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Plans Taking Shape for 2009 SGS Reunion in Salt Lake City

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President

Plans for the SGS 2009 International Reunion are coming along nicely, but there have been some changes and updates members need to know about.

We will no longer be leaving Salt Lake City for a separate tour because the Castle Valley Pageant is not being held in 2009.

The opening session will be on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 at 1:30 pm. There will be an Executive Board Meeting that morning.

Reunion activities will include meetings of the society; dinner gatherings with speakers; visits to the Family History Library with individual mentoring, if desired; a bus tour including sites of the 2002 Olympics, Heritage State Park, Utah State Capitol, land marks of Salt Lake City; and a joint picnic with SGS and JASFO (The Justus Azel Seelye (SGS#836) Family Organization) on Saturday.

The reunion will conclude with a brunch after the Tabernacle Choir performance on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009.

Quality Inn Airport will be the reunion location. It has newly renovated guest rooms with king or two double beds. It is conveniently located between downtown and the airport with shuttle service to both. It has the largest outdoor swimming pool in Salt Lake City and is reasonably priced.

The reunions are essential to the vitality of the society, but, perhaps more importantly, are just plain fun. People attend for a number of reasons.

For instance SGS Member Marshall Seelye says that for him it's about getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new ones.

"I've attended each SGS reunion since 1986," said Marshall. "They give me the excuse to see different places, but most important and rewarding to me are the many friendships made. The Seeley family, no matter how you spell it, is a wonderful family. Salt Lake offers unrivaled opportunity for research and I look forward to meeting many 'cousins' & friends again!"

For SGS Member Ray Hall and his wife Ann, the reunions have offered outstanding vacation destinations.

"We've enjoyed the experience of visiting different parts of the United States and once even traveled to St.



The 2009 SGS International Reunion will be held at Salt Lake City's Quality Inn Airport.

John in New Brunswick to attend the reunion of the Seeley Genealogical Society," he said.

Ray says the reunions also represent an unparalleled opportunity to enhance his genealogical research.

"Not only have the friendships we've made during those reunions been enjoyable and enduring, they've also helped us in our genealogical quests. Getting to know other members of our Seeley family during the reunions brings our Society to life. We attended the reunion when it was last held in Salt Lake City, and I cannot praise the Family History Library there enough.

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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.

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President's Report

Where has 2008 gone? How can it be November 2008? I can't believe that it is already a year since we met for our reunion in Connecticut! What a year it has been -- a year of natural disasters, financial shake-ups, personal problems, political turmoil, etc. But through all of this, the many volunteers of the Seeley Genealogical Society have kept busy engaging in "research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for its members and for posterity." Thank you!

This organization could not function without volunteers. We need more. Would you be willing to enter data into the Seeley Ancestor Files? John R. Seely is serving as the Chairman and we thank him for his years of dedicated service to us all. The data entry has become overwhelming! We are currently working on a plan that will allow data entry and proofreading to be done from our own homes. Can you help? Contact me at katherinemolsen@comcast.net if you are willing.

I have appointed Jim Seeley, our Past President, to chair the committee to nominate candidates for the SGS Executive Board election in 2009. Ruthetta Hansen and Ramon Hall have agreed to serve with him. Jim will be contacting current Board members to determine their willingness to serve again. If you are willing to be nominated to serve on the SGS Board of Directors, please contact Jim at jrseeley@comcast.net. The duties of Board Members are defined in Article III of the SGS Bylaws, which have been printed in the 2003, 2005, and 2007 Reunion Souvenir Books. If you need a copy of the Constitution and By-laws, please contact Jim. Reunion attendees may nominate others to be voted on during the Reunion business meeting; however, the person nominated must have agreed to serve and the Secretary, Mary Flynn Palley, must have been notified so she can prepare ballots for the voting.

I appreciate the willingness of Karl Weiler to serve as Chief Genealogist since the Reunion of 2007. Unfortunately, he has found it necessary to be relieved from this responsibility. His resignation is effective immediately. He will be replaced by a vote of the Elected Officers. This process is underway. I would like to appoint assistant genealogists to assist the new Chief Genealogist. Are you willing to serve as the representative for Robert Seeley's genealogy? How about Obadiah Seeley's? How about representing other Seeley families? Can you help? Contact me at katherinemolsen@comcast.net if you are willing.

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 established 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. The cost of DNA testing could be prohibitive to some of our members and others. I encourage members of SGS to contribute to this fund by sending a donation for this fund to Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer. The committee is working on criteria for SGS providing assistance.

More testing of males with the Seeley surname and with documented lineage to one of the immigrants, Robert or Obadiah, is needed to determine more than one generation from the DNA. Also we need those of the Seeley surname and documented lineage to other immigrants, such as those from the Isle of Shoals, to be tested. If you or someone else you know is willing to undergo the test, go to the web page set up by our DNA Lineage Project Manager, Ken McCrea, <http://SeeleyDNA.info/SignUp.htm>. The process now costs about \$125 per test.

The preservation of SGS documents, both those shelved at the Seelye Research Center and in my home, in the event of an emergency, is a concern for SGS. The importance of scanning documents into electronic format so they can be protected and shared has been discussed by the elected and appointed officers.

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SGS 2009 Reunion -- Destination: Salt Lake City

Information taken from brochures produced by Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau 2007

One thing you can't do in Salt Lake City is run out of things to do!

You can catch the animal antics at the zoo, streak down a singletrack on your mountain bike or take in a concert by the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir. There are 30+ golf courses and five professional sports teams. Whether you are into shopping, dining, nightclubs, or brewpubs, Salt Lake City will keep you happily occupied, day and night.

Anchoring Salt Lake's lively warehouse district, The Gateway is home to an eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and entertainment, including a 12-screen movie house, the Clark Planetarium and IMAX Theater and the Discovery Gateway children's museum – all centered around the historic Union Pacific depot.

Occupying two full city blocks in the heart of downtown, Temple Square is Utah's most popular attraction, drawing millions of visitors each year. The stunning gardens extend out into Main Street Plaza, where you can take a break while you take in the view.

Take a carriage ride through downtown Salt Lake City. You can visit the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum at the top of Main Street.

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We've visited it several times over the years, as well as during that reunion, and never seem to have enough time to explore all our interests. Their resources appear limitless and the staff is very helpful. When you make your plans to attend the reunion in Salt Lake City in 2009, consider planning a couple of extra days to spend in the Library and to explore a very different type of city."

SGS Member Pam Turner says it was an unplanned visit to an SGS reunion that helped her overcome some inaccurate notions about genealogy, and started her on her own research journey.

"For my first reunion, I was the driver for my mother and aunt, and I wasn't thrilled about it," said Pam who now serves as the Seelye Research Center Librarian. "But my pre-conceived ideas were wrong, I had a great time! The second reunion my mom and I drove to Connecticut from Colorado and picked up two aunts along the way. Again, we had a great time! I am now looking forward to driving to Utah for the next reunion. After all, who wouldn't want to go to the largest genealogical library in the U.S. and do some research? That alone is a great reason for going to the reunion! Both of the reunions I've attended were well-planned, with plenty of activities outside of the reunion hotel. The 2009 reunion will be just as fun and educational. If you are truly interested in genealogy, you can't let this opportunity pass!"

Plan now to join us for the reunion. 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.

Established in 1894, the Family History Library is the largest genealogical repository in the world, with a collection that includes millions of records from more than 110 countries – along with helpful research services for both individuals and groups.

For beginners, the nearby Family Search Center offers easy-to-use genealogy computers and friendly, supportive staff.

