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SGS Ancestor File Continues to Grow and Evolve

By Chris Havnar, SGS Webmaster

Most of the work in the SGS Ancestor File Index is performed out of view of the membership. This article will peel back the curtain for a quick peek into how we do transcription into the Ancestor File Index and give you an insight as to the range of items input.

Some of the obituaries transcribed and posted to the SGS website can be sparse and yield relatively little genealogical information.

For example, recently Kathryn Soeyfet Seeley's obit was obtained and uploaded to the website – additions to the Ancestor File Index were adding Carl and wife Kathryn Soeyfet. These are minimal additions, only adding one line of data. Linda Crocker did a search and found a newspaper article describing the circumstances of Kathryn's death which added Carl's age.

On the other hand, the same week, an obituary for Cleo Seely was received for uploading to the SGS website and transcription into the Ancestor File Index. Her obit named her four children and the first names of their spouses, gave the year of her marriage and stated that her husband Gene had predeceased her. Gene's obit was already posted to the SGS website.

An examination of Gene's obit yielded confirmation of the names of the children and their spouses, added the location of his marriage to Cleo, gave his date and place of birth and the date and place of his death. The obituary mentioned his six surviving siblings and mentioned that he was preceded in death by his parents (no names), a brother and two sisters, naming his deceased siblings. A quick search of the Social Security Death Index revealed the date and location of Gene's sisters' deaths.

From a fee-based website an obituary for one of the sisters was located. Angie's obituary listed the names of her parents, where and when she was born, listed her children and named her siblings. Angie's obit stated that she had married Rev. J.W. Farmer in 1944. Searching her children's names in the Texas Birth Index revealed that her husband's full name was John Westley, gave Angie's middle name and in addition gave the year and county of birth for the children.

A review of the SSDI (Social Security Death Index) revealed that some of Gene's other siblings are now deceased. Some obits were obtained. Wanda's obit gave

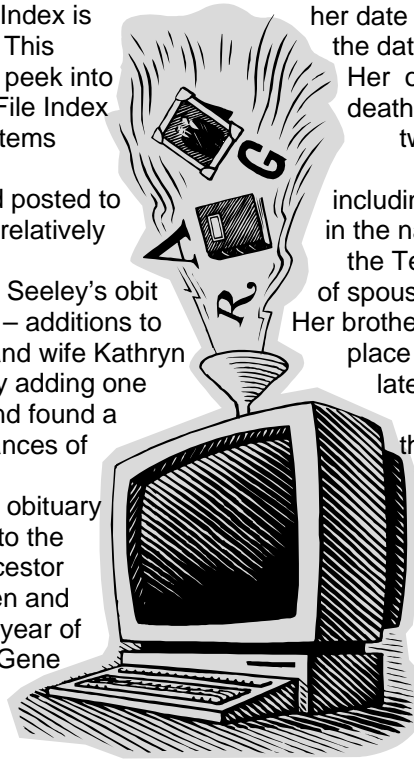
her date and place of birth, named her parents, gave the date and place of her marriage to Jesse Ewain. Her obit mentioned that she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant son, two sisters, and three brothers, naming them.

The obit also named all the surviving family including her siblings and grandchildren. A search in the names listed as children and grandchildren in the Texas Birth Index revealed full names, names of spouses, and year and county of birth.

Her brother Bill's obit listed his place and date of birth; place and date of death, gave the full name of his late wife and his current wife, named the family members who preceded him in death and those who survive, as well as his pallbearers, which allowed me to confirm which brothers were still living.

Having exhausted available newspaper obituaries, I examined census records. In the 1930 census Gene's parents, Otis and Myrtle, had been married for almost 10 years, and 5 of the children had been born. I have been unable to find the family in the 1920 census. However Linda found them in 1920 in Oklahoma.

In the 1910 census Otis was 15, recorded as born in Oklahoma, listed on the family farm in Oklahoma. In 1900 Otis is found on the family farm in Arkansas, and is listed as having been born in Indian Territory.



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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for July 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.

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President's Report

I have recently had a run-in with new technology. The Home Owners Association of my condo decided that we should change from Comcast to Dish Network. I have had my email address for at least 5 years so I was very sorry to even consider a change. But change I did! I now receive my Internet Service from a little gizmo that is only 2 ¼ inches long and ¾ inches wide. It is unbelievable to me that it is picking up all this stuff out of the air! Amazing!! I got rid of a modem and a wireless router and replaced it with this little thing. I did have to change my email address. The new address is katherinemolsen@gmail.com I found out that cell phone companies can "capture" your land line number for a cell phone. So I had them "capture" my land line number, which I have had for forty years and was reluctant to give up. So my home number, 801-355-0301, will become my cell phone number. I will no longer have a land line or another cell phone. I'm getting rid of all my phone gear as well. Goodbye, Comcast and Quest! And I had Dish Network installed with a DVR so I can record programs off-air and listen to them when it is convenient for me. I don't really watch much TV or movies. I'd rather visit with family and friends or do family history, or read, or do puzzles such as Sudoku or jigsaw, or sleep but my grandchildren think all this new technology is cool! And if she has it, then Grandma is cool!



