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Research Objective: Help SGS identify the ancestors in England of Obadiah Seeley who died in Stamford, CT on 25 August 1657.

This report discusses the results of the research objectives described in my research outline dated 27 April 2006. The results were largely unproductive. No additional evidence of any real value was found, although I am still waiting for a response from the Staffordshire Record Office on one outstanding search. Each of the ten searches is discussed below in the order in which they appear in the 27 April research outline.

Search for the Will of William Seeley in Areas Surrounding Birmingham (England).

Previous research did not find the will of William Seeley of Birmingham in the published calendars of the Consistory Court of Lichfield or the Perogative Court of Canterbury. The search was now expanded to surrounding jurisdictions. Birmingham, which is in Warwickshire, lies only a few miles from Staffordshire and Worcestershire. Hence, a move by William Seeley of only a few miles could put him in a different probate jurisdiction. Moreover, there are many minor courts known as "Peculiar" within the three counties of Warwickshire, Staffordshire, and Worcestershire. During this research session, all the probate courts for the three-county area were examined for Seeley wills and administrations except for the Consistory Court of Hereford which embraces a small area of western Worcestershire a considerable distance from Birmingham. The will calendars and indexes were examined only for the period 1636 (when William was last known to be living in Birmingham) and 1670. Some of the peculiar courts do not have records prior to 1670 and were therefore not examined. The following records were searched:

- *Calendar of Wills and Administrations in the Peculiar Jurisdictions in the Diocese of Lichfield.* This calendar embraces 23 peculiar courts, mostly in Staffordshire. No Seeley or variants were found.
- *Calendar of Wills in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Worcester, 1601-1652.* John Seely of Honnington, husbandman, will 1631.¹

- *Calendar of Wills and Administrations in the Episcopal Consistory Court of Worcester, 1661-1699.* John Sealey of Bearley, will 10 Sept 1667.²
- *Index to Peculiar Court of Hartlebury (Worcs.)* No Seeley or variants found.
- *Index to Peculiar Court of Fladbury (Worcs.)* No Seeley or variants found.
- *Index to Peculiar Court of the Rector of Hanbury* No Seeley or variants found.
- *Wills and Administrations in the Court of Delegates, London* This is an appellate court for other jurisdictions. No Seeley or variants found.
- *Index of Cases in the Records of the Court of Arches, London* This is an appellate court for other jurisdictions. No Seeley or variants found.
- *Perogative Court of Canterbury.* Although this court was previously searched, the index has now been made available on line in an easy-to-use searchable format. The following PCC wills were noted:
William Selye or Seely, merchant of Clopton, Suffolk, 16 May 1655.
William Seely, gentleman of Rushmere, Suffolk, 27 June 1659.³

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President's Report *by Jim Seeley*

As I write this, negotiations are still underway for a hotel to host the 2007 SGS Reunion. Visiting the area brought back pleasant memories of the SGS Reunion held there in 1992. This area is considerably more expensive than Abilene, Williamsburg, or Tacoma, sites of our last three reunions. Comments from the 2005 reunion attendees indicated a number of members preferred one location where we could stay, meet, and eat. This approach would make it much easier for those of us who aren't as spry on their feet as they used to be. It has been suggested that we stay in a less expensive hotel, eat in a number of close by restaurants, and meet at a rented site. This might be a little less expensive but not significantly so. Hopefully negotiations with a Wethersfield, CT area hotel, with restaurant and meeting facilities, will make it both affordable and less stressful on attending all the functions.

SGS has spent \$884.32 on research this year to learn the ancestors in England of Obadiah Seeley who died in Stamford, CT in 1657. DNA test results show he was not related to immigrant Robert Seeley. See researcher Clifford L. Stott's final report in this Newsletter.

John Seely and I attended the FGS/NEHGS conference in Boston, MA from 30 Aug to 2 Sep 2006. John went as our SGS Delegate. I went with the objective of trying to discover some new ideas we might pursue in understanding Obadiah Seeley's ancestors. I didn't find anything very helpful. The Association of Professional Genealogists allowed people to sign up for a consult with a professional. I signed up for two consults with British genealogists. Neither was able to offer useful hints.

John Seely and I had a meeting with highly respected genealogist Jerome Anderson in Boston. I believe Jerome descends from Obadiah Seeley's sister, Sarah. Jerome is convinced that the Obadiah Seeley of Stamford is the same Obadiah Seeley who was born in Birmingham in 1614. However, he provided no clues we didn't already have. He is making another trip to Salt Lake City this fall, and then he plans to write an article describing his research on Seeley ancestors in England. Jerome was supposed to speak at the 1992 SGS Reunion near Wethersfield, CT but he said he didn't make it because of "location" confusion. He agreed to speak at the 2007 SGS Reunion.

I focused my FGS Conference lecture attendance on the British ancestor's track. About all I came away with were a lot of references that were contained in the conference syllabus. Since there were so many presentations on the United Kingdom (including England), I plan to take the whole FGS Conference 2006 handout package to Abilene in May 2007 and leave it at the Seelye Research Center. It contains dozens of British sources that might be researched on the Seeley (or any English) surname.

Change 1 to the *Seelye Research Center Filing System Pamphlet* is in this Newsletter. Several hundred documents have been added to this pamphlet since the original was printed in May 2005. If you didn't get a copy during the 2005 SGS Reunion, and you would like to have a copy, let me know and I'll send you one with change 1 entered. The cost of printing and postage for this 21-page document is \$10.00. Make checks payable to the Seeley Genealogical Society. We plan to provide future updates as new documents are received and entered into the SRC.

Although final negotiations with the 2007 SGS Reunion hotel are still not complete at this writing, I have included a short information article in this newsletter. I don't think any of that information will change.

Please note the updated list of SGS Area Coordinators on page 16 of this issue. These volunteer members assist with recruiting new members in their area and support the Query Editor with researching queries.

I just received word that SGS LIFE member Pamela Turner has agreed, with Terry Tietjens' concurrence, to be the Librarian for the Seelye Research Center. Pamela lives in Colorado, so she will be visiting the Seelye Research infrequently. However, I needed someone with Pamela's outstanding judgment and initiative to relieve me of the responsibility of organizing the SRC documents. I hope the existing SRC filing system team and all SGS members will support and assist Pamela in her new responsibilities.

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Manuscript Calendar of the Consistory Court of Lichfield

As mentioned in the Research Outline, the published index of the Consistory court of Lichfield is known to have errors and omissions. The manuscript calendar is considered superior. The following Seeley wills and administrations were noted in the manuscript calendar, 1636-1670.

- Richard Seale of Newton Solney, administration, 17 Nov 1637 (#110).
- Daniel Seeley of Walsall, administration, 18 Sept 1663.
- Catherine Seale, Birmingham, will, 25 Apr 1665
- John Seale of Morley, will, 22 Sept 1666.
- John Seele, Horsley, will, 15 Oct 1667.⁴

It is unclear whether Seale is a variant of Seeley or Sealey. There appears to have been an independent Seal family in the area. Nevertheless, the will of Catherine Seale should probably be examined in the future.

