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## DNA Test Results Show Cilley and Seeley Families May Not Be Related

By Jim Seeley, Past SGS President

I recently reviewed the 46-marker Y-chromosome test result from a male member of the Cilley family line. According to my (Jim's) count, there were 24 matches out of 41 markers compared with Obadiah Seeley's haplotype and 29 matches out of 42 markers compared with Nathaniel Seeley's haplotype.

I asked Dr. Ken McCrea, the SGS DNA Lineage Project Manager, "Do you agree that the Cilley/Cillay family line is therefore not closely related to the Obadiah or Nathaniel Seeley lines?"

Dr. McCrea responded "With 46 markers (really 37 different ones), a difference of less than 5-6 is what would be expected for being related within a few hundred years. Differences this large are indicative of non-

relatives."

One DNA test result does not prove the lack of a relationship. Several more male Cilley family members should be tested to establish proof.

Although many of us are disappointed in this result, I hope that the Cilley families will continue as active members of the Seeley Genealogical Society. Some have become very close friends. Sharing such a close family spelling is enough, in my opinion, to continue SGS membership of these family lines. It is little different, really, from the descendants of immigrants Obadiah and Robert (father of Nathaniel) Seeley. DNA testing has shown that these two seventeenth century immigrants were not closely related either.

## Final Schedule for 2009 SGS International Reunion

By Kathie Olsen, SGS President



The 2009 SGS International Reunion will be held Aug. 5 – 9, 2009 at the Quality Inn Airport Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme is:

### The Seeley Family: Blazing Trails Along the Way

The latest schedule of events featuring details on our guest speakers is below:

#### Wednesday, August 5, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open

*The Hospitality Room will be open periodically throughout the reunion for use by attendees for side meetings and visiting. Additionally, attendees are encouraged to bring along any research, Seeley artifacts, or family history items they would like to share with the rest of the attendees. These items will be on display in the hospitality room.*

9:00 am-12:30 pm Registration

9:30 am Board Meeting

At Your Discretion Lunch on your own

1:00 pm-3:00 pm Opening Session

*Introductions, announcements, and introduction of reunion theme and a welcome by Mr. Dallin H. Oaks, former Professor, University of Chicago Law School,*

*former Utah State Supreme Court Judge, Former President of Brigham Young University, Apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and descendant of both Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley.*

3:15 pm-5:30 pm "What's Happening in SGS"

*This is intended to be an informational session for the membership to be brought up to speed on the Society's activities. Presentations will include a new edition of the Ancestor File; a database of the descendants of Robert Seeley; the DNA project; the website; and filing at the Seelye Research Center. You can prepay for CDs of the Ancestor File and the Robert Seeley Descendants*

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#### 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

Reunion time has rolled around! It doesn't seem possible that it is almost August 2009. The wheels have been in motion for this reunion since the last reunion in Cromwell, Connecticut in September 2007. It takes a lot of work and effort to put together a reunion. I am certainly appreciative of all the work that Jim Seeley, our past president put forward in planning for and carrying out three reunions! Thanks, Jim. According to the website ([www.Seeley-Society.net](http://www.Seeley-Society.net)) there are only days left before the reunion begins. Check it for the daily activities and any necessary forms. Thanks, Chris and Jerry Havnar, our webmasters.



I am thankful for all of the help and offers for help that I have received from many of you. Cindy Wilson, the hotel liaison, has been terrific. Just today, July 10, Camille Bell and I followed the route for the "Salt Lake City and Area" bus tour. It will be very informative. Also, Camille has put together a DVD presentation on the Life and Times of Robert Seeley with slides from both the England and New England tours. Thanks, Camille. The reunion will be great! I am assembling a Powerpoint presentation of Seeley Families Blazing Trails Along the Way, showing where Seeleys since the times of Robert, Obadiah and Richard, have opened new frontiers across the United States and Canada. Our Speakers, Dallin Oaks, David Dilts and our own, Dian Little, Linda Crocker, Caroline Haddon and Jim Seeley will be top-notch. Linda Crocker, Chris Havnar and Clair Hendrickson will bring us up to speed on what is happening with Seeley data. I will conduct a walking tour of downtown Salt Lake City on Thursday, August 6th at 3:00. And Terry Tietjens will play the Tabernacle Organ for a short recital at 1:15 on Thursday afternoon. He has hoped to do this since he visited Salt Lake City and a Tabernacle Organ recital when he was 8 years old. How exciting!!!

We will be spending time in the Family History Library. It is the world's largest genealogical center. It serves as the flagship for over four thousand satellite family history centers in more than eighty-eight countries. Records for hundreds of millions of individuals are available for discovery and investigation. About two thousand people visit the library each day. Researching family history is very important for members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who believe that husbands and wives and their children can be united as families for eternity. Full- and part-time professionals, along with many well-trained volunteers, help patrons search the records on film and computer and in books.

It will be good to be together. I am grateful for those who are planning to come and have registered. If there is any chance that you can still join us, I hope you will!

I heard a talk in which the speaker said that in order for any organization to be successful, it must have at least three components; opportunity for social interaction, opportunity for learning and opportunity for service. Seeley Genealogical Society certainly gives its members these opportunities! At reunions and other meetings we get to know each other. We communicate through the newsletter and electronic formats. The speakers at our reunions and articles in our newsletter give us new ideas and information. Through this organization, we have the opportunity to help others find their connections to our Seeley/Seelye/Seely/Cilley/Sealy family. Linda Crocker, as Chief Genealogist and Query Editor, is leading the way. Thanks, Linda. Given this criteria, Seeley Genealogical Society is indeed a successful organization!!

Recently a male member of the Cilley family participated in DNA testing. You can read more about this in the article by Jim Seeley in this newsletter. This is only one test, but it appears that there were at least three different lines of Seeley/Seelye/Seely/Cilley/Sealy immigrants, none of which are closely related.

More testing of males with the Seeley/Seelye/Seely/Cilley/Sealy surname and with documented lineage to one of these immigrants; Robert, Richard or Obadiah, is needed to determine more than one generation from the DNA. Also we need those of the Seeley (any spelling) surname and documented lineage to other immigrants

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## Registration Form

### SGS 2009 International Reunion, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 5 - 9, 2009

ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):	ADDRESS:
SEELEY LINE (NATHANIEL, OBADIAH, OTHER):	
SGS MEMBER? <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL, LAST):	RELATIONSHIP (SPOUSE, SON, FRIEND, ETC.):
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#### LODGING

Call the Quality Inn Salt Lake City Airport at **1-801-533-9000** for reservations no later than **Wednesday, July 29, 2009** to get the group rate of \$72.00 per night plus tax including breakfast. Mention Seeley Genealogical Society. Specify handicap room if needed, king bed or two double beds, and smoking/non-smoking room. Room occupancy up to 4 persons.

