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Update to 2007 Reunion Schedule of Events

Story By SGS President Jim Seeley

The 2007 SGS Reunion will be held at the Crowne Plaza Cromwell Hotel, 100 Berlin Road, Cromwell, Conn. 06416 (near historic Wethersfield, Conn.), Sept. 13-16.

Directions: From the north, take Interstate 91 about 8 miles south of Hartford, CT to Exit 21. Go east on Berlin Rd. about one tenth of a mile. The Crowne Plaza hotel is on your left.

From the south, take Interstate 91 about 20 miles north of New Haven, CT to Exit 21. Go east on Berlin Rd. about one tenth of a mile. The Crown Plaza hotel is on your left.

Thursday, Sept. 13

AM Registration, Board Meeting
PM Opening Session, Introductions, Announcements
PM Hotel Dinner w/Speaker: Ms. Anne Kuckro: *History of Old Wethersfield.*

Friday, Sept. 14

AM Bus Tour of Historic Wethersfield for those who

SGS Secretary of 10 Years, Joan Phillips, Passes Away



SGS recently received word that our secretary Joan Jackson Phillips passed away on May 18, 2007. Joan was elected Secretary in 1997 at the St. John, New Brunswick, reunion. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, in March 1931, to Donald and Isabella Jackson. She was the second of two daughters.

Joan spent her entire working life in Chicago. After graduating from high school, she attended Monticello Women's College and Michigan State University. After a carefree post-college fling, during which time she learned to ski, went to Europe, and generally had a good time, she returned to Chicago Teachers College to earn her teachers credits and a Masters Degree. She spent the rest of her career teaching in a Vocational High School, where she taught Bookkeeping, Marketing and Business Law. In 1987, Joan retired from teaching and moved to Saugatuck, MI.

Joan was twice married (once widowed, and once divorced). She said she enjoyed her retirement because it allowed her to participate in all the activities she never had time for while working.

have pre-registered and paid
PM Walking Tour of Old Wethersfield Burying Ground
PM Individual Meetings & Review Documents in the Hospitality Room
PM Meeting of Area Coordinators in Hospitality Room
PM Hotel Dinner w/Speaker: *Jerome Anderson or President Jim Seeley. Also, tentatively, a skit by Kathie Olsen and Dian Little.

Saturday, Sept. 15

AM SGS Business Meeting (elections)
PM Guest Speaker: Mr. Fred C. Hart, Jr, CG
PM Update on Immigrant Robert and Obadiah Seeley's Ancestors.
PM Hotel Dinner w/Speaker: Mr. Bill Hosley. Also, Installation of New Board of Directors.

Sunday, Sept. 16

11 AM Farewell Breakfast at Hotel

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Joan's lineage is Robert, Nathaniel, Robert, Nehemiah, Nehemiah, Stephen, Jeremiah, James, Mary Emeline Sealey. Mary Emeline married Joseph T. Jackson. Their son, Joseph W. Jackson was Joan's grandfather. Joan was the second cousin of Richard Chroninger, former editor of the SGS Newsletter, and sister of Nancy Jackson Warnock, both members of SGS.

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Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in genealogy, history or biography; amateur or professional. Although the name Seeley refers to one family surname, SGS counts among its family those with surnames spelled a variety of ways such as: Seeley, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Seele, Seela, Cieley, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for September 2007 Cromwell, Conn. 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.

The editorial opinions expressed in this newsletter are the opinions of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Society or the editors, nor are the Society or its editors responsible for errors of fact or opinion. Proved errors will be corrected.

President's Report

We lost a dear friend and faithful volunteer on May 18, 2007 when SGS Secretary Joan Phillips passed away. Joan was Secretary for ten years. SGS Member and former Board Member Eugene Seelye has been elected by the Executive Board to fill the remainder of Joan's term per the SGS Constitution and By-laws.

I continue to work on the poor delivery times for the SGS Newsletter. The May edition was delivered to the post office on April 25 and some didn't get delivered until after June 22. The USPS' advertised delivery time is within 9 days! Thanks to all of you who notified me of the date your May newsletter was delivered to your zip code. I've forwarded that info to the USPS to help them identify the poor performing bulk mail centers and take corrective action.

Want to read a copy earlier? The SGS Newsletter appears on-line within a few days of being sent to the printer. Go to www.seeley-society.net/sgsnewsletter.html and click on which newsletter you want to read.

August is the annual dues paying month. Check the address label on your newsletter for when your membership expires. Send dues payment to Ray Hall. His address is on page 19. The membership dues schedule is on page 2, left column.

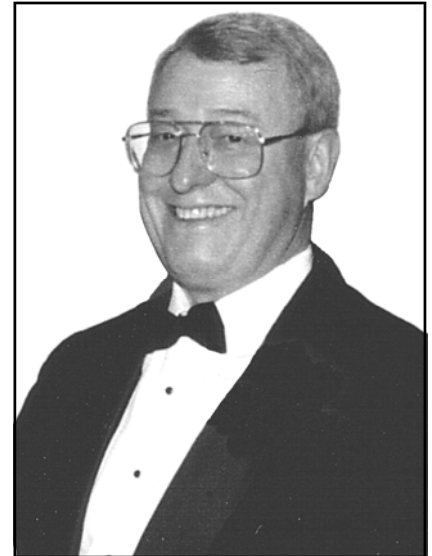
The Seelye Research Center Team assembled in Abilene in May for a productive four days of work. See the SRC Librarian's report to you in this newsletter. Dozens of documents were added to the document index and we are calling these new documents "Change Two." We have changed the name of the SRC Filing System Pamphlet to the more appropriate name, SRC Document Index. Copies, with both Change One and Two are available for sale per instructions on page 20. I anticipate that by the time you read this, it will also have been added to the Seeley website at www.seeley-society.net.

I know that when you move, there are dozens of things to remember, but notifying the SGS Membership Chairperson of your new address will save SGS money and let you receive your newsletter earlier. In order to keep track of members who move, we print on the newsletter "ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED." It takes the U.S. Postal Service 3 to 4 months to advise us of an address change AND charges us a dollar each time this happens. So, by the time we get the new address, another misaddressed newsletter has already been mailed and it has now cost us \$2.00. The Membership Chair prepares the mailing list for newsletters.

Don't forget to bring items you would like to display in the Hospitality Room with you to the SGS Reunion. Please remember to take the items with you when you return home. If you want to send them to the Seelye Research Center, please take care of that shipping as well.

Paul Taylor, our newsletter editor, has agreed to publish a 2007 Reunion Souvenir Book. I anticipate they will sell for the same as last year's price of \$25. It will contain color pictures of the reunion and the New England tour which follows, copies of Members' and Guest Speakers' presentations, summaries of reunion meetings and activities, and generally document the 2007 Reunion. The book is designed for those who can't attend as well as for those who will be there. A copy is placed in the Reunion file at the Seelye Research Center. If you can't attend the reunion and want a copy, contact me.

I received a nice letter from member Sara Evans containing another donation to SGS. She sent a "thank you" to all the folks who "do" the newsletter and says she reads nearly every word. She asked if the ship in the SGS logo represented the



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Reunion Guest Speakers Offer Historical and Genealogical Expertise

Thursday Evening, Sept. 13

Ms. Anne Kuckro has been a resident of Old Wethersfield for thirty-nine years. A preservationist, she directed the architectural survey of Hartford and wrote a book about the architecture of Downtown. She has written several booklets and articles about vernacular architecture in the region, particularly Old Wethersfield. Her most recent article on Vernacular Architecture owned by the national Society of Colonial Dames of America will be published in the July issue of the Magazine *Antiques*. Ms. Kuckro will talk about the ***History of Old Wethersfield*** Thursday evening as a prelude to the bus tour scheduled for Friday.

Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 15

Mr. Frederick C. Hart, Jr., Certified Genealogist is from North Guilford, CT. He will speak Saturday afternoon on ***Cruising Long Island Sound: Tracing its Early Families with a Regional View***. In the 1990's Mr. Hart was asked by SGS to search New England records for evidence of the ancestors of immigrant Obadiah Seeley (who appeared in Stamford, CT records in the 1640s). Mr. Hart provided five well documented reports from 29 Dec 1998 to 31 Dec 1999, all of which are available on the SGS CD. Mr. Hart, himself a descendant of Obadiah Seeley, has been a member of the SGS Research Committee for the past six years. He is taking time off from his annual family vacation to speak at the 2007 SGS Reunion. We are grateful for his past advice and for joining us as a Speaker.

Saturday Evening, Sept. 15

Mr. Bill Hosley is Executive Director of the New Haven Museum & Historical Society. He was formerly Director of the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society where he cared for a chain of historic attractions throughout Connecticut. Prior to that, as a curator at Wadsworth Atheneum, Mr. Hosley organized major exhibitions including *The Great River: Art & Society of the Connecticut Valley* (1985), *The Japan Idea: Art and Life in Victorian America* (1990), *Sense of Place: Furniture from New England Towns* (1993) and *Sam & Elizabeth: Legend and Legacy of Colt's Empire* (1996). As an expert in heritage tourism, he has studied hundreds of museums and heritage destinations around the country. He is currently project leader on the Committee for the Coltsville National Park in Hartford. Mr. Hosley is a prolific public speaker who has lectured throughout the country and served as a contest specialist for PBS, BBC, and CPTV film documentaries. He is a contributing editor of *Yankee Magazine* and a member of the *Connecticut Magazine*, *Boston Magazine*, *Antiques*, *American Heritage*, and more. Mr. Hosley's topic for Saturday evening is: ***The Great River: New Perspectives on 250 Years of Connecticut Valley Art/History***.

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7 PM Meeting at Hotel with Those Taking the Tour of Robert and Obadiah's New England

August 17 is the deadline for making hotel reservations. Call the Crowne Plaza Cromwell hotel at 860-635-2000 or toll free 800-308-4589. It is also important that you pre-register by mailing me the registration form found in the February or May newsletter. You may also print a copy by going to www.seeley-society.net/sgsnewsletter/html, click on the May newsletter and go to page 3. Although walk-ins are always welcome, **meal reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 7.** A registration folder containing detailed agenda, name tags, etc. will be prepared for each person registering.

For those going on the New England tour and **wishing to do some laundry** before you leave, try the Laundry Room of Cromwell, 34 Shunpike Rd., Cromwell, Ph: 860-635-9519. It's only 1.3 miles from the hotel and they'll be open until 8:30 PM. A handout with directions will be in the Hospitality Room.

*Noted genealogist Jerome Anderson, formerly a researcher with the New England Historic Genealogical Society, has verbally agreed to speak but he has not confirmed at this writing.

