky Seeley who m. Job Tripp. They had a child Joseph Tripp who was b. ca 1793 in PA and d. 12 Jun 1869.

SGS Interim Response: The 6th Generation Book (Nathaniel line, page 1) lists, as SGS # 607, a Rebecca Seeley (bapt. 8 Feb 1764) as the dau of SGS # 202, Nathaniel Seeley and Rebecca Hubbell. The age of SGS # 607 is about right to have possibly had a son b. ca 1793; however, no additional information is known about this Rebecca Seeley. If anyone has additional information that might help Dwight, please respond directly to him, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0208-4: Submitted by Loreen Wells, Email loreenwl@open.org.

Subject: Sarah E. Seely, SGS # 4170

Loreen is seeking information on her great-grandmother Sarah E, Seely's ancestors and on her siblings. She found the SGS number assigned to Sarah on Dan Seelye's Home Page. Loreen provided considerable information on her great-grandmother, including her husband, Jacob W. Ostrander.

SGS Response: Loreen's great-grandmother's and great-grandfather's names were found on page 104 of the Obadiah Section of the SGS 7th Generation book. Sarah is an eighth generation descendant of Obadiah. Loreen was provided a listing of her descendants back to Obadiah and a listing of Sarah Seely's siblings.

Query # 0208-5: Submitted by Brenda Wilkinson, Email brendawilkinson@mailstation.com.

Subject: Robert Seeley Brooks

Brenda is seeking the lineage of Robert Seeley Brooks, b. 8 Nov 1908 in NY and m. Mary Astley in 1932.

SGS Interim Response: This query was submitted to Terry Tietjens, Director of the Seelye Research Center. He could find no info on Robert Seeley Brooks in his files and he forwarded the query to the SGS Query Team. Dan Seelye responded that he could find no information either. Marshall Seelye, SGS Area Coordinator, obtained additional info on Brenda's line from her. Robert's siblings were James, Eddie, and Charlotte. Robert died about 1982 in Newport News, VA and his cremated remains are at the St. George Crematorium. If anyone has information that might help Brenda, please respond directly to her, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0208-6: Submitted by SGS Members Mary Tim Baggott, Email baaggottj@voicenet.com and Joyce Fesler, Email joycefesler@email.msn.com.

Subject: Richard J. Seely

Mary Tim and Joyce are trying to locate Richard J. Seely, b. 1938 who did a lot of research on his line (which is the same as Mary Tim and Joyce). Richard was known to have lived in Chicago in the early 1990s. Mary states they descend from Jehu Seely [SGS # 3279] and Rhoda Weed. According to a book written by Richard J. Seely in 1986 he lived at

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7912 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.

SGS Interim Response: The Query Team had no info regarding the current location of Richard J. Seely. If anyone has such info, please contact Mary Tim Baggott and Joyce Fesler, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0208-7: Submitted by Holly and Ves Childs, Email holly@childsfamily.com or ves@childsfamily.com.

Subject: DuBois Houston

Based on the following information Holly and Ves provided, they ask, "What is the relationship between DuBois Houston and Nathaniel DuBois Houston?" The information they provided was: "15 Oct 1844 Jane Seeley (SGS # 3819) m. Nathaniel DuBois Houston (b. 17 Mar 1819), son of John and Julia Ann (Wheeler) Houston of Edenville, NY; they resided in Florida, NY. About 1903, Bessie and Edmund Seely (b 1889 and 1892 respectively) appear in a photograph labeled, in their mother's hand, '...at Cousin De Bois [sic] Houston's back door...Florida, NY.' Bessie and Edmund's Seeley line is: Edmund Hills Seely (1892-1971); Francis McLain Seely (1861-1943); Edmund Seely (SGS # 3815)(1827-1900).

SGS Interim Response: Although Edmund Seely (SGS # 3815) and Jane Seely (SGS # 3819) are first cousins, per the SGS 7th Generation Book, no information has been received regarding the relationship of DuBois and Nathaniel DuBois Houston. If anyone has such info, please contact Holly and Ves Childs, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0208-8: Submitted by Trevor Kirkpatrick, Email kirkite@comcast.net.

Subject: Capt. John Seeley

Trevor requests info on Capt. John Seeley who Trevor has listed as son of Ephriam Seeley, Jr. and Hannah Fithian per research done by Edna May Tegen Stanier. Trevor lists John as b. 13 Aug 1751, d. 29 Apr 1825, 1st m. Pheobe Truax and 2nd m. Diannah Yeomans. John's bible can be found at Rutgers University Library. Trevor states John is not listed in Ephriam's Will.

SGS Interim Response: Ann Hall, SGS Chief Genealogist, responded that Ephriam Seeley (SGS#104) and Hannah Fithian's family are listed on pages 44 and 45 of the Nathaniel Section of the *Generations One Through Five* SGS Book. However, there is no John listed among their children. Ephriam's Will is listed as a reference. Dan Seelye (SGS Director and former President) also responded with comprehensive data on the family of John Seely (b. 13 Aug 1751, d. 29 Apr 1825) m. Phoebe Truax (b. 23 Feb 1752, d. 24 Apr 1790) (and other spouses) that matched. This data was provided by Ken McCrea on 15 Jan 1999, Email Ken@GgermanNames.com. Ken McCrea was also searching for a John Seely's connection to the Seeley family. Perhaps these researchers will compare notes and let SGS know of the connection so our records can be updated. Meanwhile, if anyone else has info that would help Trevor, please reply direct to him, copy to Jim Seeley.