For cost of meeting room purposes, please enter the number of room nights you will use between August 1 – 10.  
# \_\_\_\_\_ room nights (# of rooms x # of nights = room nights).

#### REUNION EXPENSES

Registration Fee (REG. FOLDER, SPEAKER, MEETING ROOM EXPENSES)	# of guests:	@ \$10.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Wednesday Supper (Beef Stroganoff)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Wednesday Supper (Vegetarian)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Thursday Family History Library Tour/Visit	# attending:	@ NO CHARGE	Subtotal: \$0.00
Friday Salt Lake City Bus Tour	# attending:	@ \$25.00	Subtotal:
Friday Lunch (Box Lunch)	# attending:	@ \$7.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Lunch (Vegetarian)	# attending:	@ \$7.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Supper (Chicken Cordon Bleu)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Supper (Fish)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Friday Supper (Vegetarian)	# attending:	@ \$25.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Saturday Lunch (Picnic)	# attending:	@ \$3.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Saturday Supper (Finger Foods, Desserts, Cash Bar)	# attending:	@ \$7.00 ea.	Subtotal:
Sunday Farewell (Brunch)	# attending:	@ \$13.00 ea.	Subtotal:
<b>TOTAL:</b>			



Send check (payable to SGS) along with this registration form to:  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KATHIE AT (801) 355-0301 OR [katherinemolsen@comcast.net](mailto:katherinemolsen@comcast.net)

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE KATHIE TIME TO PREPARE NAME TAGS, MEAL TICKETS AND REGISTRATION FOLDERS. ALSO SGS MUST CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF MEALS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009.

## Reunion Schedule of Events *(continued from page 1)*

database which will be mailed after the reunion.

6:00 pm Dinner

The after dinner speaker will be Mr. David Dilts from the Family History Library. His topic will be "The History of Family History."

### Thursday, August 6, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open  
8:30 am Shuttles leave for Family History Library  
9:00 am Virtual Tour of Family History Library  
10:00 am-6:00 pm Opportunity to use Family History Library Resources

Mentors will be available to assist with your research. Your day will be more productive if you come with a question you want to answer. Bring a pedigree chart and family group sheets if you have them. We will also have a "Research Scavenger Hunt" for fun.

At your Discretion Lunch on your own

12:00 am-12:30 pm Tabernacle Organ concert -- Free of charge and open to the public

1:15 pm-1:30 pm Terry Tietjens will play the Tabernacle Organ for a short recital.

One number to be included will be *They the Builders of the Nation Blazing Trails along the Way, our Reunion Theme Song.*

2:00 pm-2:30 pm Tabernacle Organ concert -- Free of charge and open to the public

3:00 pm Walking Tour around Temple Square area -- lead by Kathie Olsen

Meet outside the Family History Library for a walking tour. Points of interest will include Museum of Church History and Art, Deuel Log Cabin, Arch in Temple Square Wall, Main Street Plaza, Charles R. Savage Monument, Salt Lake Base and Meridian Marker, Joseph Smith Memorial Building, Church Administration Building, The Lion House, The Beehive House, Eagle Gate, Church Office Building and Plaza, Relief Society Building, and the Conference Center. All within two blocks!

Other activities on your own could include a Conference Center Tour, Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, Church Museum of Art and History, Tour of the Beehive House, and Gateway Shopping Center

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

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 \$79.00 per test through Ancestry.com.

The Board has established a DNA Testing Assistance Fund. If SGS approaches an individual to participate, SGS will provide the funds, if requested. I encourage members of SGS to contribute to this fund by sending a donation to Sally Seeley, SGS Treasurer.

I appreciate the willingness of SGS members to volunteer to serve. Thanks so much!! Thanks for giving of your time and money. This organization could not function without volunteers. We still need more! If there

At your Discretion Dinner on your own

7:00 pm Tabernacle Choir Practice

Shuttles return to hotel from Family History Library at 6:00 pm, 7:30 pm and 9:00 pm.

### Friday, August 7, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open

10:00 am-5:30 pm Tour of Salt Lake City and Area

Stops will include Great Salt Lake, Gardner Village (Lunch and Shopping), This Is the Place Heritage State Park, 2002 Olympic Caldron and Museum, Utah State Capitol, Temple Square and many other interesting points along the way.

At your Discretion Lunch on your own

6:00 pm Dinner

"Brick-walls in Seeley Research" with presentations by Linda Crocker; Jim Seeley; Pam Turner and Carol Hadden; and Dian Little. Question and answer period to follow.

### Saturday, August 8, 2009

7:00 am-Midnight Hospitality Room Open

9:00-10:00 am Business Meeting

*Election of Officers, Selection of next Reunion Site, etc.*

10:15 am Group Photo

12:30-4:00 pm Joint SGS/JASFO (Justus Azel Seelye (SGS#836) Family Organization Family Picnic. "Pioneer Fair"

*North Bowery, Sherwood Park, 1500 West 400 South. Transportation provided.*

4:15 pm New Board Meeting

7:00 pm Installation of New Officers and Reception.

*Finger foods and desserts. Cash Bar -- Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks*

### Sunday, August 9, 2009

7:00 am-1:00 pm Hospitality Room Open

8:30 am Shuttles leave for Conference Center

9:30 am Tabernacle Choir Performance

10:15 am Shuttles return to hotel

11:00 am Farewell Brunch, Poolside at Hotel

1:00 pm Late Check-out

is some way you are willing to help, please contact me.

I would like to appoint assistant genealogists to assist the Chief Genealogist. Are you willing to serve as the representative for Robert Seeley's descendants? Dian Little will represent the descendants of Obadiah. How about representing other Seeley families? Will you help? Contact me at [katherinemolsen@comcast.net](mailto:katherinemolsen@comcast.net) or call me at 801-355-0301 or 801-870-8189.

I am so excited for the Seeley Genealogical Society Reunion to be held in Salt Lake City in August, 2009. The opening session will be on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm. See you there!

**Kathie Olsen (Katherine M. Olsen)**

**President, Seeley Genealogical Society**

## Change Four to the Seelye Research Center Document Index

*Submitted by Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian*

In May 2009, the Seelye Research Center (SRC) Filing Team met at the SRC in Abilene, Ks. to index and file documents sent to the SRC over the past year. The following constitutes Change Four to the Document Index. The original document is dated May 18, 2006 and

Changes 1, 2, and 3 have been printed in previous editions of the Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter. To obtain a copy of the complete Seelye Research Center Document Index, see the "SGS Documents for Order" section on page 16 of this newsletter.

