



# Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## 2011 SGS Reunion Plans Are Underway

Story By Kathie Olsen, SGS President

The 2011 Reunion Committee recently met in the Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, New York to draw up plans for our upcoming reunion. July 14 through July 17, 2011 has been selected for the date and the Elmira/Corning Area has been selected for the place. The theme will be "Settling Down and Migrating Through: The Seeley Family in the Twin Tier area of Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania."

The Conference will begin on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, Elmira/Corning in Horseheads, New York in the ballroom. Kerry Lippincott, Education Coordinator of the Chemung County Historical Society will give the keynote address on "An overview of the early history of Chemung County, New York; Tioga County, Pennsylvania; and Bradford County, Pennsylvania including Seeley families." This session will be followed by member presentations on Seeley families who settled or migrated through the area. See the call for presentations also in this newsletter. Thursday evening we will enjoy dinner and a speaker, possibly Joyce Tice or J. Kelsey Jones, both prominent researchers in the Tri-counties area. Registration will begin at 9:00 am and a Board Meeting will be held at 10:00 am.

Friday, July 15, 2011 is going to be an exciting day. The committee is arranging for several area tours. There will be a chance to select two!

The morning tours will include a visit to the Corning Museum of Glass which is probably the most well known tourist site in the area and an historical tour of Elmira including sites relating to Mark Twain who summered there for 20 years and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, and a visit to the Chemung County Historical Society and the Booth Library. Either would make a great choice! In the afternoon you can choose either a winery tour/wine festival or an historical tour of Tioga Point, Pennsylvania where the Chemung River and the Susquehanna River converge; Fitzsimmons Cemetery where many Seeleys are buried; Seeley Creek, New York; and the Revolutionary War site of Newtown Battlefield. Again, how will you choose? In the evening, we will meet at the hotel for dinner and a speaker.

We will begin the day, Saturday, July 16, 2011 with the membership/business meeting at the hotel from 9:00 until 11:00 and a group photo scheduled immediately following the meeting. There will be a family picnic at noon at a County Park on Harris Hill, where soaring can be



The Hilton Garden Inn of Horseheads New York will be the site of the 2011 SGS International Reunion.

observed. Lunch will be served. Presentations will be given by board members to enlighten our members and prospective members. There will be time after for people to go to the National Museum of Soaring or you can even ride a sailplane over Chemung Valley! The new board will meet at 4:00 pm. An installation dinner will be held at an area restaurant to install new officers and enjoy visiting with "cousins."

How can Sunday be here already? There will be a late breakfast served at the hotel at 11:30 after Church services. A late check-out from the hotel has been arranged for those leaving the hotel after breakfast.

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### Announcements

The SGS Newsletter is published every February, May, August, and November. Announcements are published for free and are due to the editor by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

### SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for its members and for posterity.

### 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, Cielely, 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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### Seelye National Research Center

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### SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for July 14-17, 2011 in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania (Bradford County, and Tioga County, Pennsylvania and Chemung County of New York). 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.

### Editorial Position

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

# President's Report

I would like to thank everyone who is involved with the Seeley Genealogical Society in any way. Each member is very important. Thanks to all of our elected and appointed officers! They are all volunteers who give of their time and energy freely and I thank them all! Thanks to all those who spend many hours to help the Society reach its goal to "engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination and preservation of Society information for the Society, for its members and for posterity." (SGS Constitution, Article II, Section 2.)

Many of you know John R. Seely, who has contributed so much to the Society over the years. His influence in this organization has been tremendous. He has not been well for several months and after a stay with his son, Robert and family, has moved to a retirement center. He recently celebrated his 88th birthday and if you would like to send him greetings, his address is John R. Seely, c/o Robert Seely, 3028 Fairview Drive, Vista, CA, 92084. He enjoys getting mail.

John has many years of research documents and other materials that he would like to donate to the Seelye Research Center in Abilene, Kan. SGS has agreed to pay the shipping costs for these materials from John's home in Carson, Calif. If you would like to help with the shipping costs, please send your donation to the treasurer, Sally Seeley.

Jim Seeley has kindly agreed to serve as the DNA interim project manager. He is doing a great job. He has worked with Ancestry.com to clear up a problem and he has started submitting test results to the website. Jim has written articles about the DNA project in this newsletter. Thanks, Jim.

The SGS Executive Board has established an SGS Memorial Fund. When one of our members or relatives passes away, we could remember him/her by making a donation to the SGS Memorial Fund in his/her name. The money should be sent to Sally Seeley, the treasurer. A note will be sent to the family acknowledging your donation. The donation will not be tax deductible. Please consider this as a great way to memorialize your loved ones!

Last issue, I mentioned the "Who Do You Think You Are?" series about family history on TV. This series has been slated for a second season. They are presently showing reruns from last season. It is on TV on Friday evenings. Be sure to tune in!

For our upcoming reunion, I would like to present some awards to those who have contributed so much to the success of this organization. If you have suggestions, please send them to me at katherinemolsen@gmail.com

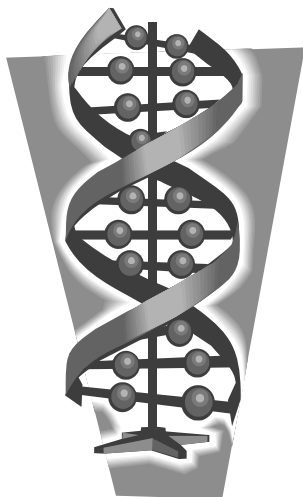
Of interest to everyone will be our upcoming reunion in 2011 to be held in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania. Many Seeleys from different branches of the families have resided in this area. The committee has chosen July 14 through July 17, 2011 as the dates for the conference. Registration will be held on Thursday, July 14 with the opening session at 1:00 pm. A variety of tours will be conducted on Friday, July 15. Activities will continue on Saturday, July 16 and end with a brunch on Sunday, July 17. The conference hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn, Elmira/Corning, New York. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. Encourage all your Seeley (no matter how you spell it) relatives to be there. It is always fun to be together!

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



# DNA Project Status and New SGS DNA Test Procedures

By Jim Seeley, SGS Interim DNA Lineage Project Manager



The SGS DNA Test Project is up and running again. DNA test results from Dr. Ken McCrea's website have been moved to the Seeley website (thanks to our webmasters Chris and Jerry Havnar). Two new sets of results have been added, one to the Obadiah Seeley results table and one to the Nathaniel table. One more Seeley male's results have been received from the laboratory and they are being prepared for posting on the Seeley website at this writing. The DNA results page on the website will be updated with a

new date whenever new results are added. Updated conversion factors are being used to agree with marker values recommended by the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST). The Seeley website has also

updated the procedures for requesting a DNA test and they are printed here as well:

This procedure uses the DNA Heritage test laboratory. DNA Heritage offers a discount because the Seeley Surname Project provides a Project Admin and two co-admins to assist with the administrative details.

The SGS DNA test project uses the 43 marker test. The cost is currently \$149.00.

New Members are added through the Seeley Surname Project "Joining Form." The link is <http://www.dnaheritage.com/oracle/join.asp?GroupUnique=853337934>.