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Query # 0208-9: Submitted by Virginia Beckett Gakle, Email becgak@infinet.com on 29 Jun 2002.

Subject: Mary/Marcy Seely (Mrs. Nicholas Allison)

Virginia is searching for the parents of Mary/Marcy Seely b. 22 Feb 1874 in Newark, NY and d. 16 or 21 Feb 1941 in Utica, NY at what is now the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center. Mary/Marcy was adopted by a Freislich but date of adoption is unknown.

SGS Interim Response: Ann Hall, SGS Chief Genealogist, was unable to locate the ancestors of Mary Seely and forwarded Virginia's query to the SGS Query Team. So far, no additional responses have been received. If anyone has info that would help Virginia, please reply direct to her, copy to Jim Seeley.

Query # 0208-10: Submitted by Skip Warren, Email swarren77@msn.com on 9 Jul 2002.

Subject: Austin H. Seeley

Skip is seeking info on the relatives of Austin Seeley (a Civil War Veteran) and his sister Mercy Seeley (Skip's 3g grandmother). They were both the children of Austin H. Seeley (b. 1799, Bennington, VT) and his wife Mary (unknown, b. 1804, NY). Skip listed other data on their relatives.

SGS Interim Response: The *SGS 7th Generation Book* lists, as SGS # 756 (7th generation in the Nathaniel line), Austin Seelye (b. 1799), m. Mary Jane Hart (b. ca 1804, NY). Four children are listed: SGS # 2158, Austin Seelye, Jr. (b. ca 1827, PA) m. Jane (b. 1835), lived in Magnolia IA; SGS#2159, William Seelye (b. ca 1828, PA, d. Waldron, Hillsdale County, MI) m. Mercy Weed; SGS#2160, Andrew Seelye (b. ca 1834, PA) m. Melissa (b. ca 1840, PA); and SGS#2161, Mercy Seelye (b. ca 1848). Austin Seelye's (SGS#756) line is listed as David (6), Austin (5), Nehemiah (4), Robert (3), Nathaniel (2), and Robert. Although this appears to be a reasonably good match, the *SGS 7th Generation Book* also lists SGS#742, Austin H. Seeley (b. 4 Mar 1799 in Arlington, VT, d. 21 Mar 1865 and bur. Girard Cemetery, Girard, PA. However, this Austin Seeley's wife and children are not a match with the info Skip provided. If anyone has info that would help Skip, please reply direct to him, copy to Jim Seeley.

Be an ACTIVE MEMBER

If you have additional info, please respond to the queries. Please send all queries to Jim Seeley (jrseeley@aol.com) or to your Area Coordinator. Jim assigns Query numbers for tracking purposes and forwards the query to the Query Team comprising Dan Seelye, John Seely, Kathie Olsen, Ray and Ann Hall, and Terry Tietjens. He then consolidates all responses, and provides the appropriate input, by Query # to the SGS Newsletter Editor.

SGS 2003 Reunion at Williamsburg, Virginia

Location: The Holiday Inn Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA.

Dates: 2 – 7 (Tuesday – Sunday) September 2003. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Reservations: Call the Holiday Inn Patriot at 1-800-446-6001 before 15 August 2003. Ask for the negotiated SGS rate of \$59 plus tax (presently 9.5%). To waive meeting and hospitality room rental fees, 200 or more room nights must be rented to SGS Reunion attendees during the 2-7 September period.

Registration: \$5 per person. A Reunion registration form will be published in the November 2002 and succeeding Newsletters.

Overall Agenda:

2, 3 September – Tours.

4, 5, 6 September – SGS meetings, presentation of papers, evening dinners with speakers.

7 September – Tours and possibly an afternoon picnic.

Presentation of Papers: A call for papers is made for presentation at the Reunion on 4, 5, or 6 September. The paper should be related to the Seeley Family or to Genealogy. Papers to be presented will be selected by the SGS President and the Reunion Program Chairperson [Tammy Seeley Graham]. Please send a summary to jrseeley@aol.com and wabitlvr@aol.com.

Tours: SGS plans to arrange shuttle transportation to Colonial Williamsburg, the Busch Gardens Theme Park and Water Country USA. We'll also arrange tours to Jamestown, Yorktown, and other areas of interest. Details will be published in a future Newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Your input to future SGS Newsletters is earnestly sought. Obituaries, News Items, Research Notes, etc., are only published if they get submitted. This is your Newsletter— Please contribute to make it more beneficial to other members. If space is limited for any one Newsletter, the items will be held and published as space becomes available.

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Volunteers Needed for SGS Projects

The strength of any Society depends on how active its members are in contributing to their Society's objectives. Listed below are Projects that need volunteers. Also listed is a person to contact if you are willing to contribute some time. U.S. Mail addresses for each POC are found on page 2 of the Newsletter.

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Present Paper at SGS Reunion in 2003	Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com
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Compile a "Famous Seeleys" list	Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com
Compile list of Seeley Vets in Armed Forces	Marshall Seelye, mseelye@localnet.com
Nominating Committee for 2003 Election	Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com
Plan Trip to Great Britain in 2004	Kathy Olsen, davidkathie@mstar2.net
Host for SGS Reunion in 2005	Jim Seeley, jrseeley@aol.com

Most of these projects are summarized in the President's Report, November 2001 Newsletter. No matter how little time you have, it would be wonderful if each member could contribute to at least one Project.

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 08/02, your dues are now due for the year 2002-2003.** 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. Note: Postal rules require that all bulk mailings be identical; therefore a dues envelope is enclosed in all copies of this newsletter. If you do not need it, it is suggested that you might pass it along to a potential member.



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