Chancery Court Records

If William Seeley or his son Obadiah owned land, it is possible that they were involved in litigation that was settled in the Chancery Court. Available indexes to this court include nothing regarding Obadiah Seeley. There are several references to the more common name of William Seely, but it is unclear from the index whether they relate to William of Birmingham or some other William. The following references were found:

- William Seely (also Ceely), 1657, Bridges 4:70.
- William Seely, 14 Chas. I [1638/9], Exchequer Depositions by Commission, Term Mich. No. 2, vol. 2, group 4, page 14.
- William Seely Sr., of Rushmer, Suffolk, gentleman, 1651, aged 73, Chancery Depositions, Eliz. to Chas. I, Bdl. T10 Suit 11. [see PCC wills, cited above].
- William Selly, 1644, Town Depositions, bundle no. 701. Initial letter of suit: H.
- William Seeley, plaintiff v. George Tweeg, defendant, 1648, C 6/16/118.⁵

The fact that Obadiah Seeley is not mentioned in any of the indexed chancery suits makes it unlikely that any of the above documents would be useful in establishing the identity of the immigrant Obadiah Seeley, even if one of the suits did involve his father.

Warwickshire Quarter Sessions Records

These records are published and indexed in nine volumes. Each volume was examined. Only one Seeley was mentioned, Joseph Seeley of Coventry, Warwickshire, was a party to a lawsuit in 1664.⁶ There is no mention of William or Obadiah.

Lichfield Diocese Records

Birmingham lies in the Lichfield Diocese. Lichfield is in the adjacent county of Staffordshire. The Staffordshire Record Office has been contacted to see what Lichfield Diocesan records are available. They have yet to respond. [NOTE: On 23 August 2006, Mr. Stott reported via Email: "I have heard from the Staffordshire Record

Office, but the types of diocesan records they held did not appear to be helpful to our study of the family."]

New Haven Colony Records

Although New Haven and surrounding towns are now part of Connecticut, prior to 1662 they were a separate colony with records distinct from those of Connecticut. The records have been published in two large volumes. Obadiah was not found in either volume. Those who appeared in the indexes were Nathaniel, Lt. Robert, and "Sister" Seeley. Edward E. Atwater's *History of the Colony of New Haven* was also searched for Obadiah Seeley, but the results were negative.

London Turner' Company Records

In 1627/8, Obadiah Seeley, the son of William Seeley of Birmingham, was apprenticed to Nehemiah Wallington of London for the term of nine years to learn the turner's trade. Prior searches in the Turners' Company records through 1648 found no evidence that he was ever admitted to the London Turner's Guild. The apprenticeship bindings of the company have been indexed on a subscription website, www.originsnetwork.com. However, they make no further mention of Obadiah Seeley after his own binding to Wallington. This is significant because it shows that no apprentices were ever bound to Obadiah at a later period. The company court records are not indexed and would take many hours to research. Also examined was A. C. Stanley-Stone's *The Worshipful Company of Turners of London*, but nothing was found regarding Obadiah Seeley. It was noted that a John Wallington was frequently a company officer from 1604.

Emigration Sources

Most, if not all, of the surviving passenger lists for vessels embarking for colonial America that exist in the National Archives of Britain have been transcribed, indexed, and published. These are found in John Camden Hotten's *The Original Lists* and Peter Wilson Coldham's *Complete Book of Emigrants*. None of them mention Obadiah Seeley, although other Seeleys are mentioned.

Connections Between Obadiah Seeley and The Bruen Family

William Seeley of Birmingham had a daughter Sarah who married Obadiah Bruen in Birmingham in 1633. They later settled in Gloucester, Massachusetts; Hartford, Connecticut; and Newark, New Jersey. Their removal to Newark occurred after the death of Obadiah Seeley at Stamford in 1657. If it could be shown that Obadiah Seeley had connections to Obadiah Bruen and his wife Sarah (presumably Obadiah Seeley's sister) in Gloucester or New London, it would greatly strengthen the circumstantial case for the identification of Obadiah Seeley as a son of William Seeley of Birmingham.

Several record groups were examined. Among them are the court records, land records, and the colony records of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Gloucester is in Essex County, Massachusetts. The deeds of Essex

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County were searched, but neither the Bruens nor the Seeleys are mentioned. The same is true for the Quarterly Court records of Essex County. It was hoped that the two families might have been parties in a law suit, but nothing was found. Many immigrants to the New World found they needed assistance in taking care of legal matters in England. The records of Boston attorney Thomas Lechford and Suffolk County Recorder William Aspinwall contain hundreds of such cases. It was hoped that Obadiah Seeley and his sister Sarah Bruen would be found together in such a legal proceeding, but again the search was negative. Nor is there any mention of Obadiah in the records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay.

Connecticut records were also searched. New London deed indexes contain numerous references to Obadiah Bruen.⁷ It was hoped that in one of these documents, Obadiah Seeley was a witness or was mentioned in some other capacity, such as one who owned adjacent property. However, a careful examination of these documents found no connections between the Bruen and Seeley families. Many of the deeds executed by the Bruens were dated after Seeley's death. The records of the Connecticut Colony and Caulkins' *History of New London* were also searched without finding any references to Obadiah Seeley.

New England Connections Between Obadiah Seeley and James Cole

Nehemiah Wallington's friend James Cole settled in Hartford, Connecticut, about fifty miles from Obadiah Seeley's home in Stamford. If Wallington's apprentice was in fact the Obadiah Seeley who settled in Stamford, it is almost certain that Seeley and Cole knew each other in London through their mutual friend, Nehemiah Wallington. This section investigates the possibility that they also had some formal connections in New England. As with the Bruen research, it was hoped that these two immigrants might be found together in some record in this country. The published probate records of the early Connecticut Colony were searched to see if Cole and Seeley appeared together in any document. Perhaps Seeley or his children would be mentioned in Cole's will. Many references to James Cole of Hartford were found, but none for Obadiah Seeley. Similarly, the deeds of Hartford contain numerous references to James Cole and his lands, but nothing for Obadiah Seeley is mentioned. Nor are the two families mentioned together in the *Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut* in 15 volumes.

Summary and Suggestions

In this report, ten strategies were pursued. However, none produced any useful results. Two additional strategies should be considered. First, Karl Weiler (SGS Assistant Genealogist) has recently brought to my attention that letters between Nehemiah Wallington and his friend James Cle of Hartford are preserved in the British Library in London. This could be a significant discovery because it is likely that Wallington, Cole, and Seeley knew one another in London. It seems probable that there would be some reference to Obadiah Seeley

being in New England in one of these letters. That would be proof that Wallington's apprentice was in fact the New England immigrant of the same name. It is my understanding that Karl is attempting to obtain copies of the letters at his own expense. [JRS NOTE: Karl Weiler reported that he received 41 documents from the British Library on 4 August, 2006. These were letters written from 1635 to 1650 from James Cole to and from Nehemiah Wallington. They are a most interesting read, but no where in them do they mention Obadiah Seeley.]