Salt Lake City is the home of the Utah Symphony, the Utah Opera Company, three different dance companies, the Salt Lake Art Center, outdoor concerts and professional theater groups.

No matter where you are, you can get here from there – and we certainly hope you do.



Among the things and places to see in Salt Lake City, are Temple Square (above), Utah's most popular attraction, as well as the Family History Library (right), the largest genealogical repository in the world, with millions of records.



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The possible purchase of a scanner and hard drive will be pursued. Donated funds to cover this expense would be welcome. Please help by sending a donation for scanning equipment to Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer.

One of the most shocking events of this year was the death, in August, of SGS Member Montell Seely. He died in an accident while leading a group re-creating a handcart trek. He was a unique individual dedicated to honoring our ancestors and their contributions to our lives. Montell very much wanted the members of SGS to come to Utah and be a part of the "Pioneer Experience." Seeley family members came to Utah as early as 1847. He will be missed.

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

Change Three to the SRC Filing Booklet, May 2008

The documents below were added to the Seelye Research Center (SRC) Filing System in May 2008. The original document is dated May 2006. Change One was published in the Nov. 2006 Newsletter and Change Two was published in Aug. 2007. See page 16 for details on how to obtain a copy of the SRC Filing Booklet.

Explanation of abbreviations:

Loc. = Document location within the SRC

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

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

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

Document Group abbreviations are:

AS = Armed Services Records

AFI – Ancestor File Index

Bk = Books

CEM = Cemetery records

DR = Obituaries and Death records

FC = Family Compilations and Histories

HER = Heraldry – College of Arms

HIST = History of SGS

MBR = Membership Lists

MM = Meeting Minutes

MISC = Miscellaneous

NEWS = Newsletters

PHON = Phone Directories

PHOTO – Photographs and Photo albums

Reun – Reunion files

RF = Research Files

RP = Research Reports

SN = Seeley Notables

TREAS – Treasurer's Files

VR = Vital records data

WILL = Data from wills

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

Doc. Loc.	Doc. Grp. & No.	Author	Document Name - - Description
Sh D2	BK H&S	Hagel, Richard & Shumway, Floyd	<i>An Illustrated History of New Haven (CT)</i>
Sh D2	BK HN	Howard, Nora	<i>Stories of Wethersfield</i>
Sh D2	BK SD	Seeley, David	<i>Too Cool to Get Married</i>
Sh D1	BK FE	Feinstein, Estelle	<i>Stamford in the Gilded Age</i>
DrD3	FC-253	Seeley, Ralph M. Seeley, Rev. Raymond Hoyt	<i>Descendants of Dr. Lloyd Seeley & Sketches & Notes on the Life & Times of Robert Seeley. SGS #1924</i>
Sh E5	FC-254	Pyle, Mary Anne	<i>Descendants of Ezra D. Seeley – Family Group Records (Vol. 1)</i>
Sh E5	FC-255	Pyle, Mary Anne	<i>Descendants of Ezra D. Seeley – Family Group Records (Vol. 2)</i>
DrD3	FC-256	Martin, James	<i>James Osborne Martin Lineage From John Webster Seeley (SGS # Unknown)</i>
ShA1	FC-257	Cilley, Mark	<i>The Cilley Pages CD ROM</i>
DrD3	FC-258	Hills, Eldon	<i>Descendants of SGS # 757 Daniel Seeley</i>
DrD3	FC-259	Damicis, Ardienne	<i>Descendants of Ruth Lavinia Seely, SGS #1752</i>
DrD3	FC-260	Seeley, Fred	<i>Pedigree chart of Fred M. Seeley back to Samuel Seeley (SGS # Unknown)</i>
DrD3	FC-261	Froment, Frank	<i>The Early History of Blooming Grove, NJ</i>
DrD3	FC-262	Seeley, Paul	<i>War of 1812 Service Records for Steven Seeley & Index of War of 1812 Claims Awards for NY SGS #612(?)</i>
Dr E4	MBR-6	SGS	2007 Member List
Sh A1	PHOTO-3	Weiler, Karl	Photos on CD of 2007 Reunion & 2007 New England Tour (in CD box)
Sh A1	PHOTO-4	Cilley, Maria	Various Photos on CD of Argentina
Sh C4	PHOTO-5	Unknown	5 Photos of Seelye mansion in 1998 and of Ruth & Dan Seelye, John Seely, and Ruthetta Hansen
Sh C4	PHOTO-6	Seeley, Paul	Paul Seelye @ Pine Grove Cemetery, Davison, MN
Sh C4	PHOTO-7	Walker, Mona	Garner Osborn & Family Photos
Sh C4	PHOTO-8	Waring, Wesley	9 Photos of Isaac Casper Seeley, Francis W. Seeley, Ira O. Seeley, Mrs. Francis W. Seeley and Anna Perkins Seely-1901
Sh C4	PHOTO-9	Wheatly, Velda	Photos of Ed Seely, Martha Seeley Palmer, Jesse Seely marker (1805-1850), Phebe Seely marker (1815-1888), Mrs Hollis Seely (Harriet), Louise French & Husband, Hollis Seeley, Malinda & Martha Seeley, Cora & Mary Fellows
Dr E4	VR-43	Seelye, Daniel	Stanford, CT Vital Records (1657-1831) Moved From DR-E4 DR-12

Transcribed: Journals of John Andrews, Husband of Mary Jane Seely

Story by Linda Crocker, SGS Query Editor

John B. Andrews and Mary Jane Seely were Gerry Davies' great-great-grandparents.

Gerry recently transcribed John B. Andrews' journals. They give a brief, often daily, account of his life in Saint John, Indiantown, Long Reach, Kingston, Woodstock, and Fredericton New Brunswick during the period from 1830 to his death in 1856.

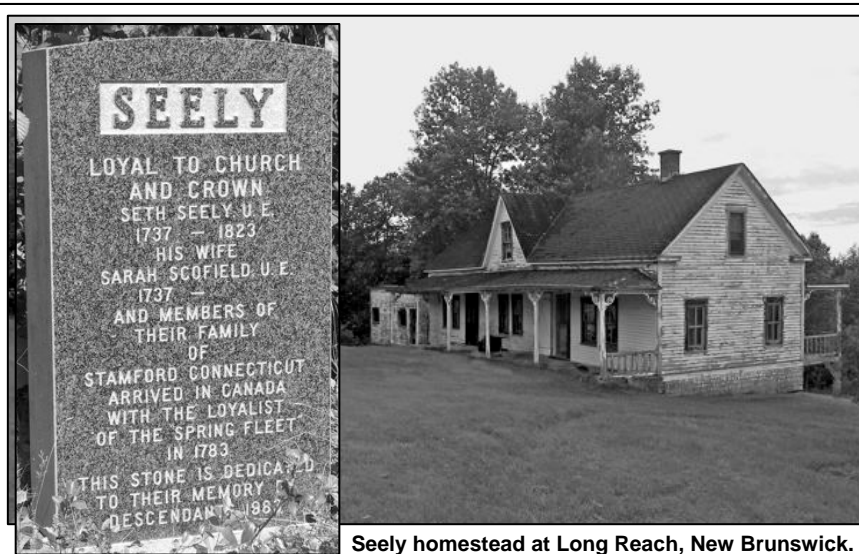
Andrews' relationship with the family of Linus Seely (SGS#3242) began in 1835 when he first worked for Linus at Long Reach. He remained close to the family and married Mary Jane in 1850.

The journals describe John Biggins Andrews' arrival in New Brunswick from Kingston-on-Hull, England. His journal entries include the weather, his health, steamer traffic on the St. John River, his travels, and many local or historical events over about 25 years.

