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SGS DNA Testing Assistance Fund Established

Story By Jim Seeley, SGS Past President

On May 8, 2008, during their meeting at the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan., the SGS Board of Directors voted to approve establishing a DNA Testing Assistance Fund, to be handled by the SGS Treasurer. SGS would like to determine whether or not specific Seeley lines are in either the Nathaniel (immigrant Robert Seeley) line, or in the immigrant Obadiah Seeley line. This fund will help males with the Seeley surname (spelled a variety of ways) pay for the DNA test. Members are asked to make voluntary contributions to this fund. Checks should be made payable to SGS and mailed to the SGS Treasurer, Sally Seeley, at her address on page 15.

In the May 2008 issue of the Newsletter, SGS President, Kathie Olsen, announced the establishment of a committee, chaired by her, to establish criteria for subsidizing the cost of individual DNA tests. Committee members are Dr. Ken McCrea (the Seeley DNA Lineage Project Manager), Jim Seeley (Past President), Linda Crocker (SGS 2nd Vice President and Query Editor), Mary Palley (SGS Secretary), Wesley Waring (one of the SGS Directors), and Karl Weiler (SGS Chief

Genealogist).

There are obvious advantages to individuals to participate in the DNA Test Project. However, advantages to SGS are;

- Determining descendency of specific Seeley lines from either Nathaniel or Obadiah Seeley will help a large number of SGS Members [e.g. Cielley descendants, Sealey descendants (from South Carolina), Seley descendants from Kansas, and others].
- Understanding the ancestors of these Seeley lines will assist with a knowledgeable response to queries.
- Updates to the SGS Database and SGS Publications, with the knowledge gained from DNA testing, will make those major SGS compilations more complete and useful to our membership.

Remember, the extent SGS can assist with funding DNA testing depends on the amount of voluntary contributions received for this purpose. Please give serious consideration to contributing now and making a regular contribution each year to the DNA Testing Assistance Fund in care of the SGS Treasurer. One DNA test costs about \$200, but prices are subject to change.

Seeley Family Plot, Chester/Greycourt, Orange County, NY

Story By Jim Seeley, SGS Past President

This note provides a final update on the condition of the Seely family plot in the Chester/Greycourt area of New York that President Kathie Olsen described in the February 2008 President's Report as having been vandalized and in otherwise poor condition.

Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Clifton Patrick, the Town Historian of Chester, N.Y., Jim Seeley received a telephone call from the owner of the Seeley Family Plot, Mr. Charles Johnson, in February 2008. Mr. Johnson said he has done quite a bit of work clearing up the family plot and sees no reason for Seeley Genealogical Society volunteers to go to Chester to help any further. He too was disturbed by the vandalism and believes residents of a nearby minimum security incarceration facility did much of the damage and that it had occurred several months prior to our discussion. He said that facility has since been closed.

Mr. Johnson is a Seeley descendant and indicated a desire to join SGS. Our Membership Chairwoman, Mrs. Ivey Harris, was notified.

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Membership

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

Membership Dues

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

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for August 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Please advise the editor if your branch or family has plans for a sectional or local reunion in the interim. Others might like to know about it.

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

A meeting of the SGS Board of Directors was held on Thursday, May 8 at 2:00 pm in Abilene, Kan. at the Seelye Research Center. There were six elected officers in attendance as well as eight appointed officers. All those in attendance were commended. Since Mary Palley was unable to attend the meeting, Jim Seeley agreed to take the minutes and to arrange for group meals while we were together. Thanks, Jim.

There were no budget concerns expressed by the group. I would welcome your ideas for research objectives to use Seeley Genealogical Society funds. What additional knowledge should we be pursuing at this time? Please contact me.

The board agreed to establish a DNA Testing Assistance Fund. There are times when testing DNA is perhaps of more interest to the Society than it is to the individual involved. Also, the DNA test costs about \$200 which might make the testing prohibitive to some of our members. We encourage members of SGS to contribute to this fund. Jim has written an article explaining our position for this newsletter. If any of you feel that you would like to have financial help with a DNA test, or if you feel that a test on someone else's DNA would further the work of SGS, please contact me. A committee is in place to review your application. When the Society finally obtained conclusive DNA evidence of the non-relationship of Robert and Obadiah, we were free to explore other concerns and it has made a big difference.

We, as a board, certainly appreciate all the work of the Chris and Jerry Havnar, who are serving as the webmasters. We have received several questions concerning the source of the data which is presently on the website. Because we do not have the reference files for this information, often we are unable to respond. The board voted to replace that information with GEDCOM files of the three SGS publications. This project is far-reaching and will take a long time. I have started entering the Obadiah descendant's information into the Personal Ancestral File format and will submit it to the Havnars when it is ready. Once we have released this information onto the website, the SGS publications will become obsolete. The Seelye Research Center still has many of the books remaining and we would like to see them put to use. So we are asking you to purchase books for your local historical and genealogical organizations. I have donated a set to the Family History Library here in Salt Lake City. There is also an article about this topic in this newsletter by Jim.

The Seelye Research Center Librarian, Pam Turner, expressed her concern for the preservation of SGS documents shelved at the SRC in the event of an emergency. She also is concerned that a great deal of information can only be accessed for a limited time each year. The board discussed the importance of scanning documents into electronic format so they can be protected and shared. A committee was formed consisting of Pam, Kathie, Dian Little, Linda Crocker, and John Seeley to establish criteria for determining what documents to scan and how to get them scanned. As a board, we want to encourage all members of SGS to submit information pertaining to their ancestors back to the 8th generation down from Robert or Obadiah to the SRC for filing. Pam has written an article explaining this in more detail for this newsletter.

I took the opportunity to brief the board on plans for the next reunion. It will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah from Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 until Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009. Activities will include visits to the Family History Library with individual mentoring, meetings of the Society, lunch and dinner gatherings with speakers, a bus tour of Park City, site of the 2002 Olympics and Salt Lake City, as well as attendance at a Tabernacle Choir practice. On Friday morning, Aug. 7, a bus tour will be arranged to take SGS members to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, which was founded by Seely family members, for a family picnic and tour of the community and on

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Where is the Bible of Daniel Webster Seeley?

Story By Jim Seeley, SGS Past President

Genealogical information that was passed on to my family by Mrs. Myrtle Evans Sturdevant of Bradford County, Pa. (now deceased) states "NOTE: Copied from Bible of Daniel Webster Seeley of Sodus Point, NY; I 1 Samuel Seely married Hannah-went to Williamson, NJ in 1790; II 1 William Seely (4/5/1783-1/21/1867) married Fanny Gray (6/10/1789-5/12/1854) 2/24/1804." The implication is that William Seely was the son of Samuel Seely but I don't know how much of this information was copied from the cited bible, or how much of the information following that entry was copied from the bible. The information that follows lists 14 children of William and Fanny Seeley.

The SGS publication *The Sixth Generation Families* lists William Seeley (4/5/1783-1/21/1867) as SGS#1692 and this William's father is listed as Samuel Seely, SGS#501. However, the Daniel Webster Seeley line goes back through Samuel Seely SGS#467. Another SGS member claims his William A. Seely is the son of Samuel

Seely SGS#501. My William and his William A. Seely both lived in Bradford County, Pa. and are listed as being only a few years different in age.

I believe the Bible of Daniel Webster Seeley may contain evidence that will clear up this "Two William Problem." According to SGS documents, Daniel Webster Seeley had two children. (1) David Frederick Seely born 3 Dec 1914 and Dorothy Jane Seely born 13 Oct 1916. Do any readers know either of these descendants? If so, do you know who I might contact to see the Bible of Daniel Webster Seely?

By the way, I believe there may be a typo in the quotation cited in paragraph one above. I have found no Williamson, NJ. There is, however, a Williamson, NY not too far from Sodus Point, NY.