Secondly, I could continue to urge Jerry Anderson to produce his long-awaited article on the Seeley ancestry. I have known Jerry for many years. He is a brilliant researcher. He has assured me that he has more evidence than we have found. It is possible that he has already discovered the Wallington-Cole letters in the British Library. The editors of *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* have no plans to publish Jerry's article at present because he has yet to submit one. I am sure they would accept a completed article on the Seeley origins from Jerry Anderson

/s/ Clifford L. Stott

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NOTES:

1. Edward Alexander Fry, *A Calendar of Wills and Administrations Preserved in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Worcester, 1601-1652* (London: British Record Society, 1910, 142. Reference document 2.
2. *Episcopal Consistory Court of (the Bishop of) Worcester, Calendar of Wills and Administrations, 1661-1699* (typescript, n.d.). Reference document 3.
3. Prerogative Court of Canterbury, online index to Wills, "Documents Online," <<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>>. Reference document 6.
4. *Calendar of Wills and Administrations, Consistory Court of Lichfield* (FHL film no. 095,281; 095,282). Reference document 1.
5. Charles Bernau Index to Chancery Court Proceedings, class C11 (FHL film no. 636,277; 536,278); Reference document 4; Equity Pleadings database (C6), "Documents Online," <<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>>, Reference document 5.
6. *Warwick County Records, Quarter Sessions Order Books, 1625-1696*, 9 vols. (Warwick: Sir Edgar Stephens, 1935-64), 4:302. Reference document 7.
7. New London, Connecticut, index to deeds (FHL film no. 005,107; 005,108; 005,109). Reference document 8.

[JRS NOTES: The documents, numbered from 1 to 7 in the above "NOTES," were attached to Mr. Stott's report but were not included here. The complete report, including the 27 April 2006 Research Outline, will be filed at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, KS. The report will also be placed on the SGS CDROM to accompany the excellent research on Obadiah Seeley in New England records that was done in the 1980s by Mr. Frederick C. Hart, Jr. CG.]

Change One to the SRC Filing Booklet, 18 May 2006

Story By Jim Seeley, SGS President

The following documents were added to the Seelye Research Center (SRC) Filing System in May 2006. For those members who have an SRC Filing System Booklet, insert a copy of this in the booklet. These booklets were handed out at the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene. **If you don't have a copy of the original SRC Filing System Booklet, and would like one, contact Jim Seeley at jseeley@adelphia.net.** The cost is \$10 (US), payable to SGS.

Explanation of abbreviations:

Loc. = Document location within the SRC

Dr = File Cabinets A thru F and individual drawers 1 thru 4 of each file cabinet.

Sh = Shelf. There are 5 shelves labeled A thru E (left to right) and numbered (top to bottom) 1 thru 5.

Doc. Grp. = Document Group. The document location and document group & number together comprise the document identification number. The document ID number is attached to each document (or group of documents).

Document Group abbreviations are:

AS = Armed Services Records

AFI – Ancestor File Index

Bk = Books

CEM = Cemetery records

DR = Obituaries and Death records

FC = Family Compilations and Histories

HER = Heraldry – College of Arms

HIST = History of SGS

MBR = Membership Lists

MM = Meeting Minutes

MISC = Miscellaneous

NEWS = Newsletters

PHON = Phone Directories

PHOTO – Photographs and Photo albums

Reun – Reunion files

RF = Research Files

RP = Research Reports

SN = Seeley Notables

TREAS – Treasurer's Files

VR = Vital records data

WILL = Data from wills

The CD (Census Data) is now part of the VR (Vital records data) group.

Doc. Loc.	Doc. Grp. & No.	Author	Document Name - - Description
Dr E4	AS-2	Unknown	Centralia, IL News article
Dr-E4	AS-3	Veterans Admin.	Pension Index File of Truman, Alonzo, and John Seeley
Sh A4	AS-4	Seelye, Marshall	<i>Seeleys(of various spelling) in the Military</i>
Sh D1	Bk-HB	Haskell, Barbara	<i>From the Heart</i>
Sh D2	Bk-SMA3	Seeley, Mable	<i>The Listening House</i>
Sh D2	Bk-SMA4	Seeley, Mable	<i>The Whistling Shadow</i>
Sh D2	Bk-GE1	Glover, Edwin A.	1951 Table of Contents and Index for Centennial History of Knoxville, Tioga County, PA
Sh D2	Bk-GE2	Glover, Edwin A.	Centennial History of Knoxville, Tioga County, PA
Sh D2	Bk-SE	Seelye, Eugene A.	History of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, PA 1868-1968
Dr E4	CEM-8	Seelye, Daniel	Headstone information of Anna Seely Family, SGS#1089
Dr E4	DR-16	Various	OBITS and Death records
Sh E1	FC-CR	Cox, Robert	Family Compilation of Theron Barley Seely, SGS#1768
Dr D3	FC-136	Carter, Joyce	Descendants of Daniel Joseph Seeley SGS#1588
Dr D3	FC-137	Serven, Harold	Seeley, John (48) back to William (3072)
Dr D3	FC-138	Cuthill, Cora A.	Descendants of Daniel Stephen Bishop Seeley (SGS#1325), The Seeley Family in the Pacific NW 1851-1973
Dr D3	FC-139	Unknown	Line of Miss Hattie May Seeley and Dr. Charles Wesley Seeley, descendants of Eli Seely SGS#1480
Dr D3	FC-140	Mrs. Bissell, Genealogist	Seely, Seeley, Cilley Family – includes Martha Seeley SGS#1476
Dr D3	FC-141	Havnar, Chris	Henry Stanly Seely
Dr D3	FC-142	Brodie, Janet	Winnie Lois Seeley/Beulah Seeley

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Dr D3	FC-143	Parrott, Connie	Genealogical info for Luke Seeley and Josiah Parrott
Dr D3	FC-144	Smith, H. P.	History of Warren Co., NY and court records of Justis Seelye
Dr D3	FC-145	Seely, Jonas	Family Chart
Dr D3	FC-146	Unknown	Jane Elizabeth Seelye
Dr D3	FC-147	Oulett, Mrs. E. H.	Family of Ebenezer Seelye
Dr D3	FC-148	Tucket, Eugene and Madge	Seeley Family Records, English and American Ancestry
Dr D3	FC-149	Seeley, DeLoss	DeLoss Seeley Family Chart
Dr D3	FC-150	Seelye, John F.	The Seelye Family of New Zealand
Dr D3	FC-151	Unknown	Caleb Seeley/Casler Family
Dr D3	FC-152	Deposit, Jerome	Seely Papers – Isle of Wight
Dr D3	FC-153	Abbot, John Seeley	Family Group Record
Dr D3	FC-154	Unknown	Biographical records of Horace Barnes m. Luisa Seeley (N-90A)
Dr D3	FC-155	Unknown	Freeman Hall Seeley of Tennessee
Dr D3	FC-156	Born, Gerald	Ancestral line of Gerald Born (b. 5/16/1936)
Dr D3	FC-157	Unknown	Modified Register for Ajocks Tallman Seeley
Dr D3	FC-158	Manning, Frank	Cap. John Manning-Connection with Robert Seeley
Dr D3	FC-159	Unknown	Marilyn Seely VanStory
Dr D3	FC-160	Unknown	Mary Pyle
Dr D3	FC-161	Roe, Alfred Seelye	The Seelye Centennial-Celebration Paper
Dr D3	FC-162	Query Team	Connecting with Castle Seeley, SGS#2280.
Dr D3	FC-163	Query Team	Silas H. Seely
Dr D3	FC-164	Seeley, William	Family Group Record of William Seeley
Dr D3	FC-165	Tietjens, Terry	Family Group Sheet Eli D. Abbott
Dr D3	FC-166	Unknown	Descendants of Mercy Seely and Hezekiah Weed (m. 1739)
Dr D3	FC-167	Hall, Ray & Ann	Family Group Sheet for George B. Seely, b 8 Jun 1829
Dr D3	FC-168	Tietjens, Terry	Pedigree Chart for Edward John Stony, b. 8 Nov 1923
Dr D3	FC-169	Pope, Louise Lyon	Ancestor Chart for Louise Lyon Pope
Dr D3	FC-170	Brownley, Mary N.	Family Group Sheet for Burrell C. Dawson
Dr D3	FC-171	Hellyer, Ida Tidwell	Castle Valley, Kenny Col, UT History
Dr D3	FC-172	Brown, Rita M.	Genealogical info on William Seeley (1829-1884)
Dr D3	FC-173	Seely, Charles	Remembrance of Charles Seeley on his grandfather Carlton White Seeley
Dr D3	FC-174	Barlow, Dimon	Susannah Seelye (SGS#770) Genealogy Chart
Dr D3	FC-175	Carter, Alfa Jean	Bible Record of Jacob Seeley, SGS#1494
Dr D3	FC-176	Unknown	Ancestors of Mathilda Romain Seeley
Dr D3	FC-177	VanStory, Marilyn Rose Seely	Marilyn Seely VanStory Ancestors