### DEATH RECORDS

Dr E4	DR 9	Various	<i>Several Obituaries filed in an alphabetical index. These are also located on the SRC computer.</i>
Dr E4	DR 11	Various	<i>This file has been combined with the obituary file in Dr E4, DR 9.</i>
Dr E4	DR 14	Blackburn, E.	<i>This file has been combined with the obituary file in Dr E4, DR 9.</i>
Dr E4	DR 15	Unknown	<i>This file has been combined with the obituary file in Dr E4, DR9.</i>
Dr E4	DR 16	Various	<i>This file has been combined with the obituary file in Dr E4, DR9.</i>

### FAMILY COMPILATIONS/HISTORY

(The spelling of the Seeley surname in this table is as it appears in the document.)

DrD3	FC-40 FC 40a/b	Francis, Joyce Seeley	<i>Descendants of William Charles Seeley (1855-1928) and Photos.</i>
DrD3	FC-50	Seeley, Joyce Ann	<i>This file has been combined with FC-40 and given the new number of FC-40a.</i>
DrD3	FC-97	Francis, Joyce	<i>This file has been combined with FC-40 and given the new number of FC-40b.</i>

### MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Dr E4	MBR-6	SGS	2007 Member List August
Dr E4	MBR -7	SGS	2007 Member List November
Dr E4	MBR-8	SGS	2008 Member List September
Dr E4	MBR-9	SGS	2008 Member List November
Dr E4	MBR-10	SGS	2009 Member List February
Dr E4	MBR-11	SGS	2009 Member List May

### NEWSLETTERS

Dr B1	NEWS	Various	These newsletters have been moved to Dr A3
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### SGS TREASURER'S FILES

Dr D4	TREAS	Thresher, Bill	Files for the years 1992-2003 kept by Bill Thresher
Dr D4	TREAS	Havnar, Chris	Files for the years 2004-2007 kept by Chris Havnar

## Volunteers and Donations Needed for Society Projects

The Seeley Genealogical Society needs volunteers for the following:

- People willing to add data, using their home computers, to the SGS Ancestor Files, contact Kathie Olsen
- People willing to serve as Assistant Genealogists for Robert, Obadiah and other Seeley immigrants,

contact Kathie Olsen

There are a couple of projects that need financial contributions:

- The DNA Testing Assistance Fund, send donations to Sally Seeley
- Scanning Equipment Fund, send donations to Sally Seeley

## Military Notes

### **Air Force Airman Jarrod M. Sealey**

May 06, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Air Force Airman Jarrod M. Sealey graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sealey is the son of Ken Sealey of Steele Road, Griffin, Ga., and Angela Corbin of River Landing Drive, Monroe, Ga.

The airman is a 2007 graduate of Griffin High School.

### **Army Pvt. Keith A. Sealy**

June 02, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Army Pvt. Keith A. Sealy 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 Belle Sealy of Union Grove Road, Sweet Water, Ala.

Sealy is a 2002 graduate of Sweet Water High School.

### **Navy Ensign Matthew D. Sealy**

June 09, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Navy Ensign Matthew D. Sealy, son of Dave Sealy of Greenwood, S. C., recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy.

Sealy successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training. The Naval Academy features a four-year, total-immersion program in which strong, balanced academics, are focused on educational needs of the Navy and Marine Corps, and superimposed on a strict, professional military training environment emphasizing the development of leadership skills.

Considered one of the top institutions in the country, the U.S. Naval Academy was founded in 1845. The Naval Academy has graduated more than 60, 000 men and women to include 4, 000 admirals and generals, one president, 200 members of Congress, three governors, 73 Medal of Honor recipients, one Nobel Prize winner and 40 astronauts.

The Naval Academy currently has more than 4, 000 students who comprise the Brigade of Midshipmen and come from every state in the union.

### **Nigel Sealy -- Mentor, Leader and 'Patriot' -- Retires from the Navy**

*By Lt. Patrick Evans, U.S. Navy*

GROTON, Conn. (NNS) -- The maintenance management officer of the regional support group (RSG) on Naval Submarine Base New London retired after 30 years of Naval service June 26.

Lt. Cmdr. Nigel Sealy, who was described as a patient mentor who changed the lives of Sailors, was honored at a ceremony held on base.

"Here is a man who was always ready to take another watch, always ready to lift a shipmate up with his hug and island-bright smile and always ready to bare a hand to get the mission done," said guest speaker Rear Adm. Arnold Lotring, commander, Naval Service Training Command.

In addition to his work at RSG, Sealy served four tours at the Naval Submarine School.

"More than a third of his career was devoted to mentoring and teaching our submariners," said Lotring, who Sealy worked with at the Navy Submarine School and Submarine Learning Center in Groton. "Imagine how he changed their lives. A real mentor and leader - there hasn't been many better that I have known."

"From challenging his leaders to pushing his people, he displayed an uncanny knack to motivate those around him," said Capt. Dave Hendricks, chief of staff for Submarine Group 2. "He is the primary reason that many of those around him were advanced in rate or selected to attend the service academy."

Sealy, a native of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, grew up in Matawan, New Jersey. After becoming a U.S. citizen, he enlisted in the Navy in August 1979. He then attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School in Groton. Sealy quickly moved up the ranks as an enlisted man, becoming a chief electronics technician in 10 years and served on several ships and submarines. Shore assignments included duty as an instructor at Basic Enlisted Submarine School.

He received his commission through the chief warrant officer program in August 1994, and then converted from a chief warrant officer 3 to a lieutenant junior grade under the limited duty officer program in October 1999.

