

**The SGS 2009 International Reunion is Just Around the Corner!  
Salt Lake City, Utah, August 5 - 9, 2009**

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**Seelye Genealogical Society  
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**SGS Members Gather for Filing at Seelye Research Center**

*Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President*

Ten elected and appointed officers of the Seelye Genealogical Society met in Abilene, Kansas recently for filing at the Seelye Research Center April 30, May 1 and 2, 2009. Everyone made a big effort to be there. Pam Turner, the Seelye Research Center Librarian, and her mother, Carol Hadden, came from their home in Colorado while John R. Seely came from Southern California; Jerry and Chris Havnar from Northern California and Dian Little from Seattle. Ruthetta Hansen and Ivey Harris drove long distances in Kansas. I drove with Dian from Salt Lake City. Terry Tietjens was a most gracious host.

I appreciate each of the people who made the effort to be there. It was a very productive time. Many hours were spent indexing information, scanning documents, preparing pictures, filing, working on the computer, etc.

We enjoyed several meals together. Most of them were in Terry's new establishment at Old Abilene Town, 'The Hitching Post.' He gets up early every morning to make the most delicious rolls. One morning, he brought us scrumptious sweet rolls that were left-over. Mmm!

We did meet for an hour in an unofficial meeting. Since there was not a quorum of elected officers, no vote was taken.

We discussed possible criteria for the DNA Assistance Fund. It was suggested that if SGS requests a DNA test from an individual, SGS should reimburse the person, if needed. After the meeting, I sent Mark Cilley, a descendant of Richard Cilley, an email asking if he would participate in our project. It was brought up that the cost of a Y Chromosome 33 marker test is now \$79.00 from Ancestry.com. At one time, the tests were about \$200.

We also had fun reminiscing about previous SGS reunions and making a list of possible future reunion sites. The site for the 2011 reunion will be made by the vote of the membership at the business meeting scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009. Be thinking now



where you would like to go.

It was nice to be together. We are a compatible group! Not only did we have a good time but we accomplished a great deal. You are welcome to join us next May!!

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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)

Pay all dues to:

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Leavenworth, KS 66048-7329  
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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

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, Aug. 5, 2009 at 1:00 pm. There will be an Executive Board Meeting that morning. Activities will include meetings of the Society; dinner gatherings with speakers; a visit 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, landmarks 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. See the article titled "Updated Schedule for 2009 SGS International Reunion" on page 4 for a more detailed listing.



Quality Inn Salt Lake City Airport will be the reunion hotel. 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! It is reasonably priced. Call now for your reservations at 801-533-9000. To get the group rate of \$72.00 per night plus tax including breakfast, mention the Seeley Genealogical Society.

Plan now to join us for the reunion. It will be a wonderful time to be together with other family members. You can come early and stay late for more time at the Family History Library! Mark your calendar now! Early registration will be appreciated! See the registration form on the next page of this newsletter.

Recently, I looked at a copy of the book, *Founders of Early American Families: Emigrants from Europe 1607-1657* compiled by Meredith B. Colket, Jr. published by The General Court of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America as a contribution to the Bicentennial of the United States of America, Cleveland, Ohio, 1975. This book has been presented as a gift to the Seelye Research Center by Dian Little.

On page 260, it identifies the Founders of the Seeley, Sealey, Seelye and Cilley families residing in the United States, as:

- Obadiah [Stamford, Connecticut, 1642, d 25 Aug 1657];
- Richard [Isle of Shoals, Maine, 1651; Saco 1666; Salem 1675; living Boston 1679. Mariner. Magistrate. One of four brothers in Maine. "Logical father" of John.];
- Robert [Salem, Massachusetts 1630; Watertown 1631; Wethersfield Connecticut 1635; New Haven, Connecticut 1638; Fairfield and Stamford, Connecticut and Huntington, Long Island, New York 1662; Elizabethtown, New Jersey; d Huntington 1668. Shoemaker. Captain, New Haven colonial troops].

More testing of males with the Seeley 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 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, Dr. Ken McCrea, <http://SeeleyDNA.info/SignUp.htm>. The process now costs about \$79.00 per test through Ancestry.com.

The SGS Board of Directors 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.

Please See *President's Report* on Page 8

## 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.):
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.):
SGS MEMBER? <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:
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SGS MEMBER? <input type="checkbox"/> MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> NOT A MEMBER	E-MAIL ADDRESS:

#### 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:  
 Katherine M. Olsen, President  
 Seeley Genealogical Society  
 777 East South Temple, Apt. 13H  
 Salt Lake City, UT 84102-1214

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.

# Updated Schedule for 2009 SGS International Reunion

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President



Plans for the 2009 Seeley Genealogical Society International Reunion to be held Aug. 5, 2009 through Aug. 9, 2009 continue to develop. The latest schedule of events featuring details on our guest speakers is below. The reunion will be held at the Quality Inn Airport Hotel, 1659 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The theme is:

## The Seeley Family: Blazing Trails Along the Way

### 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. They can be displayed 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-2:45 pm** Opening Session  
*The Opening Session will include introductions, announcements, introduction of the reunion theme, and a welcome from 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.*
- 3:00 pm-5:00 pm** "What's Happening in SGS"  
*This is intended to be an informational session for the membership on the Society's latest 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 database which will be mailed after the reunion.*
- 6:00 pm** Dinner with Speaker  
*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
- Noon-12:30 pm** Tabernacle Organ Concert (A possibility of a family member performing after the official concert!!)
- Other activities on your own could include Conference Center Tour, Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum, Church Museum of Art and History, Gateway Shopping Center*
- 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 with Speaker  
*"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 am-10:00 am** Business Meeting  
*Election of Officers, Selection of next Reunion Site, etc.*
- 10:15 am** Group Photo
- 12:30 to 4:00 pm** Joint SGS/JASFO (Justus Azel Seelye (SGS#836) Family Organization) Family Picnic.  
*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 p.m.** Hospitality Room Open
- 8:30 am** Shuttles Leave for Conf. 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

# In and Around Salt Lake City Before, During and After the Reunion

*Compiled from Various Sources*

Just in case you're travelling with someone who doesn't share your love of genealogy or in case you intend to arrive early and/or stay late to enjoy all that Salt Lake City has to offer, the following are some events to consider passing the time.