Dr D3	FC-178	Howe, Daniel	Howe Genealogies with reference to Elizabeth Seeley, SGS#1353
Dr D3	FC-179	Wellsboro, PA Gazette	Article on Justus Seeley m. Elizabeth Gibbs not Biggs.
Dr D3	FC-180	Seelye, John F.	The Seeley Family of New Zealand
Dr D3	FC-181	McLaughlin, A. R.	Descendants of Samuel Seely, b. 1758, d. 1838
Dr D3	FC-182	Mack, Gerry	Carrie Seely
Dr D3	FC-183	Seely, John R.	SGS Ancestor File Index, Rev: 2006 CDROM
Dr D3	FC-184	White, Elizabeth S.	Seeley Family of Vermont
Dr D3	FC-185	Dragon, Anne. M. V.	Pedigree Chart for Lorna Anne Musto
Dr D3	FC-186	Divet, Betty	Misc. information on Scilley Family in Canada, Washington, and Oregon
Dr D3	FC-187	Bauer, W. John	Emails on Phebe Bissell and Justus Seelye
Dr D3	FC-188	Fairall, Carolyn	Descendants of Susan Seely, SGS#1493
Dr D3	FC-189	Kettell, Carla	Pedigree Chart and Family Group records of Abigail Seeley, SGS#1325
Dr D3	FC-190	Seeley, Donna	Descendants of William Seeley, SGS#1692, updated 6/2004
Dr D3	FC-191	Unknown	Info on Bethenia Young Shaw (1794-1878)
Dr D3	FC-192	Not Applicable	Pamphlet of The California Art Club, Walter Frederick Seely, President
Dr D3	FC-193	Allen, Ann	Obit of Walter Seeley and other family info
Dr D3	FC-194	Unknown	Descendants of Abram L. Seeley (1861-1934)
Dr D3	FC-195	Unknown	Info on Moses Vail, wife Lucy Seely and their children
Dr D3	FC-196	Sickler, Joseph S.	"Tea Burning Town" mentioning Richard Seeley house in Cumberland Co., NJ
Dr D3	FC-197	Rhoden, Yallinda	Akron Beacon Journal (10/14/1990) article on Robert Seeley's life on a farm.
Dr D3	FC-198	Bannister, Doris Ann	Descendants of William Seeley (1760?-1831)
Dr D3	FC-199	Unknown	St. Johns Episcopal Church record of baptism for William Bartlett, son of Samuel and Mercy Bartlett.
Dr D3	FC-200	Unknown	Andrew Seelye family photo (of 28 Jun 1998) and news articles
Dr D3	FC-201	Unknown	Family Group record of Billie Mae Truax (Justus Seelye and Phebe Bissill line)
Dr D3	FC-202	Seeley, Luella	Four Generation Lineage Chart of Orville Grant Seeley b. 12/14/1923
Dr D3	FC-203	Young, Hal	Seeley family of upstate New York, from names Useely (1747), Ziellie (1795), Zielie (1808), and Seeley (1862)
Dr D3	FC-204	Seely, Timothy	Excerpts from book "King of Fools" regarding Seeleys (Vera, Timothy Ward, and Frank James)
Dr D3	FC-205	Case, Gerald Ramon	Certificate as member of "Society of Colonial Wars"
Dr D3	FC-206	Unknown	Article "Proprietors and Settlers of Kingsbury" listing Benjamin, Ebenezer, and Nehemiah Seelye.
Dr D3	FC-207	Unknown	1700-1770 Map of Canaan Parish from Stamford Advocate, 1941 showing Seeley land.
Dr D3	FC-208	Anderson, Ruth D.	Ancestral line Deborah ⁷ , Gideon ⁶ , John ⁵ , Obadiah ⁴⁻³⁻²
Dr D3	FC-209	Thielen, Agnes M.	Isle of Shoals Cilley's, descendants of Lieut. Jonathan Cilley ⁶ b. 1762
Dr D3	FC-210	Unknown	Comparison of time, residence, for known events for Robert, Nathaniel, and Obadiah Seeley

SRC Filing Booklet (continued from page 5)

Dr D3	FC-211	Unknown	Letters of Else Cilley (1701-1801), Seeley line of Helen Elizabeth Harger
Dr D3	FC-212	Unknown	Family info on Nehemiah Seelye (b. 1743) and Justus Seelye b. 1771
Dr D3	FC-213	Froment, Frank L.	Story of Seelyville, Wayne Co., PA
Dr D3	FC-214	Bangor Daily News	Article on Jonathan Cilley from Maine
Dr D3	FC-215	Mika, Nick and Helma	Article on Seeley's Bay, Canada
Dr D3	FC-216	Beller, Flo	Email to Dan Seelye correcting errors in Dan's database. Lists references.
Dr D3	FC-217	Unknown	Dr. D. H. Seelye info
Sh A1	FC-218	Black, Bruce R.	3.5" floppy disk containing Selee data in .paf
Sh E5	FC-219	Nelson, Walter I.	Ancestor info of Walter I. Nelson descendant of Isaac Brewster Seely, SGS#3668
Dr E4	HER-2	Unknown	Picture of "Seeley Family Crest"
Dr E4	HIST-2	Unknown	History of the Seeley Research Center
Dr E4	MBR-4	SGS	Member Lists 1980-1992
Dr E4	MBR-5	Unknown	Member list with Email addresses.
Dr B4	MM	SGS Secretary	Minutes of the SGS Executive Board, 1989-2004
Dr E4	MISC	Various	Misc. news items.
Dr A3	NEWS	Various	Add to the list of newsletters <i>FGS Forum</i> , <i>Seeley Gleanings</i>
Dr E4	PHON-3	Syracuse	Seeleys in Syracuse City phone directory.
Dr B1	RF SE	Seelye, Eugene	Files submitted by Eugene Seelye
Dr E4	RP-7	Hart, Fred C., Jr.	Obadiah Seeley Research Reports 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
Sh A1	SN-1	Seelye, Marshall	<i>A Few Notable and/or Famous Seeleys</i>
Dr E4	VR-5	Unknown	Marriage Certificate for CPB Chase and Emma Seeley
Dr-E4	VR-6	Ohio Counties	Marriage Index, Counties of Ohio 1789-1850
Dr E4	VR-7	Bourbon Co., KS	1910 Census
Dr E4	VR-8	Marion Co., OR	1895 Census
Dr E4	VR-9	Parrott, Connie	Marriage License Herbert Parrott and Minnie Klopp, and announcement
Dr E4	VR-10	Haskell, Barbara	Engagement announcement of Ryan Seeley and Angela Howard.
Dr E4	VR-11	Illinois	Marriage index 1763-1900 Seelye
Dr E4	VR-12	Illinois	Marriage index 1763-1900 Seely
Dr E4	VR-13	Illinois	Marriage index 1763-1900 Seeley
Dr E4	VR-14	Crocker, Linda	1910 Census for Tanner Creek, Norfolk, Co., VA
Dr E4	VR-15	Unknown	Anniversary, Gloria and Howard Seelye of Fallbrook
Dr E4	VR-16	Seneca Co., NY	1840-1879 newspaper articles on deaths and marriages.
Dr E4	VR-17	Unknown	Marriage Record of Jane Seely at Tuttle town
Dr E4	VR-18	Unknown	Spouses of Myron Jr., Myron S., Alvin E., Myron E., John W., Samuel, and John T. Seeley