The transcribed journals also include a number of poems and several letters that he received from friends and family. This project was started by Gerry's sister many years ago, and he is approaching a significant milestone -- completing the documentation of a New Brunswick colonist's life in the mid-1800's. There are several other pieces yet to complete.

Gerry recently visited New Brunswick, Canada retracing Andrews' steps. His goal for the trip was to fill in some details and answer a few questions about events reported in the journals.

"We consider that goal achieved," he said. "We spent 10 days visiting many of the locations that he wrote



Seely homestead at Long Reach, New Brunswick.

about. I talked with Marilyn Fanjoy and we were able to find the Seely homestead at Long Reach."

Gerry enclosed a photo of the house and the marker that was erected across the road at the old Seely burial plot by Harold Fanjoy and others (both above).

Gerry has inherited boxes of letters, journals, and photographs, some kept by Andrews' sons, that he believes are worth sharing, but he has not yet completed the transcriptions.

Linda Crocker has a preliminary copy of the transcription on CD to be eventually filed at the Seelye Research Center. Gerry has promised to send along a revised copy as he makes additions or corrections. If you would like more information contact Gerry via e-mail at gerald.davies@verizon.net.

SGS Welcomes New Members

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Note from SGS Librarian Pam Turner

Greetings! There isn't much to report regarding the Seelye Research Center this quarter. On page 4, you will find Change 3 to the SRC Document Index which is also posted on our website. Many projects are continuing to be worked on. The obituary index is just about finished and the descendants of the 8th generation continues to be worked on and we hope to have it done before the reunion. There is a great deal of discussion about digitizing our information for protection and access but no decisions have been made at this time, since we have to research the best path to take. Stay tuned for further details. Please don't forget we are still interested in new information. If you wish to add to the SRC, please send your submissions to me at my home address. If you are looking for new information, don't forget to check out our website; Chris and Jerry are constantly adding new data and Linda is following up with related census data if she can find it. Also, don't hesitate to e-mail me with suggestions regarding the SRC. I'm always looking for ideas and help.

Home of Famed Horse with Seely Ties Threatened

On May 5, 1849 Jonas Seely SGS#1736 (an Obadiah Seeley descendant) welcomed a new arrival on his Sugar Loaf, N.Y. farm, a pony he named Hambletonian.

The pony grew up to become a very muscular bay and, after being sold to one of Seely's farmhands, William Rysdyk, the horse went on to sire an entire strain of trotters bearing his name. Over the course of his lifetime, Hambletonian sired 1,331 foals and after his offspring made such strong showings as trotters, the other existing bloodlines became extinct.

Today, two 19th century barns that belonged to Seely, and, according to Sugar Loaf Historical Society President Jay Westerveld, probably housed Hambletonian, are in danger of being torn down. The historical society believes the barns should be preserved and perhaps converted to use as a private interpretive museum that would store cultural items from the same time period.

However, the Town Board of Chester is concerned about the condition of the two structures, which have not yet been reviewed by an engineer.

At last report, the Town Board has tabled the issue and could make a decision at a future Town Board meeting.

Military Notes

Army Reserve Pvt. Jeffrey W. Seeley Jr.

Army Reserve Pvt. Jeffrey W. Seeley Jr. 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, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Seeley is the brother of Robert Seeley of New Turnpike Road, Troy, N.Y.

Army Nat'l Guard Spec. Angela J. Seeley

Army National Guard Spec. Angela J. 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, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the daughter of Virginia Seeley of Waverly Drive, Lafayette, Ind.

Her grandparents, Bill and Clara Somsel, reside on Hampshire Court, Logansport, Ind.

Seeley graduated in 2001 from Purdue University, Lafayette.

Hambletonian did not go on to racing greatness for his own work on the track. However his descendants include almost all successful North American Trotters. Today, the major harness racing event in the country and a monument in Chester N.Y. bear his name.



Obituary -- Mrs. Gladys L. Seeley

Gladys L. Seeley, 93, of 63 Knickerbocker St. Schenectady, N.Y., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Glendale Nursing Home after a brief illness.

She was born in Hadley, N.Y., daughter of Hiram and Cora Noyes, and was a lifelong area resident.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles, on June 22, 2001, and by two brothers, Max Noyes and George Noyes, two sisters, Vera Goodness and Mabel Dietze, and two sons-in-law, Donald Haddon and William Condie.

She and Charles were members of the National Campers and Hikers Association, and traveled extensively throughout the Eastern United States, camping and hiking in their pickup camper. Mrs. Seeley was a member of the Ballston Spa Methodist Church where she was active in the women's circles.

She is survived by a son, George (Margaret) Seeley of Malta; five daughters, Caroline Haddon of Colorado Springs, Colo., Roberta (Henry) McGhee of Torrington, Conn., Mabel Seeley of Ballston Spa, Laura Condie of Binghamton, Florence (Herbert) Hilder of Corinth; a sister, Doris Lee of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Seeley continued to help others, even in death, by participating in the Anatomical Gift Program at Albany Medical College.

The family of Gladys Seeley would like to publicly thank the staff at the Glendale Nursing Home for their caring and conscientious care for Gladys during her brief stay there. They truly are great.

Tribute: Montell Seely Remembered

Story By Camille Seeley Bell, Justus Azel Seelye Family Organization President



SGS Life Member Montell Seely
Feb. 5, 1934 - Aug. 12, 2008

I wish to memorialize the passing of our dear associate, Montell Seely, whose life on this earth ended abruptly Aug. 12, 2008, as he was involved with a re-enactment of our ancestors' 1877 journey from Sanpete County, Utah to settle on their Emery County homesteads.

I first became acquainted with Montell Seely when he enlisted the help of my parents, Cloyd and Zada Seeley, to help with some research for the first published history book of the Justus Azel Seelye family in

Utah (the Red Book). That project was the beginning of the Justus Azel Seelye Family Organization and the beginning of a fast friendship. Although they were distant cousins by blood, they were brothers by heart. Montell and my father both had pioneering spirits. They would have been right at home living a century earlier. They shared a passion for the land, livestock and their pioneer heritage.

My father passed away in 1995 and in subsequent years I looked forward to associating with Montell and his dear (always by his side) wife, Kathryn. When our family attended the Castle Valley Pageant, Montell took us under his wing and reminded us of when my dad drove the covered wagon in the opening scene one year as a guest driver. What a thrill that had been for my dad! As

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SGS Life Member Harold Fanjoy

Surrounded by his family, the death of Harold Fanjoy, husband of Marilyn (Bishop) Fanjoy occurred on April 26, 2008 at the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Harold was born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, on Nov. 1, 1939 to the late I. Newton and Muriel G. (Seely) Fanjoy.

Harold was the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Kings Centre from 1974 to 1987 and served as Minister of Supply and Services and Chairman of the Treasury Board/Board of Management. He was a past master of the St. Martins Lodge #30 F&AM. Harold was a life long scouter and founding leader of the 61st BP Guild of the Boy Scouts of Canada. He was also a member of the Westfield Golf and Country Club, St. Luke's Anglican Church (Main Street), St. Luke's Choir, and the Saint John Y's Men Club. Harold had a passion for Genealogy, being a past president of the Saint John Branch of the NB Genealogical Society.

Harold was a LIFE member of SGS and co-authored the book *The Seelys of New Brunswick* with Hap Ward. He co-hosted the 1997 SGS Reunion in Saint John, NB with then SGS President Marshall Seelye.