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Arbella of the Winthrop fleet which we believe brought Robert Seeley to the New World in 1630. The answer is yes. At the 2003 reunion, a committee was appointed to design a logo for SGS. Paul Taylor chaired that committee and designed the logo. The ship in the logo is indeed intended to represent the Arbella. However, Paul says the graphic is a "best guess" at what Arbella looked like. It is based on ships of the time period.

My last appeal as your SGS President: if you haven't had a DNA analysis on your Seeley line done, contact Dr. Ken McCrea; if you haven't sent your Seeley lineage to John Seely, do it soon; send a dollar annually to the SGS Treasurer for the National Archives and Record Administration's initiative to microfilm genealogy data to put on-line, making it available to all researchers; and, volunteer to assist the new Board of Directors with all the work they have to do. To all members: I thank you for your support.

My heartfelt thanks to the SGS board members and the appointed officers/volunteers for the 2006-2007 term. My hope is that the appointed officers/volunteers will agree to stay on to help the new President and Executive Board. The new President has the responsibility for appointing people to their current positions or, in some cases, disestablishing them. (The nine members of the Executive Board are elected by the membership.)

See you at the SGS Reunion 13 to 16 September. Thanks for the honor of serving as your President.

Sincerely,
Jim Seeley

Change Two to the Seelye Research Center Document Index

In May 2007, the SRC Filing Team met at the Seeley Research Center in Abilene, Ks. to index and file documents sent to the SRC over the past year. The following additions constitute **Change Two to the Seelye Research Center Document Index** (originally called the SRC Filing System). The original document is dated May 18, 2006 and Change 1 ran in the November 2006 issue of the SGS Newsletter. To obtain a copy of the complete Seelye Research Center Document Index see page 20 of this newsletter.

Book Group

Sh D1	BK CM	Coffin, Margaret M	Death in Early America
Sh D1	BK G	Dr. Gregory	Mrs. Chapone's Life and Letters
Sh D1	BK BM	Brainerd, M.	Life of Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D.D.

Family Compilations and History Group

Dr D3	FC-220	Hollands, Steve	<i>Rev. War Info on James & Nathaniel Seeley – Westchester</i>
Dr D3	FC-221	Seeley, Clair	<i>Genealogy chart for Augustus Seeley & Mary B. Rishin</i>
Dr D3	FC-222	Parrot, Connie	<i>Family letter Re: lineage of Josiah Parrot & Anne Willoughby</i>
Dr D3	FC-223	Groenier, William	<i>Goodenows of Wisconsin; includes references to Seeleys</i>
Dr D3	FC-224	Humboldt Std. News	<i>Jane R. Seely Anniversary</i>
Dr D3	FC-225	Cushing, Thos.	<i>Ebenezer Seeley Bio.</i>
Dr D3	FC-226	Graham, Martha	<i>C. B. Seely Bio.</i>
Dr D3	FC-227	Graham, Martha	<i>Joseph Seely Bio.</i>
Dr D3	FC-228	Cole, Harry Ellsworth	<i>Morris E. Seeley Bio.</i>
Dr D3	FC-229	Atwater, Isaac	<i>Isaac Casper Seeley Bio.</i>
Dr D3	FC-230	Cushing, Thos.	<i>Ephraim Seeley Bio.</i>
Dr D3	FC-231	Unknown	<i>History of Cumberland County, NJ listing Seeleys of the</i>
Dr D3	FC-232	Brigham Young Univ. Magazine	<i>Articles on David R. Seely and Abrelia Seely Hinckley</i>
Dr D3	FC-233	Seelye, Daniel	<i>Family Group Sheet for Isaac Brewster Seeley, SGS # 3664</i>
Dr D3	FC-234	Seelye, Daniel	<i>Family Group Sheet for Matilda Seely and Creighton Larmore.</i>
Dr D3	FC-235	Jones, J. Kelsey	<i>James Seeley Dilemma of Bradford County, PA</i>
Dr D3	FC-236	Sasman, Robert	<i>Family papers of Carlos Brainerd, husband of Frances</i>
Dr D3	FC-237	Seeley, Everett J.	<i>2 letters about Oran J. Seeley</i>
Dr D3	FC-238	Read by Hon. Roe, Alfred Seelye	<i>The Seelye Centennial</i>
Dr D3	FC-239	Scales, John	<i>Life of Gen. Joseph Cilley</i>

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Dr D3	FC-240	Antliff, W. Bruce	<i>Loyalist Settlements 1783-1789</i>
Dr D3	FC-241	Longley, L. B.	<i>History Rome, Sulliven Town, Wisc.</i>
Dr D3	FC-242	Unknown	<i>History North Girard (now Lake City), PA</i>
Dr D3	FC-243	NY Waterloo Historian	<i>Seneca County Seeleys list.</i>
Dr D3	FC-244	Baker, Jack D.	<i>Joseph Yager Family</i>
Dr D3	FC-245	Unknown	<i>John Nichols Seeley Chart</i>
Dr D3	FC-246	Burt, Rachel C.	<i>Rachel C. Burt Pedigree Chart</i>
Dr D3	FC-247	Seeley, Clara Estelle	<i>Family Chart</i>
Dr D3	FC-248	Kal., MI Telegram	<i>Isaac C. Seeley, Prisoner of War.</i>
Dr D3	FC-249	Seeley, W. G.	<i>Notes from "History of South Jersey"</i>
Dr D3	FC-250	Unknown	<i>Seeley Saga in Pennsylvania</i>
Dr D3	FC-251	Totten, Harriet Seeley	<i>COL Jonas Seely; MAJOR Isaac Seely; LT Robert G. Seely</i>
Dr D3	FC-252	Petersen, Robin	<i>Elijah H. Owen Seeley Bio</i>

History Group

<u>Dr E4</u>	HIST-5	Cox, Robert G.	Membership Procedural Policy
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Phone Directory Group

<u>Sh D3</u>	PHON-4	Havnar, Chris	<i>Arizona Directories Excerpts</i>
<u>Sh D3</u>	PHON-5	Havnar, Chris	<i>Colorado Directories Excerpts</i>
<u>Sh D3</u>	PHON-6	Havnar, Chris	<i>Michigan Directories Excerpts</i>

Photograph Group

<u>Sh C4</u>	PHOTO-1	Unknown	<i>Cemetery Pictures, Spafford, NY</i>
<u>Sh C4</u>	PHOTO-2	Parrot, Connie	<i>Parrot Family photos – see Dr D3 FC-222 for family info.</i>

Research File Group

Sh C3	RF	Little, Dian	Thomas Barnes Seeley, SGS#849 – Barnes & Bethana
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Research Report Group

Dr E4	RP-4a	Phipps, Alan	Letter from A. Phipps to Donald Eff Re: Robert Seeley
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Vital Records Group

Dr A3	VR-23	Sen. Report 3059	<i>Pension for Aaron P. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-24	House Report 892	<i>Pension for David W. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-25	Sen. Report 4327	<i>Pension for Francis W. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-26	Senate Report 345	<i>Pension Increase for Delia R. Seely, w/o Col. Franklin A.</i>
Dr A3	VR-27	House Report 777	<i>Pension for George Seeley, disability dtd.9 July 1861</i>
Dr A3	VR-28	Senate Rep. 2819	<i>Pension for Augusta W. Seely</i>
Dr A3	VR-29	Senate Rep. 3650	<i>Pension for Henry E. Seelye</i>
Dr A3	VR-30	Senate Rep. 2197	<i>Increase Pension to Horace B. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-31	House Report 457	<i>Pension for Eliza Vethake, dau. of Isaac Seely, Major in the</i>
Dr A3	VR-32	House Report 332	<i>Pension of Joseph W. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-33	House Report 805	<i>Pension of (another) Joseph W. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-34	Senate Report 890	<i>Pension for Eva Seeley, widow of Oscar Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-35	House Report 51	<i>List of applicants for pensions as invalids, dtd. 25 April 1794 listing, inter alia, Benjamin Seeley, injured August 1776, Albany</i>
Dr A3	VR-36	House Rep. 1024	<i>Pension for Elizabeth S. Seeley, widow of Sherman M. Seeley</i>
Dr A3	VR-37	House Report 410	<i>Pension for Sophronia Seely, dau. of Jonas Seely</i>
Dr A3	VR-38	House Rep. 1717	<i>Pension to W. W. Seely</i>
Dr A3	VR-39	House Report 929	<i>Pension for Franklin Thompson, alias Sarah E. Edmonds</i>
Dr E4	VR-40	Hall, Ann	<i>Estate of George B. Seely – Probate Court Decree, Park County, CO.</i>
Dr E4	VR-41	Clare County Review	<i>Adah Seeley – 100th Birthday</i>
Dr E4	VR-42	Petersen, Robin	<i>Indiana marriages, 1845-1861, Franklin County</i>

A Note from SGS Vice President Kathie Olsen

Has it been two years already? Hard to believe I'm nearing the end of my third term as SGS Vice President and my 10th year on the Board of Directors!

It's been a busy two years and I want to share some of the highlights. Putting together the tour of Robert and Obadiah's New England has been a big project for me and I'm happy to report we now have enough people signed up that the tour is a "go." However, there are still seats available so if you're interested let me know as soon as possible (see contact info on page 19).

I'm also glad to have been a member of the SRC filing team. We've begun to break up the ninth generation records and file them by the eighth generation SGS #. It's a project that will take many years of once or twice yearly meetings but we feel very good about beginning.

I've also answered many queries concerning the SGS publications including requests to change information in

the books. The information in the books is a compilation of materials from several sources. While we wanted the books to be perfect, we knew from the outset that was not possible. So we were careful to put in place widely accepted procedures for making changes to the books. Those procedures can be found in the preface of each book but basically it says that a person wishing to make changes to the books must provide supporting documentation based on primary sources for the requested change.

I know that for some this can be frustrating, but the more we adhere to accepted standards of research, the more reliable our data becomes.

It has been my true pleasure to serve as Vice-President of SGS and I look forward to continued membership in SGS and camaraderie with my fellow genealogy enthusiasts! See you in Connecticut!!!

Meet Your Board of Directors

Editor's Note: Since the 2005 reunion in Abilene, I have attempted in these pages to tell you about the dedicated corps of volunteers who serve SGS as elected and appointed officers. As it happens I have only three more people to tell you about. Which is appropriate since this is the final edition of the newsletter for the 2005-2007 term. However, if past performance is an indicator of future accomplishments, I doubt you've heard the last of these three folks!