I lost a dear friend and SGS lost a valuable colleague when Clair Hendrickson died in December 2009. Clair had prepared a GEDCOM file of the information in the SGS publications of both Robert/Nathaniel and Obadiah descendants. He gave a demonstration at the 2009 reunion. The Robert/Nathaniel file also contains information on their descendants from the International Genealogical Index. In order to use this GEDCOM file, it will have to be loaded onto a genealogy-type program, such as Personal Ancestral File or Family Tree Maker. I was able to pick up the extra copies of this CD from his daughters. If you would like a copy, send a check for \$15.00 payable to SGS to me, Katherine M. Olsen, 777 E. South Temple, Apt. 13H, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84102-1214. The price includes shipping and handling.

We've have already begun to plan for the 2011 reunion which will 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. It takes a lot of time and effort to put together a reunion and I am so glad for the beginnings of a reunion committee: Jim Seeley and his sister, Veronica Newell, who are from that area; and Sally and George Seeley have already volunteered. If you would like to be involved, let me know! Plan for it now! Put it on your list of things to do in 2011. It is so fun and so good to be together! It will be in the summer, probably late July or early August. Keep watching for the newsletter for updated details. We will plan for a tour either before or after the reunion.

There is a new edition of the SGS CD-ROM. The Ancestor File, chaired by John R. Seely, with data entry by Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar, was introduced at the reunion. You can purchase this CD for \$15.00 by contacting Bob Seeley. Contact information is on page 11

Paul Taylor has been hard at work on the 2009 Reunion Souvenir Book. He has even had to contend with a hard drive failure and lost work! I appreciate all of his efforts on behalf of this organization. Thanks, Paul and all others who have contributed to the book. If you haven't already ordered one, please send a \$20.00(USD) check payable to SGS to me at my address which is above. They will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

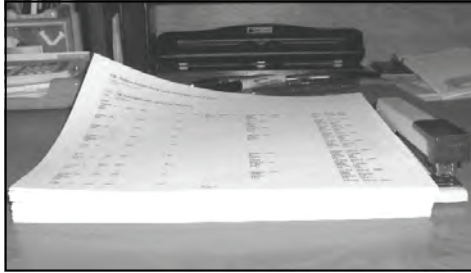
I want to quote from the Seventh Generation Book Foreword written July, 2000, "Please read the information contained in this book carefully, especially the entries that deal with your ancestors. If you have additions, corrections, comments or concerns, please send documentation to me... I will continue to update the three books which my mother and I have compiled. Members will be informed of changes

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Seelye Research Center Update

By Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center Librarian

This quarter I want to give all of you a visual representation of the work that is being done within SGS. In particular, the work of Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker and Webmaster Chris Havnar. The picture at the right is the initial output of SGS# 2336 and SGS #2337 (on the left). I say initial because I know that these two ladies will always find something more to add. The larger stack of paper equates to an additional 227 pages of information that is added to the 177 pages we initially had. After inputting the information into the descendants of the 8th generation database, these 227 pages added 581 lines to our database. This brings the quantity of entries for SGS



#2337 up to 963 line entries. Now SGS #2336 is a smaller stack (only 85 pages) but it tripled the amount of pages we had originally, which was 28. The sum total of line entries for SGS #2336 is 223 lines.

Now I know that this is impressive just by the numbers alone, but you must understand that this additional information contains census, obituary, marriage announcements, cemetery records, and military information, plus any other information that they can glean from the internet. This type of information is not just being found for our SGS number files, but they are doing the same thing with people who are not yet connected into our printed lines; which is starting our unconnected file index/database. If a person has the last name of Seeley (any spelling), they will hunt them down and then try to connect them with an established line. The work that they have been doing has expanded our knowledge of Seeley families by leaps and bounds.

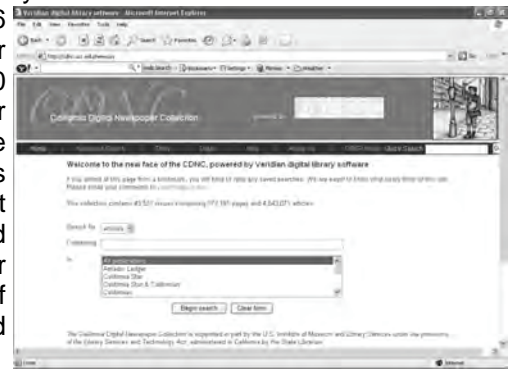
Early California Newspapers Online

By Chris Havnar SGS Webmaster

There is a wonderful resource for early newspapers at <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/newsucr>

The California Digital Newspaper Collection offers over 200,000 pages of California newspapers spanning the years 1849-1911: the Alta California, 1849-1891; the San Francisco Call, 1893-1910; the Amador Ledger, 1900-1911; the Imperial Valley Press, 1901-1911; the Sacramento Record-Union, 1859-1890; and the Los Angeles Herald, 1905-1907. According to the website, additional years are forthcoming, as are other early California newspapers: the Californian; the California Star; the California Star and Californian; the Sacramento Transcript; the Placer Times; and the Pacific Rural Press.

A quick Seeley surname search found 2940 results for SEELEY; 1996 results for SEELY; and 170 results for SEELYE. Some of these results look most promising to add to our knowledge of our cousins and ancestors.



Letter to Editor Has Clues About Seeleys in New England

The following "letter to the editor" was forwarded to SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker from Paul Seeley who received it from his friend Chris Janczuk. It is from the Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1947 edition of the Wilton Bulletin in Wilton, Conn. It contains some interesting information about the influence of Seeleys in Connecticut.