Besides his loving wife, Marilyn, Harold is survived by two sons: Ben (Lorrie) of Grand Bay-Westfield, NB and Gregory (Elizabeth) of Toronto, ON; two brothers: Emery (Nan) of Halifax, NS and Paul (Jill) of Rothesay, NB; six grandchildren: Seth and Charlotte Fanjoy of Grand Bay-Westfield, NB and John, Catherine, Megan and James Fanjoy of Toronto, ON and several cousins, nieces and nephews.



SGS Life Member Clark E Nixon

Clark E Nixon, 90, of Fort Myers and formerly of La Crosse died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, at Shell Point Village Hospice, Fort Myers.

Clark Nixon was born Oct. 13, 1917, in Milwaukee, son of George C. Nixon and Ethel (Clark) Nixon. He graduated from Appleton High School and Lawrence University, where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He received a master's degree in business administration from Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania.

He entered the Navy as an ensign in 1941 at the Navy Supply School at Harvard Business School. He spent 32 years in the naval reserve retiring with the rank of captain.

At the conclusion of World War II he entered business in La Crosse with his father, George C. Nixon, as Pension & Profit Sharing Planners Inc. and Compensation Consultants Inc. He spent 23 years as a pension designer, administrator and actuary.

Clark received voice training at the Lawrence Conservatory of Music and enjoyed singing as a soloist and member of a number of civic choirs. In the La Crosse area he sang in the Wesley Methodist Church and First Congregational Church choirs.

He was a member of Badger Lodge No. 345, Eau Claire, Wis., La Crosse Scottish Rite Consistory and Zor Shrine Temple in Madison. He was a member of the Firehouse Jesters and as such was "Flippo" the clown. He appeared in many parades, schools and his grandchildren's classrooms.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Z. Michel Nixon, whom he married in 1950; by four children, Nancy (John) Raasch of Pewaukee, Wis., Nina (William) Schiegg of Venice, Fla., Jacquelyne (Bruce) DenUyl of Wilmette Ill., and Carol Lynn (Chester III) Claudon of Seminole, Fla.; eight grandchildren, Mark (Danielle) and Matthew Raasch, Brian (Jennifer) Schiegg, Julie (Matthew) Ritchie, Clark and Eric DenUyl, and Chester IV and Scott Claudon.

Montell Seely Remembered *(continued from page 7)*

part of his Pageant costume, Montell often wore a beautiful leather vest that my father had made by hand and given to him years earlier. When my mother passed in 2001, I became involved in the JASFO Organization, and had the opportunity to work closely with Montell and Kathryn.

In 2004 SGS took a tour to Great Britain to discover Robert Seeley's England. Montell, Kathryn and their daughter, LeAnne, were among the travelers. Montell encouraged us to get together each evening and share experiences or insights we had felt that day.

He was a hands-on learner and teacher. One evening we mapped out Robert's journey from Huntingdon to the New World by placing on the floor everyday objects (shoelaces, knives and forks, a pitcher of water and empty glasses) to represent travel routes and destinations. When we were in the chapel at Great Gransden, Montell directed us as we "stood in" for Robert's parents and acted out their marriage of 1550. Montell loved the visit to the Houghton Mill and returned to volunteer on his free day after the tour was over.

Last year's New England tour proceeded in the same vein; hands on experiences during the day and sharing in the evening. Montell slipped into character at Plymouth village, and walked humbly beside us as we felt the quiet reverence at the Great Swamp Fight memorial where Nathaniel Seeley was killed.

Family and friends used to call Montell "the toughest pioneer alive today," and said he was born "100 years too late." He was a man who lived and died the pioneer lifestyle.

The Utah native spent most of his time writing family histories, planning pioneer activities, and writing the Castle Valley Pageant, one of the longest-running LDS outdoor plays, which portrays the call from LDS Church President Brigham Young to settle Castle Valley.

Montell and fellow pioneer commemorator Hannah Wagstaff, 13, of Tropic, were killed during a pioneer re-enactment trek that he organized in Fairview, Sanpete

County.

"He said his mission was to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers," (as in the Bible passage, Malachi 4:5-6).

Montell was a veteran of many pioneer re-enactments. He and family members participated in the commemoration of the Mormon pioneer exodus to the West. The original journey was in 1846-47; the re-enactment, in 1996-97. This August he had organized a five-day pioneer trek that started in Fairview Monday night and was to wind eastward through the canyon, then down over the mountains into Castle Valley by Saturday. Only a very small group (15 people) of three unrelated families planned to take the journey. They were only a few minutes into their event, at sunrise the morning of August 12 when they were hit by a Chevy truck that came from Fairview and overtook them on the winding canyon road.

The driver was not able to see the handcart due to the blinding sunlight, and he crashed into the handcart. Hannah, who had been walking beside the handcart, was hit and killed first. Then the truck veered slightly and hit Montell, who had been in the road waving his arms to try to warn the driver to slow down. Montell's two grandchildren, Mark's children Hannah, 9, and Jonathan, 7, were injured in the crash. Both have recovered from their injuries.

As a family, we send our love and condolences to Kathryn, Karla, Fawn, LeAnne, Mark, Janell and all their family members. Montell was the heart and soul of JASFO. He truly turned our hearts to our fathers and for that we are forever grateful. We can only imagine his joyful reunion with his daughter Valerie (who died a year ago from cancer), and infant daughter Monette. His beliefs are firmly rooted in the hope of the resurrection and a reunion with all his loved ones who left this world before him—including his "brother" Cloyd, my father, and my mother Zada, and all his "fathers" back to Robert and

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(Left) Montell with the SGS tour of New England, (center) Montell and Kathryn perform a play about Robert and Mary Seeley at the 2005 SGS Reunion in Abilene, and (right) Montell with Kathryn and LeAnne pose for a photo at the "Ten Adventurers" Memorial in Wethersfield, Conn. during the 2007 SGS Reunion. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** In searching for photos of Montell for this story, it should be noted that there were none of him alone (even the one on the preceding page is cropped). That's because family was very important to Montell and he was the kind of guy who, no matter where he was or who he was with, was always among family. I was struck by something he said to me about family during an interview for a personality feature in the November 2004 edition of the newsletter: "My heart is turned to my father's with such an intensity that I want to have everything that I do focus on honoring and showing respect and love for my ancestors," he said. "And, as a father, my heart is turned toward my children and grandchildren and I want to have everything I do provide a positive influence on my descendants." Mission accomplished, sir. Well done!

SGS Queries

(Data As of October 23, 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 0802-6 Re Indian Ancestry of Richard Grover Seeley

SGS received an e-mail from Gail Ann Rosebrock (mickey1022_2000@yahoo.com) who asked us if we could find any Indian ancestry for her grandfather. We found that Richard Grover Seeley's parents were John Astalman Seeley (son of Martin Seelye, SGS# 2363) and his wife Sylvia Cobin. Donna Coles (thecoles44@netzero.net) writes "The Indian part in her query is from the Cobin side. It is said that Nathaniel Cobin was Chief Bear Claws of the five nations. It has not been proven that I know of." Donna has been unable to contact Gail with this information.

Update to Query 0802-7 Re: Hiram Seeley (son of Bennett Seeley, SGS# 1908) and his son Ryland/Riley Seeley.

I found in Michigan Vital Record Collections on FamilySearch Record Search several marriage records, birth records and a census record mentioning Riley/Ryland Seeley.