Linda Crocker – Query Editor

Born in Rochester, NY Linda learned the joys of traveling to new places on summer vacations with her family and she hasn't stayed in one place too long since then. After attending college in Ohio and Wisconsin she married Bob and was at Purdue (Ind.) with him for his last year of college. She worked in the library at UMD while Bob attended graduate school and had her 1st daughter. Bob took a job with DuPont, Linda 'retired' and they moved to Parkersburg, W. Va. where they adopted a son and had daughter #2. DuPont sent them to Newark, Del. where they adopted another son. Linda kept busy with church, Girl Scouts and caught the genealogy bug from her mother. The next move was to Luxembourg for 8 years, then Columbus, Ohio for 5 years (finishing her Bachelor's degree at Otterbein), Middlesbrough in the north of England for 9 years and finally 2 years ago a move back to Parkersburg. The children are grown and the 2 girls have produced 4 beautiful grandchildren that Linda visits often. Time is spent (and some research done) each summer at Cape Cod, Mass. where Linda's parents retired and where Bob's family were early settlers. Linda has researched both families and it turns out they both have a Seeley ancestor. Linda's

earliest identified ancestor is her g-g-g-grandfather James L Seely b. 1801 in Sullivan Co. NY. Bob is a descendant of Rebecca Seeley, SGS #40. Linda has been the Query Editor for SGS for 4 years and enjoyed attending her 1st reunion in 2005. Besides her family, church, genealogy and travel, Linda enjoys gardening, crafts, reading and card games.

Marshall Seelye - Director

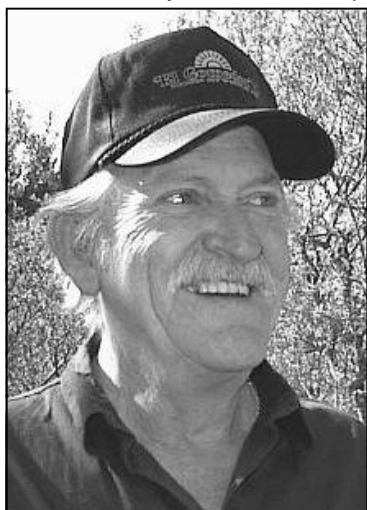
Marshall was born in Hudson Falls, N.Y. in 1926 which makes his numerical years 80+. But he says most of the time he feels more like 50.

He graduated from high school in 1944 and later joined the U.S. Merchant Marine. One trip to the Pacific and then upgrading to 2nd cook and Baker. Very early he decided to never do anything for a living that would be boring. As a result he has done many things, but was never out of work more than one day. Logger, salesman, auctioneer, florist, hired hand on a dairy farm, taxi driver, long distance trucker to name a few.

He married Evelyn Washburn on June 27 1947. That marriage lasted 58 years. Evelyn died June 2, 2005. They have 2 children; Martin, and Judith. Evelyn and Marshall always did everything together.

His interest in genealogy started when he was 15 years old. His information from then lay dormant till he joined SGS in the late 1960s. Evelyn and Marshall attended their first reunion in Fort Wayne (1986) and at the second reunion there (1989) he became President. Marshall served as SGS President for three terms (eight years), but he says Evelyn did so much work, she was really his co-president!

These days Marshall keeps busy working with Martin and staying involved with his church and a senior group.



Bob Seeley - SGS CD-ROM Project Director

Robert (Bob) Seeley is the son of Paul Edgar Seeley and Ida Pauline Oliphant. Paul was originally from Catskill County N.Y., moving to Missouri where he met and married Pauline. They had three children, Anne, Robert, and Patricia. Those who attended the 2003 SGS reunion may remember Anne, who was there with her husband Terry Birch. Terry got Bob re-interested in genealogy and provided most of the information that appears on Bob's Internet genealogy site at <http://genealogy.rpseeley.com/> entitled "The Paul Edgar Seeley Genealogy Pages". Bob's original interest in Seeley genealogy was generated early in life by his Dad who used to brag about the family lineage going all the way back to Sir Captain Robert Seeley. Bob is a retired electronics design engineer living in Lincoln City, Oregon. His military service includes four years of active service in the Air Force and four years in the Air Force Reserve. He worked as a navigational aids specialist for the FAA, and retired after many years with Rockwell International. He had the honor of being on the design teams of the Apollo Spacecraft Command Module, the Minuteman Missile EMP countermeasures systems, the flight control systems of the Advanced Manned Strategic Aircraft XB-70 and B1-B, as well as sole design engineer on a number of proprietary electronic systems.

“Why I Attend SGS Reunions...”

Editor's Note: On the fence about whether or not you should attend the 2007 SGS International Reunion in Connecticut? Here are some thoughts from SGS Members about why they attend.

Kathie Olsen

Why do I attend conferences, filing meetings, and other SGS functions? I wish I knew!! No, really I know. First of all, I love gathering with people of similar interests and "close relation." There is a bond between us that is hard to explain. Second, it is fun! There are always enjoyable activities planned. Third, it is educational! I love to learn and there are always opportunities to learn from each other and from the "experts" in the field. Fourth, I feel a special closeness to our ancestors, those who sacrificed so much to lay the foundation for their posterity. I am so grateful for those people who have gone before me that I want to know as much about them as possible.

John Seely

My reasons for attending the Reunion are multiple. I often get corrections for the Ancestor File and ideas on possible new ways to present the data. Seeing those members who have been regular attendees is very important for me as we all grow "younger".

Seeing the Abilene Research Team in action was a real pleasure for me as they used the Ancestor File, Esther's notebooks and Google to find an obituary and a wife's maiden name which SGS did not know. It made all my past efforts worthwhile.

Dian Little

It's appropriate at times to look back at our family's accomplishments. Many of us journeyed to England to

Seeley Research Center Update

The SRC filing team met in Abilene, Ks. May 14-19. There were 64 new items added to the library which are listed in change 2 (see pages 4-6). The "California Books" (ShB1 DR1-DR4) have all received new binders. An SGS Newsletter Index has been compiled by Carol Haddon and was added to the library. The index is complete through 1995 and Carol hopes to have the remainder done by the September reunion.

The team also started a new project. Kathie Olsen brought binders of information on the 9th and succeeding generations that has been gathered to date. After much discussion, we decided the best way to make the information usable was to break up the binders, index them to their 8th generation SGS number, place all relevant information into file folders, and file them by the 8th generation SGS number. The team in Abilene was able to get through 84 SGS numbers and place 1483 names into the project's database index. Although it will take a few years to complete, I am very excited by this project because I see it as a useful research tool for later generations. Kathie and I will continue to work on the binders in our spare time between meetings in Abilene.

See you in September,
Pam Turner

walk in Robert Seeley's (and a few of Obadiah's) footsteps. It was a memorable trip. This fall we will have a similar opportunity to visit Robert and Obadiah's New England. It promises to be equally as memorable.

We have also had great reunions in Williamsburg and Abilene. Since those reunions, the Seeley Research Center has been organized with a substantial filing system. We've also undertaken a great deal of research including the DNA Project that revealed much more about Obadiah, including attaching Augustus Seeley and a host of his descendants to the Obadiah line. Many of us can now claim to be descendants of both Robert and Obadiah.

We learn so much when we get together, we make many more friends and contacts, our research advances, and the reunions are just plain fun!

Linda Crocker

I enjoy going to the reunions because I get to spend time with lots of other people who have the genealogy 'bug' (they understand you) and call me 'Cousin'.

There are also a variety of presentations which give you interesting ideas about how to pursue your own research.

Plus it gives you a perfect excuse to travel to a part of the country you might not otherwise visit.

Also, you can take an active role in the organization by voting for the new Board and getting to know the Society's officers and VIP's.

Based on my experience, the Reunion is well-organized – there's always something to do or a place to visit. You'll have a great time and be happy you are related, however distantly, to these folks.

What's new in queries this quarter?

As you can see I've been very busy with a variety of queries – Canadians, native Americans, a Carnegie Hero and folks with odd names like Alvarious, Aulay and Tootemastubbie. I spent some time virtually trolling through cemeteries in Old Wethersfield, Ct and Greenwich, NJ for Seeleys and then tried to identify their lineage. This could easily turn into a full-time job!

Linda Crocker
SGS Query Editor

Membership in NGS

The Seeley Genealogical Society has renewed its membership in NGS for another year to August 31, 2008. The SGS Member number is 112181. Visit the NGS website, <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org>, to take advantage of our membership.

Dues are Due

A reminder from SGS Membership Chairman Ramon Hall to please look at the mailing label on this copy of the newsletter. If yours says "Paid To: 8/07" you can save SGS some postage by mailing your dues to Ray before he sends out his reminder notes on Sept. 1.

SGS Queries

(Data As of July 5, 2007)

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor, Linda Crocker, at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see page 19). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators for their input. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

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

QUERY UPDATES

Not much to report this time. If you see a query that you could research (perhaps you live in the same area), please do! Remember to let us know what you find.

Update to Query 0705-9 Submitted by Barbara Surratt (geninut39@yahoo.com).

Barbara was interested in Bartholemew L. F. Seeley/ Seelye, born 25 Jan 1828, in Ohio and also a resident of Mason Co. IL. She believes his father was Jonathan Seelye, born about 1808 in Ohio or Canada.

Holly Childs (holly@childsfamily.com) sent the following information: Jonathan Seelye purchased land in Illinois on 24 May 1837 and 14 Jun 1839, per Illinois Public Land Records. Jonathan Seelye Jr. purchased land there 29 Jul 1844. Those records could pertain to either of the Jonathan Seelyes who married in Tazewell, Illinois, in 1839.

- Jonathan Seelye marr Angelina Hyde, 27 Aug 1839, Tazewell, Illinois
- Jonathan Seelye marr Mary Titus 13 Jul 1839, Tazewell, Illinois

Does anyone know about the families of these Jonathan Seelyes? Could one be the father of Bartholemew?

NEW QUERIES

Query 0708-1 Submitted by Mary Jo Hawkinson (dph777@ksu.edu)

Mary Jo's 3g grandmother was Mary Ann Seeley, b. 21 Mar 1810, possibly in Canada; d. 02 Jun 1893, buried in Emerson, Mills Co., IA, aged 83 years, 3 mo.

Mary Ann Seeley married Thomas Douglas(s) (09 Feb 1805-17 Jan 1874) on 01 Nov 1829. They had four daughters and three sons.

"Directory of the Province of Ontario, 1857, w/ a Gazeteer" (p. 164) lists a Thomas Douglas as town clerk. In the same publication, p. 702, a Charles Seeley from Stirling, Hastings, Ontario is listed as saddler & harness maker and a Martin Seeley from Stirling, Hastings is listed with "sawmill".

Mary Jo wants any information about this Mary Ann Seeley (esp. her parentage). Are these two males, Charles and Martin, related to her?