If you can help, please contact me anytime: Jim Seeley, jrseeley@comcast.net, 108 Westridge Drive, Churchville, VA 24421, Ph: 540-337-8633

President's Report *(continued from page 2)*

Saturday we will visit Emery County, Utah founded by Seely family members from Mt. Pleasant. We will see the sights and have a traditional "lamb fry" but the highlight of the day will be the Castle Valley Pageant, written by our own Montell Seely. This pageant begins at dusk and includes live animals, music taped by the Tabernacle Choir, and a stirring performance of the sacrifices made by our family members to establish settlements and communities in the wilderness. The setting is incredible. The buses will return you to Salt Lake City in the afternoon on Sunday, Aug. 9. We will stay in Price, Utah for two nights. Plan now to join us for both the reunion and the tour! It is our hope that a host family can be found for all participants coming for this reunion and tour! You can come early and stay late for more time at the Family History Library! Mark your calendar now! Early registration will begin with the February 2009 newsletter.

The Board set the following four goals:

- Preserving (digitizing) selected important documents at the Seelye Research Center.
- Encourage and assist with funding, if necessary, of DNA testing for:
 - Cilley descendants
 - Sealey descendants from South Carolina
 - Seely descendants from Kansas
 - others as brought to our attention
- Document the history of SGS by ensuring that Society records are maintained at SRC
- Encourage and assist research questions on incomplete Seeley lines, especially those brought to light by DNA testing.

In addition to the SGS Board of Directors meeting, we gathered on May 7, 8, 9 and 10 to continue organizing the resources in the research center. There was also time for wonderful meals and pleasant association with each other.

If any of you would like a copy of the Souvenir Book

from the Connecticut Reunion, I have a few here at my home. Please contact me.

The Seeley Genealogical Society belongs to both the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society. I recently took the opportunity to read several articles from the NGS quarterly. First, I was struck with the attention given to the source of information. The footnotes take up as much room as the article! Second, I was struck by the difference indexing, records access, and technology have made in genealogical and historical research since the 1970s. If you searched them and couldn't find what you were looking for, search again! And be sure to note where you found the information. The National Genealogical Society Conference of the States will be held in Raleigh, N.C. from May 13 to 16, 2009. The Federation of Genealogical Societies will hold a convention in Philadelphia, Pa. from Sept. 3 to 6, 2008 and in Little Rock, Ark. from Sept. 2 to 5, 2009. These conventions are well worth attending for those doing genealogical research.

I would like to thank everyone who is involved with the Seeley Genealogical Society in any way. Special thanks to Chris Havnar, our webmaster, Linda Crocker, our query editor and John R. Seely, who has maintained a database of this organization for lo these many years! Special thanks to Paul Taylor for the professional job he does with this newsletter. It is a big undertaking. The officers of this organization are all volunteers who give their time, money, and energy freely and I thank them all. Thanks to you for all you are doing to promote our understanding of our heritage as members of the Seeley family (no matter how we spell it!). And thanks again for your confidence in my ability to lead. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments or concerns.

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

Filing and Much More Going On at the Seelye Research Center

Story By Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian

A filing session was held in Abilene, Kan. May 7-10 with 13 people attending; thank you all. There were 23 additions made to the center which can be seen in Change 3 to the SRC Filing System Booklet which can be found on the SGS website and will be printed in the November issue of the newsletter.

Along with the additions, some files were removed from the Family Compilation section because of duplication of information. The 8th generation Seeley descendants project is ongoing, though most of the Obadiah line is done and indexed. A copy of the index can be found at the SGS website. Please note that if you are looking through the index, duplicate names within the same generation (i.e. cousins) have been removed to save space. The Nathaniel line is continuing to be worked.

Another index was started on the obituaries. Dian Little and her sister Coleen Thompson copied each obituary onto a form, filled in the information and alphabetized the names. These forms will be used to index our obituary file.

There was also a discussion held about the handling of documents and the preservation of SGS information. The following decisions were made.

1. If you wish to submit information to the center, please send the information to the librarian in Colorado Springs, CO. Please DO NOT send your submission to Abilene. When you send them to Abilene, they will wait a year or more before they will be looked at. If you send them to the librarian, they can be assigned a file number and sent to other people that might need the information

making sure that your family information is recorded. Also, don't forget your submission form.

2. It was also decided that to protect our information and allow better access to it that we must find a way to digitize it. We are going to prioritize which documents to scan first and work our way down. We are hoping to obtain a loan of scanning equipment designed to digitize papers, but if we can't we will use scanners and computers.

I have also learned from John Seely that he has received very little family data in the past year. To everyone out there that wants to have their information recorded and saved for future generations, I implore you to send your information to John. The data that he collects is an invaluable resource for researching family lines; just see Linda Crocker's report in the May 2008 SGS Newsletter. If you have sent your family history to John, have you updated it since that marriage, divorce, birth or death? You don't have to have your line completed to an SGS number to submit your family history, just send John what you do know. Please make this the year that you send John your family information. You will find John's contact info on page 15 off this newsletter.



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New Life Members

Mr. Charles Johnson
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Military Note: Army Pvt. Miguel Seeley

(July 08, 2008) -- Army Pvt. Miguel Seeley has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Donna D'Angelo of Rolling Acres Road, Pace, Fla., and Angelo Seeley of Rosebay St., Milton, Fla.

Seeley is a 2006 graduate of Pace High School.

SGS Web: A Wealth of Information

New SGS members (as well as those who have been around a while) may wish to check out the SGS web site. Maintained by SGS Members Chris and Jerry Havnar, the site contains everything from our Constitution, past research, back issues of the SGS Newsletter, biographies, genealogy tips, and much more!

Seelye Mansion – Architectural Wonder

After more than seven weeks of voting, 8,000 ballots have been counted and Kansas now has an official list of its eight architectural wonders. Among the winners: the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kan.

The contest was sponsored by the Kansas Sampler Foundation which, according to the organization's Executive Director Marci Penner, preserves and sustains the rural culture of Kansas.

"The public made nominations and then a Selection Committee selected the top 24. One criteria was that the structure be accessible to the public," said Penner.

What put the mansion over the top? According to Penner, the votes were mostly cast online; however a few write-ins mentioned fond memories of touring the mansion.

"It is one of the best restored and continually maintained historic mansions in the state," said Penner. "It is a Kansas icon and a stunning sight on the main street of Abilene. It has original furniture and is likely the only restored Georgian-style mansion in the state."

The seven other winners along with the mansion are listed on the organization's web site, as well as in media reports about the contest, in alphabetical order rather than by the number of votes each received. Penner says that is intentional.

"We wanted to focus on the education more than the competitive aspect of it. I haven't given out any numbers or rankings to any finalists. Our mission wasn't to pit these finalists against each other, but we did it in a



contest format to get more interaction and interest out of the public. It was just our decision early on and we've stuck to it," Penner said.

"We've already done an overall Eight Wonders of Kansas contest. We are doing eight instead of seven wonders -- like the world contest -- to recognize our eight rural culture elements -- architecture, art, commerce, cuisine, customs, geography, history, and people. We are doing a contest for each of those elements," said Penner.

Find out more about the Kansas Sampler Foundation at their web site www.kansasampler.org.

Members Encouraged to Donate SGS Publications

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

I was asked by the SGS Board to prepare this article encouraging members to purchase a set of the three books and donate them to their local Historical and/or Genealogical Society. The cost for the three books is \$59.00 and checks should be made payable to SGS. The books should be ordered from Terry Tietjens, Director, Seelye Research Center, P.O. Box 337, 1105 N. Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410.

The three SGS publications contain the eight generation descendants of immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley. They have already been donated to

some institutions, including the Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, N.Y. and the Bradford County Pennsylvania Historical Society. Let Jim Seeley (contact data on p. 15) know about your donations and we'll publish the list so the institutions don't receive duplicate copies.

Phenomenon or Power of the Mind

A True Story By John R. Seely

There I stood between the booths at the Fisherman's Restaurant in San Pedro, Calif. holding my book of poems. I noticed a young waitress sitting against the wall patiently waiting for customers to arrive. I approached her and asked "Are you interested in poetry?" She answered "Yes." "I'll loan you my book for two weeks, so you will have time to read it," I said.

It was my practice to enjoy eating fried oysters twice a week at the Fisherman's Restaurant, but I had not seen this waitress before. Over the next week or two "Marie" and I exchanged comments about my poems that dealt with San Pedro. I noticed she didn't wear a ring and asked about any romantic possibilities. "I don't want to get married just to be married." She responded. I quickly agreed.