## Hello Dolly!

Hale Centre Theatre

June 13th - August 1st, 2009

7:30 p.m.

3333 South Decker Lake Drive, West Valley City, Utah

[www.halecentretheatre.org](http://www.halecentretheatre.org), (801) 984-9000

## 1812 Overture!

Deer Valley Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater

Saturday, August 1, 2009

7:30 p.m.

2250 Deer Valley Drive South, Park City, Utah

[www.deervalleymusicfestival.org](http://www.deervalleymusicfestival.org), (435) 645-6625

## Gilbert & Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance

The Off Broadway Theatre

August 1, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15

7:30 p.m.

272 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah

[www.theobt.com](http://www.theobt.com), (801) 355-4628

## Crue Fest 2

Motley Crue With Godsmack, Theory of a Dead Man,  
Drowning Pool, and Charm City Devils

USANA Amphitheatre

Monday, August 3, 2009

Doors open: 4:00 p.m., Show Starts: 5:00 p.m.

5150 South 6055 West, West Valley City, Utah

[www.usana-amp.com](http://www.usana-amp.com), (801) 964-4300

## Chicago

Red Butte Garden

Tuesday, August 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

300 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, Utah

[www.redbuttegarden.org](http://www.redbuttegarden.org), (801) 585-0556

## Carnivale Operafesta

Presented by the Utah Festival Opera Company

Ellen Eccles Theatre

August 5, 2009

7:30 p.m.

43 South Main Street, Logan, Utah

[www.centerforthearts.us/ellenecclestheatre](http://www.centerforthearts.us/ellenecclestheatre)

(435) 752-0026

## Chamber Music at Temple Har Shalom

Temple Har Shalom

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

8:00 p.m.

3700 North Brookside Court (off of Highway 224)

Park City, UT 84060

[www.deervalleymusicfestival.org](http://www.deervalleymusicfestival.org), (801) 533-6683

## Minor League Baseball

Salt Lake Bees vs. Memphis Redbirds

Franklin Covey Field

Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 7:05 p.m.

77 W 1300 S, Salt Lake City, Utah

[www.slbees.com](http://www.slbees.com), (801) 485-6818

## Saltimbanco Cirque Du Soleil

The E Center

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

7:30 p.m.

3200 South Decker Lake Drive (at 2200 West)

West Valley City, Utah

[www.theecenter.com](http://www.theecenter.com),

(801)-988-8888

## Amstel Saxophone Quartet

St. Mary's Church

Thursday, August 6, 2009

8:00 p.m.

1505 W. White Pine Canyon Rd., Park City, Utah

[www.deervalleymusicfestival.org](http://www.deervalleymusicfestival.org),

(801) 533-6683

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## Peter and the Wolf

Deer Valley Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater

Friday, August 7, 2009

7:30 p.m.

2250 Deer Valley Drive South, Park City, Utah

[www.deervalleymusicfestival.org](http://www.deervalleymusicfestival.org), (435) 645-6625

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Friday, August 7, 2009

3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

3200 South Decker Lake Drive (at 2200 West)

West Valley City, Utah

[www.theecenter.com](http://www.theecenter.com), (801) 988-8888

## Bravo Broadway: A Tribute to Rodgers & Hammerstein

Deer Valley Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater

Saturday, August 8, 2009

7:30 p.m.

2250 Deer Valley Drive South, Park City, Utah 84060

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Franklin Covey Field  
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www.slbees.com, (801) 485-6818

### Saltimbanco Cirque Du Soleil

The E Center  
Saturday, August 8, 2009  
3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
3200 South Decker Lake Drive (at 2200 West)  
West Valley City, Utah  
www.theecenter.com, (801) 988-8888

### Minor League Baseball

Salt Lake Bees vs. Nashville Sounds  
Franklin Covey Field  
Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, 4:05 p.m.  
77 W 1300 S, Salt Lake City, Utah  
www.slbees.com, (801) 485-6818

### Saltimbanco Cirque Du Soleil

The E Center  
Sunday, August 9, 2009  
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
3200 South Decker Lake Drive (at 2200 West)  
West Valley City, Utah  
www.theecenter.com, (801)-988-8888

### Minor League Baseball

Salt Lake Bees vs. Nashville Sounds  
Franklin Covey Field  
Monday, Aug. 10, 2009, 7:05 p.m.  
77 W 1300 S, Salt Lake City, Utah  
www.slbees.com, (801) 485-6818

### Minor League Baseball

Salt Lake Bees vs. Nashville Sounds  
Franklin Covey Field  
Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009, 7:05 p.m.  
77 W 1300 S, Salt Lake City, Utah  
www.slbees.com, (801) 485-6818

### Dvorak String Serenade

St. Mary's Church  
Wednesday, August 12, 2009, 8:00 p.m.  
1505 W. White Pine Canyon Rd., Park City, Utah  
www.deervalleymusicfestival.org, (801) 533-6683

### Minor League Baseball

Salt Lake Bees vs. Nashville Sounds  
Franklin Covey Field  
Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, 7:05 p.m.  
77 W 1300 S, Salt Lake City, Utah  
www.slbees.com, (801) 485-6818

### Johnny Winter

Jeanne Wagner Theatre  
Thursday, August 13, 2009, 8:00 p.m.  
138 W. 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah  
www.finearts.slco.org, (801) 355-2787

### Rhapsody in Blue

Deer Valley Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater  
Friday, August 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
2250 Deer Valley Drive South, Park City, Utah  
www.deervalleymusicfestival.org, (435) 645-6625

### Chris Isaak

Red Butte Garden  
Friday, August 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
300 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, Utah  
www.redbuttegarden.org, (801) 585-0556

### Elvis Costello with the Utah Symphony

Deer Valley Snow Park Outdoor Amphitheater  
Saturday, August 15, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
2250 Deer Valley Drive South, Park City, Utah  
www.deervalleymusicfestival.org, (435) 645-6625

## Members Encouraged to Donate SGS Publications

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

SGS Members are encouraged to purchase a set of the books and donate them to their local Historical and/or Genealogical Society. The cost for the three books is \$59.00 and checks should be made payable to SGS. If you're interested in supporting this effort, you'll find ordering instructions on page 16.

