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A Trip to St. Stephen's Church in England

Story By SGS Member Joan Gooding

According to the [website](#) of British History Online, the Parish Church of St. Stephen stood on the west side of Coleman Street in London. The walls were "probably of rubble but are rendered in cement; the dressings are of Portland stone and the roofs are covered with slates." The church described there was "built by Sir Christopher Wren in 1674-81, at a cost of £4,020." It replaced a much older church that was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. (Print by J.Wise after J.Coney. Published by J.Booth London, 1819 for "Architectura Ecclesiastica London")

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It all started when I came up with the idea that my cousin, Jane (Ashworth) Carpenter, and I should visit all the little villages where our Seeley forefathers had come from during the 1600s. And, of course, St. Stephen's in London was on our list.

Our visit to London turned out to occur in the second hottest July in

recorded history. Most London hotels do not have air conditioning, as it never gets in the 90s for such a long period of time. Even so, we were not going to let that hot weather stop us from our adventure. We hired a cab to take us to Coleman Street. "Which Coleman Street," the cab driver

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SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for the education and benefit of 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, Seely, Seelye, Sealy, Sealey, Seley, Selye, Seale, Selee, Seela, Cielely, Cealy, Cilley, etc.

Membership Dues

Effective Oct. 1, 2011 SGS Membership dues are \$10 per year, \$18 two years, \$25 three years, or \$36 five years. Lifetime memberships are \$125. (Dues are in U.S. dollars and the membership year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.) To join SGS, fill out the membership form on page 16. Make checks payable to Seeley Genealogical Society.

Seelye Research Center

is co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, KS. For more information, contact:

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SGS International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2021, in St. Louis, MO. 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.

SGS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Seeley Genealogical Society President, Lynda Simmons

Since COVID-19 is still very much with us, the Seeley Genealogical Society (SGS) Board of Directors is considering how to plan our future activities. The Board will have a special meeting in September to discuss various options. Our uppermost concern is the safety of our members, especially those aged sixty-five or older and/or at greater risk.

Here are two of the options that the Board has developed and will discuss:

Virtual Reunion via Zoom.

This would be held in the summer of 2021. It would probably be a single day and feature the General Membership Meeting (as required by our Constitution) plus a few presentations from members and/or outside speakers. One of the pros of this type of meeting is it would give members who are normally unable to attend reunions a way to participate. One of the cons is that some may have difficulty in using Zoom (though it is our hope that they might know a family member or friend who could help them set it up). If we hold a virtual reunion, we will reconfirm the membership's desire for the site of the next reunion to be St. Louis and then the SGS Reunion Committee would begin planning that event for 2023.

Hybrid Virtual/In-Person Reunion

Since we are required to hold a General Membership Meeting in 2021, we could move the location of the reunion to the less metropolitan area of Abilene, KS, home of the Seelye Research Center (SRC), for those who wish to risk traveling, yet

still hold the membership meeting using Zoom so that those who cannot travel can join the meeting. We could then reschedule our

full SGS reunion to 2022 or 2023 in St. Louis. The pros of this approach are that everyone can still attend either in person or virtually, we would meet at the SRC where there are always filing chores to do, and Abilene will likely be less risky to the health of attendees at that time than St. Louis. A con is that a follow up reunion in 2022 would result in large reunions in 2022 and 2023 -- our next required meeting. This is a bit onerous for those involved in the planning.

Some would like the Board of Directors to wait until early next year before making a decision on how, when, and where SGS will hold the next reunion. We are not in a hurry to make a decision but believe that we need to consider options now, so that when the time comes, we can decide relatively quickly and share the news with you.

Please let me know how you feel about these ideas and proposals, or let me know if you have another idea. Also, please consider what topic you might be able to give a presentation about at our reunion, whether it is virtual or live. Our members would likely be interested in learning more about our shared



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DNA Q&A

Submitted by SGS DNA Lineage Project Manager Kara Seelye Donaldson

I have received the flash drive from Walt Seelye on the SGS DNA Lineage Project and have begun reviewing its information. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynda Simmons and the rest of the SGS Board of Directors for this opportunity to take on this project and build upon Walt's wonderful work. I know everyone joins me in thanking Walt for his years of hard work and service to this very important project for the SGS. Below, please find part of a question-and-answer article I recently wrote. I will answer two or three DNA-related questions in each future issue of the Newsletter. To submit your question(s), please email me at the following address:

kara@familyloomgenealogy.com.

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Seeley ancestors or hearing about genealogical research techniques. If you have any question or ideas or would like to volunteer, please let me know. My contact information is listed on page 15 of this issue of the Newsletter. I would love to hear from you.

We would really like you to volunteer for a presentation or get involved in SGS by serving on a committee, being an officer, or working on a special project. Please think of your talents and time. Is there a way that you can share your time and abilities with SGS? We always want and need good people to serve in SGS.

I want to personally thank Marie and Walt Seelye and Jim Seeley for the many years of service they have given to SGS. We thanked them in May, but I just wanted them to know how much we appreciate all they have

Q1 I just got my Ancestry DNA results. I don't understand these words on my matches. What are centimorgans and how are they different than segments?