The 'Joining Form' requests that the markers be chosen first, and then continues to accept other details. You should choose the 43 marker test. This allows us to compare your test results with the DNA profiles for immigrants Robert and Obadiah Seeley, and with other SGS DNA test participants.

If you are paying for the DNA test of another Seeley surname male, you should complete the Joining Form inserting the address and other information of the male to be tested EXCEPT for the email address. Insert YOUR email address since that is where the invoice will be sent.

When you submit your application to join the Seeley Surname Project, DNA Heritage notifies me via Email. I will then provide you further instructions.

You have the opportunity to choose not to make your test results public on the DNA Heritage website (recommended). I request that you provide me your earliest known Seeley ancestor's full name, dates of his birth and death, and where he lived. This info is used on the Seeley website to identify your test results and protect your privacy as was done previously by Dr. Ken McCrea.

## Do You Know Where Your Seely Family Bible Is?

By Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster

For years I'd heard about my great-grandfather's Bible. I heard how special it was, and how the children could not touch it. Later I heard that it contained a deep and dark family secret and that is why my mother and her brother could not touch it.



The weekend of July 4th, I was able to look at it and photograph the important birth, death, and marriage pages. And yes it did contain a secret. But all the principals are long gone. In today's society – perhaps the secret is not so important.

Summer family reunions are not yet all over and Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings are ahead. These are great opportunities to share family Bible info.

If you know where your SEELY family Bible is – would you consider photographing the birth, death and marriage pages and sending them in to be included in our reference library?

With your digital camera, take the Bible and set it on a chair or a piano bench open to the pages, and standing above the pages looking straight down, photograph the pages. If the Bible is in your possession, one or two copies are good. If you have traveled any distance, take several photos of each page, including the title page of the Bible. This helps date the Bible and the information. The photos can be sent to me at [jchavnar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jchavnar@sbcglobal.net) or to [webmaster@seeley-society.net](mailto:webmaster@seeley-society.net).

## Ancestry.com DNA Privacy Update

Ancestry had posted SGS Member's DNA test results along with their names, in violation of the privacy agreement SGS had with Relative Genetics, when Ancestry acquired RG. Ancestry has told me they have now 'fixed each of the participants from Relative Genetics that you gave me a kit number for. They now show up as "Participant \_\_\_", numbering from 1-14. Nothing will be revealed about their true name anywhere.' If an SGS Member who had their DNA testing done by Relative Genetics wants to verify that their test results are truly anonymous, you should log on to Ancestry.com, click on the DNA tab, then click on the DNA account tab, and then click on "anonymous results."

## DNA Lineage Project Manager Needed

We are still looking for a "permanent" SGS DNA Project Manager. Please contact me at [jrseeely@comcast.net](mailto:jrseeely@comcast.net) or at 1-540-337-8633 even if you are the least bit interested. Maybe once we discuss what's involved and what kind of support exists, you may decide the work is a good fit for you.

## Seelye Research Center News

*By Pam Turner, SRC Librarian*

Greetings! Due to the questions I have been getting regarding the Descendants of the 8th Generation Index since it has been posted on the web, I thought I would use this space to try and clarify any questions you might have regarding the 8th gen index.

First of all, please realize that this is an index. All we are trying to do is to list the names we have information on, what that information is, and where it is located. You can use it to trace the lineage of a person or see sibling relationships by looking at the page numbers, but this can be a difficult exercise. We would like to see people look at this index for a name of an ancestor and then contact the librarian or genealogists for more information. Since everything that is on the index has been scanned, we can get the information back to you pretty quickly.

The column headings of the index are as follows: Name, Gen # (refers to the named persons generation within the SGS # listed), Page # (refers to the page within the folder that the person is found on), SGS #, 8th Generation Name, Source Code (refers to the type of information that we have). The reference for the source code abbreviations can be found at the bottom of the 8th gen index listing on the website. You can also find the source codes in this newsletter to make it easier to read the 8th gen index.

I hope this helps with any questions you might have about the 8th gen index. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I hope that now this index is on the web, that it might help more people with their Seeley research.

### 8th Generation Index Source Code Listing

<b>AF</b>	Ancestor File record
<b>Article</b>	generally a newspaper article
<b>BI</b>	Birth index; 1st two initials are the state where record was recorded
<b>Bio</b>	Biography or histories
<b>BR</b>	Birth record; includes birth certificates, baptismal records or bible records
<b>Census</b>	These records are indicated by a state abbreviation followed by the date
<b>CR</b>	Cemetery record including state cemetery indexes
<b>CW Rec</b>	Civil War military information
<b>DI</b>	Death index; 1st two initials are the state where record was recorded
<b>DR</b>	Death record; includes death certificates or records of death
<b>FC</b>	Family compilation; includes printed publications of family histories
<b>Ltr</b>	Letter
<b>MR</b>	Marriage record; includes engagement or anniversary announcements; state indexes
<b>Pict</b>	Picture
<b>PL</b>	Passenger List
<b>SSDI</b>	Social Security Death Index
<b>Will</b>	Pertains to a will or probate record
<b>WWI</b>	World War I military information

## SGS Membership Benefits

*By Jim Seeley, SGS Past President*

Considering joining SGS? Know someone who is on the fence about joining? Here's some information about the organization and the benefits its members enjoy that might make the decision a little easier.

This worldwide, totally volunteer, organization is working to preserve and make available for genealogical research the family records of Seeley ancestors going back to Captain Robert Seeley who immigrated to America from England in 1630, and Obadiah Seeley who appeared in the records of Stamford, Conn. in the 1640s. We also welcome members of other Seeley lines (of all spellings). We encourage and assist in the study of family histories of other Seeley lines of all similar spellings and pronunciations and are building a central repository of Seeley family records. We currently have about 400 members.

### Benefits of SGS Membership:

1. Newsletter – We publish a quarterly Newsletter that contains news, obituaries, queries, pictures, and more. A Newsletter is mailed to each member each quarter.
2. Reunions - Reunions are held every two years at varying locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. The next reunion is in the tri-counties area of New York and Pennsylvania (Bradford and Tioga Counties, Pa. and Chemung County, N.Y.) from July 14 to 17, 2011.
3. Research - SGS hires professional genealogists to do specific research that helps clarify relationships of our ancestors. DNA research is also a tool that has been utilized to refine specific relationships.
4. Seeley Ancestor File - A computer database has been developed to store Seeley Family relationships.
5. SGS Publications – Three publications listing the first five, the sixth, and the seventh generation descendants of Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley are available, as are selective records for succeeding generations provided by members of the Society. These records are also available on CD (see 9 below).
6. Seelye Research Center – A Seelye Research Center is co-located with the Dr. A.B. Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kan. This is where the SGS keeps many of its documents and archives.
7. Seelye Website - A website for the Society is maintained at <http://www.seeley-society.net>. This site has much of the data from items four and five above as well as a historical file of Society Newsletters.
8. Queries – Queries from both members and non-members are researched by a Query Team under the guidance of our Query Editor. Queries and research results are published in the quarterly newsletter.
9. Compact Disk - SGS has published a Compact Disk containing the three SGS Publications mentioned in item five above, Indices of the Seeley Ancestor File in item four above, and files of available research reports.
10. Sponsored Trips - SGS organized a trip to England in September 2004 to visit sites of our ancestors and to "Robert and Obadiah's New England" in 2007. Future trips will be planned based on Member interest.