Dr E4	VR-19	Wilcox	Various Massachusetts family records (cemetery, death, baptism, birth, marriage)
Dr E4	VR-20	Not Applicable	Pension Record for Revolutionary War Soldier Denton Seeley
Dr E4	VR-21	Pederson, Delores V.	1900 census, Hueneme Township, Ventura Co., CA
Dr E4	VR-22	Seely, Montell	Baptismal Records of Robert Seeley, Nathaniel Seely
Dr E4	WILL-4	Seeley, Bazaleel	Will of Bazaleel Seeley, SGS#48
Dr E4	WILL-5	Otsego Co., NY	Index to Wills, Vol. 1 abt 1792-1887
Dr E4	WILL-6	Ulster Co., NY Gen. Soc.	Will of Ebenezer Seely (probate date 31 Oct 1767), Eunis Seely (probate date 26 Apr 1770), and more.

End of Change 1 to the SRC Filing System dated May 2006

If you know the author of one of the documents whose author is listed as unknown, please contact Jim Seeley. There is currently no procedure for loaning out copies of the documents from the SRC. Visits to the SRC are encouraged.

Information Regarding the 2007 SGS International Reunion

Story By Jim Seeley, SGS President

Here is some key planning information for members who plan to attend the next SGS Reunion from 13 to 16 September 2007. The name and address of the hotel is the Crowne Plaza, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416.

- Hotel Group rate for SGS is: \$99 for 2 people, \$109 for 3, and \$119 for 4, all plus (currently) 12% tax per night.
- You must identify yourself as being with the Seeley Genealogical Society to get the group rate.
- **Reservations must be made no later than 17 August 2007** to get the group rate; otherwise rates range from \$122 to \$144 plus tax per night. Call 1-800-308-4589 or 1-860-635-2000 for reservations.
- To hold the block of rooms, SGS had to guarantee that we would use at least 64 room-nights. If we use fewer, SGS must pay the difference.
- SGS must use at least 80 room nights to avoid paying rent for meeting space.
- Dinners will be held the evenings of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights with after dinner speakers each evening. The cost of each dinner is \$25 per person (including tax and tip).
- A farewell breakfast on Sunday at 11:00 AM will cost \$16.00 (including tax and tip).
- A hospitality room will be available for displaying documents and items members would like to display, and for having small meetings of family groups, etc.
- A bus tour (handicap accessible) of Old Wethersfield, with a tour guide from the Wethersfield Historical Society, on Friday morning. A walking tour of the Old Wethersfield Burying Ground will be conducted on Friday afternoon. (There are Seeleys buried there.)
- The tour of Robert and Obadiah Seeley's New England will depart by chartered bus on Monday morning following the reunion. It will return to the Crowne Plaza Cromwell hotel on Friday. Notify Kathie Olsen if you are interested. (Contact info for Kathie is on page 15.)
- Registration forms will appear in the February and

May 2007 SGS Newsletters. SGS must collect for the meals, Friday tours, and a registration fee.

- Handicap rooms are available. Ask for one when you make your reservations.

NOTE: Although you are free to do so, staying at another local hotel may very well cost SGS. I negotiated hard to get the group rates with free meeting space. The penalties are stiff if we fail to meet the minimum numbers (underlined above). Feedback from our last reunion attendees was that we should stay, meet, and eat in one location. The less expensive hotels don't have eating and meeting facilities.

2007 SGS Reunion Theme - *Our Immigrant Ancestors*

The theme of the 2007 SGS Reunion near Wethersfield, CT is "Our Immigrant Ancestors." If you are a descendant of a Seeley (or a variant spelling of this surname) other than immigrants Robert or Obadiah Seeley, I invite you to give a presentation during the reunion on your ancestors. Suggested guidelines: your presentation should be about 10 minutes in length, with an additional 5 minutes for answering questions. A typed copy of your presentation should be prepared for the 2007 Reunion Souvenir Book. Contact SGS President Jim Seeley for scheduling your presentation no later than 31 March 2007.

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Military Notes — Cadet Sealy Graduates from USAF Academy

Aug 15, 2006 -- Air Force Cadet Ryan D. Sealy has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

The academy offers a four-year educational program of instruction and experience designed to provide cadets the knowledge and character essential for air and space

leaders, and the motivation to serve as Air Force career officers. The curriculum provides a balanced program of military training, academics, physical training, athletic conditioning, and character and ethical development. The courses of study allow cadets to acquire a broad education in the basic and engineering sciences, social sciences, the humanities, including additional elective courses needed to complete requirements for one of 25 major areas of study.

The new lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various management and technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments.

Sealy received a degree in systems engineering management at the academy. He is the son of Dave and Ann Sealy of Clem Road, Greenwood, S.C. and graduated in 2002 from Greenwood Christian School.

Seeley Genealogical Society Treasurer's Report

For the fiscal year 2006

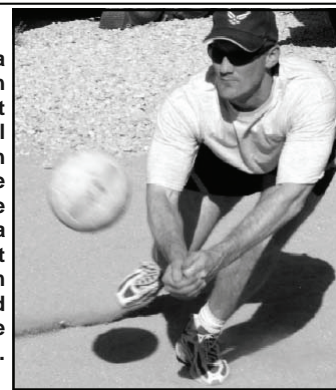
For the period October 1, 2005
To September 30, 2006

Beginning Balance	\$21,002.86
Add Receipts:	
Dues	\$2,724.00
Life Membership	\$1,400.00
Books	\$538.00
CD - Compact Disks	\$105.00
Donations to Research	\$92.53
Donations - Unrestricted	\$37.88
Bank Interest	\$297.35
Back Copies of Newsletter	\$24.00
Convention Souvenir Book	\$225.00
Voluntary NARA donation	<u>\$4.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$5,447.76
Total Available Cash	\$26,447.62
Less Disbursements:	
Postage	\$770.44
Supplies	\$66.66
Newsletters	\$2,150.75
Printing 2005 Souvenir Book	\$386.40
Donation Seelye Archives	\$750.00
Dues - Federation Gen Soc	\$75.00
FGS - Conference	\$155.00
Research	\$884.32
Convention Deposits	<u>\$550.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$5,788.57
Ending Balance as of 9/30/2006	\$20,662.05
Research Account	\$1,586.25
Life Membership CD	\$11,816.81
Checking Account	<u>\$7,258.99</u>
	\$20,662.05

Chris Havnar
SGS Treasurer
Submitted 10/3/2006

OFF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN

Air Force Master Sgt. Dana Seeley of the 455th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, digs for a volleyball during a tournament in which his team finished second. The tournament was part of the Camp Cunningham luau, a break from active engagement in the Global War on Terrorism for military personnel deployed to Afghanistan. (U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Orville F. Desjarlais Jr.)