Sometimes while waiting to serve, Marie would stand leaning against a booth and gaze across the room filled with customers with a very "empty" look. I sensed

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Change 3 to Generations 1-5 Book

Change #3, Dated July 18, 2008, re: SGS#32, Page 17, Seelye, John. CHANGE SUMMARY It appears that the Martha Benjamin (b 19 Jan 1681, Wethersfield, Hartford, CT). Daughter of Caleb and Mary Hale Benjamin is not the wife of John Seelye, SGS #32. Delete everything after Martha. His wife was named Martha according to his will. REFERENCES Add Robin Deem research Add Jacobus, Donald Lines, Hales, House and Related Families (pg 10-11)

Phenomenon *(continued from page 5)*

that something was missing in her life and I set out to give her my "talking points list" which I and my wife of forty-seven years had used when we first dated to compare our values and attitudes. It worked for us and might be helpful for this unmarried youngster.

I finally explained my interest to Marie. I was never blessed with a granddaughter and I wanted her to be my surrogate granddaughter. She seemed amused by my request. As I continued to write poems each week, I gave Marie copies of my "work" and even gave her the copy of my book that I had loaned to her. Of course, at this point I knew nothing about Marie's family.

For no apparent reason, after a month of giving her copies of my verses, I wrote one titled *Stay in Touch* and included my address label and phone number. A few days later Marie called and left a message on my answering machine thanking me for my interest in her and how she had begun "smiling a lot". She also gave me a phone number to call which I was unable to decipher because of problems with my hearing aides. Suddenly, Marie quit her job. According to those I asked, she was working at a "beauty parlor" in the South Bay.

I felt concerned for days until my son paid a visit and helped me decipher the phone number. At last. I was able to get in touch with Marie and arrange a dinner meeting at a local cafe in Hermosa Beach. Oh my! What a surprise. She had been adopted as a baby and knew practically nothing about her mother or her biological

grandparents.

Was I unknowingly moved to represent those grandfathers that Marie had never known? I was trained as an electrical engineer at USC and spent thirty years in military electronic manufacturing and communications as a test engineer and manager of a test and overhaul group. After I retired, both my wife and I were avid family researchers. Our Mayflower, Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War ancestors were eventually discovered.

I was probably the only person Marie knew who had the experience and willingness to devote their time to researching her unknown ancestry. What was it that pushed me to reach out and contact this young person?

Why did I want Marie to be my surrogate granddaughter? Does the spirit world influence our paths? We will never know for certain, but I have completed the research and discovered the names and places for fourteen sets of those missing grandparents. Perhaps they wanted to be found after all these years.

I believe my time was well spent and I have completed my mission to help a total stranger find links to her ancestry. I do believe that superior forces, by any name, can influence the paths we decide to travel in our lives. This phenomenon is one example of how unexpected "coincidence" can never be explained.

Author's Note: "Marie" is a substitute name used to protect her privacy.

SGS Queries

(Data As of July 18, 2008)

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover). 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:

Update to Query 0105-2 Re: Diana Seeley

Information was being sought by Suzanne Stamper-Youmans (rojo45390@yahoo.com) on a widow, Diana Seeley, of Monmouth County, NJ. She is mentioned as an heir/next-of-kin immediately after Jonathan Youmans in the will and testament of Jeremiah Youmans, late of County of Bergen, NJ, deceased (dated 1850). Suzanne had a deed dated 5-10-1824 for John Seeley to Dianna Youmans (Monmouth County, Middletown Twp., NJ) witnessed by John Patterson and Elizabeth Seeley (Sealy). The deed stated that John Seeley reserves his right of life to the land and Diana would not have

possession until after his death. She did not know if this Diana Youmans is the same Diana Seeley.

In the SGS database we have John Seely b. 1751, d. 1825 Monmouth Co. NJ and md 1797 Hannah Diana Yeomans. She is listed as a daughter of Jonathan and Abigail Youmans by Ken McCre (Ken@GermanNames.com). I don't know her relationship to Jeremiah Youmans. Contact me if you have any more information on Diana/Hannah Diana Seeley.

Update to Query 0802-7 Re: Hiram Seeley

In this query we identified the father of Hiram Seeley (b 1826 NY, d. 1862 Pittsburg Landing, TN) as Bennett Seeley, SGS# 1908. Karen Thornhill (only1karen@gmail.com), query submitter, was also interested in following the lines of Hiram's children: Lilly, Hiram Bennett and Willard Ryland (Riley) Seeley (her great-grandfather). I found a letter at the Seeley Research Center written by Karen's cousin that gave information on Hiram Bennett Seeley's marriage to Amanda Rosetta Smith. They were 2nd cousins, both grandchildren of Willard and Mary Ann Castleman Prentiss. Contact me if you want the details.

We would still like to find Willard Ryland (aka Riley) Seeley in any census.

NEW QUERIES

0808-1 Submitted by Linda Crocker, Query Editor (llbc100@msn.com)

Louis Seeley appears in the following online: Descendants of John **Crozier** of Ballinamore by David A. Wyatt (David_Wyatt@umanitoba.ca) copyright ©2000-08

Caroline **Berry**, born 1843 Elizabethtown Twp.; Married Louis **Seeley**. 1881 census. Elizabethtown, Ontario, Canada.

Children:

- Mary Jane "Minnie" Seeley (b. circa 1868). Married William Montague. Residence: Oneida, New York
- Lucy Seeley, born about 1872.
- Annie Seeley born about 1875.
- Artemus Seeley, born February 28, 1878; died March 1970 Copake, New York.
- Hattie Seeley, born Feb. 1881.
- Maude Seeley

Louis is not in our database but we have other Seeleys in that area. What is his relationship to them?

I have traced Louis in the census to his father Augustus (see below). I assume the Philip next door is his brother. I can't get further back with them. I have also traced Louis's son Artemus forward, adding some names for our database.

1851 census Augusta, Grenville, Canada West (recorded in 1852)

- Seely, Augustus, age 36, b. Upper Canada (as are all family members), W. Methodist, farmer
- Seely, Lavina, age 30, Louis Seely age 10, Rachel Seely age 8, Lucy Jane Seely age 6, Charles Seely age 5 and Mary Seely age 3.

Next door:

- Phillip Seely, age 37, b. Upper Canada (as our his children), W. Methodist, farmer
- Seely, Mary, age 35, b. England and children Wm Seely age 11, Charlotte Seely, age 9, David Seely, age 7, Adeline Seely age 5, Chancy Seely, age 3 and Lunda Seely (a male) age 1

1871 census Augusta, Grenville South, Ontario

- Louis Seeley, head, age 30

1900 census Syracuse, Onondaga, NY

- Seeley, Louis, b. May 1842 Canada (Eng.), parents born Canada(Eng), laborer (plow works)
- Seeley, Tarelina, b. Aug. 1845 Canada (Eng), parents b. Ireland, md 31 yrs, 9 ch., 5 living
- Seeley, Artemus, b. Feb. 1878, Canada (Eng), parents b. Canada (Eng), laborer in plow shop
- Seeley, Harriet, b. Jan 1881 Canada (Eng)
- Seeley, Ethel M., b. Aug 1885 Canada (Eng) (whole family immigrated to US in 1893) Burchell, Edward, boarder, b. May 1874 NY, NY, NY, iron moulder

1910 census Syracuse, Onondaga, NY

- Seeley, Artemus, Emma, Marion, Bessie as in 1920 below and also George Jones, bro-in-law, age 26, b. NY, NY, NY
- Seeley, Louis, Caroline B and Ethel M. as in 1900 above except indicates Caroline came to US in 1897 but Louis and Ethel M in 1893.

- Seeley, Lucy, age 38 and Hattie, age 29 both living as servants in household headed by J. Henry Colter and working for Chapter House; Lucy as cook and Hattie as chambermaid.

In 1920 Louis Seeley is a widower, age 78 living in Syracuse with his daughter Lucy Stevens age 48 and her husband William Stevens age 49.