Ryland Seeley, son of Hiram B Seeley and _____ Prentice, age 60. b. 1862 MI md Della Carney Darling age 49, b. 1873 Canada on 18 May 1922 St Joseph, Berrien, MI

Ada Seeley, dau. of Riley Seeley, b. 1880 Michigan md George Reed b. 1872 Michigan on 14 June 1902 in Manistee, Manistee, MI

Andrew Seeley b. 1 July 1875 Hartford, Van Buren,

MI, parents Riley and Margaret Seeley, both b. MI

Rosettie Reed, dau. of R W Seeley and Mariah Crammer b. 1885 MI md Emmett E. Eldred b. 1881 MI on 8 Jul 1919 at White Cloud, Newaygo, MI

Rose Seeley, dau. of R W Seeley and Maria Cramer b. 1884 MI md LR Babcock b. 1862 NY on 27 Feb 1900 at Bear Lake, Manistee, MI

R.W. Seeley, son of H W Seeley and Eunice Prentis b. 1854 OH md Samantha Moore b. 1861 OH on 27 April 1901 in Frankfort, Benzie, MI

1910 census Hartford, Van Buren, MI

Ryland W Seeley, age 55, b. MI, parents b. NY and wife Dellie Seeley, age 43, b. Canada, father b. NY, mother b. Canada, 2nd marriage for both, md 5 years, she has 9 children, 8 still living.

Update to Query 0808-1 Re: Louis Seeley

We were trying to identify the lineage of Louis Seeley. We had identified his father as Augustus b. abt 1815 Canada and his uncle as Philip Seeley b. abt 1813 Canada. The SGS database had their parents as Peter Seeley and Margaret Serviss.

Joan Mushka (jmushka@sasktel.net) said that they were sons of James Seeley and his 2nd wife Mary/Polly Servos/Serviss, son of Augustus the UE Loyalist. Dian Little, a member of the SGS Board who has done extensive research on Augustus, confirmed this. DNA studies have shown a close relationship between descendants of Augustus Seeley and the immigrant Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657) but we don't know the exact line. The SGS database will be corrected.

Update to Query 0808-11 Re: Anson G Seeley

The original query concerned the ancestry of Clarence O. Seeley b. 1865 NY and d. 1918 MI. We had traced his line back through the census to his father Jasper E., his grandfather William and his great-grandfather Anson George Seeley b. 1798 and d. 1856 Onondaga Co. NY. We were trying to establish the names of Anson's wife/wives, thinking that there seemed to be two.

Alice Wright (wright.farm@juno.com) writes that the assumption is correct in that Anson G. Seeley Sr. was married twice, first to Mary (Polly) Adams ca 1818, dau. of Charlora and Phebe Robinson Adams. Source:

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Obediah and beyond. Their gain will be our loss. We have been blessed to know such a man.

Montell's influence was felt in everything the Justus Azel Seelye Family Organization accomplished. He was the founder, the writer, the organizer, and the inspiration. He had a connection to the past and helped us envision our ancestors, their struggles and accomplishments. We were taught of their faith and their commitments to God, Country and Family. Because of Montell we know of the foundation on which the Seelye family stands and because of him we stand together. A detailed obituary can be found at www.ecprogress.com.

SGS Member Arthur Wade



"Dear Paul: It is with great sadness that I must inform you that my brother Arthur Wade [left] passed away on Oct. 9th. He very much enjoyed his participation in SGS and I was pleased to attend, with him, the SGS reunion in Virginia. He spent many happy hours doing research on the Seely families in Ontario. Our family will be missing a very gentle and loving man. Best regards; Dorothy Boucher." Editor's Note: Just before going to print, I received the sad news of the passing of Arthur, an SGS Member, as is Dorothy.

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Shepard Settlement Records by Thelma Kuhl found at the Syracuse Library. This William (above) was also listed in Anson Sr.'s will. Anson Sr and Polly's children were William b ca 1820, Sarah Ann b 1821, Harriette M b 1824, James O. b 15 Sept 1825. Anson md 2nd Mary Talbot in 1830. Children from the 2nd marriage were George Talbot Seeley b 1831 and Anson G., Jr b 1833 (A l i c e ' s a n c e s t o r .) Now we need to identify William Seeley, father of Anson Sr., and William's wife Sarah. There are many William Seeleys born ca 1790!

NEW QUERIES

Query 0811-1 Submitted by Richard Seeley (bumble_bug@yahoo.com)

Richard is looking for any and all information on Joshua Brizille Seeley, born in Maine around 1855. He married Sylvia Jordon in the late 1870's and had 3 or 4 children, including Richard's grandfather Walter Seeley born in 1889 in Aitkin, Minnesota. Other children were Beatrix and Leroy. Joshua died in the late 1930's.

SGS Response: Minnesota Death Index
Joshua Seeley d. 19 Jan 1936 Aitkin Co. MN

1930 census Aitkin, Aitkin, MN

Seeley, James B., age 79, b. ME, parents b. ME, inmate in county poor house, married since age 30

1920 Spencer, Aitkin, MN

Seeley, Joshua B., age 69, widower, b. ME, parents b. ME, farmer

1910 Spencer, Aitkin, MN

Seeley, Joshua B., age 59, widower, b. ME, parents b. ME, farmer

Seeley, Walter, son, age 20, b. MN, parents b. ME, laborer at sawmill

Seeley, Beatrix, dau., age 17, b. MN, parents b. ME, teacher

Seeley, Jeremiah, age 60, cousin, widower, b. ME, parents b. ME, laborer working out

1900 Spencer, Aitkin, MN

Seelei, James B., age 49, b. Jan 1851 ME, parents b. ME, farmer, md 28 years to

Seelei, Selvia, age 48, b. Aug. 1851 ME, parents b. ME, 7 children, 5 living

Seelei, Lillian, age 16, b. Dec 1883 MN, parents b. ME (birth places same for all children)

Seelei, Walter, age 10, b. Jan 1890

Seelei, Betrix, age 7, b. Jan 1893

1895 Minnesota census, Township 48, Aikin, MN

Seeley, Joshua, age 43, b. ME, resident in MN for 14 years 1 month, in this enumeration district 8 years 3 mos., farmer, parents b. US

Seeley, Jerry, age 44, b. ME, resident MN 12 yr 2 mos, this district 2 yr 1 mo., farmer, parents b. US

Seeley, Silvay, age 42, b. ME, housekeeper, parents b. US

Seeley, Florence, age 22, b. ME, domestic

Seeley, Burton, age 16, b. ME

Seeley, Addie, age 14, b. MN

Seeley, Lillie, age 11, b. MN

Seeley, Walter, age 6, b. MN

Seeley, Buttie, age 3, b. MN

1885 MN census Aitkin, Aitkin, MN

Seeley, Joshua, age 34, b. ME

Seeley, Sylvia, age 34, b. ME

Seeley, Florence, age 12, b. ME

Seeley, Berton, age 7, b. ME

Seeley, Ada, age 4, b. MN

Seeley, Lillian, age 1, b. MN

Seeley, Jerry, age 34, b. ME

West, Scott, age 31, b. ME

Jodin, Ellis, age 31, b. ME

1880 census Aitkin, Aitkin, MN

Seeley, Joshua, age 28, b. ME, parents b. ME, married, no occupation listed, boarding with Calvin Berry, age 44, b. ME, parents b. ME, farmer

1870 census Perry, Washington, ME

Seeley, Sam'l S., age 48, b. ME (as is whole family), laborer

Seeley, Eliza J., age 45

Seeley, Joshua age 19, Ruth age 16, Emma S. age 12, Augustus age 9 and Florence age 6

1860 census Perry, Washington, ME

Seeley, Samuel S., age 38, b. ME, millman

Seeley, Eliza J., age 35, b. ME

Seeley, Sarah J. age 12

Joshua age 9

Ruth age 6

Emma S. age 2, all b. ME

1850 census Perry, Washington, ME

Household 55:

Seely, Ephraim, age 38, b. ME (as is entire family), laborer

Seely, Almira, age 41

Seely, Almira age 17, Mary age 14, Harriet N. age 12, Lucy D. age 11, Hannah A. age 8, Samuel S., age 7, Salathiel D age 6, Fanny age 2, Jeremiah age 3 mos. and Ephraim age 1.