The three SGS Publications contain the eight generation descendants of immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley. These books have already been donated to some institutions, including the Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, NY and the Bradford County Pennsylvania Historical Society. Let me know about your donations and we'll publish the list so the institutions don't receive duplicate copies.

## 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, and other Seeley immigrants, contact Kathie Olsen

SGS also needs funds for the following projects:

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

## Reunion of James Seeley (SGS#3686) Descendants

The annual reunion of the descendants of James Arnold Seeley and his wife Ida Knights will be held starting 12:00 noon on Sunday 26 July at the Minnequa Springs picnic area, Minnequa, PA. Bring a dish to pass and your own place settings. Minnequa is near Canton, PA just off Rt. 14. James A. Seeley is the son of James Seeley, SGS#3686.

## American History As Told Through One Family's Letters

*A Breach of Privilege: Cilley Family Letters 1820-1867* by Eve Anderson is a 512 page book published by Seven Coin Press. It is a collection of family letters from the period that help readers understand history as it was understood at the time by those living it.

According to the book's introduction, they "were written at home, at school, on the road to battle and in the Capitol in Washington. Together they provide a sweeping, evocative account of life in America during important periods of technological, political, economic and social development. They are not the abstracted analyses of later historians, but the immediate voices of men and women caught up in unfolding events that deeply affected their lives."

But who was this family? The book's introduction provides a snapshot: "The Cilley family, like so many of the families who took part in the birth of our nation, were dedicated to the ideal of building a country of free people who would embody the best concepts of citizenship. They enjoyed an added distinction in that their commitment to the principles of democracy and their dedication to the public good remained foremost in their deeds, their hearts and their minds for so many generations."

David F. Emery, a former four-term Congressman for Maine's First Congressional District, once represented by Jonathan Cilley, says "A *Breach of Privilege* is a literary time machine that carries us back to a critical and transitional period in American history"

Lauren Thomas, formerly of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, says, "Here is one of those astonishing histories that one is always hoping to discover and rarely finds. Perceptively organized and edited, this is the vivid story of an eminent New England family, who relate their triumphs, tragedies, and hopes to each other across generations—and now to us. The Cilley family's letters brim with intelligence, wit, and strong opinions and emotions. They are filled with rich details of daily life in nineteenth-century America and firsthand accounts of political and historical events. As you read, these eloquent voices will transport you into the past and compel you to share their struggles and joys."

The book is hard to find and not inexpensive, but according to Amazon.com book reviewer Jonathan Tibbets, it's well worth it.

"The events and personalities of *A Breach of Privilege* virtually leap off the page, and become as

familiar to the reader as those of any novel," said Tibbets in his review of the book. "In fact, it's difficult to believe that the members of one family could have been witness to as many remarkable events in American history as were the Cilleys, but it is all true."

In the book *The Cilleys of New Brunswick*, there is an article entitled *The Honorable Jonathan Cilley 1802-1838, The Cilley Family Roots in New England* by Annie M. Cilley.

She says, "The Honorable Jonathan Cilley (7) [(Greenleaf (6); Joseph (5); Joseph (4); Thomas (3))] was born 2 July 1802 in Nottingham, New Hampshire and was killed in a duel 24 February 1838 in a deserted field new Washington, DC. He was the son of Greenleaf and Jane 'Jennie' (NEALLY) CILLEY. He married Deborah Prince on the 4 April 1829. She was born 6 July 1808 and died 14 August 1844. Both Jonathan and Deborah were buried in Elm Grove Cemetery, Thomaston, Maine along with their children, Jane Nealley, Bowdoin Longfellow and Jonathan Prince. Deborah was the daughter of the Honorable Hezekiah and Isabella (COOMBS) PRINCE.

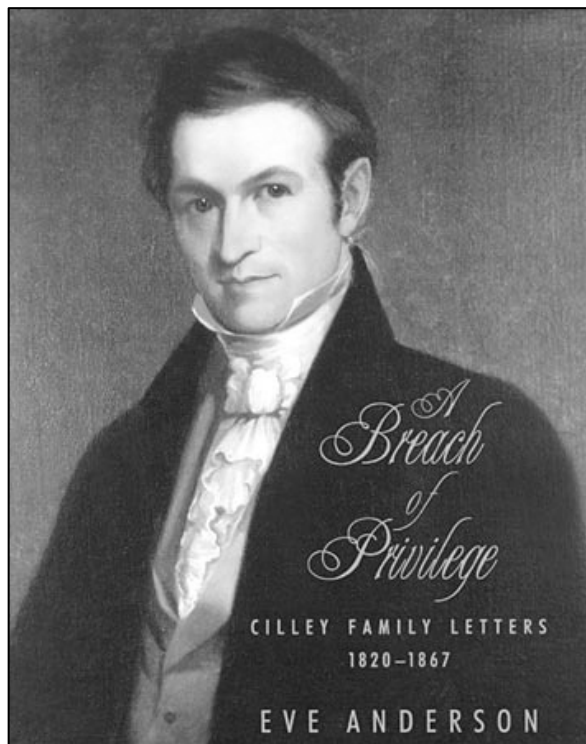
"The children of Jonathan and Deborah were: Greenleaf, b 1829; Jane Nealley, b 1831, d 1836;

Bowdoin Longfellow, b 1833, d 1834; Jonathan Prince, b 1835, d 1920; and Julia Draper, b 1837. Jonathan Prince Cilley was the author of *The Cilley Family*, compiled in 1879."

Her article goes on to provide some biographical information about Jonathan Cilley noting that he attended prep school at the Atkinson Academy which is not only still in operation today, but, according to its web site, "was incorporated in 1787 and is the oldest standing co-ed school in the nation."