#### **SGS Welcomes**

##### **New Members**

Walter K. & Claudia A. Donaldson

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Syracuse, UT 84075

Ellen J. Hunnicutt

4700 East Main St. #499C

Mesa, AZ 85205

##### **LIFE Members**

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## Seeley Trail-Blazing Spirit Alive and Well

### Six Years after Serious Football Injury Logan Seelye Graduates College

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The November 2003 and February 2004 issues of the SGS Newsletter contained articles reporting the progress of former SGS President Dan Seelye's grandson Logan Seelye who suffered a severe spinal cord injury that left him in a wheelchair.*

*You may remember even then being impressed by Logan's courage and determination in the face of such a great challenge.*

*"I think it made me realize how special and important loved ones are. I think it made me a lot more mature," Logan said in an article that ran in the Yakima Herald-Republic June 12.*

*The Herald-Republic article said, Logan, now 22, is engaged to be married, and has started his own Web design company with a buddy*

*He graduated from Central Washington University on June 13, with a bachelor's degree in information technology and administrative management. Nominated by one of his professors, Logan was the graduation ceremony's commencement speaker at the campus' main stadium, not far from where he was hurt.*

*"I had a chance to have lunch with him a couple of weeks ago and talk with him about what he was going to be saying to you today," said Central Washington University President James L. Gaudino as he introduced Logan. "It is arguably the most moving and inspirational conversation I have ever had."*

*Below is a transcript of Logan's speech which tells us a lot not only about this remarkable young man, but about the trail-blazing spirit of all Seeleys we'll honor at this year's reunion.*

"Welcome to Central Washington University's 2009 east side graduation ceremony. My name is Logan Seelye and I will be your commencement speaker for this long awaited day but before I begin I would like to say congratulations to all of you. To the students, your families, and the professors: our self discipline and commitment have finally paid off.

"During my time at Central I have experienced a roller coaster of highs and lows, good times and challenging times and I'm sure all of you can relate. These experiences are just one chapter of our incredible book of life. But most of all the past four years have been a blast because I have made many new friends, making my chapter blessed with learning experiences and lifetime memories.

"I have had professors who truly are passionate about teaching and making a difference in our lives. These professors not only made the classroom an exciting venue that challenged us to ask why, but they also integrated projects and ideas that apply to the real world.

"Let me share with you one of my most profound educational experiences while here at Central. My junior year I was required to take a leadership class. Going into it I was thinking to myself, 'Man is this going to be another boring class that might to put me to sleep?' But I

was in for an incredible surprise. We were asked to choose a leadership book to read followed later by an in-depth report.

"For some of us like me, this isn't our favorite task. However, this book put things in place, making sense out of my educational opportunity, essentially. I was wrong about this class and this report. The book, *The Twenty One Indispensable Qualities of a Leader* by Dr. John C. Maxwell, explains the qualities found in leaders and how these qualities transcend into followers. Although all the qualities presented by Maxwell are powerful, the two that are most prominent during my studies and life in general are (1) self-discipline and (2) commitment.

"But first let me preface my perspective on these two qualities with my own personal story. As you all can see, I am in a wheel chair. But I have not always been in this chair. Six years ago on July 2, 2003, here at Central Washington University -- actually on these same football fields -- something happened that unexpectedly changed my life forever. I was participating in the annual Central-sponsored football camp with my high school football team. On the last day of camp during the second of three scheduled scrimmages, I made an amazing play on the field. I tackled the opposing team's wide receiver, forcing him to lose the ball, resulting in one my teammates intercepting it and running it back for a touch down.

"However, this where my story of leadership begins. While my coaches and teammates were cheering in excitement, I laid on the ground motionless. I broke my neck and suffered a spinal cord injury. I was awake, I was scared, and I was conscious, but it felt like my entire body was on fire. I was immediately taken to a local hospital, given a steroid shot in my spine to slow down the swelling, and then airlifted to Harborview Hospital in Seattle for immediate neck surgery. A week later, as I lay in a hospital bed, slowly regaining strength in nothing but my shoulders. I thought to myself, 'I can either complain and ask, 'why me,' or I can fight this situation and I can beat it!'

"It was at this very moment when I was beginning to ponder self discipline and commitment. As I was talking with one of the doctors, I asked him where my life would be going due to this injury. With a bold face he looked at me and said, "You will never be able to walk again or have feeling or movement from nipples down." As he walked away I was thinking to myself 'This guy must be crazy to think I would believe that.'

"From that point forward I have been committed to self discipline to prove him wrong. These two concepts self-discipline and commitment have played such an important role in my life and I believe they are important to all of us, not just leaders. I know many of you understand my story as you too have found yourselves in various degrees exercising self-discipline and commitment.

"Nowadays due to my rigorous and painstaking commitment and discipline, I'm able to walk with a

## Logan Seelye *(continued from page 7)*

walker, drive my own car, and I work out five times a week. Yeah you can say I live a normal life but it is because I committed myself to doing so – walking again - - just as you all have been committed and self-disciplined to graduate from Central Washington. And guess what? We all did it. This is why you're sitting here and celebrating with me today.

"Graduating from college is not a simple task for many of us. It takes a lot of commitment and self-discipline. But just like my leadership class and the book report, I knew I would get the job done; just like so many of my professors knew that I -- and we -- would get the job done through self-discipline and commitment. We've all come far in the past four years, but not because we were lucky, not because we took the easy way out, but because we worked hard and committed ourselves to doing something great: graduating from Central Washington.

"So let's celebrate! Be proud of yourself, be proud of what you've accomplished, but most of all be proud of the leader that you have all become while studying here at Central. You and I have earned this honor. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2009 at Central Washington University."

## **Twenty Years Ago in SGS: SGS Reunion Held in Ft. Wayne Aug. 24-26**

Evelyn and I certainly enjoyed getting together again with so many Seeley Cousins at Ft. Wayne. I am honored to have been chosen to be the President of the Seeley Genealogical Society for the next three years and am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. The fourth SGS Reunion was called to order on Thursday, Aug. 24 in the ballroom of the Airport Hilton at Ft. Wayne, Ind. The room and the reunion were filled with Seeley descendants from all over the U.S. John Seely gave a report on his computer printouts and Montell Seely gave a talk on his large family book and its special cover design. The hospitality room was laid out with displays, charts, books, copying material and room for visiting. Steve Meyers of the Allen County Library presented a slide tour, followed by a program on "Video Taping Your Genealogy." Maurine Seely conducted a class in genealogy while John Seely headed a discussion on computers and family printouts. Clyde Chamberlin gave a slide show on "Tombstone Art"

Marshall Seelye  
SGS President 1989 - 1987

## Contact information for state archives and historical societies

### *From the Web Site of the U.S. National Archives*

#### **Alabama**

Department of Archives & History  
[www.archives.state.al.us](http://www.archives.state.al.us)  
624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 300100, Montgomery, AL 36130  
Phone: Reference: (334) 242-4435  
Phone: Records Center: (334) 242-4306  
Fax: (334) 240-3433  
TDD: (334) 242-3433  
E-mail: [reference@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:reference@archives.alabama.gov)

#### **Alaska**

State Archives  
[www.archives.state.ak.us](http://www.archives.state.ak.us)  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 110525, 141 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99801  
Phone: (907) 465-2270  
Fax: (907) 465-2465  
E-mail: [archives@eed.state.ak.us](mailto:archives@eed.state.ak.us)