SGS Response: From the 1880 census Emerson, Mills Co., IA

- Douglass, Mary, age 70, b. Canada, parents b. MA
- Douglass, E. Sarah, daughter, age 46, b. Canada, father b. Canada, mother b. NY living with Wilcott, William, age 44 and his wife J. Mary, age 44, both b. Canada as were their parents and their 2 sons, T. William age 5 and unnamed infant, both b. IA

From the 1870 census Elmwood, Peoria, IL

- Douglass, Ths, age 63, b. Ireland, parents of foreign birth
- Douglass, Mary Ann, age 55, b. NY
- Douglass, Sarah, age 30, b. Canada, parents foreign
- Douglass, George, age 18, b. Canada, father foreign
- Douglass, Ida, age 8, b. Canada, father foreign
- Tracy, Jenny, age 20, b. CT (but looks like that might be written over Canada, father foreign)
- Tracy, Monika, age 1, b. IL

Albert Douglass Hart, Jr's website (www.renderplus.com/hartgen/htm/seeley.htm) has information on Mary Ann Seeley and Thomas Douglass but he doesn't give verifiable sources and there are some obvious errors. Albert's email is listed as our-folk@renderplus.com. A summary of his information follows:

Mary Ann Seeley, the oldest child of an unknown Seeley, was born in 1810 and died in 1893 in Emerson, Wayne, NE. Mary married Thomas Douglass on 1 Nov 1829. Thomas was born on 9 Feb 1805 in Ireland. He died on 17 Jan 1874 in Emerson, Mills Co., IA.

Mary - on tombstone: 02 Jun 1893, aged 83 years & 3 mo . William Henry Douglass in 1874 visited his Uncle Henry Seeley and his sons Henry Seeley, Jr. and Martin Seeley as noted in his diary.

Mary Ann's siblings:

- Henry Seeley was born about 1811.
- Samuel Seeley was born on 5 Jan 1812 and died on 12 Oct 1868 in Hastings Co., Ontario
- Levi Seeley was born about 1815.
- Martin Seeley was born in 1816 in Ontario.

Albert's information on Mary Ann's husband Thomas Douglass:

- Thomas Douglass b. Feb 9, 1805 in Stirling Ont., Canada d. Jan 17, 1874, near Emerson, Mills. mar. Mary Ann Seeley b 1810, d. 1893 in Emerson, Wayne, NE.

Notes from his death: Died at his son's residence near Emerson, Mills Co., Iowa. Formerly of Stirling, Ontario and late of Elmwood, Illinois. Children:

- William Douglas was born on 15 Sep 1830 in Canada, died on 15 Jul 1896 in Elmwood, Ill, and was buried in Hope Cemetery. See #2. below.
- Sarah Ann Douglass was born about 1832.
- Elizabeth Douglass b. 1834 and died about 1834.
- Mary Jane Douglass was born on 14 Mar 1836 in Canada, died on 29 Feb 1892, and was buried in

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Emerson, Mills Co., IA. Mary married William Lloyd Borden. William was born about 1835.

- Thomas Albert Douglass was born about 1839 and died after 1915.
- Henry Douglass was born in 1844 in Stirling, Hastings, Ontario, Canada and died in 1921 in Emerson, Wayne, NE. See #3. below.
- George Albert Douglass died after 28 Oct 1915.
- Julia Ann Douglass.

Can anyone verify this information and identify the parents of Mary Ann Seeley? Send any information to Mary Jo and copy to me.

Query 0708-2 Submitted by Sharon McLeay (smcleay1955@hotmail.com). Sharon's great grandfathers' name was Orin Seeley who was married to Lizzie (nee Frasier) on March 18, 1875 in Stephenson County, Illinois by Presbyterian minister named McPatterson. Lizzie taught school in 1874 at Millgrove District 5, Twp 26, Range 6 in Illinois.

Sharon has some unidentified photos from McHenry and Becker photographers, 106 Stephenson Street Illinois. "One shows two men, one with a wagon master's hat. Another has a young boy in the same uniform taken by W. Kasten, 87n Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois.

Oral history suggests Orin may have had more than one wife. The family has a registered letter receipt No.55 Dec. 20, 1899 for a Mary A Seeley living in Rock Lake, North Dakota (Minneapolis scratched on the side) and returned by the Registry Division in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 29, 1900 to Orin Seeley at Starwood Washington. No one is sure who Mary A is."

Sharon's grandfather's name is Elmer Seeley. "According to a delayed Birth Certificate document he was born March 8, 1884 in Rockford, Floyd County, IA. He married Lela Crandall (born in Sedan, KS, Nov. 27, 1894) at Lisbon, Ransom County, North Dakota on Oct. 25, 1911. Lela's family farmed in the Ransom County area. Oral history places Elmer working at a salmon packing plant in Seattle, King Co., Washington at a young age and also at a shingle mill in Washington. He was a gold and silver mine foreman in Goldfield, Esmeralda County, Nevada between 1910 and 1914." Love letters to Sharon's grandmother "include a description of a devastating flood in Goldfield. Oral history also puts him looking for gold in BC and the Yukon in the early 1900's. Elmer leased a farm from LC Gordon in 1914-16 at NW 1/4, Sec 8, Twp 134, R57 (Engelvale, ND?)

Elmer came to Canada in 1918, purchased land from the CPR and farmed in Patricia, Alberta from 1919-1929, when he moved to Hussar, Alberta, where his descendants farm today. He moved to Chilliwack, B.C. 1952, where my grandmother died on April 21, 1959 and he returned to Calgary to live with his spinster daughter until he died on Dec. 3, 1956." Sharon provided his children's names.

Sharon is looking for information on Orin and Lizzie Seeley and the identity of Mary A. Seeley. She also wonders how the wagon master uniform ties in? Is there any way to trace Elmer's salmon packing, shingle

making, and Yukon gold prospecting activities?

SGS Response: I found the 1885 Iowa state census of Jefferson, Buchanan Co.

- Seeley, Orin, age 36, b. IL, farmer
 - Seeley, Lizzie, age 24, b. PA
 - Seeley, Ralph, age 5, b. Cerro Gordo Co IA
 - Seeley, Elmer, age 3, b. Cerro Gordo Co., IA
- In 1892 in Estherville, Emmet, IA
- Seely, Oren, age 45
 - Seely, Mary, age 45
 - Seely, Ralf, age 13
 - Seely, Elmer, age 11

So it looks to me as though Lizzie died after the 1885 state census and Orin married Mary before the census of 1895. However I can't find a record of Lizzie's death nor Orin's marriage to Mary.

1900 census Stanwood, Snohomish, WA

- Sealy, Elmer, age 18, b. Mar 1882, IA, parents b. IL hostler (cares for horses)
- 1910 census Goldfield, Esmeralda, NV
- Seeley, Elmer, age 18, b. IL, parents b. IL, roomer, out of work farmer

I can't find other family members in the 1900 or later censuses.

Looking at the 1880 census for Cerro Gordo Co. IA:

- Seely, Orrin, age 32, b. IL
- Seely, Lizzie, age 27, b. PA
- Seely, Ralph, age 4 mos (b. Feb) in IA
- Seely, Charles, brother, age 27, b. IL

1870 census Rock Run, Stephenson Co IL:

- Seeley, Stephen, age 57, b. PA
- Seeley, Eliza S., age 43, b. PA
- Seeley, Aaron, age 23, b. IL
- Seeley, Charles, age 19, b. IL
- also George, age 17, Almeda, age 16, Laura, age 15, Cranville, age 14, Frank, age 11, Ashley, age 3, all b. IL

1860 census Rock Run, Stephenson, IL:

- Seeley, S, age 35, b. PA
- Seeley, Eliza, age 33, b. NY
- Seeley, Angaline, age 14, b. IL as are all children
- Seeley, Oren, age 13
- Seeley, Chas, age 12
- Seeley, Geo, age 10
- Seeley, Almeda, age 8
- Seeley, Laura, age 7
- Seeley, Granville, age 5
- Geyo, C., age 26, b. IL

In the household listed immediately before S. Seeley is the family of Thomas Seeley, age 40, b. PA, his wife Martha, age 35, b. VT and children Isora, 10 and Mary, 6.

From the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index:

- Seely, Oran m. Frazier, Lizzie, 03/18/1875, Stephenson County
- Seeley, Stephen m. Hodgson, Eliza Ann, 02/06/1845, Stephenson County
- Seeley, Thomas m. Marsh, Martha, 01/24/1844, Stephenson County
- Seely, Clinton m. Borden, Maryann, 07/24/1849,

Stephenson County

S. Seeley of the 1860 census is Stephen Seely, SGS # 3342, son of Jacob Seely, a 7th generation descendant of Obadiah Seeley. Stephen was b. 20 Aug 1817, Columbia Co., PA, d. 16 Jan 1896, and was bur. Sac City, IA. Thomas Seeley and Clinton Seeley are younger brothers of Stephen.

From the Illinois Civil War Database:

- Orin Seely, Pvt, Company G, 46 IL US Inf, born and resident of Florence, Stephenson Co IL, age 18, height 5 ft 6 in, black hair, grey eyes. Joined 26 Jan 1865 at Freeport, IL for 1 year. Mustered in 16 Feb 1865 at Camp Butler, IL, mustered out 20 Jan 1866 at Baton Rouge, LA

It would be helpful if a member in Iowa could find a death record for Lizzie Seeley and a marriage record for Orin and Mary A. Seeley. What happened to Orin and Mary A. Seeley after the 1892 census?

Query 0708-3 Submitted by Karen Sue Seeley (jpfost@sonic.net). Karen Sue is new to genealogy and since joining the SGS has been able to connect her family with the Robert Seeley line via Gershom Seeley. She is seeking additional information on Gershom and his family to complete the connection.

Gershom⁸ Seeley (SGS #1972; Stephen⁷, Hezekiah⁶, Nathaniel⁵, Nathaniel⁴, Nathaniel³, Nathaniel², Robert¹) was her 3rd great-grandfather through Gershom's son Clark Pine Seeley⁹, Clark Ernest Seeley¹⁰, and Ray Ernest Seely¹¹ (her grandfather).

Based on the SGS histories, Gershom was married to Annie or Amy Pine, daughter of Benjamin Pine.

Ancestry.com family trees show a Benjamin Pine, b. 29 May 1770; d. 4 Dec 1829 in Panama, Michigan; mar. Mary (---) with 7 children including 2 unnamed daughters. This Benjamin Pine was son of James Pine and Phebe Smith. See:

<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=jhart1958&id=11294>

Karen Sue suspects that this Benjamin Pine is the father of Amy/Annie(?) based on his birth date, death in Panama, MI, wife of Mary (---), and a widow Mary Pine living next door to Gershom Seeley on the 1830/1834 Michigan State Censuses and 1830 Federal Census.