SGS Queries

(Data as of October 12, 2006)

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

Please send your queries to Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home. Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

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

QUERY UPDATES

Update to Query 0605-2 Re: Matthew S Seeley

In the printed response to this query (page 12 of the May 2006 newsletter) Kathie Olsen distinguished between two Samuels: Samuel Seeley, SGS #2477 and Samuel Conant Seely/Seelye, SGS # 2565. Eugene Seeley (easeelye@epix.net) has notified us that some of the information about SGS #2477 is incorrect. The

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County Home Cemetery isn't in Austinburg (a part of Brookfield Township, Tioga Co., PA) and Gene can't find Samuel listed in the other Austinburg cemeteries.

I found Samuel listed in the 1850-1880 censuses for Brookfield, always in a household headed by a family member – with his father Luman in 1850, with his brother Bradley in 1860 and 1870 and with his brother Harvey in 1880. The 1880 census verifies that he is Harvey's brother and also states that he is single. I also found an online listing for the Tioga County Home Cemetery near Wellsboro but Samuel is not listed. If you have other information on Samuel Seeley, SGS #2477, let me know.

Update to Query 0605-3 Re: Franklin Henry Seeley

Franklin Henry Seeley, born 17 Feb 1869 or 1870 in Philadelphia, PA is the son of Isaac Benjamin Seeley, SGS #2403. Sylvia Duncan (SylDuncan@aol.com), Franklin's granddaughter is looking for his baptismal certificate. If you can help please let her know and send me a copy of your information.

NEW QUERIES

Query 0611-1 Submitted by Randy Baxter (rbaxter@exchange.FULLERTON.EDU)

Randy contacted Chris Havnar about **John Franklin Seelye** of Felton, CA. John Franklin's son Raymond married Randy's great-great-aunt. Randy is in touch with some of John Franklin's descendants in the Bay Area who would like to know more about that side of their family.

According to Randy, Raymond was the fourth and last surviving child of John Franklin Seelye (b. Aug. 14, 1864), a gambler, roamer and lumberman who had worked for a time at a mill in Felton. John Seelye's first wife, Raymond's mother Gertrude Fumigalli died in childbirth in about 1901. John soon either remarried or merely lived with a "rich lady" nicknamed Becky, whom Raymond remembered fondly. By about 1915, Becky was out of the picture, and Raymond had a new stepmother, Arabella "Cora" Hough (b. Sept. 25, 1870). The family remained in Felton until the lumber mill closed shortly after the Great War (WWI), when they moved to Mayfield, San Mateo County, near the university town of Palo Alto. A staunch Protestant, John refused to meet Raymond's second wife Flora Dern or attend the wedding, since she was Roman Catholic. Flora never did meet her father-in-law, who died of stomach cancer at age 64 on Nov. 5, 1928.

SGS Response: Chris directed Randy to the SGS website where the text of John Franklin Seelye's death certificate is located. It shows that John was born in Little Falls, MN to Dustin F. Seelye and Georgiana Lyman of Nova Scotia. Chris also had a copy of the obituary of Hugh Seelye who is a brother of Raymond. That shows that there were also two sisters, Lila M. Robinson of San Francisco and Ethel Ordway of Winton, CA.

Upon further investigation I found in the 1860 census of Little Falls, Morrison, MN:

FD Seelye, age 37, b. New Brunswick, labourer and

his wife Georgiana, age 32, also b. NB.

Then in the 1870 census of Santa Cruz, CA:

Seelye, Farnum D., age 45, b. NB

Georgiana, age 43, b. NB

Deborah L., age 9, b. MN

John F., age 6, b. MN

In 1880 the family is in San Lorenzo, Santa Cruz, CA. Farnum is working as a lumberman and says he and his parents were all b. in NB as were Georgiana and her parents. Deborah L is now going by the name Latetia. By 1910 Latetia is married to JW Cunningham, she has 4 children, and her father, Farnum D., now age 85 and a widower is living with her. He says he immigrated to the US in 1850.

An index to the Mountain Echo, a Santa Cruz paper shows Farnum's name as Farnum Duston Seelye.

The SGS CD-Rom has 2 entries. One is for Farnum (parents unknown) married to Georgina Hamlin and the other is for Dustin F., son of Henry Seelye, SGS #2307 and Maria Clinch. Henry is in the 8th generation from Robert, a son of Stuart R Seelye. Stuart's father was a Loyalist and moved the family to St John, New Brunswick in 1783.

Query 0611-2 Submitted by Jean Racicot (isidore01@sympatico.ca)

Jean is looking for the ancestry of **Harley Seely** b. 10 June 1829 in Quebec. Harley married Josephine Coutu/Couture (b. abt 1842) 15 December 1868 in Dunham, Quebec. This was a catholic marriage after their marriage 9 years earlier under a protestant minister. They married twice so their children could have a choice of religion. Josephine died 11 Jan. 1898, age 56, buried in Dunham. Jean knows of 2 children. Josephine Seeley married Joseph Poirier 9 Nov. 1885 in Dunham. Ezra Seeley was b. 27 Dec. 1864 and died 3 December 1937. His wife was probably Virginia Robillard. Harley may have had a brother named Ezra. Jean suggests that Ezra Seeley, SGS #865 may be the father of Harley.

SGS Response: The Seventh Generation book, Nathaniel section, page 46 and note at the bottom of page 45, indicates some confusion/uncertainty about the ancestry of Ezra D Seeley, SGS# 865. It doesn't look to me like he is the father of Harley as Jean suggests.

Harley is listed as Harley Saley in the 1881 census of Dunham, Mississquoi, Quebec. He is shown as age 54, married, of Irish descent, and living in the home of Micheal Vail. No other members of Harley's family are listed. I also found a reference in the same census to Ezra Seeley, age 17, of Irish origin, living in the home of Luciano Whitcomb, also in Dunham, no other Seeleys present in the household.

Can anyone identify Harley's parents or offer suggestions to Jean?

Query 0611-3 Submitted by Chris Seeley (chris@seeleyinvestments.com)

Chris wants to research his grandfather's family. His grandfather was **Earlon L. Seeley Sr.** born in Windham,

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Maine, November 22nd 1900. Earlon's father was Frank Seeley, born approximately 30 years earlier.