A1 In layman's terms and specifically as it relates to genealogy, a centimorgan is a measurement of a length of DNA and is used to show a genetic link between two people who have taken an autosomal DNA test (explained in question 3 below). A segment is simply a measured piece of DNA shared between two people. For example, two test takers could share multiple "pieces" of varying lengths along a specific chromosome. Suppose that two test takers share thirty-five centimorgans across four segments on chromosome one. This

done for SGS!

SGS has four new volunteers whom I introduced to you in the May SGS Newsletter. They are Connie Birth, the new Membership Chairperson, Shanna Besendorfer, the new Assistant Membership Chairperson, Kara Donaldson, the new DNA Project Chairperson and Dave Petersen, Action Officer for Outreach to Attract Younger SGS Members. Both Kara and Dave have written articles for this issue of the Newsletter. Their pictures and brief biographies accompany their articles. In the November issue of the Newsletter, Connie and Shanna will do something similar, so that we can get to know them better as well. All of us in SGS welcome them to their new positions and thank them for their efforts! Thank you to all of our volunteers!

The SGS Board has started

means that they share four segments of DNA on chromosome one that together add up to thirty-five cm on said chromosome. If ancestry tells you that you share 1,128 centimorgans across 59 segments, this tells you that there are a total of fifty-nine different matching "pieces" of DNA somewhere on your 22 chromosomes that add up to a total of 1,128 cm in total.

Q2 What is the meaning of recombination in DNA?

A2 In simple terms, recombination occurs when pieces of DNA are broken apart and then come back together into new combinations.

Q3 What is Autosomal DNA and what can an autosomal DNA

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considering proposed revisions to the Constitution & Bylaws. Pam Turner is collecting these suggested changes. She will organize them and bring them to the Board for discussion. The suggested changes will be published in the Newsletter and will be voted on by SGS members at our reunion. The SGS Constitution will be sent along with this Newsletter. Please read through it. If you see wording that you think needs to be changed, please send your changes to Pam Turner by September 14. Thank you so very much!

FYI: The SGS officers for 2021-2023 will also be voted on by SGS members at our next reunion. If a virtual meeting is held, provisions will be made so that all members can vote.

In the coming months, please take care of yourselves, be well, and stay safe!

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asked? I was stunned! I wondered why a town would have two streets with the same name? He told us, "There are three Coleman Streets. Which one do you want?" Well, we didn't know! I told the driver that we wanted to go to St. Stephen's Church. He said he was now sure which street we wanted. Guess what? No church! I proceeded to tell him that this church went back to at least the 1600s. That was all he needed, and off we went. Needless to say, we finally ended up at the "right" Coleman Street in the older part of London, a few blocks from the Guildhall.

Very excited, Jane and I started out on foot. We walked to the end of the street, not knowing that it only consisted of two blocks, and no church was found. Confused, we turned around and walked back to where we started. No church! I said, "Let's ask someone!" After visiting several stores and businesses and being told that they knew nothing of a church, we were really bewildered. I would not give up; I was going to find this church. I told Jane that maybe the church had been torn down, but perhaps we could find a plaque telling us the exact location of the old church. Off we went again, this time looking for a plaque which I was sure would be located on some wall in that two-block section. No such luck!

About a block and a half south of where we had been dropped off, I had noticed a big church (St. Margaret Lothbury). I told Jane that perhaps someone there would know something about what had happened to our church. As we were walking towards the church, I said to Jane, "The only person that could help us is really going to have to be old to know

anything about the church." As we walked into the church, there was a man, about 78-80 years old, sweeping the floor. So I headed over, figuring that he probably knew nothing, but I had to ask. This was our day! He knew about the church up the street. He said that the church had been

bombed in 1939 by the Germans. It had been so damaged that in the early 1950s it had been torn down. My heart sank! I cannot put into words the feelings I had at that moment. St. Stephen's Church was gone!

The old man went on to tell us

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My First Trip To St. Stephen's Church

Submitted by SGS Member Joan Gooding

The above trip was my second visit to the site of St. Stephen's. The first was around the time of my seventh birthday which I spent sitting in the stadium at Aldershot, England, and watching my dad, Lt. Col. Frank Sherman Henry, who was a participant in the 1948 Olympic Games. My dad was a graduate of the United States Military Academy in 1933, who had joined the cavalry upon graduation because of his love of horses. He was chosen as a member of the Army Olympic team for the 1940 games, which were subsequently cancelled due to WWII. Again in 1947 he was chosen to be a member of the team for the 1948 London games.

I was too young to appreciate how much my dad accomplished during those games but now am most proud of his accomplishments. He won one gold and two silver medals, the gold for the Team Three-Day Event, one silver medal for the Team Dressage, and one silver for the Individual Three-Day Event. He became the only American to have won three medals in one Olympic games in the equestrian field, a record still standing seventy-two years later.

The games over in early August, we now had time to go sightseeing. One of things on the list was to go to St. Stephen's Church on Coleman Street.