Household 56:

Seely, Isaac, age 62, b. New Brunswick, laborer
Seely, Fanny, age 67, b. ME

Household 58:

Seely, Samuel, age 28, b. ME, laborer

Seely, Eliza J, age 26, b. ME

Seely, Sarah , age 3

1840 census Perry, Washington, ME

Sealey, Isaac: 1 male 15-20, 1 male 50-60; 1 female < 5, 1 female 50-60

Sealey, Ephraim: 1 male 20-30; 2 females< 5, 2 females 5-10, 1 female 20-30

1830 Eastport, Washington, ME

Isaac Seely: 1 male 5-10, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 40-50; 2 females 15-20, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 40-50

1820 Eastport, Washington, ME

Seely, Isaac: 1 male < 10, 1 male 26-45; 2 females <10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45

1810 census Eastport, Washington, ME

Sealy, Isaac: 1 male <10, 1 male 16-26; 1 female <10, 1 female 16-26

1810 census Plantation 1, Washington, ME

Sealy, Ephraim: 1 male <10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45; 2 females <10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45

1800 Township 1, Washington, ME

Sealy, Ephraim: 2 males <10, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45; 3 females <10, 1 female 16-26

Other Seel(e)ys in Washington County Maine:

1830 Perry, Washington, ME

Seeley, Abraham: 1 male 20-30; 1 female 20-30

Seeley, Joseph: 1 male <5, 2 males 5-10, 1 male 30-40; 1 female <5, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 30-40

1820 Perry, Washington, ME

Seely, Joseph: 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45; 2 females <10, 1 female 16-26

It looks like Samuel S. (father of Joshua) and Ephraim Seel(e)y (father of Jeremiah/Jerry) of the 1850 census are both sons of Isaac and Fanny Seely of Perry, Washington Co. ME, with Isaac originally from New Brunswick. Let me know if you can identify this Isaac Seeley of New Brunswick and Maine.

Query 0811-2 Submitted by Paul Bramble (Pdbramble@aol.com)

Paul was able to use our website to track down information on his great-great grandfather, Dr Timothy Seeley, of Tonganoxie, Kansas, but says the trail seems to end there. He has information on Dr Seeley's daughters Frances (his great-grandmother) and her sister Florence Seeley Rifford, but nothing on their siblings. Any information on any other of Timothy D. Seeley's descendants would be greatly appreciated.

SGS Response: About Dwight, son of Timothy D

Seeley: California Death Certificate: Dwight Merrit Seeley b. 26 May 1883 NE, d. 25 Aug 1956 Los Angeles. Mother's maiden name Goodcell, father Seely.

WWI Draft Registration: Dwight registered for the draft on Sept 12 1918 in Topeka, KS where he was working as a foreman at a transfer company. His nearest relative is Hazel Seeley. He was b. May 26 1883.

1930 census Topeka, Shawnee, KS

Seeley, Dwight M, age 46, b. NE, father b. Scotland, mother b. MN, packer at furniture house, md 16 yr to

Seeley, Hazel, age 32, b. KS, OH, KS

Seeley, Ruth, age 16, b. FL, NE, KS

Seeley, Marguerite, age 13, b. KS, NE, KS

Seeley, Florence, age 7, b. MO, NE, KS

About Merlin, grandson of Timothy D Seeley:

California Death Record: Merlen Seeley b. 22 April 1906 KS, d. 2 August 1959 Los Angeles. Mother's maiden name Seeley, father's surname Harrison.

US Veterans' Gravesites: Merlen Seeley buried 7 August 1959 Ft Rosecrans Nat'l Cemetery San Diego, CA. Service Information: BMGC US Navy.

About Maude, daughter of Timothy D Seeley:

Leavenworth, KS Marriages 1900-1920: Maude Seley md William H Harrison 1 Dec 1902.

About Birt, son of Timothy D Seeley:

Social Security Death Index: Bert Seeley b. 18 Feb 1897, d. August 1964, last residence: Kansas City, Platte, MO

About Florence Seeley Riford, daughter of Timothy D**Seeley:**

Published in the Los Angeles Times (CA) - February 23, 1993:

Florence Riford; UC San Diego Benefactor

Florence Seeley Riford, a major benefactor of San Diego and UC San Diego who vowed to give away the fortune she made investing in stocks and real estate, has died. She was 100. Mrs. Riford died Friday at her apartment in La Jolla.

She had given more than \$5 million to UC San Diego, becoming the university's single leading individual donor. Her largess to the university's School of Medicine included the 1983 endowment of the Florence Riford Chair for Alzheimer's Disease Research and the 1986 endowment of a faculty chair for AIDS research.

Mrs. Riford's gifts included a \$2-million piece of property on Draper Avenue to the city of San Diego for construction of a branch library in La Jolla; \$1.1 million to the Rotary Club of La Jolla for college scholarships; \$1.5 million to the Salvation Army to establish the Florence Riford Senior Club in La Jolla; \$550,000 to the San Diego County animal shelter, and \$200,000 to help construct a senior citizen center in her childhood home of Tonganoxie, Kan.

Many of Mrs. Riford's gifts were in the form of accounts granting her lifetime interest income, with all principal and interest reverting to the recipients at her death.

Born in Wisconsin on July 12, 1892, Mrs. Riford married real estate investor Ira Riford in Chicago in 1923. They retired to La Jolla in 1941, and when Riford died 30 years ago he left his widow about \$1 million.

Ancestry of Timothy D Seeley:**1920 census Tonganoxie, Leavenworth, KS**

Seeley, Timothy, age 66, b. WI, father b. Scotland, mother b. NY

Seeley, Mollie, age 49, b. IL, parents b. Germany

Seeley, Merlin, son, age 13, b. KS, WI, IL

1910 Tonganoxie, Leavenworth, KS

Seeley, Timothy, age 54, 2nd marriage, md 15 years, b. WI, parents b. England

Seeley, Marie, age 40, 2nd marriage, 4 children, 4 living, b. IL, parents b. Germany

Seeley, Charles, age 16, b. NE, parents b. WI

Seeley, Birt, age 13, b. KS, father b. WI, mother b. IL

Seeley, Merlin, age 4, grandson, b. KS, father b. MO, mother b. NE

Dwyer, Mamie, age 24, boarder, b. KS, parents b. Ireland

1900 Tonganoxie, Leavenworth, KS

Seeley, Timothy D., b. Jan 1860, age 40, b. MN, parents b. Scotland, veterinary surgeon, md 6 years to Seeley, Mollie, age 30, b. Dec 1869 IL, parents b. Germany

Seeley, Dwight, son, age 17, b. May 1883 NE, parents b. MN and IL

Seeley, Maud, dau., age 15, b. Oct 1884 NE, parents as above

Seeley, Francis, dau., b. Aug. 1888, age 11, b. NE

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Seeley, Florence, dau., age 10, b. Jul 1889 NE
 Seeley, Charles, son, age 7, b. Aug 1892 NE
 Seeley, Homer, stepson, age 8, b. Mar 1892 NE
 Seeley, Birdie, son, age 3, b. Feb 1897 NE