In 1930 he is in Syracuse age 89 boarding with John Cameron, age 49, a chef from French-speaking Canada who arrived in 1905, his wife Margaret L, age 42, b. NY, NY, NY and their children Ethel M., age 19, Christine B., age 18 and George L. age 14 all b. NY

1920 census Syracuse, Onondaga, NY

- Seeley, Artemus, age 41, b. Canada, Canada, Canada, foreman in a ??? Shop
- Seeley, Emma, age 37, b. NY, England, NY, manager fountain in a dept store
- Seeley, Marion, age 17, b. NY, NY, Canada (census taker mistake)
- Seeley, Bessie, age 12, NY, NY, Canada
- Seeley, Ethel, age 1 yr 7 mos., b. NY, NY, Canada
- Felton, Le Roy, cousin, age 19, b. NY, NY, NY still worker in soda works
- Felton, Dorothy, niece, age 19, b. NY, Canada, NY
- Felton, Harry C., grand-niece, age 1 mo., b. NY, NY, NY

From the SGS Database:

- Seeley, Augustus b. ca 1810 Canada md ca 1839 Ontario Canada, Elizabeth Township to White, Lavina
 - Father: Seeley, Peter Mother: Serviss, Margaret
 - Seeley, Philip md. Bradford, Mary
 - Father: Seeley, Peter Mother: Serviss, Margaret
 - Seeley, Peter b. ca 1772 CT? m2 Serviss, Margaret
- If you can identify Peter, father of Augustus and Philip, contact me.

0808-2 Submitted by Don Seeley (donseely@comcast.net)

Don can take his line back to about 1775. A Samuel Seely showed up in Crawford/Venango counties in Western Pa. in the early 1800's. His wife's name may have been Sarah. He had the following sons. Zadock, Amos, Alva, and Samuel Jr. Don follows the Alva line. Alva was born about 1799, his son was Joseph A. Seely born Feb 07, 1842, his son was Joseph Audley Seely born Oct 15, 1875, his son was Donald J. Seely May 26, 1909, then the submitter, Donald Glenn Seely June 26, 1939. Don knows he goes back to Nathaniel because of the DNA test. He would like to know where Samuel fits in.

SGS Response: From the SGS database:

Children of Samuel and Sarah Seely

- Amos b.1795 PA, d. 1867 Crawford PA md. Marsh, Catherine Eleanora
- Zadock b.1796 d. 1891 Venango PA md. Cheers, Athea
- Alva b.1800 Venango PA d. 1845 Venango PA md. Andrews, Margaret in 1829 Venango PA
- Lydia b.1806 Venango PA md. Brown, Nathan in

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1833

- Samuel b.1810 Venango PA d. 1889 Warren PA md. Chers, Elizabeth in 1839 PA
- Sarah b.1820 Venango PA d. 1897 md. Noel, Thomas J.

However we have no information on the origins of Samuel. If you can help please let me know.

Query 0808-3 Submitted by Mike Brownlee (Mbrownle@aol.com)

Mike's great-great-grandmother Anna Seeley was born in 1808 somewhere in NY. She married a Methodist minister named Hile Parker in Ohio. They moved to St. Joseph or Cass County, Michigan after their marriage. They had one daughter he knows of (Harriett Parker, his great-great-grandmother). He'd like to know about Anna.

SGS Response: 1820 census Mentor Geauga OH

- Robert Seeley: 1 male <10, 3 males 10-16, 1 male 16-18, 1 male 16-26, 1 male >45; 1 female<10, 1 female 10-16, 1 >45
- Levi Seeley: 1 male >45, 1 female 26-45, 1 female>45
- There are families of Ira and Uri Seeley in Painesville, Geauga Co. but neither has a female of the age to be Anna, wife of Hile/Gehiel. Robert's daughter age 10-16 seems the most likely.

1830 Mentor, Geauga, OH, From page 1

- Sely, Peter: 1 male 20-30, 1 female 20-30
- Parker, Clark: 2 males <5, 1 5-10, 2 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 40-50; 1 female <5, 1 15-20, 1 40-50
- Hopkins, Daniel: 1 male <5, 1 20-30, 1 30-40; 1 female < 5, 2 5-10, 1 20-30
- Gehiel C Parker: 1 male<5, 1 20-30; 1 female< 5, 1 20-30

1840 Porter, Cass, MI

- Charles T Parker: Males 1 <5, 1 20-30; Females: 1<5, 1 20-30
- Hial Parker: Males: 1<5, 1 5-10, 1 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 30-40; Females: 1 <5, 1 10-15, 1 30-40

1850 census Porter, Cass, MI

- Parker, Hile, age 44, b. OH, farmer
- Parker, Anna, age 42, b. NY
- Parker, Clark, age 24, b. OH, farmer
- Parker, Harrison, age 19, b. OH, farmer
- Parker, Lorenza (male), age 16, b. OH, farmer
- Parker, Samuel, age 13, b. OH
- Parker, Caroline, age 12, b. OH
- Parker, Nelson, age 9, b. MI
- Parker, Mary, age 7, b. MI
- Joy, Lucein (male), age 3, b. OH

I found a biography of Clark Parker, uncle of Hiel, and other information on the Parker family I can send to those interested.

Geauga Co. OH - Marriages, 1806 - 1919 Bride's Index - Surnames 'S':

BRIDE: Seely, Anna
GROOM: Parker, Hial
LIC. DATE: 06 Apr 1826

MARR. DATE: --
VOL: --
PAGE: 47

BRIDE: Seeley, Anna
GROOM: Parker, Thiel C.
LIC. DATE: --
MARR. DATE: 06 Apr 1827
VOL: B
PAGE: 57

There are several other Seeley/Seely marriages in Geauga Co 1817 – 1840:

- Margaret Seeley to Josiah Guthrie Nov 7, 12 1835
- Polly Seeley to John G. Hall 12 Oct 1826/14 Oct 1827 Mentor
- Polly Seeley to Theodore Gage 6, 12 Feb 1834
- Nancy Seely to David Magoon 1 Jan 1834
- Mary Ann Seely to Franklin Beckwith 7, 28 Nov 1835 Kirtland
- Nehemiah Seeley to Rebecca Hawk 11 Mar 1827
- Benjamin T Seely to Philivillin/Phila M. Kellogg 10, 15 Nov 1827
- Ira Seely to Della Hills 30 Jan 1817
- Peter Seely to Polly Maxsam 2, 3 Mar 1829

Seely, Delia	12A	13	1	Delia Seely/ 1786-1866
Seely, Ira	12A	13	2	Ira Seely/ 1783-1854
Seely, Louisa M.	12A	13	3	Louisa M. Seely/ Oct. 21, 1817/ Oct. 3, 1896
Clark, Mary Seely	12A	13	4	Mary Seely Clark/ Apr. 23, 1822/ May 22, 1902

- Robert Seely to Phoebe Eaton 20 Apr 1829 Chardon Evergreen cemetery Painesville, Lake, OH

If you have information on Seelys in Geauga and/or Lake Counties Ohio (Mentor is now part of Lake County) please let us know.

New Query 0808-4 Submitted by Chris Havnar (jchavnar@sbcglobal.net)

Chris would like the lineage of Chauncey Seeley. Following is an excerpt of a biography posted on our website:

CHAUNCEY SEELEY, who was long at the head of the Seeley & Upham Building Co., of Waterbury, was born in 1845, in Southbury, New Haven county. His father, George Seeley, and grandfather, Elijah Seeley, were born in Wilton, Fairfield county. Elijah Seeley was a farmer by calling, and passed his life in Wilton. He was a patriot of the war of 1812.

George Seeley was a shoemaker in early like, but later became a farmer. He married, in New Milford, Conn., Phebe Ann Buckingham, a native of that town, and their children were ten in number, viz: Sarah Ann is deceased; Levina is the wife of John Squires of Southbury, Conn.; Elizabeth married George Robertson,

a merchant of New Milford; Harriet is the widow of William Oliver, of Bethel, Conn.; Chauncey is the subject of this sketch; John is a resident of Waterbury; Charles is deceased; Henriette is now Mrs. William Worrington, of Watertown, Conn.; Miss Georgiana is a resident of New Haven; Frank is a farmer in Southbury. Both parents are deceased.