She would like to know if there is a will for Stephen Seeley (SGS #612) or Gershom (SGS #1972), the source for SGS information that Gershom married Amy/Annie Pine, any information on Benjamin Pine, information on Amy Alvira Seeley, dau. of Gershom who m. Ansel Goodell, and finally the identities of Abel and Jesse Seeley (1820 census Charlton, Saratoga, NY) and Elijah and Jesse Seeley (1810 census Ballston, Saratoga, NY).

SGS Response: The children of Gershom and Amy Alvira Pine Seeley as listed in the SGS database:

- Stephen J. b. aft 1820 in NY, d. ca 1861 MI, m. Laura T. ___ b. 1826
- Clark Pine b. 14 Feb 1822 Niagara Co. NY, d. 15 Sept 1876 Fabius Twp St Joseph Co MI, m. 23 Mar 1848 White Pigeon, St Joseph MI to Beadle, Dolly Ann, b. 9 Sept 1828 Penn Twp, Cass, MI, d. 14 Mar 1905 Fabius Twp, St Joseph Co. MI

- Amy Alvira b. ca 1824 m. Goodell, Ansel
- Jesse b. bef. 1824 NY(?) m. ca 1848 Fabius Twp, St Jo MI to Newel, Catherine
- William b. ca 1827 NY

Can anyone answer any of Karen's questions about the Seeleys and Pines? Please contact Karen and me.

Query 0708-4 Submitted by Deborah Smith (Breken2022@yahoo.com).

Debbi is looking for info on her great grandfather's daughter from his first marriage and any relatives thereof. Her name was Ethel Clara Driver born 3 Nov 1895. She married Ernest M Seeley, b. Nov 1890 in New Brunswick. Debbi believes he is the son of Joseph Seeley (found on a border crossing manifest of 1913 to Ogdensburg New York). She also found a James Ernest Seeley in the border crossings of 1912 from the same area whose father is also Joseph Seeley.

Ernest and Clara lived in Massachusetts as she found them on the 1920 census with children George E age 5 and Robert E age 4. She is interested in any information on this Seeley family. She believes the family was from Blissville, New Brunswick.

SGS Response: 1920 census of Boston Ward 2, Suffolk, MA:

- Ernest M. Seeley, age 30 b. New Brunswick as are his parents,
- Ethel C, age 24 b. Canada as are her parents the 2 boys, George E. and Robert E, age 5 and 4, both b. MA

In the 1930 census of Meredith, Belknap, N.H.:

- Holbrook, Wilbur M, age 26, 1st marriage at age 24, b. NH
- Holbrook, Ethel M., age 32, age at 1st marriage 16, b. NH as are parents
- Seeley, Robert E., step-son, age 13, b. NH, father b. English Canada, mother b. NH

Or...more likely, 1930 Boston, Suffolk, MA:

- Seeley, Ethel, age 34, divorced, age at 1st marriage 17, b. Canada-English as are her parents, immigrated in 1908
- Seeley, George E., age 15, b. MA, father b. New Brunswick, mother b. Canada-English

I can't identify Ernest in the 1930 census. There's an Ernest Seeley who entered the US at Ogdensburg, NY in Dec. 1913, age 20, of Painesville Ontario, father Joseph Seeley.

Also James Ernest Seeley crossed at the same place in Aug 1912, age 19, same father. However I don't think this is the correct Ernest.

1901, Wellington, Kent New Brunswick:

- Seely, Edwin, b. 7 Sep 1860
- Seely, Addie, b. 12 Jan 1870
- Seely, Willie, b. 6 Jun 1891
- Seely, Ernest, b. 26 Nov. 1892
- Seely, Owen, b. 3 Sep 1895
- Seely, Mary, b. 13 Jan 1898
- Seely, Ruth, b. 31 Aug 1900

Same family still present in 1911 with additional children: Stella, age 8, Ettia, age 6, Alice, 4 and Mathis 1.

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From the SGS database:

- Seely, Edwin Miles, b. ca 1861 New Brunswick, m. ca 1885 to Smith, Adeline, b. Dixon's Point, New Brunswick, Canada; Edwin's father -Seely, James Irving and mother - Smith, Ruth Strange.

(The SGS database also lists the children cited in the censuses above with the addition of Dorica, born ca 1908; perhaps she died before 1911.)

- Seely, James Irving b. 18 May 1838 Richibucto, N.B. Canada, d. 3 MAY 1928 Rockland, ME, m. 7 Jun 1860 Buctouche, N.B. to Smith, Ruth Strange b. 25 Jun 1842 St Martin's church, N.B.
- James Irving Seely's father - Seeley, Charles H. and mother - Irving, Jane.
- Charles H Seely is SGS# 3249. He was b. 9 Apr. 1812 at St John, New Brunswick to Linus Seely and his 2nd wife Hannah Dunham/Duncan. (Linus was b. 30 Apr 1774 in Stamford, CT and came to NB with his father Seth in 1783.)

I found Ethel Clara Driver's record of entry into the US at Ogdensburg, NY 25 Apr 1908. It says she was b. 3 Nov 1895 in Cardinal Ontario and now lives at 5 Fifth St, Chelsea, MA. She has light brown hair, blue eyes, is 5 ft 4 1/2 and has a broken nose and scar over her right eye. 1910 census Boston Ward 1, Suffolk, MA:

- Driver, George A, age 39, b. Canada English, father b. England mother b. Canada Eng.
- Driver, Susan, age 39, b. NY, father b. Canada Eng, mother b. NY married 6 years, 3 children, 3 living.
- Driver, Ethel C., age 14, b. Canada English as are both parents
- Driver, Helen L., age 4, b. NY, f.b. Can-Eng, m.b. NY (f.b. = father born, m.b. = mother born)
- Driver, Harold D., age 1, b. MA. f.b. Can-Eng, m.b. NY
- Driver, George R., 2/12? b. MA, f.b. Can-Eng, m.b. NY

George and Susan Driver are also in the 1920 census of Boston with Helen L, Harold D, George R and also Arthur R age 8, John W age 6 and Mildred S age 3. 1901 census of Edwardsburg, Grenville (South) Ontario

- Driver, John W, head, b. 21 Feb 1865 Ont.
- Driver, Ida E. wife, b. 28 Feb 1867 Ont.
- Driver, E Jane, widow, b. 17 Nov 1842 Ont.
- Driver, George A., son, b. 24 Apr 1870.
- Driver, Ray, son, b. 21 Dec 1882.
- Driver, Clara E., dau. b. 5 Nov 1895.

At familysearch.org there is a transcription of the 1881 Canadian census showing George with his parents and siblings. Also there is an IGI record that shows the mother of Clara Ethel to be Elizabeth Rossen.

Can anyone find a marriage record for George Driver and his 1st wife or a marriage record for Clara Ethel/Ethel Clara Driver and Ernest Seely? Please let Deborah and me know.

Query 0708-5 Submitted by Jim & Claudia Glass (jglass7@cox.net).

Jim and Claudia are looking for information about the parentage & siblings of Caroline Seely / Seeley / Seiley,

born in New York 22 July 1828, believed from area of Fallsburg, Sullivan County, NY, d. 16 December 1913, bur. at Hutchinson, Kansas. Cemetery record for Caroline's burial indicates her parent's name was Oliver Seiley or Seeley. The only one found named Oliver who was of appropriate age was Oliver Seely (transcribed Leely on 1850 census) living in Fallsburg, Sullivan county, New York with a wife named Harriet - he appears to have been born about 1792 in Connecticut.

Caroline married Thomas Smith Scoresby, a resident of Fallsburg, New York, about 1848-49 at Sullivan or Ulster County New York. After leaving NY, they moved west, lived in Iowa about 4-5 years, then moved on to Kansas.

The family stopped in Osage County Kansas briefly around 1870, and then they came to Reno County Kansas about the spring of 1873 and stayed.

Their children were Antonia Louisa, Frances Arabella, George Clark, Ella A, and Fred Seely Scoresby (born in New York), Harriet, and Oliver Cromwell Scoresby (born in Iowa).

Claudia has a lot of information on the Scoresby family posted at Worldconnect - file name "cjlaird", heading "C J Glass".

SGS Response: Following is information found in the SGS database on the children of Oliver Seelye and Harriet W. Daniel, all surnamed Seelye. These records are submitted by members or are gleaned from our own research.

- EFFIE/ALPHA b. 3 Apr 1815 Fallsburg, Sullivan Co. NY d. 24 May 1880 Fallsburg, m. ca 1832 Fallsburg to Gardner, John b. 16 Oct 1871 Fallsburg
- HORACE WESTON b. ca 1817 Fallsburg, Sullivan Co. NY, d. ca 1899 bur. Fallsburg, m. ca 1840 to Medlar, Jane b. ca 1813 d. ca 1841 bur. Fallsburg.
- JAMES QUINTON b. 3 OCT 1819 Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY, d. 13 MAR 1887 bur. Fallsburg, m. to Medlar, Harriet, b. 24 MAR 1826 NY, d. 5 APR 1876 bur. Fallsburg.
- HANNAH b. 6 SEP 1820 Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY, m.ca 1838 Fallsburg to Rexford, Henry Joseph b. 11 FEB 1814 Sullivan Co. NY , d. 14 FEB 1891 Fallsburg.
- ANTOINETTE b. ca 1826 Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY, d. ca 1905 bur. Fallsburg, m. ca 1842 Fallsburg to Gardner, James R. b. ca 1816, d. 20 AUG 1873, bur. Fallsburg age 67y.
- CAROLINE b. ca 1828 Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY
- JOHN MEDLAR b. ca 1830 Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY d. bef 1853 m. Elizabeth __ b. ca 1833.
- HARRIET b. ca 1836 Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY d. ca. 1916 m. to Taylor, Charles.

As you can see, we had Caroline's name but not the name of her husband. Oliver Seelye is our SGS # 2273. He was b. 18 Dec 1791, New Milford, CT and died 4 Sep 1877, Fallsburg, Sullivan, NY. He married Harriet W. Daniel who was b. 29 Nov. 1797 in CT and died 4 Nov 1880 Fallsburg, NY. Oliver is an 8th generation of Robert Seeley (1602-1667).

Query 0708-6 Submitted by Deborah Seelye Ghiai (dasghiai@gmail.com).

Willard W. Seelye, b. June 30, 1913, d. Apr. 1986 Binghamton, Broome, New York is Deborah's grandfather. He shows up on one census in 1930 as a 17 year old boarder on a farm owned by Austin Andrews in Jackson, Tioga Co., PA.

Deborah knows that he moved to the Roseville/Troy PA area in his early thirties and spent the rest of his life there as a dairy farmer. His spouse's name was Alice. Deborah would like to find Willard's parents and siblings. She has never met any of his family except her father and his siblings, William, Richard, James, and Jeanne which Willard adopted.