## Seeley Military Notes

### Army National Guard Pvt. Chad M. Seeley



Army National Guard Pvt. Chad M. Seeley 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.

Seeley is the son of Kathy and Bruce Seeley of Hilltop Road, Arnold, Md.

The private is a 2008 graduate of Broadneck High School, Arnold.

### Army National Guard Pvt. Justin J. Sealy



Army National Guard Pvt. Justin J. 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 Karen Sealy of 124th Ave., Jamaica, N.Y.

Sealy is a 2009 graduate of Forest Hills High School, N.Y.

### Navy Seaman Carolyn A. Sealy



Navy Seaman Carolyn A. Sealy, daughter of Carol A. Sealy of Norfolk, Va. and Anthony A. Sealy of Virginia Beach, Va., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week

program, Sealy 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.

Sealy is a 2007 graduate of Maury High School of Norfolk, Va. Source: Armed Forces News Services

## 67 Years of Marriage

Jesse R. and Vergie Lee Seeley celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on June 12. The Seeleys have four children, one of whom is deceased, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jesse Robert Seeley's line is Jesse Freeman, John



Thomas, Freeman Hall Jr(SGS# 2791), Freeman Hall, Agur, Joseph, Joseph, John, Nathaniel, Robert.

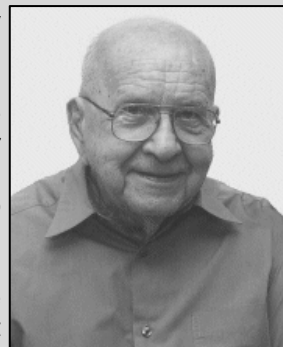
## Obituary Henry H. Seeley

Henry H. Seeley, U.S. Navy veteran, age 96, of Wyoming, Minn. died June 13, 2010.

Hank is survived by his wife of 68 years, Millie; daughter Barbara (Lloyd) West; son Harold (Rebecca); two grandsons; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Mattson Funeral Home

[Great-grandson of SGS # 2436 - Henry Howard; Charles Henry; Benjamin Earl; Luther Reed (# 2436); Alden Henry (# 890); John; Ephraim; John; Benjamin; Nathaniel; Robert]



## Horse Show Dedicated to Seeley

The Canton Independent Sentinel and Troy Gazette Register of Canton, Pa. announced in their July 15, 2010 publications that the 24th Annual Troy Fair Draft Horse would be dedicated to long-time SGS Member Wendell Seeley who passed away March 3, 2010.

Wendell was a founding member of the Endless Mountains Draft Horse Club and instrumental in re-establishing a draft horse show at the fair. He was a supporter and competitor with his Percherons for many years and continued to support the show even after he no longer competed.



## Seeley Family of Bradford County, Pa. Enjoys Annual Reunion

The descendants of Clyde H. Seeley and his wife Mildred L. Smith enjoyed their annual Memorial Day Reunion in Troy, Pa.

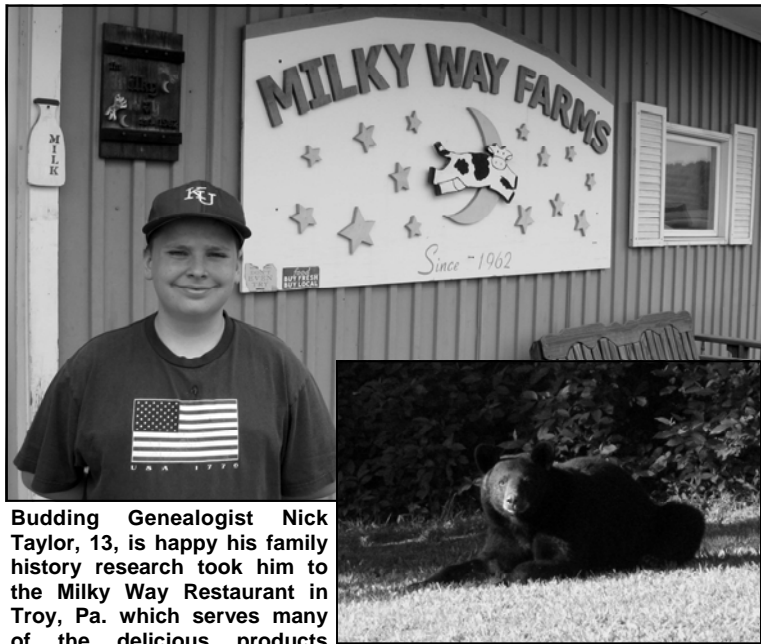
Thirteen year old Nicholas Taylor, his Dad Paul Taylor, and Grandpa Jim Seeley, all from Virginia, visited gravesites at Hanlon Hill Cemetery in Ridgebury Township, Bradford County, Pa. There, Nick uncovered the grown-

over flat grave marker of his 4-great grandfather, William Seeley (SGS#1692) and his 3-great grandfather, James Seeley (SGS#3686). They also visited the Glenwood Cemetery in Troy, Pa. where Nick's 2-great grandfather, James Arnold Seeley is buried, near Nick's great grandfather, Clyde Herman Seeley. Nick also visited the gravesites of these grandparents' wives, siblings, and children at the Grover, Alba, and Windfall cemeteries, all in Bradford County, Pa.

A Memorial Day picnic for more than 60 family members was held at the home of Jackie and Tom Hickok. Jackie is the daughter of SGS LIFE Member Veronica Seeley Newell. Jackie is a 12th generation descendant of Obadiah Seeley in the William Seeley (SGS#1692) line.

Nick also had lunch at the local (Troy, Pa.) Milky Way Restaurant founded by his cousins Marie Foust Seeley and husband Lewis Seeley (deceased). Owner/operators Kim and Ann Seeley gave Nick and his party a tour of the milk pasteurization process, ice cream making, and cheese making facilities. That evening Nick visited his cousins Greg and Sheryl Seeley on their dairy farm in Canton Township, Pa. where he watched the cows being fed and milked. Greg is the 3rd Generation Seeley to own this family homestead.

The Virginia Seeley family rented a house in rural Coryland, Pa. for the weekend where they were visited by a large black bear one morning. After grazing on the lawn for his breakfast, the bear moved into the adjacent dense woods. Nick decided not to follow.