Lt. Col Frank Henry at the 1947 National Horse Show preparing for competition in the 1948 London Olympics.

I can honestly say I do not remember anything about visiting the church, but I have a picture to remind me of our visit. The picture shows a black gate with the bombed out remains of St. Stephen's in the background. It was here, on 15 December 1626, that my tenth-great-grandfather Robert Seeley and his wife, Mary Heath Mason, were married. How interesting that 283 years later to the very day, my father Frank Sherman Henry would be born, 15 Dec 1909, in Cambridge, NY.

It would be another forty-seven years before the opportunity would arise that I would be able to go find that church in the picture.

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that anyone living within hearing distance of the Bow Bells of St. Mary-le-Bow Church across from the Guildhall is considered "Cockney." Funny to think that perhaps our Robert Seeley spoke the Cockney dialect like Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, but, then again, since he was born in Huntingdonshire, he probably had a different accent altogether!

I decided that I wanted to know the exact location of the church, so we headed up the street to the Guildhall Library to see what we could find. We found a 1937 map that showed the location of St. Stephen's. The church was indeed on Coleman Street near Lothbury Street. We also discovered that "on the north side of the building, there is a small burial-ground, and on the south side, communicating with Coleman St, a paved yard."

As we left the city that day, I was very disappointed but yet felt that somehow the church was not really gone, because, as a Seeley descendant, it lives in my heart and in that one picture that had started my whole adventure to the church on Coleman Street.



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test tell me?

A3 Autosomal DNA (atDNA) is the DNA found inside each person's twenty-two pairs of chromosomes, otherwise known as autosomes. You inherit fifty percent of your DNA on each of the twenty-two chromosomes from your mother and fifty percent from your father. As with all types of DNA, (excluding mtDNA which will be discussed at a later date) atDNA is found within the nucleus of a cell. It should be noted that each of the twenty-two chromosomes differ in size (length) and are numbered in order of size, chromosome one being the largest and chromosome twenty-two the smallest. Your atDNA has been recombined as it is passed down. An autosomal DNA test can give you an estimate of your ethnicity and can identify the segments of DNA that you share with one or more people. The atDNA test is the basic DNA test that is all the rage today and is sold by Ancestry, 23 and Me, Family Tree DNA, My Heritage, and others. The DNA matches that you see on these websites once you have completed one of these tests are only autosomal matches and can prove a parent/child relationship. The only person who can share as much DNA as you share with a parent is an identical twin. That being said, if an identical twin tested, he or she would likely show up in the estimated familial relationship that these companies identify as "Self" and a biological parent will show up as "Parent or Child" to the tester since the companies do not look at age of the tester when estimating the relationship. Any estimated relationship beyond parent/child next to a match is simply an estimate, since more than one type of relationship

exists for other levels of shared DNA. For example, a half-sibling shares a similar amount of DNA as an aunt/uncle, a niece/nephew, or a grandparent.

Stay tuned for more in coming months.

Meet New SGS DNA Lineage Project Manager, Kara L. Seelye Donaldson

Kara Seelye Donaldson is the owner of Family Loom Genealogy and the mother of three Seelye boys, ages 25, 21 and 16. Although originally from Maryland, her son's Seelye ancestors are from the Calais and Machias Maine area and originally descend from Nathaniel and Robert. Kara's second son has completed Big Y DNA testing which includes the Y-37 test the SGS uses for the DNA project.



Kara has been heavily involved in genealogy since 2008 and working in the genealogy business since 2017. Kara specializes in helping adoptees find their biological families using both autosomal and Y DNA and works with several different Y projects and familial surname projects including Donaldson, Lee, and Carter lineage.

Kara holds a degree in education from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and recently completed the Advanced Genealogical Research Certificate through Boston University. Kara resides in Florida and Georgia and can be reached via telephone at 954-913-9641 or via email at kara@familyloomgenealogy.com.

Former SGS Chief Genealogist Karl Weiler Passes Away

Story by Jesse S. Crisler, SGS Second Vice President

Karl Ludell Weiler, 82, died on July 15, 2020. A life member of SGS, Karl was committed to genealogy and service and had served for several years as an Assistant and Chief Genealogist for the Society. SGS member Kathryn Seely of Castle Dale, UT, summed up his association with the Justus Azel Seeley Family Organization (JASFO) over the course of several years: "Karl never held formal office in JASFO, but he was a very active participant in many of our events. JASFO launched its website, www.jasfo.org, in 2002, mainly through the efforts of Karl and his cousin, Thom Wilcox. At one reunion, held at the Mt. Pleasant, UT, Cemetery, Karl dressed in a suit from the 1840s and even contrived a beard for himself as he portrayed his ancestor, John Henry Owen Wilcox, husband of Mary Young, a granddaughter of Justus Azel Seely. At the reunion held in August, 2004, in Castle Dale, UT, Karl and his sister Toots Brundage, also a life member of SGS, dressed in costume and marched in the local parade, pulling a handcart. Later in the day they cooked and served corn-on-the-cob and scones to complement a lamb dinner served at the reunion. A few years later Karl was chief cook for a Dutch oven meal hosted by JASFO in conjunction with the 2009 SGS Reunion in Salt Lake City. He and his sons Terry and Clint brought their equipment all the way from California and cooked, among other offerings, tri-tip beef that was "to die for," according to longtime JASFO president Camille Seeley Bell. He also provided several interesting displays, including a huge genealogy chart showing his Seeley lineage."