Chauncey Seeley grew to young manhood on his father's farm, and until seventeen years of age attended the district school and the high school at South Britain. The Civil war having broken out, he made affidavit that he was eighteen years of age, and thus succeeded in enlisting, Sept. 11, 1862, at Woodbury, in Company I, 19th Conn. V.I. He served until mustered out, at Fort Ethan Allen, Ca., July 7, 1865, and during this period participated in all the battles, skirmishes, sieges, engagements and marches in which the regiment took part.

At the termination of the war Mr. Seeley returned to Southbury, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and remained until the spring of 1869, at which time he came to Waterbury. Mr. Seeley was married, in 1872, to Miss Samantha A. Nash, who died without issue May 15, 1875. In May, 1879, he married Sarah S. Osborn, daughter of Noah Osborn, of Seymour, Conn., and the union has been graced with three children, Arthur O., Wilbur C. and Raymond C.

Page 1124, "Connecticut: New Haven: Commemorative Biographical Record Of New Haven County, Connecticut containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens, and of Many of the Early Settled Families, published 1902.

SGS Response: Early Connecticut Marriages Prior to 1800 By Frederick W. Bailey

- Wilton, CT: Elijah Scaly and Sally Buttery --- Aug. 27, 1799

US Army Enlistments:

- Seely (Sela, Seley), Elijah/Elisha, age 39, enlisted March 1814 at Hartford, CT, b. Salem, Westchester, NY

1850 census Wilton, Fairfield, CT

- Seely, Elijah, age 76, b. CT living as one of the town poor in the home of Aaron and Betsy Chichester

1840 census Southbury, Fairfield, CT

- Seely, George: 1 male 20-30, 2 females < 5, 1 female 20-30

I can't locate the right Elijah in the 1840 census.

1830 census Wilton, Fairfield, CT

- Seeley, Elijah: Males: 1 15-20, 1 50-60; Females: 2 10-15, 1 50-60

1820 census Wilton, Fairfield, CT

- Buttery, Wm Jr: Males: 4 < 10, 1 16-26; Females: 1 16-26
- Buttery, Wm: Males: 1 >45; Females: 1 > 45
- Buttery, Zechariah: Males: 2 < 10, 1 10-16, 1 26-45; Females: 1 < 10, 1 10-16, 1 26-45
- Seely, Elijah: Males: 1 < 10, 1 10-16, 1 >45; females: 4 < 10, 1 10-16, 1 >45

William Buttery (senior) and Zacheriah Buttery are both in the 1810 census of Wilton, CT

1810 census Norwalk, Fairfield, CT

- Seely, Elijah: Males: 4 < 10, 1 10-16, 1 26-45; Females: 1 < 10, 1 26-45

William Buttery is also in the 1800 census of Norwalk, Fairfield, CT

I can't find an Elijah in CT that matches the info we have. There is SGS# 632 but he is the wrong age, has the wrong wife and doesn't have a son George. Then there is an Elijah # 774. I have recently received a query from Evelyn Russo (quiltermom5552@hotmail.com) who believes that Elijah Seeley, father of George is SGS# 774, son of Abel, SGS# 271. Until we can find Elijah's birth record or something else to tie him to Abel we won't be sure we have him identified properly. I would like to see a copy of Abel's will that was probated May 12 1807. Sherman wasn't established as it's own probate district until 1846. The parent district is New Milford. The State Library (Hartford) has most pre-1850 probates as well as land records. I am hoping that someone living in CT will be able to access these records.

Query 0808-5 Submitted by SGS member Leonard Seeley of Grass Valley, CA

Leonard wants to know the ancestry of John Byron Seeley, son of Austin Seeley and Lucy Ann Vaughn. See also Query 0311-6. It is apparent that there are 2 different Austins - this Austin was not married to Phebe Rice Allen and resident in PA.

SGS Response: Unfortunately I haven't found Austin in the 1851 Canadian census. It looks like the census for that area did not survive. According to the information sent to us Austin was in Nova Scotia (Cape Breton) until 1855 when the family moved to Renfrew Ontario. Shortly thereafter they moved to IL. The census information for John B. indicates that Austin was b. in MA 1900 census Bonilla, Beadle, SD

- Seeley, John B. b. Dec 1844 Nova Scotia, parents b. MA, to US in 1855, farmer, md 30 yrs to
- Seeley, Annie, b. Jul 1855 IA, father b. IA, mother b. OH, 12 children, 10 living
- Seeley, Jennie E. b. May 1875 IA, school teacher
- Seeley, James A., b. May 1877 IA, cheese maker
- Seeley, Margery E., b. Aug 1879 IA, school teacher
- Seeley John C., b. Jan 1882, IA, farm laborer
- Seeley, Mabel C., b. Aug. 1884 SD, cheese maker
- Seeley, Thomas L., b. Jul 1886 SD, farm laborer
- Seeley, Walter L. b. Apr 1888 SD, farm laborer
- Seeley, Nellie R., b. Aug 1891 SD
- Seeley, Leroy W., b. Apr 1893 SD
- Seeley, Ralph B., b. June 1897 SD

In 1920 John B and Annie Seeley are in Emery, Lewis, WA age 76 and 64. Now he says his mother was b. Canada

1880 Brooklyn, Poweshiek, IA

- Seeley, John B age 36, wagon maker, b. Ile Cape Breton, father b. MA, mother b. Ile Cape Breton
- Seeley, Annie, age 23, b. IA, OH, OH
- Seeley, Elsie M., Jennie E., James A., ages 7, 5, 3, all b. IA

1860 census Princeton, Bureau, IL

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Dwelling 86, family 88

- Vaughn, John, age 67, "gardner", b. Nova Scotia, md within last year to
- Vaughn, Eunice, age 52, b. NY
- Sealey, Lucy, age 42, b. New Brunswick
- Sealy, Benjamin, age 9, b. Cape Breton
- William M. and Julia A Schlock with 2 children, all b. PA, he is a clerk

Dwelling 700, family 713

- Phelps, E. Strong, age 28, b. MA. deputy something
- Phelps, Sarah A., age 22, b. OH
- Phelps, Harry A., age 1, b. IL
- Seely, Anna, age 10, b. Cape Breton

Dwelling 740, family 752

- Vaughn, John, age 32, b. NH, farmer
- Vaughn, Rachel, age 27, b. OH
- Vaughn, Abigail, age 6, b. IL
- Vaughn, William, age 4, b. IL
- Vaughn, Edna, age 8 mos., b.IL
- Seely, John, age 22, b. Cape Breton, farm laborer
- Garvin, Ellen, age 19, housework, b. IL
- Linqvist, August, age 12, b. Sweden, attended school
- Hitchcock, Sidenham, age 13, b. IL, attended school

On GenForum from Jean and Dave (nephew of Leonard) Seeley (usamom99@hotmail.com), *Looking for info on John Byron Seeley (1843-1926) and Jane Ann (Wasson) Seeley (1855 -1939). John B's father was Austin Seeley (circa 1803 - early 1850's). Austin spent many years in Inverness County in Nova Scotia near the River Denys Basin where he operated a sawmill. He married Lucy Vaughn in 1836-37. Their children were James W. (1838), Hiram H., John Byron (1843), Ann, Jane, Walter, and Benjamin Franklin. The family left Nova Scotia in the early 1850's and moved to Renfrew, Ontario. Austin died in 1858 (or so) and many family members moved to Illinois. Census records from some of Austin's children indicate that they believed their father was born in New York. However, my great-grandfather's census records denote his father, Austin was born in Massachusetts.*

Any help with identification of Austin Seeley b. abt 1803 MA or NY will be appreciated.

Query 0808-6 Submitted by Linda Crocker (llbc100@msn.com)

We have several new biographies on our website related to Seeleys who settled in Great Barrington, Berkshire, MA (Abraham, Isaac, John). They seem to trace back to Abraham Seeley of New Haven/North Haven CT who md 1 Rebecca ___ 1751 in North Haven CT and md 2 Mary Barnes 1758 New Haven CT.