"To the Editor: With regard to the naming of Seeley Road, Cannondale, I have always understood that it was so-called because the adjacent land was once owned by Lloyd Seeley, M.D. who lived in the 1719 House where he practiced his profession. There were Seeleys throughout the region. Another physician by this name built and lived in a house still standing in Georgetown. From Bethel, two Seeleys went out to become college presidents (Amherst and Smith). One in Danbury was the last custodian of their local whipping post! All these and my late husband descended from Lt. Robert Seeley who held off the Indians while John Davenport preached to the founders of the New Haven Colony. Robert's son, Capt. Nathaniel Seeley,

moved on to Fairfield and founded our local line. He was killed in 1675 leading his troops into Narragansett Fort, Rhode Island during the Great Swamp Fight. Two of his daughters married Jonathan and Samuel Squire; whether related to the editor of the Bulletin I cannot say. --Kate B. Winton, Wilton, Dec. 15"

The letter was followed with this note from the editor of the Wilton Bulletin, "Jonathan and Samuel Squire are the editor's great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-uncles - C.B.S."

"C.B.S." is C.B. "Chick" Squire who, since descended from Jonathan and Samuel Squire, is also descended from Nathaniel (SGS#2) and Robert (SGS#1) Seeley. Squire himself lead a very interesting life. A noted journalist and author, he also served overseas in World War II with allied forces as a member of the American Field Service (AFS). Sadly, he passed away on Jan. 4, 2009. The AFS Web site has a very interesting remembrance of him at www.afs.org/afs_or/news/press_releases/7921.

Seely Shepherds

By LeAnne Seely

I think Dad would've gotten a kick out of a little piece of information I learned the other day. (By Dad I mean MY dad, Montell Seely, author of numerous interesting, humorous, and thought-provoking articles published in previous issues of this newsletter. Here I'll take a stab at mimicking his natural tendency to be interested in off-beat topics.)

So I found this little paperback book of Elizabethan Poetry and started flipping through it. I read one or two verses—a sonnet, a rhyming couplet—and then a little ditty about “. . . the merry month of May/In a morn by break of day” and so on, pastorally speaking, ad nauseum—until line 20 or so, which says, “Thus with many a pretty oath/Yea and nay and faith and troth/Such as seely shepherds use/When they will not love abuse . . .”

Whoa, there, Trigger! Seely shepherds? “Yea and nay and faith and troth, such as seely shepherds use?”

Seely shepherds? What? What is a seely shepherd? I know what sheep are. I even know what Seely sheep are. (Ha, ha. That's a pun on my father's sheep ranching business.) I know what shepherds are. I even know the difference between shepherds and shepherders. But what is a seely shepherd? Or more specifically, what does seely mean as an adjective? And why haven't I heard of it in that context before?

So I consulted my one infallible resource for knowledge of grammar (adjectives or otherwise), poetry (Elizabethan or otherwise), and family information (Seely or otherwise): my mother.

ME: Mom, what is a seely shepherd?

MOM: A what?

ME: A seely shepherd. Like in Elizabethan poetry.

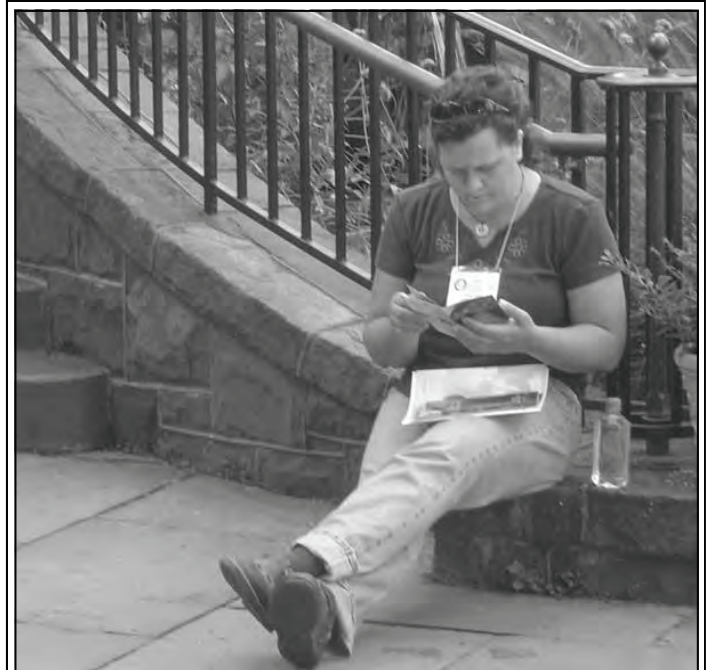
MOM: LeAnne, it's pronounced ElizabEEEEthan.

It turned out that she'd never heard of seely shepherds either. So I went to Google—which referred me to a variety of pastoral-type poems where seely shepherds are mentioned, but although the word seely was always used in conjunction with the word shepherd(s), the poems rarely talked about sheep themselves or any other aspect of the wool-producing business.

Finally, I came around to the brilliant idea of looking up the word “seely” in the dictionary. Why had I never thought of this before, even previous to discovering seely used as an adjective? People with the last name Smith or Butler or even Marshall can pretty much presume to know how their surname came about. But Seely I figured had something to do with the sea or perhaps with sealing things. I had never tried to actually look it up.