**Budding Genealogist Nick Taylor, 13, is happy his family history research took him to the Milky Way Restaurant in Troy, Pa. which serves many of the delicious products raised on the dairy farm founded by Lewis Seeley, a cousin on his grandfathers side. Also pictured is a black bear that temporarily joined the Seeley clan for breakfast.**

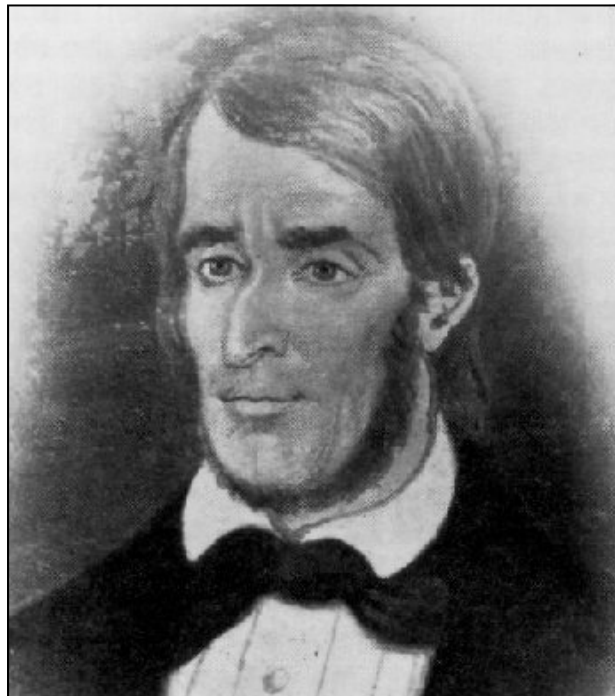
## JASFO Plans Tour to SGS Reunion, 2011

The Justus Azel Seelye Family Organization (JASFO) is 1861) married April 9, 1800 in Luzerne County (now Bradford), Pa. After living in the area for several years, they migrated to Upper Canada.

The tour will leave from Salt Lake City on July 8, 2011 and return on July 24, 2011 and visit Mormon History sites and pageants. The group will attend the Seeley Genealogical Society's 2011 International Reunion in Elmira/Corning, New York from July 14 to July 17.

The cost and all the details have not been determined. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you would like further information, please contact JASFO President, Camille Seeley Bell, 93 N Valley View Dr., North Salt Lake, UT, 84054, [bellfam77@msn.com](mailto:bellfam77@msn.com), 801-298-0279.

Justus Azel Seelye (1779-1859) (SGS#836) and his wife, Mehitable Bennett (1780-



While living there, in 1838, they, along with several of their adult children, joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They moved from Ontario to the Nauvoo, Illinois area.

After several years, they were driven from their homes and took refuge in Winter Quarters, Nebraska. In the summer of 1847, they became part of the Pioneer exodus to the valley of the Great Salt Lake arriving in September. They later settled Battle Creek (now Pleasant Grove), Utah where Justus Azel died.

After his death, Mehitable went with members of her family to Mt. Pleasant, Utah to settle.

## Pequot War in Which SGS #1 Fought is Subject of Archeological Project

It's a story with which many SGS members are familiar: in 1637, Robert Seeley (SGS #1) was appointed a Lieutenant and was second in command under Captain John Mason in the expedition against the Pequot Indians on the Mystic and Pequot (Thames) Rivers.

He was one of the first to enter the fort in the desperate "Fort Fight" where he was severely wounded. Captain Mason says in his report, "Lieutenant Seeley was a valiant soldier. I myself pulled the arrow out of his eyebrow." Robert wore the scar on his brow the rest of his life. Pequot Hill, where the fight took place, is about 8 miles northeast of New London, CT.

Today, the battlefields of the Pequot War (1636-1637) are the sites of a new mission - one of archaeology and research. The Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center is working to identify battlefield areas for future archeological testing, revise maps of Study and Core Areas, develop a preservation advocacy partnership, and educate the public about this important event in American history.

The effort is funded in part by the National Parks Service's American Battlefield Protection Program and conducted in partnership with the Office of the Connecticut State Archaeologist, the Connecticut State Historian and many local historical societies, research centers and museums from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York.

The primary goal of the project is to identify battlefield sites and obtain artifacts from them through non-invasive archaeological investigations.

The vast majority of the land within areas of Pequot War Battlefield sites is private property, thus part of the project is to obtain landholder permission before any field work is completed.

If landholders are willing to give permission for field work, the researchers and archaeologists utilize noninvasive or minimally invasive methods in a two part series of the survey.

Part I of Survey includes: an initial site visit to view property and complete a walkover with the landowner, and an integrity assessment of the land.

Part II of Survey includes: mapping (both a visible grid system and GIS), remote sensing and metal detection.

How were the battlefield sites chosen? The narratives and letters of John Mason, John Underhill, Philip Vincent, Lion Gardner (all four active participants in the war), and the letters of John Winthrop and Roger Williams provide important geographic clues to the locations of sites. Colonial maps, soldiers testimonies following the War and

most importantly oral history & local lore have yielded particularly helpful facts. This information is integrated into a Geographic Information System database and analyzed using KOCO A – a military terrain model (Key terrain, Observation, Cover and concealment, Obstacles, Avenues of approach). The results, we hope, provide the necessary information to isolate these battlefield sites.

Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center

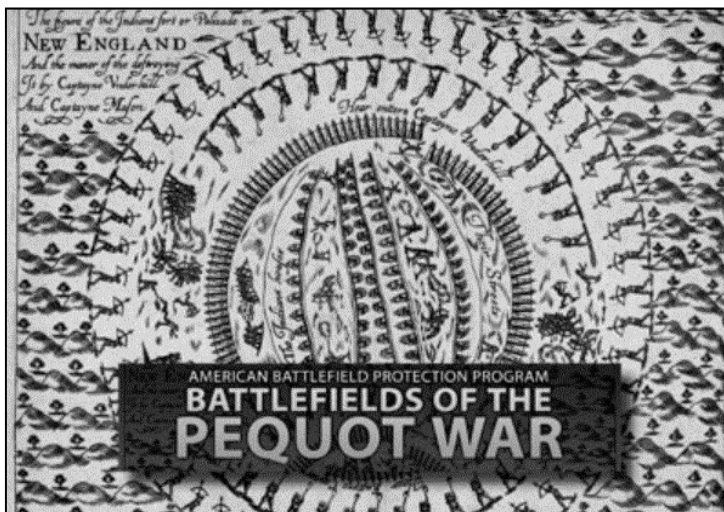
web site says "the Pequot War consisted of far more than the single attack by the English and their Native allies on the Pequot's fortified village at Mystic, Connecticut, on June 11, 1637. The war lasted for more than two years with major battles in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. Indigenous people, including the Sasqua of Fairfield, the Quinnipiac of New Haven, the Western Niantic, the Mohegan, the Narragansett, the Nipmuck,

the Wangunk, the Podunk, and the Mohawk of New York, fought both with and against the Europeans and the Pequot."

The first part of the History Channel documentary series "10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America" was about the "Massacre at Mystic."

American Archaeologist's web site has a detailed story by the Associated Press about the project (<http://americanarchaeologist.com/archives/1041>), and a new website (<http://pequotwar.org>) features in-depth information.

The American Battlefield Protection Program funds projects conducted by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. The ABPP's mission is to safeguard and preserve significant American battlefield lands for present and future generations as symbols of individual sacrifice and national heritage. Since 1990, the ABPP and its partners have helped to protect and enhance more than 100 battlefields by co-sponsoring 429 projects in 42 states and territories.



Part of the Battlefields of the Pequot War archaeology is to use minimally invasive techniques. Here, an archaeologist has used a metal detector to locate an artifact. She'll then dig a small hole to find the metallic piece, then replace the dirt and sod.

## 200 Million More Historic Records See the Light of Day

*From the Newsroom Web site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

On Aug. 18, 2010, FamilySearch announced the addition of more than 200 million new searchable historic records representing 18 countries to its online database.