SGS Response: Going through the census I found in the Portland, Cumberland ME census for 1910

Seeley, Frank S. age 41, overseer at County Farm, b. ME, Father b. ME, mother b. NY

wife: Katie H. age 49, Matron at County Farm, b. ME, f. b. ME, m. b. ME

son: Earlon L age 9 b. ME, f. b. ME, m. b. ME

In the 1900 census for Windham, Cumberland, ME:

Seely, Frank b. Aug. 1869, age 30 b. ME, f. b. ME, m. b. ME day laborer

Katie b. Jan 1861, age 39 f. b. ME, m. b. ME, dressmaker, married 5 years

In the IGI a marriage:

Frank Seely, age 26 (b. Standish, Cumberland, ME to James W. Seely and Jennie Collins on 14 Dec 1895 in Windham, Cumberland, ME) married to Kate H. Lamb, age 33 (b. Webb's Mills, Cumberland, ME to Sylvanus Lamb and Hattie Hall)

In the 1880 census for Windham, Cumberland, ME I found Katie H. Lamb, age 19, works in ??? shop, with her father Sylvanus, age 48, a cooper, mother Harriet, age 40 and brothers Ralph, 11, Jordan H. age 8 and Freeman, 4 and Charles Sands, a boarder who works in the cooper shop.

Also in 1880 in Gorham, Cumberland, ME

Cilley, James W., age 39, laborer

dau. Flora E., age 12

son Frank, age 10

Crockett, Jolian, age 61, mother, keeping house

Lindsay, John, age 79, boarder

In 1870 in Gorham, Cumberland, ME

Lindsey, John, age 66, manufacturer of kegs, b. Wells, ME

Crockett, July P., age 50, keeping house, b. Lisbon, ME

In 1870 in Standish, Cumberland, ME

Cela, James, age 26, b. Lisbon, ME, common laborer

, Jane, age 23, b. Shelby, NY (Orleans Co.)

, July, age 5, b. Shelby, NY

, Mary, age 3 b. "

, Florence, age 2, b. "

, Frank, age 1, b. Standish, ME

I possibly found James in the 1900 census of Windham, Cumberland, ME

Seely, James, age 57, b. Nov. 1842 b. ME, father b. ME, mother b. ME, a farmer

wife Araminta, age 56, b. Jul 1843, married 10 years (obviously a 2nd marriage for James)

On the Orleans, NY GenWeb site I found the 1865 census for Ridgeway (next town to Shelby)

Seeley, James, b. Ontario Co. NY, laborer, age 25 wife, Jane (Collins), b. Ireland, age 23

sister-in-law Collins, Kate, b. Orleans Co., age 7

There are a couple of Collins families that Jane might belong to.

Obviously this data doesn't match perfectly with the

Maine census data but we know the census takers didn't always get or record the right information all the time.

Jolian/July Crockett is listed as the mother of James. Is she really his mother who remarried (to whom, where?)? She seems to be working for John Lindsey as a housekeeper in 1870 but she takes him with her when she goes to help James after Jane/Jennie dies leaving young children.

Can anyone help identify **James W. Cilley/Seeley**, etc or find further evidence linking James to Jane Collins in NY State? Remember to cite the query number in your response.

Query 0611-4 Submitted by Herman Seelye (ehseelye@pacbell.net)

Herman has a relative named Dave Bowser. Herman says Dave's grandfather was **Orly Seelye** of Conneautville, PA. Orly had 2 brothers, names unknown, and was married to Margaret Carr. Orly and Margaret had 4 sons who moved to Southern CA and Oregon. Herman wonders what Orly's origins are.

SGS Response: I found the 4 sons of Orlando L Seeley and Margaret Carr on the SGS CD-ROM:

Glenn Carr Seeley b. 30 MAY 1884 in CA , d. 13 MAY 1964 , wife: Hannah _____

Howard Seeley b. 13 NOV 1888 in CA , d. 13 AUG 1965 m. 13 NOV 1920 Los Angeles CA Whittier ?

to Taber, Edna who was b. 13 MAR 1894 in Los Angeles CA Whittier

Andrew Ross Seeley b. 5 JUN 1892 Los Angeles CA Whittier d. 9 JUL 1964 Riverside, CA, Corona, married

Lois H. b. ca 1894

Orlando Lawrence b. 15 JAN 1894 CA d. 16 JAN 1976 Rive, CA Perris unmarried

Andrew Ross Seeley had 2 daughters, Anita and Betty. Betty married a Bowser and I suppose she is Dave's mother. There are death certificates for all the brothers in CA and Betty Bowser gave the details on at least 2 of them.

Orlando appears in the 1900 census for Los Angeles, age 43, born Dec 1846 (should read 1856) in PA as were his parents. He is listed with his wife Margaret age 38, born Nov 1861 in PA and the 4 sons listed above.

I found Orlando with his parents in the 1860 census of Spring, Crawford, PA. His father is William Seely, age 43, b. NY, a farmer, his mother is Adaline, age 42, b. PA and the children are Martha, age 15, Andrew age 13, Eliza, age 9, Justin, age 5, Orlando, age 3 and Laura, age 4 mos.. Adaline is a widow in the 1870 census and Martha is listed as Mattie, Eliza as Addie, Justin is listed as WJ and Laura is Flora M., Orlando and Andrew as before. Adlaine is also with Andrew, Orlando and Laura in the 1880 census for Spring. That census states that Adeline's parents were born in Ireland. Seely is spelled Seelye in 1850, Seely in 1860 and 1870, Seelye in 1880 and Seeley in 1900.

I also found Margaret Carr in the 1870 census of Conneautville, Crawford, PA. Her father is Levant Carr, age 30, b. NY, a wagon maker, her mother is Maria, age

32, B. PA, and the children are Julia, 15, Jacob, 14, Bradford, 11, Margaret, 9, Mary, 6, Minnie, 4 and Maria, 1, all b. PA. By 1880 3 more children are born, Beatrice, age 10 (or maybe she's the same as Maria), Donna, age 8 and Marshall, age 2. Margaret is called Maggie and is a schoolteacher.

Returning to the SGS CD-ROM it shows:

William Daniel Seely b. 11 AUG 1818 Crawford, PA, Springboro d. 20 JUL 1869 m. bef 1846 Patterson, Adaline who was b. 24 JUN 1819 and d. 7 JUL 1897

William's parents: Father: Seeley, Schubel, Mother: Moon, Martha

From *The Seventh Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley*, p.55

SGS #2486* Schubel/Shuble Seelye (b 25 May 1793; d 12 Jan 1842, Springboro, PA) m about Jul 1812, Martha Moon.

Schubel's father is SGS # 914 Justus Seelye (7) (David; Justus; John; Benjamin; Nathaniel; Robert) (b 26 Apr 1771; d 7 Dec 1832, Queensbury, NY, "died in the West") m 19 Oct 1790, Elizabeth Fuller (d 2 Dec 1832, Queensbury, NY) Daughter of John/Ebenezer Fuller. Justus resided Queensbury, NY.

Query 0611-5 Submitted by Paul Seeley (paul.seeley@gm.com)

Paul Seeley contacted us about researching his ancestors in MI. His great grandfather (**Charles Grove Seeley**) was a railroad engineer from Bay City, MI. Tracing Paul's family back through the census I found that he is descended from Stephen J Seeley, SGS # 1975 through his son Alanson. However in sending information to Paul I noticed that there is a note on page 7 of SGS Volume 3 (Nathaniel section) about the age discrepancy between Stephen Seeley SGS #612 (father of Stephen J.) and his wife Ruth Odell/O'Dell. She is possibly 15 years older than Stephen and he would have become a father at the age of 14 or 15 if he was born shortly before his baptism in 1761 and his first child was born about 1775. So this query is about what information we have about this marriage and about possible birthdates for **Stephen Seeley and Ruth Odell**.