Well, the good news is, seely means something like happy and good and pious. But, the bad news is, it also means something like insignificant, foolish, and simple-minded. Hmm.

Here's what I think. Or rather, let's start with some information from dictionary.com. Those folks say the word originates from the Old English word “gesaelig” which means “happy” or the equivalent of “sael” happiness plus



An avid reader, this column's author, LeAnne Seely takes a break for some outdoor reading during the 2007 SGS Reunion at Wethersfield, Conn.

“ig” –y. By cross-referencing the etymologically-related word “silly” (I was really hoping it wouldn't come down to that!) we find this explanation: “The word's considerable sense development moved from “blessed” to “pious,” to “innocent” (1200), to “harmless,” to “pitiable” (c.1280), to “weak” (c.1300), to “feeble in mind, lacking in reason, foolish” (1576). There was a further tendency toward “stunned, dazed as by a blow” (1886) in knocked silly, etc. [Online Etymology Dictionary, © 2001 Douglas Harper] So, of course, we must assume our ancestors picked it up as a surname back when it meant blessed, pious, and innocent, and not later on when it meant lacking in reason and foolish.

I still don't get what meaning is connoted by the use of the phrase seely shepherds in pastoral poetry, although 1576 is pretty solidly in the Elizabethan era, so I guess we could say the writers of poetry at that time meant that the shepherds were feeble in mind or dimwitted. But that's not a very fair classification of shepherds. That's just as unfair as calling everyone who lives in the country a “country bumpkin”!

We may conclude, “Who knows how words are formed?” Or “Your ancestors do not define you any more than your posterity defines you.” Or “Don't be so proud of yourself just because of a particular surname.” In fact, I'll have more to say on that topic—being proud of yourself—in a future newsletter where I will give instructions on how to use a really cool computer program to see which famous people you are related to! Learn about your ancestors; take a lesson from their good or bad examples. Then leave a record of your own life; let others learn from you!

Long Time SGS Member Clair Hendrickson Passes Away



SANDY, Utah -- Clair Leslie Hendrickson, age 67, passed away suddenly Monday, December 7, 2009, in Sandy, Utah at his home. Born September 21, 1942, in Richfield, Utah, the son of Leslie Chris and Elaine Bennett Hendrickson. Clair was a graduate of Richfield High School and Utah State University with a BS in Civil Engineering. He worked for the Federal Highway Administration from 1967 until he retired in 2002. Clair married Mary Francine Bateman in the Salt Lake Temple on June 8, 1967. They enjoyed over 40 years together and were able to live in several locations throughout the United States, which included 20 years in West Virginia. He lovingly cared for Francine for many years while she suffered from multiple sclerosis.

An active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints, Clair served in the Swiss Mission. He was very involved in genealogy and family history. Clair served on the board of the Seeley Foundation and enjoyed doing extraction work for the Family History Center. Clair is survived by his mother, Elaine Bennett Hendrickson of Richfield, Utah; daughters, Rebecca (Gregory) Ball of Grand Blanc, Michigan; and Heidi (Joe) Christensen of Sandy, Utah; grandchildren, Ryan, Zachary, and Katherine Ball; sister, Janice (Gary) Jensen and brother, Richard (Jerrie) Hendrickson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Francine Hendrickson; father, Leslie Hendrickson and grandson, Joseph Marler. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Union 5th Ward, 7784 S. 2000 E. Friends may call at the ward chapel on Saturday morning after 9:00 a.m. Burial will in the Richfield City Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. Funeral Directors: Magleby Mortuary, Richfield, Salina and Manti. **Published in Salt Lake Tribune on December 10, 2009**

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to any of the three books in the Seeley Genealogical Society Newsletter." "Not all records agree. We have had to use "discretion and logic" in trying to assemble family groups. We have had to make some "judgment calls." Some records may not agree with your collected records. Some problems have been resolved and some have not. It is our wish that what we have done is acceptable. We wanted it to be perfect. We know that is not possible." We are working together to make the information that SGS has to share as correct as possible!

Thanks to Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar for all the work they are doing to update the SGS "Ancestor File." They have located much new information. Chris has written an article that "takes a peek" at the process. Be sure and study the query pages that Linda assembles. This new technology is really something!

There will be a meeting of all elected and appointed

officers on Thursday, April 29 at 1:00 pm in Abilene, Kansas at the Seelye Research Center. Pam Turner, our SRC Librarian, reports that there is not a lot of work to be done at the Center this spring so we will shorten the work days to just Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. If you want to come earlier, I am sure we can be of service to Terry or the community. In addition to working together, we also make time for some pleasant association with each other. All are invited to join us! Please let me know if you are planning to come.

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.

Kathie Olsen (Katherine M. Olsen)

President, Seeley Genealogical Society

SGS Welcomes New Members

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Ancestor File *(continued from page 1)*

This piece of data ties Otis into an existing listing in the SGS Ancestor File Index, and information provided by Marilyn & Raymond Russell. I still need to examine the census data for Otis' siblings to see how much of that information has already been captured in the Ancestor File Index, but the initial obit for Cleo turned into 19 additional lines of data for the Seeley Ancestor File Index, and 17 lines of additional data in the non-Seeley children Ancestor File Index

If Otis hadn't tied into a known SGS line I would have passed this information to Linda Crocker, Chief Genealogist. Based on my experience, she probably would have found his parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, etc, adding even more lines to the Ancestor File Index. With any luck she would eventually have tied him to a known Seeley that goes back to Robert or Obadiah.