According to the article, Jonathan later attended Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, and "graduated in 1825. He moved to Thomaston, Maine and studied law under John Ruggles. He was admitted an attorney of law in 1829. He was elected Member of the Legislature for 1831, 1833 and 1834. In 1835, he was elected Speaker of the House. In 1837, he was elected a Representative to the 25th Congress. He was killed in a duel with the Honorable W. J. Graves of Kentucky. (This was the last duel to be held legally in the United States.)"

In her article, Annie Cilley says a more complete history of Jonathan Cilley is available in "Nathaniel Hawthorne's 'Biographical Sketch of Jonathan Cilley'"



## Military Notes

### **Private Sean Williams**

Mar 12, 2009 -- Army National Guard Pvt. Sean G. Williams has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Marilyn Sealy of 105th Ave., Jamaica, N.Y.

The private is a 2007 graduate of Martin Van Buren High School, Queens Village, N.Y.

### **Private Christopher S. Seeley**

April 1, 2009 -- Army Pvt. Christopher S. Seeley has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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

He is the son of Christopher Seeley of Dunn Ave., Stamford, Conn.

The private is a 2005 graduate of Stamford High School.

### **Seaman Recruit Michael Seeley**

March 19, 2009 -- Navy Seaman Recruit Michael R. Seeley-Reyes, son of Stephanie E. and Dan K. Seeley of Glenwood, Iowa, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Seeley-Reyes completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Seeley-Reyes is a 2008 graduate of Glenwood Community High School of Glenwood, Iowa.

### **Private First Class Desirea L. Sealy**

Feb. 9, 2009 -- Army Reserve Pfc. Desirea L. 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.

She is the daughter of Laurel Sealy of E. 82nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sealy graduated in 2003 from Clara Barton High School, Brooklyn, and received an associate degree in 2007 from Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn.

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

What additional knowledge should we be pursuing at this time? I welcome your ideas for research objectives to use Seeley Genealogical Society funds. Please contact me at [katherinemolsen@comcast.net](mailto:katherinemolsen@comcast.net) with suggestions.

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

Jim Seeley, our Past President, is the chair of the committee to nominate candidates for the SGS Executive Board election in 2009. Ruthetta Hansen and Ramon Hall are serving with him. The slate of officers has been determined. Thanks to all who have agreed to serve. 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 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 looking forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City. I hope you will come and enjoy the activities that have been planned. I will be glad to hear from you ASAP!!!

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



# Caring for your Family Archives

*Compiled from online Resources at [www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives/](http://www.archives.gov/preservation/family-archives/)*

## How do I preserve my family papers?

Paper preservation requires proper storage and safe handling practices. Your family documents will last longer if they are stored in a stable environment, similar to that which we find comfortable for ourselves: 60-70 degrees F; 40-50% relative humidity (RH); with clean air and good circulation. High heat and moisture accelerate the chemical processes that result in embrittlement and discoloration to the paper. Damp environments may also result in mold growth and/or be conducive to pests that might use the documents for food or nesting material. Therefore, the central part of your home provides a safer storage environment than a hot attic or damp basement.

Light is also damaging to paper, especially that which contains high proportions of ultra violet, i.e., fluorescent and natural day light. The effects of light exposure are cumulative and irreversible; they promote chemical degradation in the paper and fade inks. It is not recommended to permanently display valuable documents for this reason. Color photocopies or photographs work well as surrogates.

Family papers should be stored in appropriate sized enclosures, such as a folder, box, portfolio, etc., that will provide physical protection as well as protection from light and dust. The enclosure itself should be made of stable permanent quality materials that will not contribute to the document's deterioration.

## How can I safely mount my documents, memorabilia, and photographs into albums or scrapbooks?

The method you use to assemble scrapbooks, photograph albums or memory books can enhance the preservation of the items or can cause irreversible negative effects. Mounting with the following materials should be avoided: synthetic glue (white glue), rubber cement, pressure-sensitive tapes and films, staples, or hot glue gun adhesives. These materials have poor aging qualities which can physically damage and/or discolor paper and photographs.

Albums with self-stick pages ("magnetic pages") should be avoided as well due to the adhesive used on the mounting page. There are several safe alternatives for mounting. Valuable items such as birth certificates, family letters, and photographs should be mounted without use of glue or other adhesives. Envelopes and sleeves made of stable plastics such as polyester and polypropylene can hold the materials and be used as album pages. An alternative for sleeves and envelopes are corners made from plastic films (such as, polypropylene and polyester) or paper.

Plastic and paper corners which are to be used for photographic memorabilia should be made of a material which passes the Photographic Activity Test (PAT). The PAT was developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and is a test that determines whether or not a storage material will cause fading or staining of photographs. The PAT standard is ANSI IT9.16,

Photographic Activity Test. Many manufacturers test their products with the PAT and advertise storage materials which pass the PAT.

Paper corners which are to be used only with paper memorabilia need only pass the standard for permanent paper ANSI/NISO Z39.48, Permanence of Paper for Publication of Documents in Libraries and Archives. This standard specifies the characteristics of paper that is of a permanent nature and which will not harm other documents with which it is in contact.

## Should I remove my photographs from old albums, such as black paper albums or self-stick albums?

Don't rush to remove photographs from albums just because you think the album is not "archival". Many older albums with black, gray or colored paper actually may not be harming your photographs while removal may cause immediate damage that is not easily repaired! In addition, older family heirloom albums frequently have valuable inscriptions and a character all their own that would be lost by replacement with a modern album. People sometimes erroneously assume that damage they see is caused by the paper when in fact the damage occurred years ago. For example, stains and fading (especially on black-and-white photos) can be the result of poor processing by the photographer or the glues originally used to spot adhere the photos to the pages. Very little can be done to reverse the damage in these situations. However, some album page papers, even different types of photos or poorly processed photos, or previous tape mends which are in contact with photos on adjacent pages, may be contributing to fading or staining. One solution is to interleave those pages with these problems using high quality paper or plastic sheets to isolate each page from its neighbor. Care should be taken so that the album doesn't become overstuffed with the interleaving, possibly breaking the binding. If the photos really are deteriorating and you choose to have the album disassembled to ensure their preservation, photocopies in color or black-and-white can be made of each page to capture the look and feel of the original, preserve all inscriptions, and keep a record of the order in the album.