As Kathryn's comments suggest, Karl loved to serve. He was born on February 8, 1938, in Kenilworth, UT, where his parents were both coal miners. He grew up in Compton, CA, and was student body president of both his junior high and high schools.

As a young man, Karl spent two years as a missionary in 1958-60 for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the West Central States Mission, which covered Montana, Wyoming, and chunks of other states, a huge territory. Following his mission, Karl joined the United States Marine Corps, serving a total of four years in active duty and two in the Marine Corps Reserves.

Meanwhile, he became involved in Scouting. An Eagle Scout, he passed on his respect for Scouting to his sons, both of whom also attained the Eagle rank, as did Terry's son. For many years Karl was active in Scouting's Wood Badge program to train adult leaders.

He also was a long-time Scoutmaster in troops sponsored by his church and received the Silver Beaver Award, which recognizes distinguished service by an adult Scouter at the council level.

Karl also knew the value of sports in molding character. In high school, he played football, basketball, and baseball. His church basketball team won an All-Church Basketball Tournament in 1955 in Salt Lake City, UT. After high school, despite a knee injury, he played softball as a star third baseman on church teams in Fresno, California, well into his

forties.

As for service to his church beyond his work in Scouting, he was Young Men's President in the Fresno Stake for a decade, a calling which enabled him to work with young men in several church congregations,



During the 2009 SGS Reunion in Salt Lake City, Karl Weiler led the preparation of a delicious Dutch Oven Tri Tip Pot Roast meal that drew rave reviews from all 75 reunion attendees at the picnic.

helping to train their leaders to guide them through Scouting ranks as well as teach them how to become reliable participants in church and community service. He also served on the Stake High Council five different times and was Stake Executive Secretary for eight years.

As he aged, Karl devoted an increasing amount of his time to genealogy. He picked up enough knowledge of German to be able to translate documents written in that language for others and also to teach classes in German for the Murrieta

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A Younger Perspective on the Seeley Genealogical Society

Story by David Petersen, SGS Member and Action Officer for Outreach to Attract Younger SGS Members

My name is David Petersen. I am in my mid-forties and I have six children. I grew up with my maternal grandmother, Madeline Merrill Mills, being deeply involved with the Seeley Genealogical Society. As a teenager, I remember her working diligently on the Sixth and Seventh Generation Seeley books.

Years later my mom, Margaret Mills Petersen (current SGS Treasurer), and aunts, Kathie Mills Olsen SGS Past President) and Lynda Mills Simmons (current SGS President), have been very involved with the Society. They have made trips all over the United States and even Europe. I have talked with my mom about their trips, but I never saw myself participating in the

organization. We have young kids, and the travel dates for reunions have often been off-season. All that changed when the Seeleys came to San Diego in June 2019.

We currently live in Southern California, so the location was convenient. The reunion was at the end of June, so the timing was perfect. With some encouragement from my mom, we decided to give it a try. Our family participated in the cowboy dinner, the tour of Old Town, and the San Diego Bay tour. We had a lot of fun and met some great people. We were some of the youngest participants, but I have to be honest: I caught the bug and I am really looking forward to going to St. Louis for the next event.

We would love to see more participants our age and from our generation. In the past I always thought of this as something for my grandmother to care about. Later it became something for my Mom to do and be involved in. My siblings and I never gave it much thought. But I can honestly say I am interested and intrigued now, and I look forward to being more involved in the future. It is time for my generation to get involved. I look forward to seeing everyone in St. Louis.

Meet Action Officer for Outreach to Attract Younger SGS Members, David Petersen

David Alan Petersen was born in 1975 in Tucson, Arizona, but grew up in Palouse, WA, Cortez, CO, and Richland, WA. He graduated



from Brigham Young University with a degree in mathematics and has a master's degree in Mathematics from California State University, San Bernardino. He teaches mathematics at Serrano High School in Phelan, CA, and part time at Victorville Community College. He lives in Victorville, CA, with his wife, Kiley, and their six children. He keeps busy with church and community service. He enjoys cooking, uses his smoker often, and loves to do Dutch oven cooking. He prepared the food for the dinner held at the Mormon Battalion Visitors' Center during the SGS Reunion in San Diego in 2019.



ABOVE: 2019 SGS Reunion attendees Mark Seely and his son Luke listen to one of the guides during a tour of Old Town San Diego's Cosmopolitan Hotel. SGS reunions offer great learning experiences for all ages as well as remarkable sight-seeing and family vacation opportunities.

At the 2015 SGS Reunion, SGS Member Michael Hook shared the history of the Seelye Mansion and family of Abilene, KS. SGS encourages all members to share their unique connections to and understanding of our family history at reunions and in the SGS Newsletter.