SGS Response: From the SGS database:

Children of Abraham Seeley and Rebecca:

- John M. b. 1751 New Haven CT, d. 1805 Berkshire MA, md. Tuttle, Sarah 1778 New Haven CT
- Rebecca b. 1753 New Haven CT, d. 1842 New Haven CT, md. Cheney, Joseph 1777 New Haven CT

Children of Abraham Seeley and Mary Barnes:

- Susannah b. 1758 New Haven CT, d. 1855 New Haven CT, md. Thomas, Josiah/Joseph 1783 New Haven CT
 - Abraham b.1763 New Haven CT, d. 1848 Berkshire MA, md. Butler, Eunice 1787 New Haven CT
 - Isaac b. 1766 New Haven CT, d. 1841, md. Scott, Thankful 1785 North Haven CT
- Can anyone identify the ancestry of this Abraham Seeley of CT?

Query 0808-7 Submitted by Beth Chapman Brandt (missbeth4@hotmail.com)

Beth is searching for information on Earnest Seeley and his wife Mildred, specifically information about his parents. Earnest and Mildred resided in Gallatin County IL and had seven children. One of their children, James Gratton Seely (b. around 1915, wife Vina Tucker) is Beth's grandfather. Earnest Seeley's father's name was Jesse. He possibly married a woman with the last name of "Dailey" or "Daily" (according to Beth's mother).

SGS Response: In the SGS database we have:

- Seely, Jesse b. 1858 IL, d. 1942 IL, md. Wertz, Catherine 1885 Gallatin IL, Parents: Eliza _____ and Seeley, Oliver
- Seely, Ernest J. b. 1891 Gallatin IL, d. 1963 Gallatin IL, md. Dailey, Mildred A. 1914 IL, Parents: Wertz, Catherine and Seely, Jesse
- Seely, James G. b. 1916 Gallatin IL, d 1986 IN Parents: Dailey, Mildred A. and Seeley, Ernest J.

(The information was sent to us by Rhoda English Ladd of Oregon, IL)

From the Illinois marriage database:

- Seely, Jess and Wertz, Cate md. 1885-12-23 Gallatin Co.
- Seeley, George A. and Unknown md. 1878-06-21 Gallatin Co.
- Seely, John A. and Elzina Brown md. 1861-10-10 Gallatin Co.
- Seely, John A. and Cover, Mary E. md. 1868-07-09 Gallatin Co.
- Rider, Edgar M. and Seely, Isabell O. md. 1866-05-10 Gallatin Co.
- Pignens, Thomas and Seeley, Frances md. 1874-12-24 Gallatin Co.

From World War 1 Draft registration

- Earnest J Seely b. Nov 28 1891. On date of reg'n had a wife and 3 children (June 2 1917)

1930 census Shawnee, Gallatin, IL

- Seely, Ernest, age 38, b. IL, parents b. IL, farmer, md 15 years to
- Seely, Mildred, age 37, b. IL, parents b. IL
- Children: sons: Jessie age 14, Gratton, age 13, Faddus age 9, Norbert age 8, Daniel E. age 4 mos., daughter: Ruby age 11; all children also b. IL

1920 census Shawnee, Gallatin, IL

- Seely, Jess, age 62, b. IL, parents b. PA, farmer
- Seely, Catherine, age 53, b. IL, father b. Switzerland,

mother b. Germany

- Seely, Bertha, age 25. b. IL, parents b. IL
- Seely, Catherine, age 10, b. IL

Two households later:

- Seely, Earnest J., age 28, b. IL, parents b. IL
- Seely, Mildred A., age 27, b. IL, father b. OH, mother b. IL
- Seely, Jessie, daughter, age 4 ½ (actually a son – see 1930 census above)
- Seely, Gratin, son, age 3 1/2
- Seely, Ruby, daughter., age 1 yr 3 mos, all children b. IL

1910 census Shawnee, Gallatin, IL

- Seely, Jessie, age 57, b. IL, parents b. PA, farmer, md 26 yrs to
- Seely, Catherine, age 41, b. IL, father b. Switzerland, mother b. Germany, 6 children, 6 living
- Seely, Ida May, age 25, b. IL as are all other children
- Seely, Earnest, age 18, Seely, Bertha, age 16, Seely, Amy, age 13, Seely, Catherine, age 8 mos.

1900 census District 46 Shawnee, Gallatin, IL

- Seely, Jesse b Oct 1848 IL, parents b. IL, md 14 years, farmer
- Seely, Catherine, b. May 1866 IL, parents b. Germany, 5 children, 5 living
- Seely, Edgar, b. Nov 1886 IL, farmer
- Seely, Ida M., b. June 1889 IL
- Seely, Ernest, b. Nov 1891 IL
- Seely, Berthia, b. Feb 1894 IL
- Seely, Emma, b, Jul 1896

1870 census Shawneetown, Gallatin, IL

- Seely, Oliver, age 55, b. OH farmer (all indexed Leely)
- Seely, Eliza, age 52, b. PA
- Seely, Rebecca, age 28, b. OH
- Seely, Francis E., (dau.) age 17, b. OH
- Seely, George A., age 13, b. IL
- Seely, Jessie, age 10, b. IL
- Seely, Ottawa, (dau.) age 8, b. IL

1860 census Shawneetown, Gallatin, IL

- Sealey, Oliver, age 42, b. OH, farmer
- Sealey, Eliza, age 41, b. PA
- Sealey, John, age 20, b. OH
- Sealey, Rebecca, age 18, b. OH
- Sealey, Samuel, age 15, b. OH
- Sealey, Isabel, age 9, b. OH
- Sealey, Francis E (dau.), age 8, b. OH
- Sealey, George A., age 4, b. IL
- Sealey, Jessee J, age 1, b. IL

1850 census West, Columbiana, OH

- Seeley, Oliver, age 31, b. OH, laborer
- Seeley, Eliza, age 30, b. PA
- Children: Mary A. age 13, John A age 12, Eliza R. age 10, Samuel age 7, William age 3 and Isabel age 2 mos., all b. OH

1840 Knox, Columbiana, OH

- Ceely, Oliver Males: 1 under 5, 1 20-30; Females: 1 under 5, 1 20-30

Returning to the 1880 census in Wabash, Gallatin, IL I found Eliza age 62, Jessey age 21b. IL, OH, PA and

John age 8 b. IL, OH, PA listed as mother , son, son with Jessey's sister Francis and her husband Thos Piquis and their son Edgar age 3. The census taker listed them all as surname Piquis.

So, I have traced back to Oliver Seeley/Sealey/Ceely b. 1818 OH, however I can't get back further. Does anyone have information on Seeleys in Columbiana County, OH in the early 1800's? Remember to send me a copy of any response you send to the submitter.

Query 0808-8 Submitted by Louis E. Pettingill III (macgill2@yahoo.com)

Louis's father was Wilbur R Seeley formerly of Canterbury, NH who died earlier this year. Louis came across Karl Weiler's site in researching the Seeley name. He noticed that one of the first names according to date was from Connecticut (Obadiah Seeley) and says that his father's family was from around the Watertown, CT area. He wants to find out if he is related.

SGS Response: I found a copy of Wilbur R Seeley's obituary online (it is also on our website - www.seeley-society.net). It says that Wilbur's father was Robert J Seeley.