SGS Response: 1920 census Southport, Chemung, NY:

- Seeley, Walter, age 34, b. PA, blacksmith
- Seeley, Mary, age 32, b. England, to US in 1887, naturalized 1912.
- Seeley, Ada, age 12, b. PA.
- Seeley, Florence, age 10, b. PA.
- Seeley, John H., age 8, b. PA.
- Seeley, Willard W., age 6, b. NY.
- Seeley, Eleanor, age 3yr and 10 mos., b. NY.
- Seeley, Edward, age 2, b. NY.
- Seeley, Robert G., brother, age 29, b. PA.
- Seeley, Ida M., sister-in-law, age 23, b. PA.
- Seeley, Marie S., niece, age 4, b. NY.
- Seeley, Robert, nephew, age 1 yr and 1 mo., b. NY.

The 1930 census of Jackson, Tioga, PA shows Willard W. Seelye boarding with the family of Austin Andrews and working as a farm laborer and shows he was b. NY, his father in PA and his mother in England.

1910 census Richmond, Tioga, PA:

- Seeley, Sarah A., age 61, widow, 8 children, 3 living, b. PA, father b. England, mother b. PA.
- Seeley, Albert R., son, age 36, b. PA, parents b. PA.
- Seeley, Walter R., son, age 27, married 3 years, b. PA, parents b. PA.
- Seeley, Mary A., dau.-in-law, age 23, 2 children, 2 living, b. England as are her parents.
- Seeley, Ada L., age 2, b. PA, f. b. PA, m. b. England.
- Seeley, Florence, age 8 mos., b. PA, parents as above.

1900 census Richmond, Tioga, PA:

- Seeley, S.A., widow, b. Mar. 1849, 8 children, 5 living, f. b. England, m. b. PA.
- Seeley, W.R., son, b. Feb 1883, PA, parents b. PA.
- Seeley, M.E., dau., b. Sept. 1885 PA, " ".
- Seeley, R.G., son, b. Jan. 1890 PA, " ".

1900 Arcade, Wyoming, NY.

- Seeley, Albert, boarder, b. Jan 1873 PA, parents b. PA, hay presser.

1880 census Sullivan, Tioga, PA:

- Seely, Charles, age 30, b. PA, father b. NY, mother b. PA.
- Seely, Sally, age 31, b. PA, f. b. England, m. b. PA.
- Seely, Allen, age 8, b. PA, parents b. PA.
- Seely, Abert, age 6, b. PA, " ".
- Seely, Walter, age 2, b. PA, " ".

- Seely, Emaly, mother, age 64, b. PA, f. b. PA, m. b. MA.

1870 census Sullivan, Tioga, PA:

- Seely, George, age 55, b. NY.
- Seely, Emily, age 52, b. PA.
- Seely, Charles, age 20, b. PA.
- Sheelon, Sally, age 21, domestic servant, b. PA.
- Ripley, Lucretia, age 60, b. PA.

1860 census Sullivan, Tioga, PA:

- Seely, George, age 55, b. PA.
- Seely, Emily, age 44, b. PA.
- Seely, A.D., age 17, b. PA.
- Seely, C. E., age 11, b. PA.

1860 census Sullivan, Tioga, PA:

- Shelton, Robert, age 37, b. England.
- Shelton, Ameda, age 36, b. PA.
- Shelton, Sally, age 11, b. PA.
- Shelton, Rolland, age 8, b. PA.
- Shelton, Helena, age 6, b. PA.
- Shelton, Fanny, age 4, b. PA.
- Shelton, Estella, age 1, b. PA.

1850 Sullivan, Tioga, PA:

- Seeley, George, age 45, b. NY.
- Seeley, Emily, age 34, b. PA.
- Seeley, Allen D., age 6, b. PA.
- Seeley, Ellen M., age 3, b. PA.
- Seeley, Charles E., age 1, b. PA.
- Burley, Lucretia, age 13, b. PA.

From Tri-County Cemetery listings (www.rootsweb.com/~srgp/cemt/seelye.htm): Seelye Family Burials: Located on the north side of Scouten Road in the western portion of Sullivan Township near the Sullivan-Richmond Township line (Tioga Co. PA). See 1875 atlas of Sullivan where George Seelye resided and the cemetery would be across the road from the residence.

Seelye monument:

- George Seelye Mar 20, 1805 Jan 28, 1879.
- Emily his wife April 7, 1816 Sept 4, 1881.
- Allen D. Seelye 1843 Feb 3, 1863.
- Ellen M. Seelye Jan 30, 1845 Sept 10, 1857.

Allen D., son of George & Emily Seely died in Washington, D. C. Feb 3, 1863 of wounds received Battle of Fredericksburgh 19y 5m 5d.

Ellen M., dau of George & Emily Seely died Sept 10, 1857 11y 7m 11d.

Mary E., dau of Chas. E. & S. A. Seelye died Aug 4, 1878 2y 4m 4d.

Walter son of C. E. & S. A. Seelye died Nov 23, 1880 2y 7m 14d.

Apparently after this Walter died they named another son Walter R. (see 1880, 1900, 1910 censuses above).

George Richmond Seelye, SGS # 947, is a 7th generation descendant of Robert Seeley. His son Charles E. Seelye/Seeley is SGS #2642c. Charles died March 1898 and married Sally Shelton. So Willard is a son of Walter R who is a son of Charles E., son of George Richmond Seelye (7) (Isaiah, Justus, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Robert).

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If you have information on Willard's siblings contact Deborah and me.

Query 0708-7 Submitted by Lynn Seeley Thomas (tomlynn2@gmail.com).

Lynn is seeking the ancestors of Watson Miles Seeley. According to her aunt: "Watson's father was French Canadian & his mother was Native American Indian from a tribe in Canada. We called her Grandma Bryce (not sure of spelling) & she lived to be 104 yrs. old." However, Lynn thinks her father used to say that she was from a tribe in NY State. Watson Miles Seeley was b. abt. 1877 Long Branch, New York, d. 09 Aug 1910 Salina, New York. He was named a Carnegie Hero (#5490-450).

Watson M. Seeley, 33, machine hand, died attempting to save Mary M. Knoll, 18, from drowning, Salina, New York, August 9, 1910. Seeley, fully clothed, swam to the aid of Miss Knoll, who had been upset from a canoe in the Seneca River 50 feet from the bank where the water was 12 feet deep. As he neared the woman, she threw herself upon him, and both disappeared and were drowned. (Carnegie Fund <http://www.carnegiehero.org/> and search result: http://www.plumsystems.com/db/chf/plum_press.asp?id=5490)

According to Lynn's grandmother: "Watson's young sons William and Wesley watched from the shore as their father drowned." According to her aunt: "The Carnegie Hero article left out some details about the event. Watson saved two men first, then when he went back out to save this lady, she pulled him under & he drowned. Watson had a restaurant on Lake Onondaga, NY."

According to Lynn's father "Watson grew up on a farm in Syracuse. Watson was the youngest of 5 boys." Lynn only knows of Watson and his brother Fred.

Fred Seeley was b. 20 Jun 1899, d. Dec 1968 Saint Charles, Saginaw County, Michigan. According to Lynn's aunt: "Fred lived Chelsea, MI and worked for an auto company plant. His youngest son's name was Dick".

Watson married Edith May Usherwood, b. Oct 1881 Ashford, Kent, England, d. Sep 1936 Syracuse, Onondaga, New York. According to Lynn's grandmother: "Shortly after her husband Watson drowned, her baby Wesley choked to death. Edith was never the same. She lived near her sisters who cared for her and who raised her son William." Watson Miles Seeley m. Edith May Usherwood in 1900 in Syracuse, Onondaga, New York.

Their children were William Edward Seeley born 28 Jan 1902 in Syracuse, Onondaga, NY, d. 14 Nov 1958 Dover, Morris County, NJ and Wesley Seeley who was younger than William and died shortly after his father's death in 1910. Bill was raised by his aunts after his father died because his mother was ill after Watson and her son Wesley's deaths. Bill was in the US Navy and piloted a dirigible during WWI. He flew out of Lakehurst NJ.

Bill (William Edward) m. Hazel Marie Weiss, b. 28 Jul 1902 Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ, d. 02 Jan 1997 NJ. Their children:

- Frank Joseph Seeley born 12 Feb 1922 in Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ; d. 05 Sep 2004 Hypoluxo,

Palm Beach County, FL

- Gladys Edith Seeley b. 23 Jul 1923 in Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ, William Wesley Seeley b. 07 Mar 1927 in Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ; d. 21 Nov 2001 in NJ.

SGS Response: 1900 census Syracuse, Onondaga, NY:

- Usherwood, George, age 22, b. England Nov. 1877, in US 15 years, married 2 yr.
- Usherwood, Nancy, age 22, b. England Sept 1877.
- Usherwood, George W., son, age 1, b. NY Aug. 1898.
- Usherwood, Charles J., son, age 5 mos, b. NY Dec 1899.
- Seeley, Watson, age 23, boarder, b. Dec 1886 (census taker's error) place of birth unknown, bottling soda.

5 houses later:

- Usherwood, Thomas, age 54, b. England Sep 1845, Day laborer, in US 15 years, married 32 years.
- Usherwood, Sarah, age 56, b. England Jul 1843, in US 15 years, 11 children, 9 living.
- Usherwood, Helen W., age 20, b. England Sept 1879.
- Usherwood, Edith M., age 18, b. England Oct. 1881.
- Usherwood, Charles H., age 16, b. England Apr 1884.
- Usherwood, Rose L., age 12, b. NY June 1887.

1910 census Syracuse Onondaga NY.

- Bushnic, Anthony, age 24, b. NY, parents b. Germany.
- Bushnic, Rose, wife, age 22, b. NY, parents b. Eng.
- Bushnic, Katherine, sister, age 7, b. NY, parents b. Germany.
- Usherwood, Sarah, mother-in-law, age 64, b. England.
- Usherwood, Gladys, niece, age 5, b. NY as are parents.
- Sealey, Edith, sister-in-law, age 28, b. England.
- Sealey, William, nephew, age 8, b. NY, father b. Can-English, mother b. England.

Edith Seely is still with Anthony and Rose in Syracuse in the 1920 census

1920 census, Great Lakes, Lake, IL:

- Seeley, William E., age 19, b. NY, f. b. NY, m. b. England, aviation student.

1930 census Camden, Camden, NJ:

- Seely, William, age 28, b. NY, f. b. NY, m. b. England, fruit merchant, m. at 19.
- Seely, Hazel, age 27, b. NJ, f. b. NJ, m. b. Ireland, married at 18.
- Seely, Francis, son, age 8, b. NJ.
- Seely, Gladys, dau., age 6, b. NJ.
- Seely, Westley, son, age 3, b. NJ.