The new records were added to the hundreds of millions FamilySearch published earlier this year at genealogical event in Salt Lake City, Utah. The number of records on the pilot site totals 700 million.

The latest deluge of records includes 53 new or updated collections from the United States and over 100 million new records from Europe, Scandinavia and Mexico. The United States collections include the 1910 U.S. Census and states' birth, marriage and death records.

There are 10 million new historical records from New Jersey and Michigan, 4 million from Tennessee, an amazing 41 million from Massachusetts, and many more from other states.

"Some time ago, FamilySearch committed to creating access to the world's genealogical records online in a big way. Today's updates are part of an ongoing effort to make good on those commitments," said Paul Nauta, FamilySearch public affairs manager.

"We have only just begun," Nauta concluded.

In the U.S., FamilySearch is currently focusing on digitizing and publishing online federal and state censuses and state birth, marriage and death records. When

### Call for Reunion Presentations

The theme of the SGS 2011 International Reunion is "Settling Down and Migrating Through: The Seeley Family in the Twin Tier area of Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania."

Did your ancestors settle down or migrate through the Twin Tier area of Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania? Many Seeley families did. SGS would like to know about these people.

Would you be willing to prepare and present a paper on the history of your ancestor? Length of presentation will be about 15 minutes. An afternoon session on Thursday, July 14, 2011 will consist of member presentations and we hope that will include you! Please contact Kathie Olsen at [katherinemolsen@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemolsen@gmail.com). Please include your ancestor's name and SGS # if applicable.



complete, the initiative will provide a definitive collection of U.S. genealogical resources for family history researchers.

In addition to the new U.S. collections, over 100 million records were added to FamilySearch's international collections online — making it most likely the largest international genealogy collection online.

The new international databases come from birth, marriage and death records and from municipal records. Go to FamilySearch.org, then click Search Records and then Record Search pilot to see a full list of the free collections. The records will also soon be available at [beta.familysearch.org](http://beta.familysearch.org).

"What makes today's announcement even more impressive is that FamilySearch uses predominantly a growing

corps of volunteers to accomplish the task of digitizing and indexing the records for online publication. That's also in large part how we can do it for free, how it can be done at no cost to the patron," said Nauta.

Currently, 350,000 volunteers worldwide log on to FamilySearchIndexing.org and use FamilySearch's proprietary software to view digital images of historic documents of personal interest and type in the desired information.

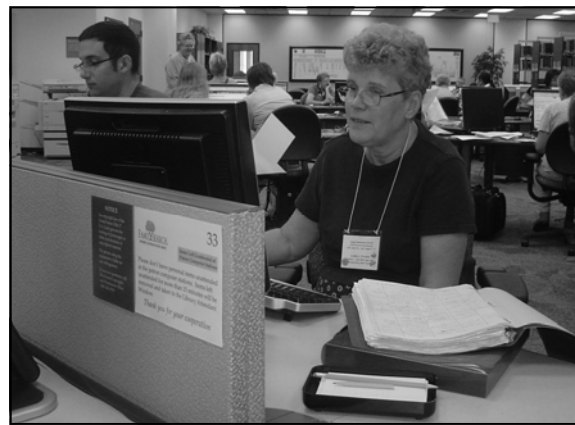
FamilySearch then creates a free, searchable index of the historic collections online for the public to use.

### 2011 SGS Reunion (continued from page 1)

Hilton Garden Inn, Elmira/Corning in Horseheads, New York has been selected as the Conference Hotel. We were able to negotiate very generous terms for our stay. Rooms with either 2 doubles or 1 king bed are available for \$99.00 per night plus taxes. You can call now to reserve your room at 1-607-795-1111 or 1-877-STAYHGI. Be sure to mention Seeley Genealogical Society. You can fly into Elmira/Corning Regional Airport which is very close to the hotel. The committee will arrange for shuttles to and from the airport, if desired.

Many thanks to the wonderful 2011 Reunion Committee! Jim Seeley, Linda Crocker, Gene Seelye, Laura Condie, George Seeley, Sally Seeley, Veronica Newell and Kathie Olsen are committed to make this a very enjoyable experience for all! Gene, Laura and Veronica live in the area and will make sure that all local Seeley folks are aware of the conference and motivated to attend!

We hope you will make plans to come! Mark your calendars! Save your money! It is going to be great! At the conclusion, we will all know more about "Settling Down and Migrating Through: The Seeley Family in the Twin Tier area of Southern New York and Northern



SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker conducts genealogical research at the Family History Center during the 2009 SGS Reunion in Salt Lake City.



## Ancestry.com Helps Americans Discover their Patriotic Roots with Launch of New Collection of Revolutionary War Records

Sixty percent of Americans (183 million) have ancestors who lived in America during the Revolutionary War, and one in 40 have Relatives who Fought in the War according to Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource. This and other estimations regarding how present-day Americans relate to this country's founding are being made available to celebrate the launch on Ancestry.com of one of the premier collections of Revolutionary War records. Ancestry.com has added a collection of Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files to its expansive collection of military records.

"It is human nature to want to create connections to the past through our family ancestry," said Christopher Tracy, senior vice president of content for Ancestry.com. "It is wonderful when those personal stories intersect with our shared history as a nation. We hope this new collection will enable millions of Americans to discover their patriotic roots, while inspiring them to explore the rich history of our nation's founding."

In the years during and following the Revolutionary War, the federal government provided pensions for servicemen. The Colonial and U.S. governments also awarded bounty-land warrants to soldiers as an inducement to or reward for service. This new collection of records contains approximately 80,000 application files from officers and enlisted men who served in the Revolutionary War. The documents will be added to Ancestry.com's existing collection of approximately 2 million Revolutionary War records.

"If it wasn't for Ancestry.com, I may have gone through life without knowing of my family's personal connection to two of the Founding Fathers: Thomas Jefferson and George Washington," explained John Campbell of Gibsonia, PA. "Thanks to Ancestry.com, I discovered that my 3rd great-grandfather originally came to America from Italy at the request of none other than Thomas Jefferson, who hired him as his personal vintner in Monticello. He then went on to serve in George Washington's Cavalry."