1930 census Waterbury, New Haven, CT

- Seeley, Wilbur R., age 30, b. CT, parents b. CT, wet roller in a factory, md 12 yrs
- Seeley, Catherine E, wife, age 34, b. CT, parents b. CT
- Seeley, Lillian A., dau., age 12 1/2, b. CT
- Seeley, Irene M., dau., age 10, b. CT
- Seeley, Robert J., son, age 9, b. CT
- Dwyer, Mary A., mother-in-law, age 64, b. So. Ireland, parents b. So. Ireland
- Dwyer, James J., brother-in-law, age 27, b. CT, father b. CT, mother b. So. Ireland, laborer in factory
- Seeley, Raymond H., brother, age 25, b. CT, parents b. CT, sailor, US Navy

1920 census Waterbury, New Haven, CT

- Commerford (Dwyer is crossed out), Mary, age 52, b. Ireland, parents b. Ireland, came to US in 1887, naturalized 1890, laundress
- Seeley, Catherine, dau., age 25, b. CT, father b. RI, mother b. Ireland
- Seeley, Wilbur, son-in-law, age 21, b. CT, parents b. CT, plater in metal goods factory
- Seeley, Lillian, grandchild, age 1 yr 9 mos., b. CT
- Seeley, Irene, grandchild, age 5 mos, b. CT
- Dwyer, James, son, age 17, b. CT, laborer in factory, b. CT, f. b. RI, m. b. CT

1910 census Plymouth, Litchfield, CT

- Seeley, Robert F., age 37, b. CT, parents b. CT, plater in silver factory, md 15 yrs
- Seeley, Carrie, B., age 33, b. CT, parents b. CT, has had 8 children, 5 still living
- Seeley, Elsie M. age 15, b. CT, carder in a pin shop
- Seeley, Wilbur R., age 11, b. CT
- Seeley, Theodore W., age 9, b. CT
- Seeley, Raymond H., age 5, b. CT
- Seeley, Gladys R., age 1, b. CT

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- Seeley, George, age 18, nephew, b. CT, parents b. CT, errand boy, silver factory
1900 census Plymouth, Litchfield, CT
- Seeley, Robert, b. Sept. 1873 CT, parents b. CT, nickel plater, md 5 years to
- Seeley, Carrie B., b Feb 1876 CT, parents b. CT
- Seeley, Elsie M., b. Jul 1895 CT
- Seeley, Wilbur R., b. Jan. 1899 CT
1880 census Waterbury, New Haven, CT
- Seeley, John H., age 30, b. CT, parents b. CT
- Seeley, Mary E., age 29, b. CT
- Seeley, Nettie A., age 11, b. CT
- Seeley, Edward L, age 10, b. CT
- Seeley, Robert F., age 8, b. CT, note that he is currently suffering from a rupture
1870 census Newtown, Fairfield, CT
- Seeley, John, age 23, b. CT, farming
- Seeley, Mary, age 19, b. CT
- Seeley, Jennett, age 1, b. CT

At Familysearch.org I found a pedigree for Robert Franklin Seeley submitted by George Cole of New Britain, CT (no sources given)

- Robert Franklin Seeley b. Sept. 1873 Sandy Hook, CT to John H Seeley (b. abt 1847 Southbury, CT and died May 1890) and Mary Esther Grey (b. between 1850 and 1856 Newtown, CT, died 5 Dec 1924 Milford, CT) Robert F. md. Carrie Bell Bradley 26 Dec 1893 Waterbury, CT

There are various John Seeleys in the 1860 and 1850 CT censuses but it was not clear which is the correct one. The SGS database has John Henry Seeley's marriage to Mary Esther Grey in 1868 in Fairfield Co CT but no other info. Coincidentally I re-read the biography of Chauncey Seely (see Query 0808-4 above) and it mentions his brother John, resident in Waterbury. The bio was published in 1902.

1900 census of Waterbury, CT

- Seeley, John, age 50 b. January 1850 Ct, parents b. CT, divorced, boarding in the household of Eliza (or Elizabeth) Winship a widow age 63 born Dec 1836 CT a Boarding House Keeper. Eliza's son Wilber and 2 other boarders all work as plumbers.

Seeing from the biography that Chauncey attended school in South Britain I looked there for either him or John.

- 1860 census Southbury, New Haven, CT (Post Office South Britain)

Dwelling 84

- There is a John Seeley, age 14, living with the family of Ely Pearce and attending school.
Dwelling 87

- Charey(?) Seeley, age 15, working as farm laborer in household of Harry Platt

Dwelling 59

- Seeley, George, age 44, shoemaker, b. CT
- Seeley, Phoebe, age 43, b. CT
- Seeley, Curtis A, age 11, b. CT
- Seeley, Henrietta, age 9, b. CT

- Seeley, Georgiana, age 6, b. CT
- Seeley, Frank, age 4, b. CT
- Buckingham, Enoch, age 64, b. CT
1850 census Southbury, New Haven, CT
- Seeley, George, age 36, shoemaker, b. CT
- Seeley, Phebe A., age 33, b. CT
- Seeley, Cornelia, age 8, b. CT
- Seeley, Chancy, age 6, b. CT
- Seeley, John, age 4, b. CT
- Seeley, Chas., age 1, b. CT

So, it looks like John, father of Robert F., father of Wilbur R. is a brother of Chauncey Seeley and son of George Seeley, son of Elijah Seeley. We still need to identify Elijah.

Query 0808-9 Submitted by Chris Havnar (jchavnar@sbcglobal.net)

In addition to two different biographies for Liberty J. Seely, Chris has recently found his obituary, the obit for his wife, and for their son Melvin (see our website). She wonders if all this information can help us find his ancestral line.

SGS Response: 1850 Census; Liberty Township, Shelby, IN

- Hiram Seely – Age 49, born KY Value of Real Estate 1,800, no occupation listed, on page with farmers
- Ann Seely, Age 49, born KY
- Liberty Seely, age 14 born IN, attended school
- Melvina Seely, age 12, born IN, attended school
- Jane Seely, age 80, born PA

1860 Census, Liberty Township, Shelby, IN

- Hiram Seely, Age 58, Farmer, born KY
- Anna Seely, Age 57, Housekeeper, born KY
- Liberty, Age 23, Farmer, born IN

1870 Census, Liberty, Shelby, IN

- Liberty Seely, Age 33
 - Margret Seely, Age 22
 - Melvin D Seely, Age 3
 - Florance Seely, Age 1
- Hiram and Annie Seely, both age 69, both b. KY are next door

1840 census Liberty, Shelby, IN

- Seely, Hiram: 1 male < 5, 1 male 30-40; 2 females < 5, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 30-40
- Seely, Jane B.: 1 female 60-70

1830 census Fayette, IN

- Seely, Jesse: 1 male 20-30; 1 female 15-20
- Seely, Jane B.: 1 female 60-70

10 households later

- Seely, Hiram: 1 male < 5, 1 male 20-30; 2 females < 5, 1 female 20-30

1820 Jackson, Fayette, IN

- Seely, Jane B. 1 male 10-16, 1 male 18-26; 1 female 10-16, 1 female over 45

1810 census Mason, Mason, KY

- Selah, B Jane: 4 males <10; 2 females <10, 1 10-16, 1 16-26, 1 26-45

Marriages Mason County, KY
832

27 May 1800

John Seeley

Jane B. Jamieson

Bondsman: John Adairson

Marriages in Fayette County, IN

- SEELY, Hiram/GUNN, Anna/8 Aug. 1824
- SEELY, Jesse/NEWLAND, Zilpha/31 Dec. 1829
- SEELY, Samuel P./SILVEY, Elizabeth S./14 Nov. 1828

It looks to me like Hiram, Jesse and Samuel P. may all be sons of John and Jane B. Jamieson Seely. Does anyone recognize this family from KY? Note that Jane was born in PA.

Query 0808-10 Submitted by Linda Crocker (llbc100@msn.com)

I found these burial records. These individuals are not in the SGS database.