I found the Usherwoods in the 1881 British census at 2 Roses Villa, L (I would guess Lower) Denmark Rd, Ashford, Kent, England:

- Thomas W Usherwood, age 34, b. Brenchley, Kent.
- Sarah Usherwood, age 35, b. Rye, Sussex.

Children:

- Bessie Usherwood, age 10, b. Ashford, Kent as are all children.
- Alice L. Usherwood, age 9.
- Thomas N. Usherwood, age 7.
- Flora I. Usherwood, age 5.
- George B. Usherwood, age 3.
- Ellen W. Usherwood, age 1.

So Thomas and Sarah are likely parents of George as well as Edith (born after 1881 census) and that would explain how she met Watson if he was boarding with her brother.

As far as Watson's place of birth, it is 'unknown' in 1900, Canada in 1910 but NY according to William in 1920 and 1930.

However, 1930 census Detroit, Wayne, MI

- Seeley, Fred, age 42, b. NY, parents b. Canada-English, works as repairman at auto factory, married at 20.
- Seeley, Anna, age 41, b. NY, parents b. NY.
- Seeley, Miles, 21, b. NY as were parents, truck driver at lumberyard.
- Seeley, Watson, age 19, b. NY as were parents, truck driver at lumberyard.
- Seeley, Fred Jr., age 7, b. MI, parents b. NY.

1920 census Royal Oak, Oakland, MI:

- Seeley, Fred, 35, b. NY, parents b. ___ US, truck driver at factory.
- Seeley, Anna, 34, b. NY as are parents.
- Seeley, Ethel, 12, b. NY " " .
- Seeley, Miles, 12, b. NY " " .
- Seeley, Watson, 7, b. NY, " " .
- Seeley, Agnes, age 4, b. MI, " " .

1910 census Granby, Oswego, NY:

Household 196

- Seeley, George, age 55, b. Canada-English as are his parents, farmer, into US in 1891, married 34 years to
- Seeley, Agness, age 53, b. Canada -French, father b. Canada-French, mother b. Canada-English, 4 children, 4 living

Household 197

- Seeley, Fred, age 22, b. Canada English as was father, mother b. Canada French, farmer, married 4 years to
- Seeley, Anna, age 21, b. NY, parents b. NY, 2 children, 2 living
- Seeley, Ethel, age 2, b. NY, f.b. Can.Eng, mother b. NY
- Seeley, Miles, age 1 2/12, b. NY, f.b. Can.Eng., m.b. NY

1900 census Dewitt, Onondaga, NY:

- Seeley, George, b. Aug 1856, Canada-Eng. as are parents, farmer.
- Seeley, Agness, b. Apr 1858, Canada -Eng. as are parents.
- Seeley, Norah, b. Jan 1881, Canada-Eng, etc.
- Seeley, Fred, b. May 1886, Canada-Eng, etc.

1881 census Elizabethtown, Brockton, Ontario:

- Seely, Philip G, age 27, b. Ontario, pedlar, Irish

ethnic origin.

- Seely, Agness, age 25, b. Ontario, Irish origin.
- Miles, Seely, age 3, b. Ontario, Irish origin.

1920 census Detroit, Wayne, MI:

- Seeley, George P., age 65, b. Canada, arrived 1891, machine hand, living with daughter and son-in-law Bradley and Annabell Morris. Annabell listed as age 37 and entered US 1891.

Therefore Watson Miles Seeley is likely the Miles Seeley of the 1881 Canadian census whose parents are George P (Philip G) and Agness Seely with sister Norah and brother Fred. There may be other siblings born between 1881 and 1900.

An IGI entry shows Philip George Watson Seeley b. 1856 Augusta, Grenville, Ontario to Augustus Seeley and Lavina White – no source.

Dian Little, SGS Chief Genealogist, direct descendant of Augustus Seeley and Mary Brisbin of Elizabethtown Upper Canada provided the following:

Augustus (Gus) Seeley is the son of James Seeley and Mary Polly Servos and is the grandson of Augustus Seeley and Mary Brisbin. Augustus Seeley was identified in the SGS DNA project as a descendant of Obadiah Seeley (SGS # 4).

From Robert Seeley of Ottawa Ont. records:

- "Augustus (Gus) Seeley b 14 Apr, 1817, White Bridge, Ont., d. 27 Feb 1897 Oxford Twp. Ont. Bishop Mill Cemetery.
- Lavina White b. 23 Dec 1822, d. 14 Apr 1878 Oxford Twp. Ont. Bishop Mill Cemetery .

Their children:

- Louis Seeley b. ca 1841, m. Caroline Berry on 20 Feb 1867
- Rachel Seeley b. 10 Mar 1843. On 1851 & 1861 census then disappears.
- Lucy Jane Seeley, 1881 census ae 30 living with father; 1891 census ae 44.
- Charles Henry Seeley b. 3 Nov. 1847 at Sarnia (?), m. 23 Dec 1872, Amelia Boyce.
- Mary A. Seeley b. 7 Mar 1849. m. Edward Buckley at Smith Falls.
- Sarah Amelia Seeley b 1 Apr 1851, m. William John Coleman 26 July 1851.
- Phillip G H Seeley b. 20 Aug 1853.
- Roxy Jane Ann Seeley b. 28 Nov 1855 near Bishop Mills, 1891 census Roxy Shields w/ 2 children Merrill ae 8 & Pearl ae 6.
- Maria Seeley b. 1 June 1858 died infancy.
- Edgar W. Seeley b. 2 Mar 1860. 1881 census ae 30, living in Bishop Mills w/ father Augustus. Never married. A traveling salesman, d and bur Portland Me.
- Benson Seeley b. 14 Oct, 1862 d. 23 Apr 1883 bur Bishop Mills Cem. Never married. Cem rec b 15 Sep 1863
- Cynthia Irene Seeley b. 26 May 1866 near Bishop Mills Upper Canada. m. George Acel Walters 22 Dec 1897 Mirrickville, Ont 1881 census ae 14 living in Bishop Mills w/father

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Augustus.

If you can prove that Miles Seeley is the same person as Watson Miles Seeley please contact me.

Query 0708-8 Submitted by Kathie Olsen (katherinemolsen@comcast.net)

Kathie asked me to investigate the Seelys buried in Old Wethersfield, CT in preparation for our Sept. reunion.

SGS Response: From Tillotson, Edward Sweetser, Wethersfield Inscriptions: a complete record of the inscriptions in the 5 burial places in the ancient town of Wethersfield ... Published Hartford, CT by WFJ Boardman, 1988, as transcribed on ancestry.com.

p.46

- Abiah Seely, wife of Joseph Curtiss d. 18 June 1847 age 77

p. 108

- Lorana Seely, dau. of Joshua and Martha Seely d. 10 July 1811 age 19 yr, 5 mos., 8 days

Let frantic mirth turn pensive here,
Here let youth weep its transient bloom;
Let friendship pay the tribute tear,
Lorana moulders in the tomb.

Mrs. Martha Seely wife of Joshua Seely d. 13 July 1795 age 22.

According to *Sixth Generation Families* of Nathaniel Seeley, Martha Seely is the wife of Joshua Seeley (6) (John, Joseph, John, Nathaniel, Robert), SGS # 343. Joshua m. Martha Curtis (b. 1771, died 13 Jul 1795) on 21 Aug 1791. Lorana, their daughter is SGS #1055.

Barbour Collection CT Vital Records

Joseph Curtiss, b. 9 Apr 1777 m. Wethersfield Abiah Seely 17 Jun 1798 by Rev John Marsh. Abiah b. 25 Dec 1769

Children:

- Daniel b. 8 Nov. 1799
- Joseph Jr. b. 30 Mar 1802
- Seely b. 12 Feb 1805

Abiah Seely doesn't appear in our publications nor in John Seely's database. Other than the above information I can't find out anything about her. Abiah is the female form of Abijah so I wonder if she is a daughter of SGS #349 but from her birth date he would have to have had an earlier marriage. I'm also not sure of Joseph's ancestry and wonder if he is related to the Martha Curtis (s) who married Joshua Seeley.

Let me know if you can identify the parents of Abiah Seely.

Query 0708-9 Submitted by Fay Yelle (fitch_1@sympatico.ca).

For 18 years Fay has been trying to find the marriage dates for Justus Seeley's 2 wives in hopes that this may help her find out who Justus Seeley's parents were.

JUSTUS SEELEY,(UEL) born about 1766, Connecticut, d. 1829, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co., buried on Lot 4, Con 6/7 on George Roantree's Farm (possibly Edgar Clow's farm after it changed hands)

Justus 1st married about 1788 to MATHILDA READ; she was born 1770, Salisbury, CT, she died about 1810, Elizabethtown Twp Leeds Co. Ontario. Her parents were

Moses Read & Rebecca Pratt. (Moses Read also a UEL who came to Augusta Twp, Leeds Co. Canada in 1784).

Children of Justus Seeley and Mathilda Read

JOHN SEELEY (OC dated Oct. 22, 1817) b. about 1786-1790 Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co. ON. Died: between 1852-1861 (His wife shows as a widow in 1861 McNab Twp. Census)

- John Seeley married about 1815 to MARY LAMB, b. about 1790 died 1840, her parents: Isaac Lamb & Rebecca King. Fay descends from John.
- ORILLIA SEELEY (OC dated April 24, 1810), b. About 1789, Elizabethtown Leeds Co., 1st married 1811, to JOHN G. BORDON, 2nd marriage 1826 to JOSEPH BEACH (his parents Enos Beach & Sally Hurlburt).
- GUY SEELEY (OC dated Feb. 21, 1821), Born: About 1799, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co.
- HENRY SEELEY, Born: between 1803-1807, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co.
- MALINDA SEELEY, Born: between 1801/1802, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co.
- MERCY SEELEY, Born: between 1803-1807, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co.
- JOSEPH SEELEY, Born: between 1802-1803, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co.
- PETER SEELEY, Born: About 1788, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co. ON.
- OLIVE SEELEY, Born: About 1790, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co., m. EDMUND G. RAWSON.
- BETSY SEELEY (OC Oct. 24, 1831), Born: April 4, 1802, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co. Died: Jan. 11, 1891, Beach's Corners, Leeds Co. Married 1821, Brockville, ON to ENOS BEACH . His Parents: Enos Beach & Anne Squire.
- CHARLOTTE SEELEY (OC May 31, 1830), Born: About 1805, Elizabethtown Twp, Leeds Co. married about 1823, husband: MATTHEW F. BEEBE Born 1797, VT, died 1890 Traverse City, MI, his parents Guy Anson Beebe & Joanna Fenton.

Justus Seeley married 2nd wife Annie ____? sometime after 1810. Fay knows nothing about her, born? died? parents?