Seeley Military Notes

Alexander D. Seeley

Oct 14, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Alexander D. Seeley has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the Advanced ROTC Course at their college.

Cadets are observed and evaluated during classroom and field training exercises to determine their officer potential in leadership abilities and skills. The cadets are trained to have a sound understanding of traditional leadership values during the challenging, motivating "hands-on" training. The training develops well-disciplined, highly motivated, physically conditioned students, and helps improve the cadets' self-confidence, initiative, leadership potential, decision making, and collective team cohesion. The cadets receive training in fundamental military skills, Army values, ethics, Warrior ethos, basic rifle marksmanship, small arms tactics, weapons training, drill and ceremony, communications, combat water survival training, rappelling, land navigation, and squad-level operations field training.

The cadet is a student at Valley Forge Military College, Wayne, Pa.

He is the son of Edwin D. and Lisa M. Seeley of Cromwell St., Orbisonia, Pa.

Seeley is a 2009 graduate of Southern Huntingdon High School, Three Springs, Pa.

Airman 1st Class Robert Sealey

Oct 20, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Air Force Airman 1st Class Robert W. Sealey graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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

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

He is the son of Robert Sealey of Panther Court, Waldorf, Mo.

Airman Brandon J. Seeley

Oct 22, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Air Force Airman Brandon J. Seeley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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BREMERTON, Wash. (Sept. 9, 2009) Seaman Jonathon Savage, left, from Wichita Falls, Texas, Ensign Tyler Seeley, center, from Young, Ariz., and Seaman Sean Flaherty, from Scranton, Pa., organize loading 50-man inflatable life rafts into their cradles around the flight deck of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). John C. Stennis is docked at Naval Base Kitsap in Bremerton, Wash. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Josue L. Escobosa/Released)

Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Jean and David Seeley of 77th Ave. E., Puyallup, Wash.

Benjamin M. Seelye

Nov 20, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Benjamin M. Seelye has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Seelye, a training sergeant with B Company, 46th Adjutant General Battalion, Fort Knox, Ky., has more than four years of military service.

He is the son of Mark E. and Valerie E. Seelye of Linnell Ave., Napa, Calif.

His wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Walter Baer of Elk Grove, Calif.

The sergeant is a 2001 graduate of Napa High School.

Army Reserve Sgt. Elijah Seely

Nov 23, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Army Reserve Sgt. Elijah J.T. Seely has returned to the U.S. after being deployed overseas at a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and

field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

He is the son of Virginia Seely of Holly Drive, Baytown, Texas, and Stephen Lara of Buckeye Drive, Katy, Texas.

Lara is a 2009 graduate of Robert F. Lee High School, Baytown.

Private 1st Class Nathaniel Seeley

Dec 02, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Army National Guard Pfc. Nathaniel L. 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 Debbie Ryckley of Gatone Drive, Hendersonville, Tenn.

He graduated in 2003 from Hendersonville High School, and received an associate degree in 2008 from the Nossi College of Art, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Seeley Completes C-21 Training

By Tech. Sgt. Jonathon Stein, *Jeststream Journal*, a Publication of the *Battle Creek Air National Guard, Michigan*

Major Dave Seely recently returned from training for the C-21 (commonly known as the Lear Jet 35A) and is now one of four pilots ready to fly the new aircraft. The training is six weeks total with three weeks at CAE Simuflite in Dallas, Texas, and another three at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

The training in Dallas was focused mostly on the computer simulation and studying the aircraft. While the training at Keesler was the hands on experience taking the C-21 into the skies.

"The C-21 feels more like a sports car whereas the A-10 was like a truck with bombs," said Major Seely. "We focused a lot of time on knowing all the systems of the aircraft and the instrument procedures." The C-21 has a passenger carrying mission so there are a number reliable features and back up options to make sure the flight goes smoothly for the passengers.

Getting used to the cockpit and having another pilot by your side is also something to adjust to with the C-21.

"Before, with the A-10 it was just you, if you made a mistake you were responsible for it and corrected it," said Major Seely, "now you've got somebody by your side with different tasks but aware of your job."

Major Seely and other pilots trained for the C-21 are not able to apply what they've learned until the PCR (Program Change Request) is signed. They could be flying as early as this summer or fall.

"The C-21 is a very capable aircraft that can accomplish multiple types of missions effectively and I think all the pilots will enjoy flying it." said Major Seely.

counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Seely, a civil affairs sergeant assigned to the 448th Civil Affairs Battalion, Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., has three years of military service.

He is the son of Colleen M. Lindsay of N.E. 244th Ave., Brush Prairie, Wash., and Timothy P. Seely of N.E. 104th St., Vancouver, Wash.

The sergeant is a 2003 graduate of Prairie High School, Battle Ground, Wash., and earned a degree in 2008 from Western Washington University, Bellingham.

Army Pvt. Johnathan P. Lara

Nov 25, 2009 (USAFNS) -- Army Pvt. Johnathan P. Lara has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare,

SGS Queries

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker (Data Current as of January 22, 2010)

What's New in Queries?

Once in a while I get a query that is more unusual than the rest. This quarter I received one from Tony Gaier (reiagt@voyager.net) who said "Since 2001 I've been researching the Centre College Praying Colonels football team, from Danville, KY. From 1917 to 1924, they were the one of the best teams overall in the entire country, playing in 3 of the first 4 ever post season bowl games, 3 Walter Camp First Team All-Americans, biggest college football upset ever in 1921 6-0 over Harvard, What's so neat is this school only had about 225 boys enrolled.