Millions more stories like this are waiting to be discovered on Ancestry.com. To further demonstrate the deep connection many Americans have to the past and to the birth of the nation, Ancestry.com has found that\*:

- 183 million Americans have ancestors who lived in America during the Revolutionary War-more than half the U.S. population
- 7.2 million Americans (one in 40) have an ancestor who fought in the
- Revolutionary War for either the British or American side. Of those, 6.3 million
- (87 percent) have ancestors who fought as revolutionaries defending America's

cause of liberty

- More individuals would prefer to be related to Benjamin Franklin above other Founding Fathers (according to an Ancestry.com Facebook poll)

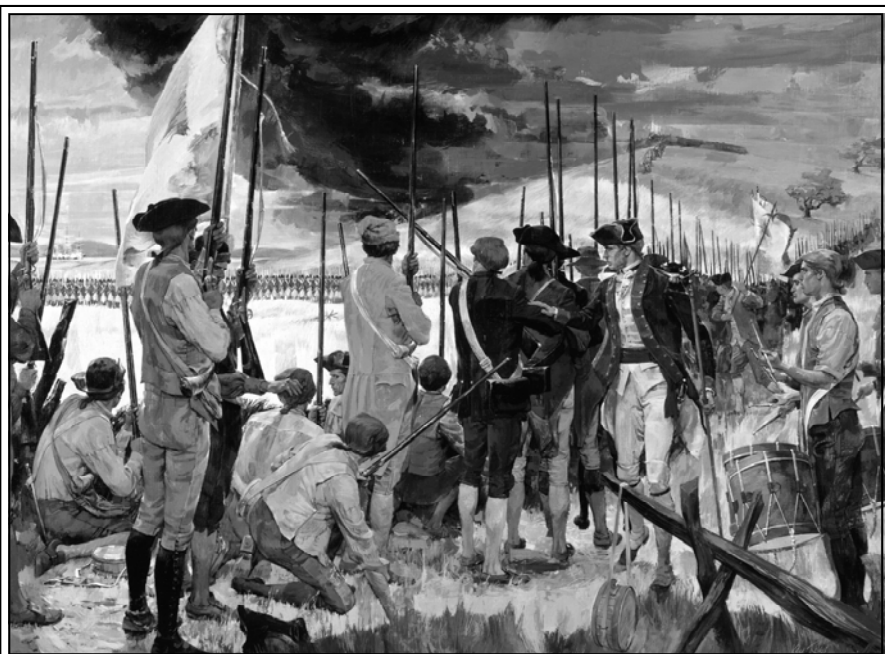
\* *Numbers derived using US non-immigrant population growth model 1790-2010.*

The pension applications included in this collection are the result of the first pension legislation for the Colonies. The legislation, which was the predecessor to our current veterans benefit programs, provided for disability benefits and was enacted in 1776. Service pensions were approved in 1778, and 1780 saw the first pensions for widows and dependents.

The Colonial and U.S. governments also awarded bounty-land warrants to soldiers. Bounty-land warrants assigned rights to land in the public domain to soldiers and their heirs who met eligibility requirements related to their service.

In this collection, Ancestry.com visitors will find a host of compelling information and rich detail that brings each applicant's personal story to life, including information such as the soldier's name, rank, unit, time of service, age, date of birth, residence and sometimes birthplace. A widow's application may also include her maiden name and date and place of her husband's death.

This collection of Revolutionary War records is part of the Ancestry.com U.S. Military Collection, which includes more than 100 million names in records that span the 1600s through Vietnam. For anyone interested in discovering their revolutionary ancestry, visit [www.ancestry.com/revolutionarywar](http://www.ancestry.com/revolutionarywar).



"...The Whites of Their Eyes!" by Ken Riley depicts Bunker Hill, Boston, Mass. on June 17, 1775. Colonial militiamen coolly held their fire as seven crack regiments of the British Army, the best infantry in the world, advanced toward them. Up from the Charlestown landings came the red-coated enemy, anticipating an easy victory. A colonial officer ordered his men, "Do not fire until you see the whites of their eyes!"

## One to Share with the Grandkids:

### Ancestry.com Discovers Twilight Star Robert Pattinson's Vampire Past Research Shows Pattinson Connected to Dracula through Prince William and Prince Harry

No doubt teenagers in your family have heard of heartthrob actor Robert Pattinson and the Twilight series of vampire movies in which he stars. Here's an interesting genealogy story you can share with them that just might leave them with a new interest in family history.

Royalty and vampires may sound like characters from the Twilight Saga - but they're actually what you find once you bite into Robert Pattinson's past. Ancestry.com, the world's largest online family history resource, says Pattinson - America's favorite vampire who stars as Edward Cullen in the hit Twilight Saga movie series - is related to Vlad III Dracula, the basis for the famous literary villain. The company says Pattinson and Vlad are likely related through the British royal family.

Born in Transylvania, Vlad, also known as Vlad the Impaler, was a three-time ruler of Wallachia (now a region of Romania) who ruled primarily from 1456 to 1462. Vlad's nickname "the Impaler" stems from his cruel and inhumane punishments of enemies. He is commonly thought to be the inspiration for Count Dracula in Bram Stoker's 1897 novel Dracula.

"Tracing Pattinson's family back to Vlad was difficult research, but the pieces that unraveled created the perfect accompaniment to the Twilight Saga," said Anastasia Tyler, a genealogist at Ancestry.com. "Without any myth or magic, we find royalty and vampires lurking in Pattinson's life - making his story just as supernatural as the one he's playing on screen."

Family history experts at Ancestry.com discovered that Pattinson's and Dracula's family trees connect through none other than the British royal line: Pattinson is distant cousins with Prince William and Prince Harry on their father's side, likely through the Pickering family who lived in Yorkshire, England, in the early 1500s. Vlad the Impaler is a distant uncle of Prince William and Prince Harry.

But Pattinson isn't the only Twilight personality with real-life vampire connections. Ancestry.com found that Twilight Saga author Stephenie Meyer is also a distant cousin to the British princes - linking Meyer to famed Dracula as well. Ancestry.com previously revealed other "blood curdling" connections to Dracula through the royals including former president George W. Bush and U.S. Senator John Kerry.

The uncanny family connection that links Pattinson, the royal family, and Dracula is one of many interesting skeletons that Ancestry.com has dug up:

- Earlier this year, Ancestry.com discovered that America's Queen of Pop, Madonna, is related to leading talk show host and

American Idol judge Ellen DeGeneres. The two are 11th cousins.

- In November 2009, Ancestry.com found that financier Warren Buffett and President Obama are 7th cousins three times removed.
- Last summer, Ancestry.com revealed that Emma Watson, who plays Hermione in the Harry Potter movie series, is related to a 16th-century woman accused of witchcraft.

"One draw of family history is exploring family mysteries," said Tyler. "Whether family lore says you're related to celebrities, the president - even vampires - all it takes is a little digging to find out."



## Alex Haley House Museum Interpretive Center Opens

Hundreds of people turned out for two days of festivities at the Aug. 13 dedication of the Interpretive Center for the boyhood home of noted author and genealogist Alex Haley in Henning, Tenn.

Originally known as the Palmer House, this ten-room, bungalow style home was constructed in 1918 and 1919 by Will E. Palmer, the maternal grandfather of Alex Haley (1921-1992). From 1921 to 1929, and during some subsequent summers, Alex Haley lived here with his grandparents, Will and Cynthia Palmer.

The front porch was often the place where young Alex heard the oral accounts of family history, including stories of Kunta Kinte, the young Mandingo man captured near his West African home.

These stories inspired Haley to write about his ancestry in a book called *Roots: The Saga of An American Family*. This 1976 Pulitzer Prize winning novel has been translated into over 30 languages and has had great influence in stimulating the study of genealogy. In 1977, *Roots* was adapted for an eight-part television series, which became one of the most popular programs in television history. Two years later its sequel, *Roots: The Next Generations*, aired as well.

On Dec. 14, 1978, the Alex Haley House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It has attracted scholars and visitors from around the world. Alex Haley is buried on the grounds.