Additionally, the 1860 census for Forest, Genesee, MI shows that Alanson Seely, age 34 was b. in IN. His brothers Judson, age 45 and Chauncey, age 43 were b. in OH, Norice O, age 32 was b. in IN and Mark, age 30, was b. in KY. So it looks like the family went to Ohio first, then Indiana, then Kentucky and finally Michigan. If Mark was 30 in 1860 they obviously didn't leave KY until after he was born in 1830. It looks like our note about Stephen J. Seeley's residency on page 7 should be amended.

SGS Response: Kathie Olsen responded as follows. "In my opinion, both of their births are not computed correctly. The age spread is unusual and also the age of Stephen at the birth of the first child is very young. His baptism is listed as 1761 (maybe this is not the correct date) but he could have been born several years earlier. (Maybe the preacher only came sporadically.) Her baptism date is 1753. Her father died in 1756 with two small children at age 25 (meaning he was born in 1731) so she probably wasn't born as early as 1746 even

though her death information says she was 94 at her death in 1840. She was living with a granddaughter at the time of her death. One reason previous researchers gave for believing these two individuals were married to one another is that the first two children were named Eunice and Gershom, the names of Ruth O'Dell's parents. On the second question, the History of Genesee Co. Michigan states, "...they came in the fall of 1836, residing in Pontiac until 1838 when they removed to Genesee. Settled in Forest Township in July, 1841." I will make this correction to the 7th Generation Book note on page 7."

If you have further information on the ages or marriage of Stephen Seeley and Ruth Odell please contact us.

BRICK WALL SEELEYS

In the last issue I invited you to send in queries about your Brick Wall Seeleys, those ancestors you've been searching for fruitlessly for years (and years). Here are our first submissions. We can continue this feature as long as you send in your Brick Wall. Just put 'Brick Wall' in the subject line and send the information you have to me.

Query 0611-BW1 Submitted by Marilyn Colby (mdcolby@freeway.net)

Marilyn has been searching for **Adelia Seeley** for more than fifteen years. She was born 15 Jan. 1823. She died 18 Jan 1887 in Rockstream, New York. According to the census she was born in Seneca, Cayuga County. About 1840 she married William Jones and they lived in Rockstream, NY until their deaths. Their children: Sarah Ann 1841, Archibald 1842, Eliza 1850. Joseph 1851, Charlotte 1852, William 1857, Frank 1859, Fred Starr 1865.

SGS Response: Rock Stream is in the southern part of the township of Starkey, Yates County. Adelia appears with her husband William Jones in each US and state census for Starkey, Yates, NY from 1845- 1880, identified as Adelia, A, Addelia and Delia. According to the various census records her children are Sarah A. born 1839/40, Archabald born 1842/3, Joseph born 1845, Mariah born 1848 (died before 1860), Eliza born 1850, Charlotte born 1852, Timothy born after 1850 census listed in 1855 state census and died before 1860 census, William Jr (Willie) born 1854, Franklin (Frank) born 1857, a daughter identified as "A" born 1859 and died before 1865, and Frederick (Fred) born 1867. In Cleveland's History and Directory of Yates County the wife of William Jones is identified as Delia Seeley. Adelia and her birthdate and husband are listed on our CD-ROM with no other details. William Jones is the son of Timothy Jones, originally from Rockland County, NY. The Jones family moved to Yates County in 1835. Let me know if you have other information or research suggestions.

Query 0611-BW2 Submitted by Anne Denny (ja-denny@msn.com)

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Name: **Hannah Seeley** or Seelye. Some records (unverified) show first name as Katherine.

First (only) verifiable info: Baptismal record December 28, 1809, of four of her children in Amherstburg, Essex County, Ontario, Canada, St John the Baptist Church. On the baptismal record, she signed her named clearly Hannah Seelye. Her husband's name: Thomas Lidwill

Children's names: Elizabeth, Hannah, Abner, Mary, Robert, Thomas Jefferson, Julie, born in time period 1797-1810. Some were born in New York state; the last in Canada; the first (unverified) in Ireland.

Final record: She died in Amherstburg, Essex County, Ontario April 15, 1813, identified only as wife of Lidwill in the church record of her death.

Other information: Unverified information says she was "an English Catholic lady". Her husband, Thomas Lidwill, was from Ireland. The family was in New York state by about 1800, one son born there (in Troy) in 1808, they were in Essex County, Ontario, Canada by December 1809.

SGS Response: Jim Seeley responded: Here are a couple of web sites that might be useful: www.irishgenealogy.ie Irish Genealogy Ltd. www.irish-roots.net Irish Family History Foundation Here is some more information Jim received during the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Boston earlier this month (Ref: *Introduction to Irish Birth, Marriage and Death Records*, presentation given by Eileen M. O Duill, CG, CGL, 47 Delwood Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15, Email: info@heirsireland.com):

Important dates to remember about Irish civil registration:

1 April 1845, beginning of registration of non-Catholic marriages

1 January 1864, registration of births, marriages, and deaths for the whole population.

1879, registration of births, deaths, and marriages (Army Act)

The Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) website might be helpful – <http://www.proni.gov.uk>.

If you have other ideas for Anne let her know. Remember to send me a copy of any ideas or information.

Query 0611-BW3 Submitted by Alice J Wright (wright.farm@juno.com)

Can anyone identify Alice's ancestor **William Seeley**? Alice is descended from Anson G Seeley Jr, , son of William's son Anson G Seeley, Sr.

William SEELEY d 24 May 1831 Skaneateles, Onondaga Co. NY Source: Will wife: Sarah ? (maybe 2nd wife ?) d 14 March 1845 Newspaper record

Children: Smith D. SEELEY b 1785 living Onondaga Co 1831, Thomas SEELEY b ca 1787 living Chautauqua Co. NY 1831, Betsey SEELEY Haskins b 1794 living Truxton, Cortland Co. NY 1831, Phebe SEELEY b 1796

living Skaneateles, Onondaga Co. NY 1831, Anson G. SEELEY, Sr. b 1798 living Skaneateles, Onondaga Co. NY 1831, Census records:

1790 Wm Selah Town of Hoosick, Albany Co. NY

1800 William Selee Pittstown, Rensselaer Co. NY

1810 William Selye Pittstown, " "

1820 William Seeley Marcellus, Onondaga Co. NY

1830 William Seeley Marathon, Cortland Co. NY (possibly living with dau Betsey?)

SGS Response: Nothing to date. Can you help?

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

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

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS Publications? The census? Cemetery records? Ancestry.com? Others? (specify)

What exactly do you want to know? Parent's names and details? Information on siblings? 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 any further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested or related to your line.

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HOW TO ANSWER A QUERY

If you have information to share on any queries, current or from 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.

What's new in queries this quarter?

I continue to be amazed at the information you can find if you are persistent in searching the census records. Luckily some of the Seeleys have interesting (uncommon) first names. Sometimes I can find someone who 'isn't there' by searching for a first name in a location where I think they 'ought' to be. If I'm lucky they turn up. Often their surname has been mis-read or incorrectly indexed. Of course I wish they had recorded all the names of family members before 1850; maybe then I could find my Brick Wall. I was also able to help a couple of new 'cousins' find their links to the family: Paul Seeley (see Query 0611-5 above) and Andy Young who descends from Lyman Seeley, a son of Daniel J. Seeley, SGS #3440, a 7th generation descendant of Obadiah.

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