A book came out that used a lot of my research written by my good friend Dr. Robert Robertson of Paducah, KY. His father & uncle were student athletes at Centre at the time of the story told by the book. The book is called "The Wonder Team" & came out December 2008; a documentary followed in September 2009. I have been to a little over half of the opponents Centre played to get the opposite perspective & nearly all applicable Sports Hall of Fames & Museums in the country.

After the book came out last October, I started on trying to write an epilogue like life history on all the players, coaches, school & prominent Danville citizens, as well as other characters of the story that had a large role in the occurrences.

One player was named Webster C. Seeley, which leads me to your website on the name.

Here is what I know, he was born in 1903, died in the Cleveland (Ohio) Clinic Hospital on May 10, 1961. He was nicknamed Webb, was a lineman on the Centre team, & played the 1922 & 1923 seasons. I wish I had the exact date of birth & location, as that would be a lot more useful info, as well as where he lived at the time he went into the Cleveland Clinic."

What I found:

1920 census Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

Seeley, Frank O, age 48 b. OH, OH, OH, steel mill clerk

Seeley, Kaythrine, age 39, b. NY, father b. Alsace-Lorraine, mother b. Germany

Children:

Seeley, Ruth age 18, Webster age 17, Maybelle age 16, all b. OH, OH, NY

In 1930, still in Cleveland at 1373 E 110th St

Seely, Frank D., age 53, b. OH, PA, PA, accountant at steel works, md 29 yr to

Seely, Katherine M., age 50 b. NY, France, France

Seely, Webster C., age 27 b. OH, OH, NY, newspaper reporter

Seely, Maybelle F., age 26, public school teacher

In 1910 at 1502 E. 116th (or 118th) St. Cleveland:

Seely, Frank B., age 33, b. OH, OH, OH, chief clerk at steel co., md 10 yr to

Seely, Katherine M age 32 b. NY, NY, NY, 3 children, 3 living

Seely, Ruth A age 8, Webster C age 7, Mabel F age 6, all b. OH, OH, NY

Jantz, Minnie, sister-in-law, age 25, b. NY, NY, NY

1900 census Cleveland, Cuyahoga, OH

Seely, Daniel D C, b. Oct 1855 PA, PA, PA, policeman, md 24 yr to

Seely, Agnes M b. Nov 1845 PA, PA, PA, 1 child

Seely, Frank D b. July 1876 OH, PA, PA, chief clerk Amer. Wire Co., md 1 yr to

Seely, Cathleen M b. Apr 1876 NY, Germany, France

(In 1920 Daniel D C Seely age 65 b. OH, US, US and wife Agnes M age 74 b. PA, PA, PA are in San Antonio, Los Angeles, CA where he is a house carpenter)

Webster enlisted in the US Army in 1942 at Cleveland. At that time he was single, without dependents.

Ohio Death Index

Name: Webster C Seely

Birth: 1903

Death: 10 May 1961 - Cleveland, Cuyahoga

Death: Cleveland Clinic Hospital

Residence: Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio, United States

Daniel DeWitt Seely, father of Frank DeWitt, father of Webster C. is a son of William and Elizabeth Seely who were in Girard, Erie, PA in 1860 and 1870 and in Sadsbury, Crawford, PA in 1850. William was b. abt 1813 in NY and worked as a tanner. I haven't been able to go further back with this line.

INTRODUCTION TO SGS QUERIES

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see inside back cover). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor and are then sent to the Query Team and Area Coordinators for their input. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

If you have any information on the queries below contact the submitter but also remember to send a copy of the information to Linda so the query can be updated in the next newsletter.

QUERY UPDATES:

Update to Research Query 2008-B Re: Edgar Whitmore Seely

In this query we tried to verify the lineage of Edgar – we have his wife Morene's obituary on our website.

Loretta Eichmann (leichmann@iw.net) is the step-daughter of Edgar's brother Milton Austin Seely. She sent a copy of Milton Austin Seely's death certificate naming his parents as Levi Seely and Lillian Spencer. Loretta shared other information on the family: Levi W. Seely d. 20 July 1949 in Charles Mix Co.SD and is buried in Sioux Falls at the Hills of Rest. He was b. 22 May 1874. His wife, Lillian Spencer Seely was b. 22 Jan 1886 and d. 3 Dec. 1918. Her daughter, Loretta's aunt Harriet Adelia, said that where her mother was buried is now a road. Loretta was told that when Lillian died Levi's sister Elsie Seely Wilka went and

got the children and gave them to her daughters to care for. Silvia Wilka Parkinson had Edgar, Milton Austin and Harriet Adelia. Daughter Golda Wilka Selken took Blanch who was b. 1911 and d. 13 May 1969. Another son, Harry Edward was b. 13 Sept 1912 and was adopted by Lillian's sister. They moved to CA.

We had earlier shown that Levi is a son of Edgar A Seely b. 1836 NY and his wife Adelia Harriet Whitmore. We would still like to identify this Edgar's parents.