The Alex Haley House Museum has been restored to model the home as it was when Haley was born. Some of the 1919 furniture which decorates the home belonged to the Haley family. The restored building is open to the public as a Museum featuring Haley's work, childhood memorabilia and references to the people who inspired his characters in *Roots*. Visitors can view the memorabilia and

family artifacts that remain showcased. They also have the opportunity to make purchases at a small on-site gift shop as well as see Alex Haley's final resting place at the front lawn of the home. Call 731-738-2240 to schedule a tour.

Inside the museum is a FamilySearch center sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

According to Art Johnson, FamilySearch area manager, the placement of the FamilySearch center within the Alex Haley Museum is a perfect fit, "I think it's a great opportunity to simply share the message of family history and genealogy to individuals that come in and commemorate the accomplishments and successes of Mr. Haley's life. It's an opportunity to simply bring people in and help them understand their heritage the way that Mr. Haley did."

William Haley, Alex's son, said that resources available through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are very valuable in searching African-American ancestry. "I always send them to the LDS Church. I say, 'Well find an LDS Church with a history portion and go in there and they will help you find out who you are and it doesn't matter what country or anything, they will help you.' Folks are very surprised at that, but it's true."

This is one of several related projects supported by the Church. In 2001, FamilySearch released the Freedman's Bank records on CD, a unique searchable database documenting several generations of African-Americans immediately following the Civil War.

In 2006, FamilySearch participated in the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society's (AAHGS) national conference in Salt Lake City. An African-American family history conference is held in Salt Lake City each year.



Alex Haley House Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Sunday by appointment only, and closed Mondays.



# Online Research News

## Carolina Genealogy Sites Complete Query Forum Integration

The web sites NorthCarolinaGenealogy.net and SouthCarolinaGenealogy.org announced that work has been completed on integrating the query forum threads into the county detail pages on their sites.

The genealogy sites have pages and forums for each county in the states. Until now, the county forums were the only place to see posts from the respective county. This integration is going to make it easier for users to have their queries found. The county pages get more traffic currently than the forums, so this raises their visibility on the site and with the search engines.

"This is a really exciting milestone for the sites," said

Avery Parker, the sites' owner. "We have been working to make the sites more interactive so that site visitors can post questions and reply to others that are searching for their ancestors and family."

"This added integration between the forums and the county pages is going to help people's query posts be more visible and more likely to get a response. In a lot of ways, this is like bringing the community of the forum into the web site itself," said Parker.

The Internet has accelerated interest in family history as the resources necessary for research are easier to access than ever before.

## North Carolina Genealogy Web Site Launches Newsletter

NorthCarolinaGenealogy.net has sent out its inaugural newsletter. On July 3, 2010, the very first North Carolina Genealogy newsletter was sent to a memberlist of over 200 subscribers that are interested in North Carolina History and Genealogy. The first issue was a special Independence Day weekend edition bringing subscribers up to date on recent changes at the website including forum integration into the county pages, and a special link for Independence Day.

The site owner, Avery Parker wished his subscribers a "wonderful 4th of July Weekend".

"The launch of the newsletter for North Carolina Genealogy is a bit of a promise fulfilled," said Parker. "For various reasons we've not been keeping in touch with our site visitors and want to change that as we work to become an outstanding resource for those family historians researching North Carolina Genealogy. We have quite a bit

of work still to do, but are improving the sites resources all the time"

The Internet has accelerated interest in family history as the resources necessary for research are easier to access than ever before. NorthCarolinaGenealogy.net specializes in organizing the genealogy resources available for the state of North Carolina and its 100 extant counties.

NorthCarolinaGenealogy.net has been around since 2001 providing resources and information on history and genealogy as it relates to North Carolina. The website traces its roots to a site created around 1993 which was geared towards Western North Carolina Genealogy and then gradually grew to encompass resources related to the entire state of North Carolina. The North Carolina Genealogy Query Forum is about to celebrate its fifth anniversary.

## Rhode Island and Alabama Genealogy Sites Launched

Two web sites dedicated to genealogy research in Rhode Island and Alabama began operating in July.

Rhodelsland-Genealogy.net announced their official online grand opening on July 16, 2010. The site organizes family history and genealogy references in an easy to find format organized by each county. This helps family history researchers to more easily find the records that they are looking for to help document and expand their heritage research. There are also brief historical profiles for each county and an ongoing article series related to the history of Rhode Island.

Alabama-Genealogy.net announced the completion of the first phase of work on their county profile pages which marks their official online grand opening July 27. The site organizes family history and genealogy references in an easy to find format organized by each county.

It is hoped this will help family history researchers to more easily find the records that they are looking for to help document and expand their heritage research.

There are also brief historical profiles for each county

and an ongoing article series related to the history of Alabama.

"Rhode Island Genealogy has been a fun site to work on. There is such a rich history to the area. I hope that the resources that we have managed to bring together on the county pages will be of use to genealogists and look forward to getting underway with the detailed profiles of the Cities and Towns of the state" said site owner Avery Parker.

Parker also expressed pride in the Alabama site.

"This is a good resource and good addition to our family of sites" said Parker. "Whether you are looking for genealogy records from small town Alabama, or the larger cities, we have been able to find a good number of resources and references to draw on."

Rhodelsland-Genealogy.net and Alabama-Genealogy.net specialize in organizing the genealogy resources available for the state of Rhode Island and its five counties, as well as the state of Alabama and its 67 counties.

## SGS Queries

*Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of July 31, 2010)*

### What's New In Queries?

As usual when I don't have a query to research I keep myself busy trying to find ancestral lines for the obituaries, biographies and death records that we keep adding to the database.

It seems one thing always leads to another (another Seeley that is) and I often find things I wasn't even looking for. Since the last newsletter I've found the descendants of SGS# 3636 and 3637, daughters of William Gedney Seeley.

Susan Elizabeth, SGS# 3636 married Luman R Laflin and had children Florence E (1854), Alforetta May (1856), Lorane E (1861, died at age 6 mos.) and James H. Laflin (1864), all born in Watertown, Washington County OH.

Mary Jane, SGS# 3637 married Eldridge Gary Tompkins in Washington Co. OH in 1856. They had four daughters: Arminda b. 1858, Emma born 1862, Martha P. born 1863 and Mary Elva born 1868.

If you are interested in further details just let me know.

I also tracked down descendants of Morris Seely, SGS# 1819. Kathie Olsen has prepared a sheet for them that appears elsewhere in this newsletter to add to the 7th Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley.

### Introduction to 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 in the next newsletter.

### Query Updates:

Update to Query SR-2001-8 Re: Isaiah Seeley

This query was submitted by W. John Bauer back in 2001. He has a new email address – wj.bauer@comcast.net. He wonders if anyone has new information on SGS# 306, Isaiah Seelye, b. 1777 Litchfield, CT and d. aft. 1850 prob. Sullivan Twp., Tioga County, PA. Specifically John would like to know the name of Isaiah's spouse and date and place of the marriage. Did Isaiah have more than one spouse? Do the names of his sons George Richmond Seelye and Lent D. Seelye provide any clues? Perhaps the spouse was a Richmond? A Lent? A Dunning? Or a Dorsett? Or was her maiden name something else starting with a D? Where was his daughter Mary Ann born in NY or his son Lent born in PA? What was the name, and other information, about the female child listed in the 1810 NY census. What was the date and place where Isaiah died and where was he interred? What was the name of his unit in the War of 1812? Can anyone provide additional information about Isaiah from tax assessment and court records in NY or PA?