As mentioned above, removing photos from old self-stick album pages that have dried up, especially when the plastic cover sheet no longer sticks to the page and the page has discolored, may be easy--frequently the photo just falls off! However, removing photos from pages that are in the extremely tacky stage can cause permanent damage. This treatment, especially for those photos that are very important to you, is best left to trained conservators. Photographs which were recently attached to self-stick album pages usually can be removed easily within a year or two by inserting a thin knife under the edge of the photo and gently separating the photo from the page. Never curl or peel back a photo from a self-stick page as the photo may be permanently cracked and curled in the process.

## National Archives Genealogy Workshops Available Nationwide

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) offers the public a comprehensive program of genealogical workshops and courses in its facilities nationwide. Here are some offerings through August.

### June

#### Introduction to Genealogy, Waltham, Mass., June 2

Behind the scenes tours of the archives will be given from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the lecture starting at 2:00 p.m. and lasting for approximately 90 minutes. The workshop will be held at the Regional Archives building, 380 Trapelo Road in Waltham, Mass. To register and for more details, call 866-406-2379 or e-mail [waltham.archives@nara.gov](mailto:waltham.archives@nara.gov). The lecture is FREE and OPEN to the public. Workshop and tour space is limited to 25 participants. Minimum of 4 attendees required.

#### Using Newspapers and Mug Books: Unusual Sources, New York City, NY, June 9

Newspapers are the day to day (or week to week) diaries of community and national events. Many types of genealogical information can be found in newspapers (not limited to birth, marriage, and death notices), and our presenter will show examples. He will also discuss county histories or "mug books" (over 5,000 have been described by P. William Filby) and indicate the use and cautions associated with these publications. This lecture, which is free of charge and open to the public, will be presented by genealogist and NARA volunteer, Art Sniffin from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NARA's Regional Facility at 201 Varick Street, 12th Floor, New York City. Feel free to bring your lunch. Space is limited, so registration is recommended at [newyork.archives@nara.gov](mailto:newyork.archives@nara.gov).

#### Military Records: Revolutionary War to Civil War, San Francisco, CA, June 12

This lecture is held at the National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Region (San Bruno) located at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, Calif. 94066-2350. To register and for more information, contact Rose Mary Kennedy at 650-238-3488 or send her an e-mail at [rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov](mailto:rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov). Cost of the lecture is \$15, payable in advance.

#### Family History Game Show, Ellis Island, NY, June 18

As a contestant in a live game show, you can learn some basics about our immigrant ancestors and the documents that tell their story, including passenger arrival lists, Federal census records, and naturalization records. Shows are held in the Ellis Island Learning Center, Room 1 West. For directions and ferry times to Ellis Island visit [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) or [www.nps.gov/elis](http://www.nps.gov/elis). The show runs at 1 pm, 1:30 pm, and 2 pm (20 minutes each) and

registration is not required. The Family History Game Show is brought to you in partnership by the National Archives - Northeast Region (New York City) and the National Park Service.

#### Military Records: Spanish American to Vietnam War, San Francisco, CA, June 26

This lecture is held at the National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Region (San Bruno) located at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, Calif. 94066-2350. To register and for more information, contact Rose Mary Kennedy at 650-238-3488 or send her an e-mail at [rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov](mailto:rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov). Cost of the lecture is \$15, payable in advance.

### July

#### Census, Passenger Lists, and Naturalization Records, Waltham, MA, July 7

Behind the scenes tours of the archives will be given from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the lecture starting at 2:00 p.m. and lasting for approximately 90 minutes. The workshop will be held at the Regional Archives building, 380 Trapelo Road in Waltham, Mass. To register and for more details, call 866-406-2379 or e-mail [waltham.archives@nara.gov](mailto:waltham.archives@nara.gov). The lecture is FREE and OPEN to the public. Workshop and tour space is limited to 25 participants. Minimum of 4 attendees required.

#### Family History Game Show, Ellis Island, NY, July 16

As a contestant in a live game show, you can learn some basics about our immigrant ancestors and the documents that tell their story, including passenger arrival lists, Federal census records, and naturalization records. Shows are held in the Ellis Island Learning Center, Room 1 West. For directions and ferry times to Ellis Island visit [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) or [www.nps.gov/elis](http://www.nps.gov/elis). The show runs at 1 pm, 1:30 pm, and 2 pm (20 minutes each) and registration is not required.

#### Federal Land Records, San Francisco, CA, July 17

This lecture is held at the National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Region (San Bruno) located at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, Calif. 94066-2350. To register and for more information, contact Rose Mary Kennedy at 650-238-3488 or send her an e-mail at [rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov](mailto:rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov). Cost of the lecture is \$15, payable in advance.

### August

#### Saving your Heritage: Scrapbooking, Waltham, MA, August 4

Behind the scenes tours of the archives will be given from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the lecture starting at

#### **New SGS Life Members**

George & Dawn Seeley  
112 Myrtle Drive  
Greer, SC 29650

Daniel & Kerry Beth Ike  
10 Pine Forest Drive  
Horseheads, NY 14845

#### **New SGS Members**

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2:00 p.m. and lasting for approximately 90 minutes. The workshop will be held at the Regional Archives building, 380 Trapelo Road in Waltham, Mass. To register and for more details, call 866-406-2379 or e-mail [waltham.archives@nara.gov](mailto:waltham.archives@nara.gov). The lecture is FREE and OPEN to the public. Workshop and tour space is limited to 25 participants. A minimum of four attendees are required.

African-American Genealogical Research, Chicago, IL, August 8

Renowned lecturer, author, and genealogist, Tony Burroughs, will present a program on African-American family history research. Mr. Burroughs will address the special challenges presented to those researching African-Americans. Information on finding federal records relating to African-Americans will be discussed. The lecture will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the National Archives - Great Lakes Region, 7358 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629-5898. Cost of the lecture is \$10

Preserving Your History, San Francisco, CA, August 14

This lecture is held at the National Archives and Records Administration - Pacific Region (San Bruno) located at 1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, Calif. 94066-2350. To register and for more information, contact Rose Mary Kennedy at 650-238-3488 or send her an e-mail at [rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov](mailto:rosemary.kennedy@nara.gov). Cost of the lecture is \$15, payable in advance.