#### **Arizona**

State Library, Archives and Public Records  
Arizona History and Archives Division  
[www.lib.az.us/archives](http://www.lib.az.us/archives)  
Mailing Address: State Capitol, Suite 342, 1700 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Phone: (602) 542-4159  
Fax: (602) 542-4402  
E-mail: See contact form at  
<http://www.lib.az.us/archives/email.asp>

#### **Arkansas**

History Commission

[www.ark-ives.com](http://www.ark-ives.com)  
Mailing Address: One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 77201  
Phone: (501) 682-6900

#### **California**

State Archives  
[www.ss.ca.gov/archives/archives.htm](http://www.ss.ca.gov/archives/archives.htm)  
Mailing Address: 1020 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Phone: Reference Desk: (916) 653-2246  
Phone: General Information: (916) 653-7715  
Fax: (916) 653-7363  
E-mail: [ArchivesWeb@ss.ca.gov](mailto:ArchivesWeb@ss.ca.gov) or see the form at  
[http://www.ss.ca.gov/cgi-bin/print\\_form.cgi](http://www.ss.ca.gov/cgi-bin/print_form.cgi)

#### **Colorado**

State Archives  
[www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives](http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives)  
Mailing Address: 1313 Sherman Street, Room 1B-20, Denver, CO 80203  
Phone: (303) 866-2358  
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E-mail: [archives@state.co.us](mailto:archives@state.co.us) or see form at  
<http://www.archives.state.co.us/forms/request.htm>

#### **Connecticut**

State Archives  
[www.cslib.org/archives](http://www.cslib.org/archives)  
Mailing Address: Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: (860) 757-6595  
Phone: History and Genealogy Unit: (860) 757-6580  
Fax: (860) 757-6542



**Delaware**

Public Archives  
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 19901  
 Phone: (302) 744-5000  
 Fax: (302) 739-6710  
 E-mail: [archives@state.de.us](mailto:archives@state.de.us)

**Florida**

Bureau of Archives & Records Management,  
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<http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/barm/fsa.html>  
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 Tallahassee, FL 32399  
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**Georgia**

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**Hawaii**

Historic Records Branch  
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 Grounds, Honolulu, HI 96813  
 Phone: Reference Desk: (808) 586-0329  
 Fax: (808) 586-0330  
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**Idaho**

State Historical Society Library & Archives  
[www.idahohistory.net/library\\_archives.html](http://www.idahohistory.net/library_archives.html)  
 Mailing Address: Public Archives and Research Library,  
 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, ID 83712  
 Phone: History & Genealogy: (208) 334-3356  
 Phone: Oral History: (208) 334-3863  
 Phone: Archives: (208) 334-2620  
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**Illinois**

State Archives  
[www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/archives.html)  
 Mailing Address: Norton Building, Capitol Complex,  
 Springfield, IL 62756  
 Phone: (217) 782-4682  
 Fax: (217) 524-3930  
 E-mail: See form at  
<https://www.ilsos.gov/GenealogyMWeb/reform.html>

**Indiana**

State Archives  
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 Indiana 46219  
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 E-mail: [arc@icpr.in.gov](mailto:arc@icpr.in.gov) or see form at

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**Iowa**

State Archives & Records Program  
[www.iowahistory.org/archives](http://www.iowahistory.org/archives)  
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 Moines), 600 East Locust, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319  
 Phone: 515-281-6200

**Kansas**

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 TTY: (785) 272-8683  
 E-mail: [information@kshs.org](mailto:information@kshs.org) or see form at  
<http://www.kshs.org/contact/emailref.php>

**Kentucky**

Department for Libraries & Archives  
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 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602  
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**Louisiana**

State Archives  
[www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/53/Default.aspx](http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/tabid/53/Default.aspx)  
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 70809  
 Phone: (225) 922-1000  
 E-mail: [archives@sos.louisiana.gov](mailto:archives@sos.louisiana.gov)

**Maine**

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**Maryland**

State Archives  
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 21401  
 Phone: (410) 260-6400  
 Tollfree MD only: 1-800-235-4045  
 Fax: (410) 974-2525  
 E-mail: [archives@mdsa.net](mailto:archives@mdsa.net)

**Massachusetts**

Archives  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcidx.htm)  
 Mailing Address: Secretary of Commonwealth,  
 Massachusetts Archives, 220 Morrissey Boulevard,  
 Boston, MA 02125  
 Phone: (617) 727-2816  
 Fax: (617) 288-8429  
 E-mail: [archives@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:archives@sec.state.ma.us)

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[www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi](http://www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi)

Mailing Address: Archives of Michigan, 702 Kalamazoo Street, P.O. Box 30740

Phone: (517) 373-1408

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E-mail: [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov)

### Minnesota

State Archives

[www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org)

Mailing Address: Minnesota Historical Society, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102

Phone: (651) 297-4502

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E-mail: [archives@mnhs.org](mailto:archives@mnhs.org)

### Mississippi

Department of Archives & History

[www.mdah.state.ms.us/](http://www.mdah.state.ms.us/)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205-0571

Phone: Archives and Library: (601) 576-6964

Phone: General Information: (601) 576-6850

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Fax: (601) 576-6975

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### Missouri

State Archives

[www.sos.mo.gov/archives/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/)

Mailing Address: 600 W. Main, P.O. Box 1747, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Phone: (573) 751-3280

Fax: (573) 526-7333

E-mail: [archref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:archref@sos.mo.gov) or see form at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/email.asp>

### Montana

Historical Society

[www.his.state.mt.us](http://www.his.state.mt.us)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 201201, 225 North Roberts Street, Helena, MT 59620

Phone: (406) 444-2694

Fax: Main: (406) 444-2696

Fax: Library: (406) 444-5297

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### Nebraska

Library/Archives Division

[www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/index.htm](http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/index.htm)

Mailing Address: Nebraska State Historical Society, P.O. Box 82554, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, NE 68501

Phone: (402) 471-4751

Fax: (402) 471-3100

E-mail: [lanshs@nebraskahistory.org](mailto:lanshs@nebraskahistory.org)

### Nevada

State Library & Archives

<http://nevadaculture.org/nsla/>

Mailing Address: 100 North Stewart Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: (775) 684-3310

Fax: (775) 684-3311

E-mail: [sesearcy@clan.lib.nv.us](mailto:sesearcy@clan.lib.nv.us) or see for at

<http://nevadaculture.org/docs/email/archivesform.htm>

### New Hampshire

Archives & Records Management

[www.sos.nh.gov/archives/](http://www.sos.nh.gov/archives/)