Lots of questions; if you have information please pass it on to both of us.

**Update to Query 1002-1** Re: William John Seeley

The submitter, Bill Keegan, has a new email: billkeegan1@gmail.com

**Update to Research Query 2010-A** Re: George Henry Seeley

The original query was based on a biography of George H. Seeley that placed his birth and childhood in Warsaw, Hancock, IL. While looking at his family, we found a possible grandfather – Luke S or H Seeley b. 1817 VT.

Janet Pease (jkpease@netzero.net) says she found a will for Luke Seelye (SGS#2255) that names Luke H. as one of his sons. She also names the 3rd wife of Luke, SGS# 2255, as Sophronia Scofield (md 22 Jun 1847 Fulton Co. IL). Luke and Sophronia are listed in the 1850 census of Rushville, Schuyler, IL with his sons James W age 15 and John J age 9. We still want to find George in the 1880 census or some other record for him so we can connect him to his family.

### New Queries

**Query 1008-1** Submitted by Keith Bullard (kabullsr@bajabb.com)

Keith is looking for any information on his great grandparents, Clifton I. and Clara A. Seeley. Clara's maiden name is Washburn. He has all the family history from them to down to the present. His grandmother is Eleanor Seeley Eggleston. She was born April 7th, 1924 and is still living. Other children of Clifton and Clara are: Gerald, Robert, Donald, Clifton E., and Virginia (married name Rainbow). Clifton E. and Donald have passed away. Keith has found Clifton and Clara and family in various databases but nothing on Clifton's parents.

*Please See SGS Queries Page 14*

## DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

**Not sure if your dues are due?**

**Check out the address label on this issue of the SGS Newsletter.**

**The first line gives you the month and year your dues are paid to. For example:**

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**SGS Queries** (continued from page 13)**SGS Response:**1930 census Kingsbury, Washington, NY

Seelye, Clifton I age 34 b. NY, NY, NY, wall paper printer

Seelye, Clara A age 32 b. NY, NY, NY

Seelye, Warren A age 11, Clifton Jr age 9, Robert E age 7, Eleanor M age 5, Edith V age 4, Gerald W age 2, all b. NY, NY, NY

Washburn, George, f-in-law, age 56, divorced b. NY, NY, NY, carpenter's helper

1920 census Kingsbury, Washington, NY

Seeley, Clifton, I, age 24 b. NY, NY, NY, printer at paper mill

Seeley, Clara A., age 20 b. NY, NY, NY

Seeley, Clarice M age 4 yr 2 mo., Ward A age 2 yr 6 mo., both b. NY, NY, NY

WWI Draft

Clifton I Seelye b. 25 Mar 1896 at Kingsbury (Washington) NY, has wife and child, laborer for paper co., resides Hudson Falls, NY

I cannot find Clifton in the 1910 nor 1900 census.

In our database we have Clifton Infield Seeley b. 1880 Washington Co. NY, md to Clara Washburn as a son of Frank W.

Frank W. Seeley b. 1854 Washington Co. NY, md unnamed, son of James Ward Seeley and Sarah H Cook

James Ward Seeley b. 1826 Warren Co. NY, died there 1862, md there to Sarah H Cook in 1848. He is a son of SGS# 2489, David Seelye of Queensbury, Warren, NY and his wife Rhoda Clements.

However:

1850 census Queensbury, Warren, NY

Seelye, James, age 24 b. NY, farmer

Seelye, Lena, age 20 b. NY

Seelye, Julia age 2, Infant son age 1 mo. (b. July)

1860 census Kingsbury, Washington, NY

Seley, Jas, age 34, farmer, b. NY

Seley, Sena, age 30, b. NY

Seley, Julia C age 11, Geo D age 10, Frank W age 6,

Mary E age 3, Flora E age 8 mo., all b. NY

1870 census Queensbury, Warren, NY

Seelye, George, age 20, farmer, b. NY

Seelye, Sena A., age 41 b. NY

Seelye, Julia C age 21, Edna M age 19, Ella age 14,

Frank W age 17, all b. NY

1880 census Kingsbury, Washington, NY

Seelye, Frank W., age 27 b. NY, parents b. NY, laborer

Seelye, Alida, age 18, b. NY, NY, NY

Seelye, Myraette, age 3, b. NY, NY, NY

1880 census Fort Ann, Washington, NY

Seelye, Geo D age 29 b. NY, NY, NY, laborer

Seelye, Edna M. age 29 b. VT, VT, VT

Seelye, Mattie L. age 2 b. NY, NY, VT

1900 census Kingsbury, Washington, NY

Smith, Clarisa, b. Aug 1826 VT, VT, VT, widow, farmer, 3 ch., 2 living

Smith, Mary dau., b. Jul 1858 NY, VT, VT

Smith, LB, son (should be grson?) b. May 1876 NY, VT, VT, farm labor

Seeley, Edna, dau. b. Aug 1850, widow, 2 ch., 1 living  
Seeley, Mary, grdau. b. MAr 1888 NY, NY, NY

(In 1910 Edna Seelye age 59 and her dau. Mary E age 22 are living with Edna's sister Mary Smith in Kingsbury)

(In 1920 Edna M Seelye widow age 69 is a servant for the family of Michael H Kelly in Kingsbury)

1910 census Kingsbury, Washington, NY

Guy, Mrs Jennie, age 38, widow, b. NY, NY, NY, farmer, 2 ch., 2 living

Guy, Ruth, age 11, Dorothy age 4, both b. NY, NY, NY

Holmes, Mrs Sena, boarder, age 79, b. NY, NY, NY, widow

Seeley, Mr Frank, age 56, divorced b. NY, NY, NY, farm laborer (listed as female and transcribed as Mrs but I think it is Mr and the age is correct)

1900 Hartland, Niagara, NY

Holmes, Marvin C. b. Oct 1834 NY, NY, NY, farmer, md 25 yr to

Holmes, Sena A. b. Jul 1831 NY, NY, NY, 6 ch., 1 living

Petty, Charles, ward b. Feb 1884 NY, NY, NY, farm laborer

(Marvin and Sena A Holmes are also there in 1880)

I also can't find Frank W Seeley/Seelye in the 1900 census.

Can anyone verify that Clifton is a son of Frank W. Seelye? What is the maiden name of Sena, wife of James Seelye and mother of Frank W. and his siblings?

**How To Submit a Query**

Here are guidelines for submitting queries.

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

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

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

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

We will publish an update to your query with any new information we receive. This may lead to even more information. One more name, date or place may be the key to linking your line to another. Your query will also be posted on our website. Make sure we have your current contact details – sometimes we get new information months or even years after your query appears.

**How to Answer A Query**

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

## SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2009 - 2011

**SGS Constitution, Art IV, Sect. 1:** The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, First Vice-president, Second Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Genealogist, and three Directors elected from the general membership.

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  - Folder D: Research Report on Robert Seeley by Alan Phipps, MA, AG
  - Folder E: 2006 Research Rpt on Obadiah Seeley (old English records), Clifford L. Stott, CG
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