Family History Game Show, Ellis Island, NY, August 20

As a contestant in a live game show, you'll learn about our immigrant ancestors and the documents that tell their story, including passenger arrival lists, Federal census records, and naturalization records. Shows are held in the Ellis Island Learning Center, Room 1 West. For directions and ferry times to Ellis Island visit [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org) or [www.nps.gov/elis](http://www.nps.gov/elis). The show runs at 1 pm, 1:30 pm, and 2 pm (20 minutes each) and registration is not required.

For more information about these or other workshops, contact the appropriate NARA Regional Office (contact data can be found at <http://www.archives.gov/locations/>).

## SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of April 30, 2009)*

### WHAT'S NEW IN QUERIES?

I always enjoy receiving queries – they are often so interesting and it is really rewarding when I can connect someone to their ancestors. In this quarter, in addition to the queries above, I've had a young man who needed information about his father's family so he could collect an inheritance, women who had family photos and albums that had piqued their interest and other queries that easily tied into our known lines.

I have continued to keep myself busy trying to identify lineages for the many obituaries Chris Havnar has been posting on the website. One of the more interesting obits was for a wife of George A. Seeley of Forsyth, MT. Although the Seeley name was used several times in the obituary to refer to George and his children, all the census records I found were for George Feeley. This was corroborated by a court case that was cited online where George's son tried to sue the RR – George died after being hit crossing some RR tracks. Further evidence for Feeley rather than Seeley was in MT death records and George's WWI Draft Registration. It just shows that you have to be really careful to have more than one piece of data to back up your records.

### 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](mailto: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 Research Query 2008-B** Re: Edgar Whitmore Seely

In this query we had identified the grandfather of Edgar W Seely as Edgar A. Seely b. about 1836 NY, married to Adelia Harriet Whitmore b. OH and residing in Lyon Co. IA in 1880.

Loretta Eichmann ([leichmann@iw.net](mailto:leichmann@iw.net)) contacted us recently about the ancestry of Levi Seely, father of Melvin Austin Seely. Melvin was her step-father. Levi was married to Lillian Spenser. It turns out that Melvin Austin Seely (identified as Austin in 1910 and 1920 censuses) is the younger brother of Edgar Whitmore Seely.

We still would like to identify the ancestry of Edgar A. Seely.

### NEW QUERIES

**Query 0905-1** Submitted by Dan Corson Stone ([kohelthdumc@juno.com](mailto:kohelthdumc@juno.com))

Dan's great grandmother is buried in the Old Cemetery of Brooklyn, Susquehanna Co., Pennsylvania. Her grave marker reads: Mahala Corson [1839-1924]. It has been suggested to Dan that her maiden name was actually Betsey Mahala Seeley. About 1858 Mahala married Richard Corson [1836 -15 Oct 1896]. He was born in Wilmot Twp., Bradford Co., PA and died in Brooklyn which is where Mahala is buried. Their children were Elsie L. Corson [1859 -1940]; Curtis A. Corson [1860-1922]; Olive Corson [1864-?]; Everett F. Corson [1866-1946]; Benjamin Franklin Corson [1868-1952]; and

*Please See SGS Queries Page 12*

**SGS Queries** (continued from page 11)

Minnie Corson [1873-?]. Dan wants to know if we can tie Mahala Corson into the Seeley family.

**SGS Response:** I can't find anything to prove or disprove this suggestion. I have checked the 1850 census and can't find any Mahala that is close to the correct age nor a Seeley in the vicinity. Dian Little found this information on the Corsons in New Albany, Bradford PA: Benjamin Corson settled in New Albany in 1820. He made shingles and drew them on ox-sleds out to Homet's where they were exchanged for corn and pork... He died in 1852 and his wife Betsey Smith, in 1842. Their children were George, Samuel, Oliver, Richard, Betsey, Vinson, Ichabod and Thomas. From Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County Pennsylvania 1800-1825, Vol 2 p 251, Clement F. Heverly. This would indicate that Betsey, not Elizabeth, was a Corson name.

1860 Census (New) Albany, Bradford Co:

Richard Corson age 24  
Mahala " age 22  
Elsa age 1

However Dian didn't find any connection to the Seeley family. Jim Seeley, former SGS President, is related to the Corsons through his mother but he also couldn't find anything about a Betsey Mahala Seeley.

Please let me know if you can identify Mahala's ancestry.

**Query 0905-2** Submitted by Linda Robinson-Veenstra (ljveen@sympatico.ca)

Linda's great-grandmother was Emma Jane Seeley, born in Clayton, NY USA Mar 10, 1858 and married to William Harry Hunter of Napanee, Ont., Canada. Emma was previously married to an Isaac McNickle. Emma's parents were David Seeley born 27 Dec 1824 in Foxboro, Ontario, Canada and Melissa Dodge of Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, NY USA. Linda has very little information on David's parents except that his father was a Gilbert Seeley born in Ireland who was in Canada by the time his son was born in 1824. Linda saw a note somewhere that Gilbert was in Newfoundland, Canada, but has no proof. David and Melissa lived in Clayton for a time before returning to Canada; some of their children remained in the USA.

Linda also said she has heard family lore that the Seeleys are related to the Barnums. Linda has pictures of David Seeley and his wife Melissa Dodge, and possibly other Seeleys but the pictures weren't all labeled in the album she inherited from 1864.

**SGS Response:** I referred Linda to Query 0311-9 on our website for information on the Seelye/Barnum relationship.

Information about David and Melissa Seeley:

1860 Cape Vincent, Jefferson, NY

Seeley, David age 31, b. CAN, laborer  
Seeley, Melissa, age 23, b. NY  
Seeley, Francis age 6, Addison age 4, Emma age 2, all b. NY

1891 census Kingston, ONT

Seeley, David, age 64 b. ONT, parents b. Nova Scotia, carpenter

Seeley, Melissa, age 56 b. NS, father b. NS, mother b. ONT

Seeley, Norma, age 21 b. ONT, ONT, NS  
(David and Melissa are also listed there in 1901)

ONT Deaths 1869-1934

David Seeley died 24 Apr 1906 at Kingston, Frontenav, ONT, age 80, b. Foxboro ONT, ship carpenter

1871 census Stirling, Hastings North, Ontario

David Seeley b. 1828 and Henry Seeley b. 1829 are both listed as heads of households.