Mailing Address: 71 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301

Phone: (603) 271-2236

Fax: (603) 271-2272

### New Mexico

State Records Center & Archives

[www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/](http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/)

Mailing Address: 1205 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87505

Phone: Historical Services Division: (505) 476-7908

Phone: State Records Center: (505) 476-7903

Fax: Historical Services Division: (505) 476-7909

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E-mail: [archives@state.nm.us](mailto:archives@state.nm.us)

### New Jersey

Public Records and Archives

[www.state.nj.us/state/darm/](http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/)

Mailing Address: State Archives: 225 West State Street-Level 2, P.O. Box 307, Trenton, NJ 08625-0307

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[archives.reference@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:archives.reference@sos.state.nj.us)

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[records.management@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:records.management@sos.state.nj.us)

### New York

State Archives

[www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov)

Mailing Address: New York State Education Department, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230

Phone: Archives Reference Information: (518) 474-8955

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[archref@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:archref@mail.nysed.gov)

### North Carolina

State Archives

[www.archives.ncdcr.gov](http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov)

Mailing Address: 4614 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-4614

Phone: (919) 807-7310

Fax: (919) 733-1354

E-mail: [archives@ncmail.net](mailto:archives@ncmail.net)

### North Dakota

State Archives & Historical Research Library

<https://www.state.nd.us/hist/sal.htm>

Mailing Address: 612 East Boulevard Avenue,

Bismarck, ND 58505-0830  
 Phone: (701) 328-2091  
 Fax: (701) 328-2650  
 E-mail: [archives@state.nd.us](mailto:archives@state.nd.us)

**Ohio**

Historical Society, Archives/Library  
[www.ohiohistory.org/resource/statearc](http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/statearc)  
 Mailing Address: Research Services Department, 1982  
 Velma Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211  
 Phone: (614) 297-2510  
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 at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/contact.html>

**Oklahoma**

State Archives  
[www.odl.state.ok.us/oar](http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar)  
 Mailing Address: 200 Northeast Eighteenth Street,  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73105-3298  
 Phone: (405) 522-3579  
 Fax: (405) 522-3583  
 Email: See staff listing at  
<http://www.odl.state.ok.us/oar/contacts/index.html>

**Oregon**

State Archives  
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 Mailing Address: 800 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR  
 97310  
 Phone: (503) 373-0701  
 Fax: (503) 373-0953  
 E-mail: [reference.archives@state.or.us](mailto:reference.archives@state.or.us)

**Pennsylvania**

State Archives  
[www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/phmc\\_home/1426](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/phmc_home/1426)  
 Mailing Address: 350 North Street, Harrisburg, PA  
 17120-0090. Also, see mail reference form at  
<http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah.dam/mailreflet.html>  
 Phone: (717) 783-3281

**Rhode Island**

State Archives  
[www.state.ri.us/archives](http://www.state.ri.us/archives)  
 Mailing Address: 337 Westminster Street, Providence,  
 RI 02903  
 Phone: (401) 222-2353  
 Fax: (401) 222-3199  
 E-mail: [reference@sec.state.ri.us](mailto:reference@sec.state.ri.us)

**South Carolina**

State Archives & History Center  
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 29223  
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 Fax: (803) 896-6198  
 E-mail: See contact form at  
<http://www.state.sc.us/scdah/refquery.htm>

**South Dakota**

State Archives  
[www.sdhistory.org/arc/archives.htm](http://www.sdhistory.org/arc/archives.htm)  
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57501-2217  
 Phone: (605) 773-3804  
 Fax: (605) 773-6041  
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State Library & Archives  
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State Library & Archives Commission  
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 Phone: Reference: (512) 463-5455  
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 Email: Reference: [reference.desk@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:reference.desk@tsl.state.tx.us)

**Utah**

State Archives  
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 Service, 346 S Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT  
 84101-1106  
 Phone: (801) 531-3848  
 Fax: (801) 531-3854  
 E-mail: See contact form at  
<http://historyresearch.utah.gov/question.htm>

**Vermont**

State Archives  
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 Mailing Address: Office of the Secretary of State, 26  
 Terrace Street, Montpelier, VT 05609-1101  
 Phone: (802) 828-2308  
 Fax: (802) 828-1135  
 E-mail: [archives@sec.state.vt.us](mailto:archives@sec.state.vt.us)

**Virginia**

Archives Research Services  
[www.lva.virginia.gov](http://www.lva.virginia.gov)  
 Mailing Address: Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad  
 Street, Richmond, VA 23219  
 Phone: Archives: (804) 692-3888  
 Fax: Archives: (804) 692-3556  
 E-mail: See contact form at  
<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/archemailform.asp>

**Washington**

State Archives  
<http://secstate.wa.gov/archives>  
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 40238, Olympia, WA 98504  
 Phone: Research: (360) 586-1492  
 E-mail: State Archivist: [archives@secstate.wa.gov](mailto:archives@secstate.wa.gov) or  
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**West Virginia**

State Archives  
[www.wvculture.org/history/wvsamenu.html](http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvsamenu.html)  
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## SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of July 10, 2009)*

### WHAT'S NEW IN QUERIES?

This quarter I have continued to work with webmistress Chris Havnar to investigate leads we get from obituaries, biographies and other submissions. We continue to add to the database and I encourage you to re-submit your old queries if you are still stumped.

Once in a while we have a chance to help connect someone with a birth parent or other relatives they have lost touch with – we had a woman last month looking for her father's relatives and we were able to give her some clues to work with. I was also pleased to be able to trace the owner of the trunk (Query 0908-2 below). I'm wondering if any of you are related to this line and will try to buy the trunk from Mr Chang... I wonder if Terry could find a place for it in the Seelye Mansion???

I hope to see many of you in Salt Lake City and to have some breakthroughs at the Family History Library.

### INTRODUCTION TO SGS QUERIES

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

### State Archives & Historical Societies

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Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East,  
Charleston, WV 25305-0300

Phone: (304) 558-0230

#### Wisconsin

State Historical Society

<http://wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/>

Mailing Address: Archives Reference, 816 State  
Street, Madison, WI 53706

Phone: (608) 264-6460

Fax: (608) 264-6472

E-mail: See contact form at

[http://wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/reference\\_form.asp?program=ar](http://wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/reference_form.asp?program=ar)

#### Wyoming

State Archives

<http://wyoarchives.state.wy.us/index.htm>

Mailing Address: Barrett Building, 2301 Central  
Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82002

Phone: (307) 777-7826

Fax: (307) 777-7044

E-mail: [wyaarchive@state.wy.us](mailto:wyaarchive@state.wy.us)

in the next newsletter.