BROOKE, CASSIDY, AND FAWN MILLER enjoy the picnic at the 2019 SGS Reunion in San Diego. In addition to the educational opportunities, like symposia and tours, the reunions offer numerous opportunities for family together time and the chance to meet new "cousins" from across the country.

During the 2017 Reunion in Parkersburg, WV, SGS Member Stephanie Moore shared her research into DNA analysis and its relationship to family history. Everyone's approach to research is different and SGS relies on its members to share their special research experiences and tips.



Early Lists of Loyalists in Upper Canada

Report Submitted by Bruce Murduck

Editor's Note: Bruce Murduck, a family-historian who specializes in Ontario research, has researched land records, Loyalist records, etc., for SGS. His first report, carried in the August 2018 SGS Newsletter dealt mostly with Augustus Seeley. In this report Murduck lists early Seeley Loyalists in Upper Canada.

Beginning in 1796, all Loyalists residing in what had become, after 1792, the Province of Upper Canada, were required to appear before a magistrate, proclaim that they had adhered to the royal standard during the American Rebellion, and swear an oath of allegiance.

The names of those who did so were recorded, sometimes with their place of residence noted. The earliest record also gave the name of the Justice

of the Peace who presided over the requirements within each district in the province.

The original records are held at Library and Archives Canada—Record Group 1, Series L-7, Volume 52B.

The lists of names have been published, as detailed below:

Ontario People, 1796-1803

[transcribed & annotated]

E. Keith Fitzgerald, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc, Baltimore, MD, USA; 1993

- U.E. Roll—Eastern District—1797 [RG1, L7, Vol 52B, File 1] Original Page 5; Transcription Page 17, endorsed by Ephraim Jones, JP.
 - No. 108/108 SEALEY, Justus
 - No. 110/110 SEALEY,

- Joseph
Original Page 13; Transcription Page 25, endorsed by Samuel Wright, JP.
 - No. 386/389 SEALEY, Joseph of Augusta
 - No. 387/390 SEALEY, Justus of Elizabethtown
- Original Page 40; Transcription Page 52
 - No. 1250/1253 SEALYE, Augustus of Lancaster
- Original Page 41; Transcription Page 53, endorsed by Walter Sutherland, JP
 - No. 1268/1271 SEALEY, James

were entitled to be designated as U. E. Loyalists were compiled by various provincial authorities. With numerous corrections, amendments, and “expungments,” but not formally closed until the 1860s, by the start of the War of 1812 these became known as the official “U. E. Lists” for the province.

A version of the U. E. List was maintained by the Crown Lands Department of the Province of Upper Canada, through 1841, and is housed today in the Archives of Ontario as part of the massive Crown Lands Department Fonds.

The Crown Lands Department list

was published in 1884 during centennial celebrations of the arrival of the U. E. Loyalists as *Centennial of the Settlement of Upper Canada by the*

United Empire Loyalists, 1784-1884 and republished by the Genealogical Publishing Company in 1969 as *The Old United Empire Loyalists List*.

This Crown Lands Department list contains the following names:

- SEALYE, Augustus, Lancaster, had a wife and nine children per provisioning list 2d, 1786
- SEALYE, James E., District Lancaster
- SEALYE, Joseph, Augusta, Sol[dier] Loyal Rangers, L.B.L. [Land Board Lunenburg]
- SEALYE, Joseph, Elizabeth Town, Original Roll
- SEALYE, Justus, Elizabeth Town A drummer, Loyal Rangers, L.B.L.
- SEALYE, Justus E., District,

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- U.E. Roll – Eastern District – n.d. [RG1, L7, Vol 52B, File 3] Original Page 29; Transcription Page 109
 - No. 2506/108 SEALEY, Justus
 - No. 2507/110 SEALEY, Joseph
 - Original Page 30; Transcription Page 110
 - No. 2540/389 SEALEY, Joseph Remark: ‘omitted’
 - No. 2541/390 SEALEY, Justus
 - Original Page 31; Transcription Page 113
 - No. 2621/1253 SEELYE, Augustas [sic]
 - No. 2622/1271 SEALEY, James
- In 1803, lists of all those who

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Augusta, R.R.N.Y., Muster Roll, one a soldier Loyal Rangers

The subsequent *Names Inserted on U. E. List by order of the Honourable the Executive Council*, published in the same work, contains no SEELY references.

There also exists a distinctly different list, updated differently, which is held at the Archives of Ontario within the papers of the Inspector General's Office of Upper Canada. Yet another one, the Executive Council's U. E. List, is held at Library and Archives Canada. Neither of these other Lists has been examined in this round.

By a proclamation issued in 1789, all of the various sons and daughters of U. E. Loyalists who resided in the province of Quebec were declared to be eligible to receive free grants of two hundred acres of "waste" land in the Crown's possession. The only stipulation was that each son or daughter had to have attained the age of twenty-one years before he or she could apply for (or petition for) a grant. Daughters were deemed to be entitled to apply for their free grant upon marriage, if they did so before reaching the age of twenty-one years.