Burials in Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles, MI

- Seely, Clayton H., 1879-00-00, 1952-00-00, 1952-04-05, New-48,12,3, Kiger
- Seely, Ethel N., 1882-00-00, 1968-00-00, 1968-04-25, New-48,12,4, Halbritter
- Seely, Lucinda, 1834-00-00, 1920-00-00, 1920-09-09, New-48,12,7, Augustine

SGS Response: 1920 census Niles, Berrien, MI, District 95

Dwelling 434

- Seeley, Lucinda, age 85, widow, b. OH, parents b. NJ

Dwelling 451

- Seeley, Clayton, age 40, b. MI, father b. NY, mother b. OH, trainmaster MD RR

- Seeley, Ethel, age 38, b. MI, parents b. MI

1910 census Niles, Berrien, MI

Dwelling 265

- Seely, Lucinda, age 75, widow, 4 children, 1 living, b. OH, NJ, NJ

Dwelling 266

- Seely, Clayton, age 30, b. MI, MI, MI, yardmaster, RR, md 5 years to

- Seely, Ethel N., age 28, b. MI, MI, MI, no children

- McCoy, Floyd J., brother-in-law, age 23, b. MI, MI, MI, laborer in cloth factory

1880 census Ensley, Newaygo, MI

- Seely, Horace B., age 50, b. Pa, parents b. PA, farmer

- Seely, Lucinda, age 45, b. OH, NJ, NJ

- Seely, Ira, age 22, b. MI, MI, OH

- Seely, John, age 19, b. MI, PA, OH

- Seely, Minnie, age 13, b. MI, PA, OH

- Seely, Clayton, age 1, b. MI, PA, OH

- Seely, Ida, dau.-in-law, age 19 (wife of Ira), b. MI, MI, PA

1870 census Weesaw, Berrien, MI

- Cely, Horace B., age 39, b. NY, farm laborer

- Cely, Lucinda, age 28, b. MI

- Cely, Wm R, age 17, b. MI as are all children

- Cely, Sherman, age 15

- Cely, Ira, age 12

- Cely, John H., age 10

- Cely, Hampton H., age 8

- Cely, Minnie, age 3

1860 census Niles, Berrien, MI

- Seely, Horace, age 38, b. NY

- Seely, Lucinda, age 29, b. NY

- Seely, Wm R, age 5, b. MI

- Seely, Frank, age 3, b. MI

- Seely, Ira, age 1, b. MI

I haven't been able to identify the correct Horace in the 1850 census. For a book excerpt about Horace B. Seeley go to books.google.com and search for him. The excerpt is an anecdote about Horace in the Civil War. We have Horace's Invalid Pension for his Civil War service on our website.

Can anyone find the ancestry of Horace B. Seeley b. 1822-1830 NY or PA?

New Query 0808-11 Submitted by Paul Seeley (paul.seeley@gm.com)

Paul's friend Gene Seeley got these items from his father's estate after he passed in 1996.

Milo MI: Death Calls Red Oak Man, Clarence Seeley Dies after a long illness of Tuberculosis, Funeral in Biggs
Clarence O. Seeley of Red Oak, county surveyor, died at his home at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning after a lingering illness which physicians pronounced pulmonary tuberculosis. Mr. Seeley was 52 years old on June 2. He came to Oscoda County about 30 years ago from Cornell, NY. About six years ago he was elected county surveyor and has been re-elected each year. As surveyor he put out several authentic and creditable editions of maps of the county which have come into official use. Besides Mrs. Seeley, seven children survive him, four sons and three daughters. They are Jasper, Richard, Clair, Claude, and the Misses Laura, Mildred and Zelma. His father, J. E. Seeley is still living, his home being in Hansboro, North Dakota. Interment was in Kittle cemetery. (At the bottom of the obit was written Died July 30, 1918. According to family Bible.) There was also another smaller obit: *Claude Vernor Seeley, son of Mrs. Alta Seeley of Greenwood Twp., Oscoda Co., died May 14th from tuberculosis. Claud was 12 years old of age and his father, C. O. Seeley died from the same disease, August 1918.*

Gene is curious to know which line of Seeleys he descends from.

SGS Response: 1900 census Elmer, Oscoda, MI

- Seeley, Clarence O., b. June 1865 NY, parents b. NY, farmer. md 10 years to

- Seeley, Alta F., b. Jan 1872 NY, parents b. NY 3 ch, 3 living

- Seeley, Jasper D., b. Nov. 1893 MI

- Seeley, Laura O. b. Dec 1896 MI

- Seeley, Richard M. b. July 1899

- Goodrich, Adah A, sis-in-law, b. Sep 1876, NY, parents b. NY, md 6 yr, 3 ch, 3 living

- Goodrich, Floyd J., nephew, b. Aug 1895 MI, father b. MI, mother b. NY (same for Leslie and Glenn)

- Goodrich, Leslie R., nephew, b. Mar 1897 MI

- Goodrich, Glenn H., nephew, b. May 1899 MI

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In 1910 Clarence and Alta/Alda Seeley are still in Elmer with Jasper, Laura and Richard and 3 more children: Clair M. (son) age 8, Mildred age 6 and Claude V. (son) age 2.

In 1920 Alta Seeley, widow, is in Greenwood, Oscoda, MI with all the children including Sezma A. (that is what it looks like), age 8.

1920 census Sydney, Towner, ND (Hansboro village)

- Seeley, Jasper E., age 76, b. NY, parents b. NY
- Seeley, Mary E., age 61, b. NY, parents b. NY

1880 census Hornellsville, Steuben, NY

- Seeley, Jasper E., age 36, b. NY, parents b. NY, works in freight house
- Seeley, Ann Eliza, age 35, b. NY, parents b. NY
- Seeley, Clarence O., age 15, b. NY, parents b. NY

1870 census Fremont, Steuben, NY

- Seeley, Jasper E., age 28, b. NY, wagon maker
- Seeley, Anne E., age 29, b. NY
- Seeley, Clarence C., age 4, b. NY

1860 Wayland Depot, Wayland, Steuben, NY

- Seely, Wm, age 42, b. NY, farmer
- Seely, Rosanna, age 40, b. NY
- Seely, Jaspar, age 16, b. NY
- Seely, Purmilio, age 14, b. NY
- Seely, Ausker, age 10, b. NY

1850 census Lenox, Madison, NY

- Seeley, William, age 31, wagon maker, b. NY
- Seeley, Roxany, age 29, b. NY
- Seeley, Jasper, age 7, b. NY
- Seeley, Milo A., age 2, b. NY
- Seeley, Oscar, age 5 mos., b. NY
- Lameroux, Caroline, age 17, b. NY

More on William:

1870 Wayland, Steuben, NY

- Seely, William, age 50, b. NY, farmer
- Seely, Roxana, age 48, b. NY
- Seely, Oscar, age 20, b. NY md in Jan to
- Seely, Grace, age 17, b. NY
- Seely, Ida, age 11, b. NY

1900 Cohocton, Steuben, NY

- Seeley, William, b. Mar 1819 NY, parents b. NY md 56 yr to
- Seeley, Roxana, b. Aug 1819 NY, parents b. CT, 4 ch., 4 living

From the SGS Database:

- Seeley, William b. 1819 Onondaga NY, d. 1909, md Brooks, Roxanna in 1842. Parents: Adams, Mary (Polly) and Seeley, Anson George
- Seeley, William M. b. 1760, d. 1831 Onondaga NY, md _____, Sarah in 1785
- Seeley, Anson George b.1798 NY?, d. 1856 Onondaga NY, md. Talbot, Mary, in 1830 NY. Parents: _____, Sarah and Seeley, William M.
- Seeley, Anson George b.1833 Onondaga NY, d. 1862 Onondaga NY, md. Davey, Mary Jane Lee in 1857 Onondaga NY. Parents: Talbot, Mary and Seeley, Anson George

Burials in Old Marcellus Village Cemetery, Marcellus,

Onondaga, NY

- Seeley, Anson G., d. 27 Feb 1862, ae 28y4m26d
- Seeley, Anson, d. 18 May 1856, ae 57y7m13d
- Seeley, Eddy A., d. 15 Jul 1861, ae 1y4m, s/o Anson G. & M. J. Seeley
- Seeley, Ella M., d. 26 Mar 1860, ae 14d, d/o Anson G. & M. J. Seeley
- Seeley, Frances, d. 19 Dec 1859, ae 8m, only c/o George Talbot & Sarah Davey Seeley
- Seeley, Mary Talbot, d. 11 Apr 1881, ae 89y4m, w/o Anson Seeley
- Seeley, Mary, d. 26 Oct 1890, ae 56y3m24d, w/o Anson G. Seeley

So, according to the SGS database William is a son of Anson George Seeley and Mary (Polly) Adams but we only have Anson George's marriage to Mary Talbot listed. Is there another Anson George, did this Anson George have an earlier marriage, or do we have William's parents wrongly identified?

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I continue to try to identify the lineage for the biographies on our website in addition to answering the queries we receive. As I research I find more biographies and obituaries to add to our files. I also continue to send corrections to ancestry.com when I find Seeleys listed otherwise – Sulley and Luley are the most frequent

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