NEW QUERIES

Query 1002-1 Submitted by Bill Keegan (bill@skbinc.com)

Bill has run into a dead end tracing his Great Grandpa J. W. Seeley's immigration to North Dakota. He has John William Seeley 1847-1939, spouse – Minnie Wilcox, buried near St. John, North Dakota

SGS Response: From the census records below the birth date is dubious and he is listed as William John, not John William.

1920 census Hutchinson, Rolette, ND

Seeley, William J, age 67, b. Canada, parents b. Ireland, to US in 1880, nat'lized 1900, farmer
 Seeley, Minnie, age 34, b. WI, IRE, WI
 Seeley, Dolly, age 12 b. WI, CAN, WI
 Seeley, Lizzie age 10, William Jr age 8, Robert age 7, Mary age 6, Walter age 2 yr 2 mo-all b. ND, CAN, WI
 1930: William J Seeley age 70 b. CAN, No. IRE, CAN and Minnie age 42 b. SD, WI, WI are still in Hutchinson with John W age 18, Robert I age 15, Walter J age 12, Russel C age 8, Harry F age 6, all b. ND, CAN, SD

1915 ND census Hutchinson, Rolette Co.

W J Seeley age 20-60, foreign born, Mary, native born age 20-60
 Seeley, Lisabeth age 5 - 20, William J and Robert age under 5
 Babcock, Zinna, age 5-20

1910 census Hutchinson, Rolette, ND

Seeley, William J, age 52 b. CAN, IRE, IRE, farmer, md 1 yr to
 Seeley, Minnie, age 24 b. WI, WI, WI, 2 ch, 2 living
 Seeley, Dolly, step-dau. age 4 b. ND, MO, WI
 Seeley, Elizabeth age 6? mos. b. ND, CAN, WI

1900 census Township 133, Ransom, ND

Seely, John b. Apr 1861 CAN, IRE, IRE, working as farm laborer for James/Jonas McDermott b. Feb 1861 CAN, IRE, IRE. Both came to US in 1883.

Bureau of Land Management Records

William J Seeley bought land in Rolette County ND 4 June 1906

ND Naturalization Records Index

Seeley William J Canada 1st July 03, 1900 Ramsey D-4 157

Of course John, William, John William, and William John are common names...

Also, William John's age is not consistent in census records and none matches his gravestone.

One possibility:

1871 census Ireland and Coleraine, Megantic, Quebec

Sealy, John age 45, b. Ireland, Episcopal, farmer

Sealy, Harriet, age 40 b. Quebec

Sealy, Richard age 14, George Henry age 13, John William age 10, Ann Marie age 8, Elizabeth Jane age 4, Thirsay Ann age 3, Clara Lucinda age 2, Amos Manly b. June 1870, all b. Quebec

There is another Sealy family in the same place, same year with a William John age 7.

After receiving this information Bill obtained a copy of William John's death certificate, naturalization papers and marriage license. None of them give any information about William John's birth place in Canada or names of his parents. Border crossing records are not available before 1895. If anyone can help, please let me know.

Query 1002-2 submitted by Jenny Garcia (garciajx@yahoo.com)

Jenny, an SGS member, emailed us looking for any information on her great-great grandfather, Isaac L. Seely, his parents or siblings.

Jenny's information:

Isaac L. Seely b. 1808, New York, d. 1860, Jasper County, Iowa married: Sara Jane ? b. 1824, Ohio, d. 11 DEC 1875, Pretty Prairie, Reno County, KS

Children of Isaac L and Sara Jane Seely: Ira Seely b. 29 JUN 1852, Vandalia, Jasper County, IA d. 11 NOV 1920, Ava, Douglas County, MO married 05 JUN 1874, Reno County, KS to Sarah Jane Pricer (b. 17 NOV 1856, South Salem, Ross County, OH, d. 26 FEB 1923, Langdon, Reno County, KS)

Sarah Seely b. 1844

Angeline Seely b. 1852

Grandchildren of Isaac L. through Ira Seely and Sarah Jane Pricer:

Frank Seely b. 27 JUL 1875

Ada Seely b. 18 DEC 1878

Glen Seely b. 11APR1881, Reno County, KS, d. 26 OCT1961, LaJunta, Otero County, CO, m: 11 MAR 1906, Russell Springs, Logan County, KS, Charlotte Mae Smith (b. 23MAR1889, Utica, Ulster County, NY, d. 09JUN1977, LaJunta, Otero County, CO)

Linnie Seely b. 05 November 1883

Annie Seely b. 06 April 1886

John Seely, b. 30 May 1889

Austin Seely b. 02 October 1892

Alice Seely b. 24 April 1894

Grace Seely, b. 09 June 1897

Oscar Seely, b. 27 April 1902

Homer Seely b. 26 September 1877

SGS Response:

1910 census Boone, Douglas, MO

Seely, Ira age 57 b. IA, NY, OH, farmer md 35 yr to

Seely, Susan J., age 54 b. OH, OH, OH, 12 ch., 9 living

Seely, Grace age 13, Oscar, no age given, both b. KS, IA, NY

1905 Russell Springs, Logan, KS

Ira Seely age 52, Jane age 48, John age 15, Alice age 11, Grace age 8, Oscar age 2

1900 census Logansport, Logan, KS

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Seley, Ira, b. Jan 1852 IA, NY, OH, farmer, md 26 yr to Seley, Susan, b. Nov 1856 OH, OH, OH, 11 ch., 8 living