This right carried over to the province of Upper Canada, when it was formed in 1792, and indeed, as was the case for some SEELY descendants, carried over to the province of Canada West, when it was formed in partnership with the province of Canada East in 1841.

Those petitions for grants of land that were submitted to the Executive Council initially of Quebec, then of Upper Canada, and later of Canada West, by sons and daughters of U. E. Loyalists, indeed, petitions from all

persons and groups who applied for land in any context, have been preserved in Library and Archives Canada.

When he was Chief Archivist with the provincial Archives of Ontario, William D. Reid compiled data from many of the original petitions for land which had been received from sons and daughters of U. E. Loyalists who showed a residence in this province. Reid compiled an initial typescript set of "family groups," which was later [1973] published by Hunterdon House of Lambertville, NJ, as *The Loyalists in Ontario: The Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists of Upper Canada*. Details extracted from this published work appear below:

The Loyalists in Ontario: The Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists of Upper Canada

- SEALEY, Joseph of Augusta
 - Mary m Joseph FAULKNER of Elizabethtown 1792, OC 5 Nov 1799
 - Kezia m Shubel SEELYE of Elizabethtown OC 9 Jul 1802
 - Charlotte m Oliver SWEET of Augusta OC 17 Mar 1836
- SEELYE, Augustus
 - Ruth m JUDSON of Elizabethtown OC 29 Jul 1800
 - Margaret m1 WICKWIRE OC 13 Apr 1799, m2 Benjamin SALTS of Elizabethtown
 - Jane m Frederick (?) ELLIOTT of Elizabethtown OC 20 Oct 1801
 - Sarah m Hassard WILLCOX of Loughborough OC 16 Feb 1811
 - Joseph of Elizabethtown OC 14 Jan 1812

- SEELYE, Justus of Elizabethtown, Drummer Loyal Rangers
 - Orilla m John G BORDEN of Elizabethtown OC 24 Apr 1810
 - John of Elizabethtown OC 22 Oct 1817
 - Guy of Elizabethtown OC 21 Feb 1821
 - Peter of Augusta OC 26 Jun 1822
 - Olive m Edmund G RAWSON of Elizabethtown OC 6 Nov 1834
 - Betsey m Enos BEACH Jr of Elizabethtown OC 24 Oct 1831
 - Charlotte m Matthew BEBE of Leeds OC 31 May 1830
- SWEET, Oliver of Augusta m Charlotte do/ Joseph SEALEY UE
 - Mercy m Nathaniel MANN of Brockville, OC 17 March 1836
 - Lucinda m Benjamin ROBINSON of Brockville, OC "
 - Darius T of Elizabethtown, OC "
 - Timothy of Elizabethtown, OC "
 - Mary m Arunah St. John of Elizabethtown, OC "

* OC denotes "Order in Council," and shows the date on which the council ordered that a grant of land be issued by the Executive Council. This date can indicate that a male was at least twenty-one years of age when the order was issued (although he could be older), and that the female petitioner was at least twenty-one years of age, or that she had married, if younger than this age.

Obituary: SGS Member Passes Away from COVID-19

Submitted by Chris Havnar, Asst. Genealogist, from Star-Gazette, May 7 to May 10, 2020

Anna Elizabeth Pearson (Anne) Lugg
1929 – 2020

Anna (Anne) Elizabeth Pearson Lugg, age 90 entered into rest on May 4, 2020 in Hillsborough, NJ, after a short and ferocious battle with COVID-19. She was born October 28, 1929, at Academy Corners, PA, the daughter of William S. and Dorothy Seeley Pearson. She was a posthumous child as William S. Pearson, who died on August 15, 1929.

Anne married Robert Sherer Lugg on January 6, 1952, in the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, PA. He predeceased her on August 7, 2001. Her son A. William Lugg also predeceased her on November 27, 2013.

She was a member of the First

Baptist Church of Knoxville, a member of the Wellsboro chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), a past Worthy Matron of the Knoxville chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, former director and past president of the Friends of the Knoxville Public Library, a member of the Advisory Committee for the Northern Penn Children's Home for many years, a life member of the Seeley Genealogical Society, and a life member of the Tioga Historical Society. Being an avid family history researcher, she held membership in genealogical societies too numerous to mention.

She is survived by two sons: David Knox Lugg and Dr. Marion Ceruzzi, of Manitou Springs, CO, and

Dr. Robert Andrew of Brookville and Knoxville, PA, and a daughter, Dr. Catherine Anne Lugg and Mary D. Aun of Belle Mead, NJ; grandchildren, Benjamin Frederick Lugg, Hayley Anne Lugg, Hugh Anthony Lugg, Robert Timmerman Lugg, Edward Andrew Lugg, a beloved cousin, Eugene A. Seelye, Wellsboro PA, and many other Seeley/ Seelye cousins.

There will be no calling hours. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Knoxville.

Memorials can be made to the Knoxville Public Library, the Tioga County Historical Society, or the Presidential Campaign of Joseph Biden. All are gratefully appreciated.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor During Today's Pandemic

Story by SGS Member Walt Seelye

Our ancestors came to the New World in the seventeenth century, knowing very little about it but determined not only to survive but to thrive. In the Massachusetts Bay Colony the climate was cooler, the growing season shorter, and the soil more rocky than in England. Established methods had to be considerably modified.