1880 census Hudson, St Croix, WI

Seeley, Isaac D., age 68, b. NY, father b. NJ, mother b. NY, hotel keeper

Seeley, Irene A., age 63, b. PA, parents b. PA, landlady

Seeley, Timothy D., son, age 21, b. WI, hotel clerk

Seeley, Belle, age 21, son's wife, b. WI, father b. Canada, mother b. VT

Seeley, Mary, age 4 mos., b. WI, grand-daughter
 Various boarders

1870 census Hudson, St Croix, WI

Seely, I D, age 68, b. NY, patent right dealer, personal estate: 600

Seely, Iriana, age 49, b. Pa, value of real estate: 10,000, personal estate: 300

Seely, Emma, age 20, b. NY

Seely, Willis, age 16, b. PA

Seely, T. Dwight, age 12, b. WI

Seely, Gurtrude, age 10, b. WI

1860 census Hudson, St Croix, WI

Seely, Isaac, age 49, b. NY

Seely, Irene, age 42, b. PA Value of real estate owned: 200, value of personal estate: 1800

Seely, Mary, age 21, teacher, b. NY

Seely, Emma, age 12, b. PA

Seely, Belle, age 8, b. NY

Seely, Wallis, age 6, b. NY

Seely, Dwight, age 2, b. WI

Seely, Gertrude, age 3 mos., b. WI

1850 census Harmony, Susquehanna, PA

I D Seeley, age 39, tailor, b. NY

Irina Ann Seeley, age 32, b. PA

Catherine J Seeley, age 14, b. NY

Mary Ann Seeley, age 12, b. NY

Emma Seeley, age 2, b. PA

Lavina Byington, age 35, b. Unknown

There isn't any further information on Isaac D Seeley in the SGS database.

However I found an account of a court case against Isaac D Seeley in NY State

in Google Books (go to books.google.com and put Isaac D Seeley in the search box). It includes depositions from his wife Irene A. Seeley and his mother Frances Chase. Apparently he owned mercantile businesses in Hornellsville and Wellsville, NY that were in dire financial straits. He went west (to Hudson, St Croix, WI) to try to recoup his losses. While he was gone he was sued by his creditors. The case is about whether he was resident (his wife, mother and friends say he planned to return) or had taken up residence in WI. This all takes place 1854/55.

Can anyone identify the parents of Isaac D Seeley? The bio says he was b. in Handlerville, NY but I can't find such a place. Is it Randlesville/Randallsville which is in Madison County, NY? I can't find this Isaac before the 1850 census.

Query 0811-3 Submitted by Butch Willsey (awillsey@stny.rr.com)

Butch wants to know about Franklin B. Seeley born around 1884 and died in 1947. He married Pearl Grace Little who was born 3 April 1893 and died 22 August 1985. They lived in Tiadaghton, Tioga Co., PA. Their children were Alford, Leda, Kathleen, Milford, Alberta, and Franklin. He is a son of Kathleen.

SGS Response: 1930 census Delmar Township (District 11), Tioga, PA

Seeley, Frank, age 45, b. PA, parents b. PA, watchman for RR, md since age 28

Seeley, Pearl H, age 35, b. NY, parents b. NY
 Children: Alford age 16, Leda age 14, Kathlien age 12, Milford age 8, Alberta age 5 and Franklin age 11 mos, all born PA

1920 census Delmar Township, Tioga, PA

Seely, Frank L., age 34, b. PA, parents b. PA, laborer, section hand

Seely, Pearl, age 24, b. NY, parents b. NY

Seely, Alfred B., age 6, b. PA, father b. PA, mother b. NY

Seely, Leda I, age 4, b. PA, PA, NY

Seely, Kathaleen, age 1, b. PA, PA, NY

Gofford, Jesse, father-in-law, age 89, b. PA, NY, NY

1910 census Wells, Bradford, PA

Gifford, Jessee, age 80, b. PA, parents b. NY, widowed

Little, Pearl, age 16, boarder, b. NY, parents b. NY

1900 census Wells, Bradford, PA

Gifford, Jesse, b. Feb 1830 PA, parents b. NY, retired farmer, md 14 years to

Gifford, Marie, wife, b, Feb 1843 NY, father b. NY, mother b. NJ, no children

Gifford, Pearl L, adopted dau., b. Apr 1894 NY, parents b. NY

1900 census Jackson, Tioga, PA

Marvin, Samuel, b. Jan 1820 PA, NY, PA, laborer, md 12 yr

Burns (very faint), Polly, b. June 1838 NY, NY, NY, says 'servant' but wife is written over and also says she is md 12 years

Seely, Mary, boarder, b. Apr 1863 NY, NY, NY, married 19 years, 8 children, 8 living

Seely, Polly M, b. June 18__, age 18?, b. PA, PA, NY
 Seely, Frank, b. Feb 1884 PA, PA, PA, laborer

1880 census Brookfield, Tioga, PA

Seely, Chester G., age 63, b. PA, father b. CT, mother b. CT, farming

Seely, Polly, age 59, b. NY, NY, CT

Seely, Elias, son, age 27, b. PA, PA, NY, farming

Seely, Mary C., age 20, dau.-in-law, b. NY, NY, NY

Alvord, Lyman, age 87, father-in-law, farming, b. CT, CT, CT

Alvord, Esther, age 86, mother-in-law, b. CT, CT, CT

Chester Seely is SGS#2645 and Polly is Polly Alvord, SGS# 2603.

I'm proposing that the Mary Seely of the 1900 census of Jackson, Tioga, PA is Mary, wife/widow of Elias, son of

Chester and Polly Seely and that Polly M. and Frank are her children, born after the 1880 census and before 1900. Can anyone document that this is true? Frank named his oldest son Alford which could be a link to his Grandmother Polly Alvord Seely.

Elias is in the SGS database with his marriage to Mary C. but no info on children. I have seen references that Elias died 21 Sept. 1886 but no sources.

Query 0811-4 Submitted by Jessica Seely Howard (charles@cut.net)

Jessica is trying to find the parents of Abraham Seely. His wife's possible maiden name is Whitney. She found him in the census records below:

27 Sept 1850 Census Dennysville, Washington, ME

Abram Sealey age 49 born Maine Laborer

Jane W. age 36 born Maine

Children: Jacob W. 19, Laborer, Eliza Ann 17, Isabella 12, Hannah E. 10, Betsey 7, Leah 3/12 all b. Maine

12 June 1860 Dennysville, Washington, Maine

Abraham Sealey age 55 born Maine Farm Laborer
Jane age 48 Maine

Children: Isabell 26 Domestic, Hannah 18 Servant? Betsey 15 Domestic, Leah 7 Attended School within the year, Robert C. 3, all b. Maine

15 June 1870 Edmunds, Washington, Maine

Abraham Seeley age 60 born Maine Laborer

Isabella Seely 3? Maine Washerwoman

Robert C. 13 Maine

Seward W. 5 Maine

Stillman 11 mos. Maine born in July 1869

1 June 1880 Edmunds, Washington, Maine

Abraham Seely age 77 Laborer Born Maine, Father b. CT, Mother b. England

Martha Jane age 66, Wife, born Maine, Father born Maine, mother born Maine

Robert C. 22 son

Men living in Maine in 1820 (Possible Father to Abraham?)