Seley, Frank b. Jul 1875, farm hand, Glen b. Apr 1881, farm labor, Linnie b. Nov 1883, Annie b. Apr 1886, John b. May 1889, Alice b. Feb 1894, Grace b. Jun 1897, all b. KS, IA, OH

1895 Medora, Reno, KS

Ira Sealy age 42, Jane age 38, Frank 19, Ady age 16, Glen age 13, Linnie 11, Annie 8, John 5, Alice 1

1880 census Medicine Lodge, Barber, KS

Seley, Ira, age 27 b. IA, NY, OH, stock raiser

Seley, Jane, age 24 b. OH, PA, OH

Seley, Frank age 3, Ada age 1, both b. KS, IA, OH

1875 Langdon, Reno, KS

Seely, Ira age 22 b. IA

Seely, J. age 18 b. OH

Jasper Co. IA Marriage Records (IA GenWeb)

Seley, Sarah to Deal, George W by James Porte on 23 Mar 1862 page 41

1860 census Des Moines, Jasper, IA

Seeley, Isaac L, age 59 b. NY, farmer

Seeley, Sarah J., age 38 b. OH

Seeley, Sarah, age 16 b. MI

Seeley, Ira, age 8, Angelina age 10 mo., both b. IA

1856 census Des Moines, Jasper, IA

Seley, Isaac L age 48, Sarah J age 32, Sarah age 12 and Ira age 3, born as before

1850 Penn, Cass, MI

Seeley, Isaac, age 40 b. NY, farmer

Seeley, Sarah, age 28 b. OH

Seeley, Sarah, age 6, b. MI

1840 census Rose, Oakland, MI

Seeley, Isaac: 1 male under 5, 1 male 40-50; 1 female 5-10, 1 10-15, 1 15-20

Cass County MI Marriage Index

Isaac S Seeley m: Sarah Jane Price, Cass, 27DEC 1842

Alexander P. Seeley, Philena - Blackman, Cass, 27 MAR1834

Other Seeleys in 1850 census of Cass Co. MI

Jerod Seeley age 47 b. NY of Pokegon, Cass, MI with wife Fanny age 34 b. U. Canada

Jenet D. age 14 and Loretta age 11 Seely both b. IL in Howard, Cass, MI with Chauncey Vandusen age 33 and Philena age 33 both b. NY in and sons Alfred 8 b. IL and Hiram age 5 b. IA (Philena is the widow of SGS#2663, Alexander J Seely)

Israel Sallie age 29 b. OH farms Silver Creek, Cass, MI

1840 census Cass Co. MI

Benjamin T Seely: 2 males <5, 1 male 40-50; 1 female <5, 1 10-15, 1 30-40

In the SGS database we have SGS# 2663 Alexander J Seely b. 1806 who md Philena Blackmore who md 2nd Chauncey Van Duzen. However we don't have any information that he had a brother or cousin named Isaac.

An Isaac Seeley of Oakland Co MI bought land there in 18 Aug 1837. Isaac Seely of Onondaga Co NY bought an adjoining piece of land 10 Aug 1837. On Aug 10 1837

Daniel Seely of Seneca Co NY bought other parts of the same section

Lone Star Cemetery Interments, Reno Co. KS

Seley Angeline 1859 1876

Seley Sarah Jane 1824 1875

At findagrave.com there are entries for Susan Jane Pricer Seley, wife of Ira, bur. in Sego Cemetery, Pretty Prairie, Reno, KS and her dau. Ada Seley Taylor bur. In Maple Grove Cemetery, Dodge City, Ford, KS

I also found a lot of information on descendants of Ira Seley, son of Isaac L. Anyone have info on Isaac himself?

Query 1002-3 submitted by Judy Laslo (juteshouse@comcast.net)

Judy was hoping we had some information on Diamah Seeley born 1751 (Newtown, Fairfield, CT?), d. April 10, 1785 Newtown, CT. She married John Blackman born 1746 (Newtown, Connecticut?) son of John Blackman born 1720 & Margery Glover born 1725.

According to Judy, John & Diamah Blackman had 4 children: Ebenezer Blackman born 1779, David Seeley Blackman born 1782, Simeon Seeley Blackman born 16MAR1785, John Starr Blackman born 11SEP1777. Who are Diamah Seeley Blackman's parents?

SGS Response: NEHGS has this to say about the name: DIAMAH/DIME (f): This name, borne by numerous girls in the Danbury/Newtown, Conn. area, is unrelated to the similarly-spelled DIANA and is probably instead an abbreviation of PHEDIME, itself uncommon elsewhere.

Unfortunately even this information didn't lead me to Diamah/Dime/Phedime. Members of the query team have checked CT records without success. Does anyone out there recognize this woman?

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUERY

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? SGS publications? Census or cemetery records? Others?

What exactly do you want to know? Parents' names and details? Sibling information?

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

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

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2. *The Sixth Generation Families, 1995 Edition* (U.S. \$17)
3. *The Seventh Generation Families: Descendants of Robert Seeley (1601-1667) and Obadiah Seeley (1614-1657), 2000 Edition* (U.S. \$25)
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5. The SRC Document Index (with change 4 entered) lists documents shelved at the Seelye Research Center (U.S. \$10).

Items 1, 2, and 3 should be ordered from Terry Tietjens, item 4 from Bob Seeley, and item 5 from Pamela Turner. You can find contact information (address, phone number, & e-mail address) on page 15.

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