Neighbor helped neighbor with raising barns, building stone walls, and sharing tools and new techniques. Neighbor helped neighbor in rounding up livestock and driving it to market. They built churches and schools. To build thatched roofs and wooden buildings, they established bucket brigades. They formed militias to defend against hostiles, both native

and foreign. This spirit of cooperation and helping for the common good has persisted to this day.

Today, to meet the shortage of commercial medical face masks,

Marie Seelye is part of a group in Colorado Springs who are sewing cloth masks for nurses and other caregivers in nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. So far they have sewn over five hundred masks; Marie has made over ninety, including some

for family members. I measure and cut, and then Marie sews. As you can see from the photo, for a while elastic was hard to get, so ribbons and hair bands substituted.



National Archives Releases Digital Preservation Framework

From National Archives and Records Administration

The National Archives and Records Administration is releasing its Digital Preservation Framework, following the release of drafts for public comment in September 2019, which consists of our approach to determining risks faced by electronic record files and our plans for preserving different types of file formats. (See National Archives Releases Digital Preservation Framework for Public Comment.)

Several dozen comments were received from Federal agencies, the private sector, stakeholders and subject matter experts during the public comment period from September to November, 2019. The National Archives' digital preservation team have incorporated the comments into the plans, leading to several significant changes.

“We received comments that included suggestions for the structure of the plans, feedback about our proposed preservation actions, and additional formats that should be covered in addition to our own continued work,” Director of Digital Preservation Leslie Johnston said. “We have incorporated the feedback, added over 150 file formats, added a calendar record type, expanded links to other resources, and have made the format preservation plans available as a spreadsheet that can more easily be incorporated into the work of other organizations.”

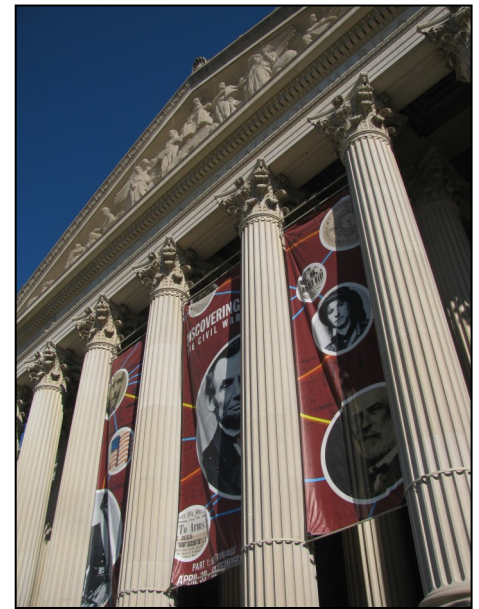
The framework is a set of documents that describe how we identify risks to digital files and prioritize them for action, identify the essential preservation characteristics for 16 different categories of electronic records, and plan for the

preservation of over 500 file formats. The framework documents the National Archives' current capabilities and practices, which will evolve over time.

“As leaders in the government’s efforts for fully electronic recordkeeping, we will continue to consult with other Federal agencies, the private sector, stakeholders, subject-matter experts, and our international peers to document best practices in our archival and preservation efforts,” said Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero. “We are committed to transparency and openness regarding our processes for identifying and mitigating risk in the electronic records that we preserve and make accessible.”

The documents are available at: <https://github.com/usnationalarchives/digital-preservation>

The public is welcome to provide feedback on the framework: you can use the Issues feature to leave comments or questions or to start a discussion. The goal is to continuously update these plans in response to changing risks and new technologies and formats.



SRC Librarian, CD-ROM Manager Report

Submitted by Pam Turner

I am currently working on two projects. The first one is updating the SGS Constitution and By-Laws. Since the Constitution and By-Laws are the governing documents for SGS, this is your opportunity to help direct the future of our organization. SGS wants to know your ideas. Please send me or President Lynda Simmons your thoughts by September 14th. Our contact information can be found at the end of the Newsletter. The second project is updating the Sixth Generation Families book. This project has become a much larger job than I initially anticipated, but when it is done, it will have the most up-to-

date information SGS has accumulated. I have completed the initial typing and inclusion of the Ancestor File data into the Nathaniel section and have sent printed versions to SGS Genealogist Linda Crocker and SGS Assistant Genealogist Chris Havnar for proofing. The Obadiah section has been re-typed, and I am about halfway through with the Ancestor File incorporation process. I hope to have this done by the end of the year.



SGS Queries (as of July 22, 2020)

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker

The SGS query column leverages the amassed knowledge of SGS, the research skills of the Society's query team, and the knowledge of SGS members to help answer challenging research questions.

Submit queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com, or mail to Linda at home (contact information on page 15). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor. Linda summarizes the query and responses for inclusion in the quarterly SGS Newsletter.