### QUERY UPDATES:

**Update to Query 0108-1** Re: Henry S Seeley

An 1885 marriage announcement for a daughter of Henry led the submitter, Paul Northrup Miller (millers@albany.net), to Henry's father William. An update in the February 2009 newsletter identified William, died 20 Aug 1878 age 75 yr, 4 mo, 20 days, buried Stanfordville, Dutchess, NY, as a probable son of Sylvanus Seeley Jr. b. Feb 1776, also buried Stanfordville.

This led to a written response from SGS member Barbara Hoyes of Arnold, MD. Barbara has a family bible of Timothy A Seeley, youngest son of Sylvanus Seeley Jr and his 2nd wife Ann Andrews. The bible records all the children of Sylvanus Jr, including William b. 31st Mar 1803. Barbara has done extensive research to try to identify this Sylvanus Jr. According to the family bible he was born 8 Jan 1776 in Ridgefield, Fairfield, CT. According to Barbara his parents are Sylvanus Seeley and Esther Hyatt and they had at least one other child. Esther divorced Sylvanus (Sr) due to abandonment in 1787 and went on to marry Abraham Pullen.

Sylvanus, father of Sylvanus Jr seems to be Sylvanus, "natural son" of Esther, wife of Daniel Stevens. Daniel Stevens became guardian of Sylvanus Seeley in 1772. it is unknown if Sylvanus is named for an unnamed Seeley father or if his mother Esther was a Seeley.

We would like to discover whether Esther is a Seeley or the name of Sylvanus Sr's father. Let me know if you would like to speak to Barbara directly – I have her address and telephone number. If we have any Seeley male who descends from Sylvanus Jr a DNA test would be very helpful.

**Update to Query 0808-3** Re: Nehemiah Seeley

The original query was about Anna Seeley b. 1808 NY md 1826/27 Geauga Co. OH Hile Parker. The research uncovered several early Seeley marriages in Geauga County including that of Nehemiah Seeley to Rebecca Hawk 11 Mar 1827. Judy Seeley Price (JKSP1957@aol.com) has contacted us since she is descended from Nehemiah and Rebecca's son James b. 1828. Their other children are: Nancy Seeley Field b.1830, Mary W. Seeley Botzum b. 1831, Lorenzo b.1832, Clara/Clarissa Greenlese b.1833 and Harriet b.1844, all born Ohio. If anyone has information on Nehemiah's parents or siblings please contact me.

**Update to Research Query 2009-B** Re: Charles Seely b. 1818 CT

Researching some obituaries had led me back through the census to Charles and Caroline Seely of Baraboo, Sauk, WI in 1850. Now I have a response from Rita A. Seeley, an SGS Life Member. She writes that Charles Seely and Caroline Johnson Seely were her g-g-grandparents. Charles (b. 1818) and Caroline were

married March 20, 1836 in Newtown, Fairfield, CT. She has been trying to find their connection to the rest of the Seeley family, but has found nothing on their parents. Rita had her brother take the DNA test which connected him to Nathaniel, son of Robert Seeley. So, she has the Seeleys coming down and going up, but still can't make them meet in the middle! If anyone else is researching this branch of the Seeley family, Rita would love to hear from them. Her email is raseeley@centurytel.net.

Latest info: I found Chas Seelye in the 1840 census of Newtown.

Chas Seelye: 1 male <5, 1 male 20-30; 2 females <5, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 50-60.

Listed just before Chas, is Thos: 1 male 10-15, 1 male 40-50; no females

Can anyone identify this Charles Seelye/Seely?

### NEW QUERIES

**Query 0908-1** Submitted by Charlene Davis Hall (chall46@cox.net)

Charlene is researching her family tree and sent a query about her great grandmother Anna Malora Seeley, born 24 Dec. 1872 in Erie County, Pa. Anna's parents as listed on her death certificate are Seeley, born in Pennsylvania, no first name, and Eunice Delaney Dougan. Anna died 13 Oct., 1942 in Ashtabula, Ohio. Eunice's mother was Rachel Davis, and her father was Charles Edward Dougan. Eunice married a man named Riley Staley in 1869; Charlene is not sure what happened to him but Eunice and Riley had a child named Robert Staley. Charlene has information that Eunice married a Seeley on the day that Anna was born (24 Dec. 1872). Her family history lists his first name as either Harvey or Warren. Also, Charlene's father and some older relatives have stated that Anna was at least 1/2 Native American, although she has found no proof of this. Anna's mother was Irish so the only Native American ancestry would have had to be from her Seeley father.

Charlene found an 1880 census in Erie, Pa, listing Anna and her 1/2 brother Robert living with their grandparents, Rachel & Charles Dougan. Eunice went on to marry John Brown in 1881 in Perry, Lake, Ohio.

**SGS Response:** There is no information on Anna nor her mother Eunice Dougan/Dugan in the database. The 1880 census that Charlene refers to is for Greenfield, Erie, PA. Robert Staley is 10 and Annie Seely is 7. In 1870 Riley Staley age 19 and Eunice age 20 are in North East, Erie, PA. He is a farm laborer. Also with them are Jane Staley age 45 and Henry age 9. I can't find Eunice in 1880.

Can anyone identify a possible father for Anna?

**Query 0908-2** Submitted by Victor Chang (cplvic@hotmail.com)

Victor wrote "I recently purchased a trunk manufactured by Buffalo Trunk Mfg. The label on the domed trunk has a 'Geo T Seeley' of what appears to be Whitesboro, NY. The label is torn between the t and b so I am guessing it is Whitesboro. Just wondering if you had any historical information on Geo."

**SGS Response:** Whitesboro is a village in Oneida County, New York. The village is named after Hugh White, an early settler. The Village of Whitesboro is inside the Town of Whitestown.

1900 census Whitestown, Oneida, NY, Whitesboro St.

Seelye, George T., b. Jan 1860 NY, parents b. NY, furniture salesman, md 19 yr to Seelye, Ina M., b. Apr 1860 NY, parents b. NY, 2 children, 2 living  
Seelye, Amy J. b. Nov 1887, William L. b. Apr 1893, both b. NY

(In 1910 the family is still in Whitestown. Amy is a school teacher and the family has been joined by Lydia Westcott, age 84, an aunt)

(In 1920, still in Whitestown, Ina is a widow. Amy and William still live with her.)