Sheubel Seeley of Walton, Kennebec, Maine

Gideon Seely of Plantation 10, Washington, Maine

Isaac Seely of Eastport, Washington, Maine

Joseph Seely of Perry, Washington, Maine

SGS Response:

From the SGS database:

Seeley, Abraham b.1802 ME md. Whitney, Jane in 1828. No info on parents.

1840 census Dennysville, Washington, ME (1 Jun 1840)

Abraham Sealey: 1 male age 10-15, 1 male 40-50, 2 females under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 20-30

1830 census Perry, Washington, ME

Abraham Seeley: 1 male 20-30; 1 female 20-30
10 households earlier:

Joseph Seeley: 1 male under 5, 2 males 5-10, 1 male 30-40; 1 female under 5, 2 females 10-15, 1 female 30-40

1837 Census of Dennysville, Washington Co., Maine

(Dennysville, Washington County, Maine bounds:

Charlotte, Pembroke, Edmunds, 14 ED BPP. Previous designation 2 PS, Pennamaquan. Settled in 1786 and incorporated 13 Feb. 1818 as the 227th town in Maine. Part of Dennysville was set off to form Pembroke on 4 Feb 1832. This special Census was done to check the count that was done on the local level.)

Abraham Seeley 1 person under age 4, 1 person age 4-21, 2 people over age 21 (No other Seeley family listed)

I looked again at the **1870 census of Edmunds, Washington, ME** (the PO is Dennysville). Further down the page from Abraham Seeley I found: Seeley, Gideon, age 56, farmer, b. ME Seeley, Dorcas, age 29, b. ME, keeping house Seeley, Sarah J., age 21, b. ME Seeley, Martha J., age 60, b. ME, keeping house (this seems to be Abraham's wife – note she is not listed with Abraham in this census although she is in 1860 and 1880)

Seeley, Elma E., (male) age 8, b. ME

Seeley, Mary E., age 6, b. ME

1850 census Edmunds, Washington, ME

Sealey, Gideon Jr, age 33, b. ME, farmer

Sealey, Susannah, age 19, b. ME

Sealey, Solomon, age 8, b. ME

Sealey, Sarah J., age 1, b. ME

In same dwelling: Sealey, Gideon, age 77, b. New Brunswick, farmer

Sealey, Moses, age 18, b. ME

Sealey, Irene, age 15, b. ME

Sealey, George M., age 10, b. ME

1860 census Edmunds, Washington, ME (PO is Dennysville)

Sealey, Gideon Jr, age 40, b. ME, farmer

Sealey, Solomon, age 15, b. ME, at school

Sealey, Sarah J., age 11, b. ME, at school

Owens, Pelene, age 18, b. ME, at school

1880 census Edmunds, Washington, ME

Sealey, Gideon, age 65, farmer, b. ME, father b. New Brunswick, mother b. ME

Sealey, Elma (Dorcas crossed out), age 18, son, works on farm, b. ME, parents b. ME

Sealey, Mary Ellen, dau., age 16, b. ME, parents b. ME, keeping house

Sealey, Clara E., age 4, neice, b. ME, parents b. ME

These Gideons (Jr and Sr born ME and New Brunswick) don't appear on the SGS CD. Can anyone identify them or Abraham or the relationship of Abraham to them. Are they related to the Joseph Seeley in the 1830 census above?

Query 0811-5 Submitted by Denise Wells (Mamad1413@aol.com)

Denise has been doing research on the Seelye family of one of her husband's cousins. They were in the Litchfield CT area according to census records. She is having a problem connecting this family to other Seelye families in that time frame and in that location. She has sent the data she has collected concerning Philo Seeley born 1804 CT. The cousin's line is through Vera b. 1900, dau. of Joseph, son of Philo. Who are Philo's parents?

SGS Response: 1850 census Cornwall, Litchfield,

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CT

Azubah Seelye age 58 b. CT
 Philo Seelye age 45 b. CT, colier
 Polly Seelye age 39, b. CT
 Catherine Seelye, age 4, b. CT
 Nathan Sawyer, age 66, b. CT

Note: the census taker has messed up the alignment of the numbering system. It is not clear whether Azubah Seelye belongs with Philo or with the previous family of Silas Beardsley. Also not sure if Nathan Sawyer belongs with the family. Three families earlier on the same page is William Seelye, age 50, colier b. CT with wife Ann age 44 and 6 children ages 2 - 21 all b. CT.

1840 census of Cornwall, Litchfield, CT

Samuel Seelye: 1 male 30-40, 1 male 70-80; 1 female 20-30, 1 female 60-70

Next house—William Seeley: 1 male <5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 10-15, 1 male 40-50; 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 30-40

CT Marriage Records: Barbour Collection

Cornwall CT

Philo Seeley and Mary Ann Budsall, both of Cornwall md 20 Oct 1842

Samuel Seeley of Cornwall md Azubah Morris of Goshen Sept 24 1843

Samuel, farmer d. Dec 1848

William md Mariah Benedict, both of Cornwall, Nov. 10, 1822

In the 7th Generation Families of Nathaniel Seeley we have Samuel Seelye as SGS# 2659 and Philo Seelye as SGS# 2658 and William (SGS# 961) who md Maria Benedict as their father.

It seems to me, based on Philo's and Samuel's age in the census that Samuel is really SGS# 308 and that his marriage to Azubah is a 2nd marriage after his 1st wife died (in 1842). That would make Philo a younger brother of William, both sons of Samuel. Certainly Philo can't be a son of William. Polly, the name of Philo's wife, is a nickname for Mary.

I did not find a birth record for Samuel Seelye b. 1825 Weston, CT as we have listed for #2659. Can anyone confirm or disprove my theory?

Query 0811-6 Submitted by Bill Philbrick (philbrickw@aol.com)

Bill is looking for the ancestry of Sarah Ann Seeley who md Silas T Baldwin of NYC.

1) She married Silas T. Baldwin of NYC on June 1, 1819. In the marriage announcement in the NY paper, she is indicated "of this City".

2) Her children were John Fellows Baldwin (b. Oct. 1819.), Elias Burr Baldwin and James Covell Baldwin (Bill's GGG-grandfather).

3) Her husband, Silas, died around 1826 on board a ship on his way to Venezuela. Bill suspects that she remarried.

Bill thinks Sarah Ann may have been the daughter of Robert Seeley (born in 1774) and Ann. Robert died in 1850 in Newburgh. Robert and Ann were married at Trinity Church in NYC (where Silas' parents had a

connection). He also noted that Robert's father, Joseph, was from Morris County NJ. The Baldwins are originally connected to Morris County, NJ.

SGS Response: From the SGS database: We have a listing for Sarah Ann Seeley md to Silas T Baldwin in 1819 in our database but no further information - not even her children.

Also: Seeley, Robert -- b. 1791 d. 1859 Orange Co. NY, md. Ann, parents: unknown

1850 census Newburgh, Orange NY

Seely, Robert, age 76, b. NY

Seely, Ann, age 79, b. NY

If you have information on this couple please contact me.

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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?

After your query is printed please keep us informed about any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested or related to your line.

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If you have information to share on queries from current or past issues, send it to the query submitter and also to Linda Crocker, Query Editor. **Please include the Query number**, preferably in the subject line of your email. Remember to cite your sources.

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We have decided to separate queries into those coming from members or the public and those that we generate ourselves as we research leads we find in biographies and obituaries, etc. These latter Research Queries will come after the regular queries in the newsletter and will be printed on a space available basis. They will be identified by their year of origin and a letter. Any that are left out because of space limitations will get 1st priority in the next newsletter. This is part of our continuing effort to identify as many Seeley lineages as possible.

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3. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition* (U.S. \$25)
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