Justus Seeley (UEL) was a Drummer in the Loyal Rangers, at age 17. Seeley's Bay was named after Justus Seeley.

SGS Response: Justus Seeley SGS #828 b. 4 Feb 1766 New Milford, Litchfield, CT to Joseph Seeley and Mercy Tupper. According to our information Joseph (SGS #281) resided Bennington, VT, Elizabethtown, Ontario, NY State, New Milford, CT and then went to Ohio with his brother Abner. Joseph (b. 1743 New Milford, CT) is in the 6th generation of descent from Robert Seeley. We list Joseph's other children as Charlotte (b. 17 May 1767, m. Oliver Street, res. Elizabethtown and Pompey, NY), Mary (b. abt 1769) and Keziah (b. abt 1771, m. Shubel Seelye -lineage not known - of Elizabethtown).

Is Justus, son of Joseph Seelye and Mercy Tupper. the Justus of Elizabethtown? Contact me if you have information on this.

Query 0708-10 Submitted by Brian Christensen (BrianC4023@aol.com).

Brian is tracing Alvarious Seely born 5 Dec 1808, in New York, supposedly near Watertown in Jefferson Co., NY a son of Jonathan Seely. He is trying to prove this.

Alvarious left New York in the early 1830s and settled in LaGrange, Lorain Co., OH. One of Alvarious Seely's daughters married Rufus Holcomb. The Holcombs and other families of Lorain Co. were from the town of Champion in Jefferson Co., NY. Apparently there was a wealthy man from Champion who began exchanging land for property in New York. Many of the early settlers of LaGrange Township migrated from Jefferson County, NY. Perhaps Brian's Seely ancestors were among this group. 1850 Census, LaGrange Twp.:

- ALVARUS SEELA, 39 farmer, born in NY,
- Nancy 38 Canada,
 - Horace 17, Laborer, born in New York.
 - Catherine 15,
 - Julia 12,
 - Esther 10,
 - Jesse 4,
 - Jane 1.

Last 5 children all born in Ohio.

1860 Census, LaGrange Twp., Lorain Co., OH:

- Alvarus Saela, age 50, Farmer, b. NY
- Nancy Saela, 48, b. Canada,
 - Lorana Saela, 23 b. OH
 - Esther Saela, 20 b. OH
 - Jessie Saela, 14, b. OH
 - Jane Saela, 11, b. OH
 - Alva Saela, 8, b. OH

1870 Census, LaGrange Twp., Lorain Co., OH:

- Alvrius Seely, 62, farmer, b. NY
- Nancy Seely, 54, Keeping House, b. Lower Canada
 - Jane Seely, 21, b. OH
 - Alva Seely, 18, b. OH and attending school.

WILL: LaGrange, February 23, 1873:

In the name of the Benevolent Father of all, I ALVAROUS SEELY do make and publish this my last will and testament. First, it is my will that my funeral debts and all charges be paid out of my estate. Second, I give and ____ all the remainder of my personal and Real Estate to Nancy Seely my beloved wife to her _____. I appoint my older son Horace Seely executor of this my last will and testament. It is my wish that Nancy Seely, Geo. Alva Seely my youngest have the farm and he take care of her. In testament here of I have hereto set my hand and seal. This 23 day of February 1873.

Signed & acknowledged by the seal Alvarous Seely as his last will and testament and signed by us in his presence (witnesses signatures - illegible)

Will probated March 15, 1878. Name appeared in the document as Alvarous Seeley and Alvarus Seely.

Elyria Republican - March 7, 1878. Alvarious Seeley died 17th Feb 1878 at Old residence in LaGrange, aged 69 years.

SGS Response: 1840 census Carmdon, Lorain, Ohio:

- Sully (or could be Seely), A; 1 male 5-10, 1 male 30-

40, 1 female <5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 20-30

Living next door was Peter Smith and two houses away was Nathan Smith. Alvarious Seely's wife was Nancy Smith and she had brothers named Peter Smith and Nathaniel Smith.

From First Families of Lorain County

Alvarous Seely, Nancy Smith Seely and Catherine Seely proven as settlers of LaGrange, Lorain, OH by 1842

IGI shows Nancy's parents as David and Harriet Smith.

1880 census LaGrange, Lorain, OH:

- Seely, Alva, age 28, b. OH, father b. NY, mother b. Canada
- Seely, Mary, age 28, wife, b. England as were parents
- Seely, Edith, age 1, b. OH, as were parents
- Seely, Nancy, mother, age 68, b. Canada
- Seely, Horace, age 48, boarder, b. NY, f. b. NY, m. b. Canada

Alvarous (various spellings) isn't in the SGS database. Please contact me if you can identify his parents in NY state?

Query 0708-11 Submitted by Lee Sims (m_lee_s@yahoo.com).

Lee believes Mary, wife of William Ellis, is a daughter of Samuel Seely, son of Benjamin of VA. This Samuel was a Chickasaw Indian chief and signed treaties between the US and the Chickasaw nation. Tootemastubbie is the Chickasaw name of Col. George Colbert who also became a Chickasaw chief. His daughter is supposed to have married Samuel Seely. Apparently quite a few men of English descent joined the Chickasaw and married Chickasaw wives. There is some information on Samuel on the Seeley website but no identification of this Mary.

SGS response: 1850 census Hickman, TN:

- Ellis, William, age 32, b. NC
- Ellis, Mary, age 22, b. TN
- Ellis, Sarah, age 1, b. TN
- Ellis, Joseph, age 29, b. TN

1860 census Dist 1, Hickman, TN (Centerville)

- Ellis, William, 42, b. NC
- Ellis, Sela E., age 32, b. TN
- Ellis, Virginia, age 11, b. TN as is rest of family
- Ellis, Howell, 8
- Ellis, Cordelia, 7
- Ellis, Pleasant, 5
- Ellis, Lavisia, 3 (or Louisa)
- Walker, TJ, age 21
- Walker, SA, 18

1870 census District 1, Hickman, TN:

- Ellis, William, age 55, all b. TN
- Ellis, Mary, age 45
- Ellis, Jennie, age 21
- Ellis, Howell, 18
- Ellis, Cordelia, 16
- Ellis, Pleasant, 14
- Ellis, Willie, 9
- Ellis, Walker, 7
- Ellis, Samuel, 3

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- Ellis, Maud, 1 mo.
 - Gray, Richard, age 76, boards, b. SC
- 1880 census District 151, District 8, Perry Co. TN:
- Ellis, Mary, age 54 widow b. TN as are her parents - same for whole family
 - Ellis, Dely, dau., age 25
 - Ellis, Ples, son, age 22, farmer
 - Ellis, Willie, 19, son, farmer
 - Ellis, Walter, 16, son, farm labor
 - Ellis, Sam, 13, son, farm labor
 - Ellis, Maud, 10, dau.

Can anyone identify Mary, wife of William Ellis and/or provide us with information on the wife/wives and children of Samuel Seely?

Query 0708-12 Submitted by Harry Deemer (dsmandl@aol.com). Seeley Shute b. 9 Mar 1802, d. 28 Apr 1873, buried Greenwich Old Presbyterian Church Burial Ground, Greenwich, Cumberland, NJ. This cemetery is having their 300th anniversary this year. They asked us for information on Seeley, etc burials there.

SGS Response: I was able to identify most but this is one that has me stumped. Does anyone have information on the ancestry of Seeley Shute?

1810 and 1820 census records for NJ have been lost.

1830 census Lower Alloways Creek, Salem, NJ:

- Seeley Shute, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 20-30, 2 females under 5, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 20-30

1840 census Greenwich, Cumberland, NJ:

- Seely Shoot 1 male under 5, 1 male 30-40, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 40-50

1850 census Greenwich, Cumberland, NJ:

- Shute, Seeley, age 48, b. NJ
- Shute, Elizabeth, age 51, b. NJ
- Shute, Catherine, age 9, b. NJ

1860 census Greenwich, Cumberland, NJ:

- Shute, Seeley, age 58, b. NJ
- Shute, Elizabeth, age 63, b. NJ
- Shute, Catherine, age 19, b. NJ
- Shute, Edgar, age 22, b. NJ

1870 Deerfield Street, Hopewell, Cumberland, NJ:

- Shute, Seely, age 68, steward, b. NJ
- Shute, Elizabeth, age 71, Matron, b. NJ
- Shute, Catherine, age 29, asst. matron, b. NJ
- Shute, Edgar, age 31, asst Steward, b. NJ followed by about 35 people of various ages; seems to be the local poor house

1880 Bridgeton, Cumberland, NJ:

- Shute, Edgar, age 42, widower, b. NJ, parents b. NJ
- Shute, Elizabeth, mother, widow, age 82, b. NJ, parents b. NJ

1880 Hopewell, Cumberland, NJ:

- Shute, Catherine, age 37, housekeeper for John S Holmes; still there as age 59 in 1900

Cumberland Co NJ Marriages

- Seeley Shute and Rebecca Boon 21 Jan 1826
- Seeley Shute and Sarah Boon 6 Apr 1838

Does Sarah Boon also go by the name Elizabeth or did Seeley Shute have another marriage. Could Seeley

Shute possibly be a descendant of SGS # 107a Elizabeth Seeley m. John Shute?

Query 0708-13 Submitted by Harry Deemer (dsmandl@aol.com). Hannah G McCalla b. 25 Apr 1765, d. 9 Apr 1815, buried Greenwich Old Presbyterian Church Burial Ground, Greenwich, Cumberland, NJ. This cemetery is having their 300th anniversary this year. They asked us for information on Seeley, etc burials there.

SGS Response: From Cumberland County, New Jersey Marriages 1740 – 1910;

- McCalla, Aulay and Hannah Gibbon 9 Apr 1787
- Rootsweb: Transcription of early NJ Marriage bonds
- #584 Auley McCalley (Aulay McCalla) of Township of Hopewell and Thomas H McCalley (McCalla) of Greenwich, both Cumberland County ... bound to William Livingston, Governor 500 pounds 9 April 1787 for marriage contract (see above).

We have a Hannah Gibbon as SGS #1041 and show her married to Sully McCulla (*The Sixth Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley*, p. 38. Hannah's mother was Esther Seeley, SGS #326 who m.1 John Gibbon and m.2 Benjamin Holmes of Salem Co. NJ.) Other relatives of this family are buried in the same cemetery.

Can anyone find additional proof that Hannah G McCalla is Hannah Gibbon, SGS #1041? Remember to copy me on any correspondence with the submitter.

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUERY

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

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

What resources have you already consulted? The SGS publications or website? The census? Cemetery records? County histories? Family Bible? Others? (specify)

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

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 - Folder A: the Three SGS Publications by Madeline Mills and Katherine Olsen
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