1880 census Whitestown, Oneida, NY  
Seelye, Lafayette, age 47, b. NY, NY, NY, grocer  
Seelye, Jane, age 52, b. NY, father b. VT, mother b. CT  
Seelye, George, age 20, b. NY, NY, NY, grocer

From the SGS database:

LAFAYETTE b. 1833 Oneida Co. NY, died 1904 NY, md Jane Tyler in NJ in 1855, parents: Martha Griswold and Lyman Seeley (SGS# 3438).

This line is Lafayette, Lyman, Daniel, David, Charles, Samuel, Jonas, Obadiah.

**Query 0908-3** Submitted by Tom Seeley (tomseeley@hotmail.com)

Tom is a descendant of Judson Seeley, son of Stephen J Seeley, SGS# 1975, and his first wife, Armena Phelps. Judson's 2nd wife is supposedly Phebe Conger. Tom has a lot of information on the Conger family in MI but he can't place this Phebe.

**SGS Response:** 1850 Hampton, Saginaw, MI  
Seeley, Judson, age 34, b. NY, Sawyer Seeley, Armina, age 26, b. NY

Seeley, Elias age 7, Eugene age 5, Edward age 3, all b. MI

Looking at the 1860 census Judson Seeley age 45, b. OH is in Forest, Genesee, MI in Household 550 with his parents Stephen and Elizabeth Seely and son Francis age 8 b. MI

His sons Elias age 14 and Eugene age 13 are listed in Household 548 with Judson's brother Mark age 30, Mark's wife Mary age 37 and their son David age 1 Also in Forest in Household 652 is Phebe Mott, age 22 b. NY living with Sylvenus Mott age 65 and Betsey age 53, both b. NY. Sylvenus is a farmer and Phebe is a servant. There is a Phebe Conger b. 1839 NY in Litchfield, Hillsdale, MI but she is still living at home with her parents in 1870 and 1880.

Plenty of other Phebe/Phoebes in the general area....

1870 Flint, Genesee, MI: Seely, Judson, age 55, b. OH, Sawyer Seely, Phebee, age 31, b. NY  
Seely, Harrison age 8, Clark age 6, Ester age 4, Lewis age 2, all b. MI

1880 Forest, Genesee. MI: Seely, Judson S., age 66, b. OH, NY, CAN, farmer

Seely, Phoebe F., age 44, b. NY, NY, NY Seely,

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Clark age 16, Ester A age 14, Truman S age 10, all b. MI 1900 Thetford, Genesee, MI Seeley Pheobe, servant b. Sept 1839 NY, VT, NY, widow, 4 ch., 3 living She is listed as working as a servant for Alfred H and Rose Phipps.

Also: Forest, Genesee, MI Seeley, Clark, b. Feb 1864 MI, OH, NY, barber, md 14 yr to Seeley, Marion M. b. May 1865 MI, MI, OH, 1 ch., 1 living Seeley, Fred C., son, b. Sept 1887 MI, MI, MI Seeley, Phebe F., mother, b. Sept 1839 NY, VT, NY, 4 ch., 3 living, widow, does housework.

California Death Index: Name: Lewis Truman SEELEY Birth Date: 21 August 1868 Michigan Mother Maiden Name: Conger Father's Surname: Seeley Sex: Male. Death Place: Los Angeles County. Death Date: 23 September 1945 Age: 77 years

In our records we have Lewis's sister Esther Seeley's parents as Judson Seeley and Phoebe Phelps. Another source says Judson was married to Phoebe Andrews. Can anyone identify Phebe/Phoebe, 2nd wife of Judson?

**Research Query 2009-C** If you go to this link you will find a New York Times article about Phebe Ann Seeley, born 4 July 1781 to William Seeley of Hoboken, NJ. <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.html?res=9D07EEDB103CEE3ABC4A52DFB166838A699FDE>

The article is about the 100th anniversary of Phebe's birth and her memories of her life. She says she was married twice – at age 18 to Bernard Tool by whom she had 9 children and several years after his death to Job Allen. She says she saw George Washington as a young girl, survived a fire on Wall Street and has outlived all her children except the youngest, Mrs Jane Ann Bratton age 54 whom she lives with.

1880 census Union, Hudson, NJ

Allen, Phebe, age 98, b. NJ, NJ, NJ

1860 census N. Bergen, Hudson, NJ

Allen, Job, age 76, b. ENG, wheelwright,

Allen, Phoebe, age 56 b. NJ

Croffifer, Fredk, age 40, b. GER, mason

Croffifer, Mary, age 30, b. NJ

Croffifer, Frederick, age 2, b. NJ

(In 1850 Job Allen age 66 b. England is also in North Bergen with Benjamin Allen age 14)

Can anyone corroborate that Phebe Ann Seeley was b. in 1781 or identify her father William?

**Research Query 2009-D** Re: William Seeley of Waterbury, CT

One of the SGS DNA participants tested as a descendant of Obadiah but has their lineage as a descendant of Nathaniel. The line checks out fine until we get back to Charles Seeley b. 1821 Waterbury, New Haven, CT. One source suggests that his father is SGS# 1137, William H Seeley (md unnamed) who we have in the Nathaniel line. We have several children listed but no Charles. Another source suggests that the father is SGS# 3184 William Seeley (md Patty \_\_\_\_). He is in the Obadiah line but he moved to Madison Co. IL in 1818. Charles is in New Haven Co. CT.

1850 census Waterbury, New Haven, CT

Seely, Charles, age 29, farmer, b. CT

Seely, Amy, age 34, b. CT

Seely, Chloe age 5, George L age 4, Charles B age 2, Grace age 11 mo., all b. CT

Whaley, James, age 19 b. IRE

Mix, David, age 14, b. CT

In 1860 Chas age 38 and Anna age 44 are in Meriden, New Haven, CT with Chloe J age 15, Geo S age 14, Chas B age 12, Grace A. age 10, Polly M age 4, all b. CT.

The DNA subject was a descendant of George S. b. 1846.

1850 census Waterbury, New Haven, CT

Seeley, William, age 72, laborer, b. CT

Seeley, Martha, age 60, b. CT

William Seely is in the 1840 Waterbury census with his age 60-70 and a son 20-30 that would correspond to Charles. Also a female age 10-15 and one age 50-60

In Waterbury in 1830 Wm Seeley has a son age 5-10, a dau. <5 and another dau. 5-10; wife is 40-50 as is William

In Waterbury in 1820 Wm Sele: 1 male <10, 1 10-16, 1 26-45; 1 female <10, 1 26-45

In Waterbury First Society, New Haven, CT 1810

Wm Selah: 4 males <10, 1 26-45, 1 female <10, 1 26-45

I don't see William in the 1800 New Haven County CT census. If you can provide a lineage for William Seeley 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?

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

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