1851 census Thurlow, Hastings, ONT

Sealey, Phoebe, age 57, b. US  
Sealey, David age 23, Henry age 20, both laborers, both born Canada  
Sealey, Mary M. age 17, Sophia age 14, both born Canada

(This family is surrounded by men who are either carpenters or cabinetmakers)

Will of David Dodge, father of Melissa Dodge Seeley

<http://files.usgwarchives.org/ny/jefferson/wills/v19/dodge-david.txt>

From Jefferson County GenWeb:

The following family group descriptions are adapted from Hamilton Child's "Gazetteer of Jefferson County, N.Y.", published in 1890. The families are arranged alphabetically by township, and wherever possible, a link has been made to a Jefferson County Pioneer. We welcome any corrections and additions to the information presented.

**Gilbert Seeley**, a native of Ireland, emigrated to Canada West, where he died. His son, David Seeley, was born in Sterling, Canada, and when 19 years of age removed to Cape Vincent, where he remained 17 years, when he returned to Sterling, where he now resides. He married Melissa Dodge, of Cape Vincent, daughter of David and Louisa (Barrett) Dodge, and their children are Frances, Addison, Emma, Dewayne, Nettie, Maria, Albert, and Addison H. The latter was born at Cape Vincent, and in 1879 removed to this town and located on road 54, at Point Peninsula, where he now resides. He married Marian, daughter of Thomas and Frances (Whitney) Emery, of Cape Vincent, and they have one daughter, Edith M.

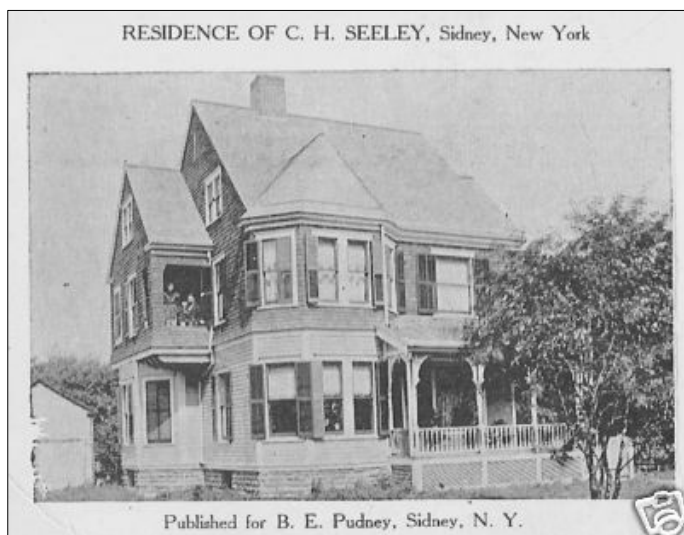
If anyone has information on this Gilbert Seeley please contact the Query Editor.

**RESEARCH QUERIES**

**Research Query 2009-A** SGS Member Paul Seeley (pnseeley@juno.com), a member of the Query Team from Michigan, recently found the postcard on the next page for sale on EBay. He asked if we could identify C.H. Seeley.

I found Charles H Seeley age 54 b. NY, CT, NY and his wife Lynn age 45 b. NY, NY, NY in the 1910 census of Sidney, Delaware Co. NY living on Bridge St. Charles H. is listed as a lawyer. They were married 27 years and had a son Edmond age 20 and dau-in-law Ella age 21.

The 1900 census of Sidney had Chas Seeley b. NY,



NY, NY March 1856, lawyer, married 17 years to Lynn M. b. Oct 1862, NY, NY, NY, with one child; son Eddie b. Oct 1889 NY, NY, NY.

In 1920 the son Edmund Seeley and his wife Ella both age 30 were in Oneonta, Otsego, NY with their children Charles age 8 and E Randolph age 5.

In 1930 in Oneonta the listing is Charles E age 40 married 21 years to Ella M. The children are Charles J age 19, Edmund R age 16, Marilyn E age 5, all b. NY, NY, NY.

#### WWI Draft Registration:

Charles Edmund Seeley of 38 Bridge St., Sidney, NY, had wife and child; he was born 4 Oct 1889.

Charles H. Seeley b. 1856 seems to be a son of William L. (b. 1825 NY) and Margaret (b. 1824 NY) Seely of Masonville, Delaware NY (1860 and 1870 census). In the census Charles had an older sister Frances b. in 1854. In 1880 Charles is a lawyer age 24 b. NY, NY, NY working in Cannonsville, Delaware Co. NY and boarding with a butcher.

#### 1900 Oxford, Chenango, NY

Marshman, Daniel S. b. Sept 1851 NY, GER, NY, farmer, md 21 yr to

Marshman, Frances S. b. Jan 1854 NY, NY, NY, 1 child

Marshman, Robert S. b. Aug 1883 NY, NY, NY

Seeley, Margaret A., mother-in-law, b. May 1821 NY, NY, NY, widow, 3 children, 2 living

Seeley, C. Edmond, b. Oct 1889, nephew, b. NY, NY, NY (Daniel Marshman is widowed in 1910)

#### WWI Draft Registration:

Robert Seeley Marshman b. 12 Aug 1883, names wife Theresa B.

1930 census: Theresa's parents are Thornton G. and Emma L Brown. Theresa and Robert Marshman have been married 21 years; they have several children.

#### Social Security Death Index:

Edmund R Seeley born 4 Feb 1914, died September 1988, of New York

Robert Marshman born 12 August 1883, died July 1977 at Oxford, Chenango County, NY

None of these Seeleys were in our database. Can

any one identify the parents of William L Seeley?

**Research Query 2009-B** Chris Havnar started me off with these obituaries:

The funeral will be held Feb. 19 for **Arthur Gilbert Seeley** of Eugene, who died Feb. 15 of heart failure. He was 84.

Seeley was born March 29, 1919, in Chico, Calif to Lewis and Grace Ellis Seeley. He married Helen Johnson in Eugene on July 2, 1977.

He was raised in Grants Pass, where he graduated from high school in 1938.

He served as a mechanic in the Army Air Corps during World War II and repaired aircraft in Florida.

He worked as a mechanic with Dunham Motors in Eugene for 16 years and later owned and operated a body and paint shop. He will be remembered as a man who was extremely talented with his hands and took pride in his work.

He enjoyed the outdoors and fishing. He also enjoyed an active social life, especially dancing at the Elks Lodge where he was a member.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Rodger of Medford; a stepson, David Johnson of Coos Bay; a stepdaughter, Kathleen Marshall of Roosevelt, Utah; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Thursday's service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 3500 W. 18th Avenue in Eugene. Anderson's Cremation & Burial Service in Eugene is in charge of arrangements.

Published in the Register-Guard (Eugene, Oregon), February 18, 2004

**Grace May Seeley** of 433 Division Avenue, Eugene, passed away May 25, 1971, at the age of 92. She was born July 13, 1878, at Santa Barbara, California and was united in marriage to Lewis Seeley at Portland, February 18, 1914. She had been a resident of Eugene for the past eight years, and formerly of Roseburg. Surviving are her husband; a son, Arthur G., of Eugene; a sister, Undine Ellis of Long Beach, California; a brother Gilbert Ellis of San Francisco; a nephew, Gordon Ellis of Long Beach; a grandson, Rodger Seeley of San Carlos, California. Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m. in the Junction City Chapel of the Murphy Funeral Homes with Reverend Carlton C. Buck officiating. Private cremation to follow.

Published in The Register Guard (Eugene, Oregon), Tuesday, May 25, 1971, page 16B

**Edward Seeley**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilbert Seeley of this city passed away Sunday, October 15, 1944, at 11:55 a.m. Surviving besides his parents are Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Seeley of Myrtle Creek, Oregon and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of this city, both grandparents. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 17, 1944 at 11:30 a.m. at Linkville cemetery with the Rev. Daniel B. Anderson of the Klamath Temple of this city officiating. Commitment services and interment to follow. Arrangement are under the direction of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home.

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Published in the Herald and News (Klamath Falls, Oregon), October 16, 1944

She added these vital records:

From the OR Death Index

Grace May SEELEY

DOD: 25 May 1971

Lane County

Spouse: Lewis

Birth Date: July 1878

Arthur Gilbert SEELEY

DOD: 15 February 2004

Lane County

Spouse: Helen

Birth Date: 29 March 1919

Edward SEELEY

DOD: 15 October 1944

Klamath County

Birth Date: 13 October 1944

From the Social Security Death Index

Lewis Seeley b. 24 Mar 1886, d. Jan 1987 at Yuma, Yuma, AZ

1930 Census: Tualatin, Washington, Oregon; Roll: 1957; Page: 3A; Enumeration District: 59

Lewis E Seeley head age 44 age at first marriage 27 born WI States WI

Grace M Seeley wife age 50 age at first marriage 34 born CA MA CT

Arthur G Seeley son age 11

1920 Census: Bend, Deschutes, Oregon; Roll: T625 1493; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 31

Lewis E Seeley head age 33 born WI PA PA Auto Mechanic Garage

Grace Seeley wife age 40 born CA MA VT

Arthur Seeley son age 9/12 born CA WI CA

Researching the ancestry of Lewis, father of Arthur Gilbert Seeley, I found:

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Lewis Earl Seeley b. 25 Mar 1886, resides Bend, Deschutes, OR, names Grace Seeley as next of kin, works as automobile mechanic

1900 census Toledo, Tama, IA

Seeley, Martha, b. May 1851 WI, NY, NY, widow, md 29 yr, 5 ch, 4 living

Seeley, Bessie, b. May 1880, Louis b. Mar 1886, both b. WI, WI, WI

Corols, Lenene(?), b. Nov. 1874 WI, WI, WI, widow, md in 1899

Corols, Harold E., son, b. Apr 1899 IA, WI, WI  
Seeley, Harold B., brother, b. Feb 1876 WI, WI, WI, dep. Postmaster

Four others who are lodgers

1910 Union, Crawford, IA

Seeley, Harold B. age 35, b. WI, NY, WI, farmer, md 7 yr to

Seeley, Clara b. age 37 b. IA, GER, GER, no children

1880 census Lindina, Juneau, WI

Seeley, William, age 31, b. WI, CT, CT, farmer

Seeley, Mattie A, age 29, b. WI, NY, NY

Seeley, Lurah(?) dau., age 5, Harry B age 4, infant

dau. age 1 mo. (b. May)

Seeley, Arletta, age 13. niece, all b. WI, WI, WI

1870 Willow, Richland, WI

Seeley, Theodore age 26, farmer, b. WI

Seeley, Caroline age 18, b. WI

Seeley, Herbert age 1 b. WI

1860 census Westford, Richland, WI

Seely, Charles, age 44, b. CT, farmer

Seely, Caroline, age 47, b. CT

Seely, Lewis age 22, laborer, Ann age 20, both b. CT

Seely, Julia age 17, Thiadore age 14, William age 12,

Sarah age 8, Charles age 4, all b. WI

1850 Baraboo, Saul, WI

Seely, Charles age 32, silver Smith, b. CT

Seely, Caroline age 36 b. CT

Seely, Harriet age 14, Lewis age 12, Ann age 10,

Joseph age 8, all b. CT; Julia Ann age 6,

Theodore age 4, William age 1, all b. WI

Wood, Ann, age 60, b. CT

WI Marriage Index:

Seeley, William married Ward, Martha A 31 May 1871 Juneau Co. WI

WI Birth Index:

Seeley, Unnamed Male b. 24 mar 1886 Juneau Co. WI

Can anyone find information on the origins of Charles Seely b. 1816-18 CT?

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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?

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2. *The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
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  - Folder D: Research Report on Robert Seeley by Alan Phipps, MA, AG
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