Be sure to follow a few guidelines when submitting a query:

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

What resources have you already consulted? SGS publications or website? Census? Public records? 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 a Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed, please keep us informed of any information you receive or further progress you make on your own. Other members may be interested in 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 new information. One more name, date, or place may be the key to

linking your line to others. Your query will also be posted on the website. Make sure we have your current and complete contact information—sometimes we receive new information months or even years after a query appears.

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

The query number is the two digit year, two digit month of the Newsletter issue and query sequence number.

New Queries:

2008-1 Submitted by Kathie Felsted (mkfelsted@gmail.com)

Kathie is looking for the Bible record of SGS# 273, Nehemiah Seeley who married Mary Amelia Hopkins. The family Bible of Captain Nehemiah Seelye is cited as one of the sources for information on Nehemiah's family in *SGS Vol. 1, Descendants of Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley*. She is specifically looking for a B. Seeley who married a John Haskin(s) about 1800, perhaps in Salem, Washington, NY. B. Seeley is listed as the mother. Both of their sons state that they were born there. Kathie thinks that Nehemiah is the most likely parent of this B. Seeley.

SGS Response: The SGS volumes do not show a woman with a 1st name starting with B as a daughter of this Nehemiah. We have two daughters listed, and both were married to other men. We also do not have a John Haskin(s) in the SGS Ancestor File. Pam Turner, Seelye Research Center (SRC) Librarian, confirmed that we do not have this Bible. This highlights a concern we have that we do not have originals or copies of many of the sources cited in the three SGS volumes. A lot of our information came from family submissions, and source documents were not provided. Pam did identify a couple of files at the Seelye Research Center that might have more information. She suggested that Kathie get in touch with Terry Tietjens at the SRC to have him check the files for her.

If you have any information on a Seeley/Haskins marriage in that time period and area, we would like to hear from you. As well, if you have **any original records**,

such as Bible records, pension papers, etc, that have not been submitted to SGS, please send them (or legible copies) to us, so they can be preserved.

2008-2 Submitted by Jen Witsoe (jwitsoe@kendra.com)

Jen's great-grandmother was Eve E. Seely, born 25 Jan 1885 in Atkinson, AR. She was baptized in Philadelphia, PA at age thirty, died about 1926 in Philadelphia, is buried at Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Chester, PA, and was married to George Worthington Jackson. Her first child, Caroline, was born in 1906, followed by George, Edith, Raymond, Marion/Sarah Teresa, Anna, Andrew, and Francis. Jen has not been able to identify Eve's Seely family.

SGS Response:

1920 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

- It is virtually illegible, but the transcription has Eva Jackson, b. PA, father b. LA, mother b. NY, 6 children: Caroline, George W., Edith M., Raymond, Sarah, and Anna
 - In 1930 Eva and George are still in Philadelphia with two more children, Andrew and Frank. Daughter Caroline is with them, married to Evans Righter
- 1910 census Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- Jackson, George W., age 26, b. PA, PA, PA, works at stable, md 5 yrs. to
 - Jackson, Eva E., age 25, b. KS, KS, Louis., 3 ch., 3 living
 - Jackson, Caroline E., age 4, George W., age 2 yrs., 8 mos., Edith, age 8 mos., all b. PA, PA, KS

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- Seeley, Charles M., b. May 1837, NY, NY, NY, carpenter, md. 20 yrs. to
- Seeley, Elenor, b. Aug 1853, New Orleans, LA, parents b. New Orleans, 4 ch., 1 living
- Seeley, Eva, b. Jan 1885 KS, NY, New Orleans

PA Death certificate

- Eva Eleanor Jackson, Girard Ave, Philadelphia, wife of George W. Jackson, b. 23 Jan 1885. Atchinson, KS, to Charles Sealy, b. NY, mother not known, d. 15 May 1934 of chronic heart disease and chronic nephritis, bd. Mt Moriah Cemetery

PA Marriage Index

- Eva E. Seeley md. George W Jackson at Philadelphia in 1905, Marriage Cert. no. 182392

Philadelphia, PA, Death Index

- Charles M. Seeley, b. abt 1837, NY, died 4 Apr 1901 at Philadelphia, age 64, bookkeeper, md.

US National Homes for Disabled Soldiers, Dayton, OhioCharles M. Seely

- Enlisted 19 June 1861 at Indianapolis, IN, as private in 13th IN Infantry, discharged 27 May 1863 at Convalescent Camp, VA, due to disability: heart disease and disease of spine
- Born NY, age 61 (in 1898), dark complexion, hazel eyes, gray hair, furniture dealer, resides Harrisburg, PA, with wife Mrs. Eloise Seely
- Admitted to home on 15 Feb 1898, discharged 25 Sep 1898 at his request

District of Columbia Marriage Records

- Eleanor B. Sims, age 29, md. Charles M. Seely, age 45, 11 Mar 1881
- Charles M. Seeley and Eleanor Sims have not been identified with any certainty in earlier census records. Please get in touch us if you recognize Charles or Eleanor.

2008-3 Submitted by Joe Firine (jfirine@yahoo.com)

Joe Firine and his wife, Fiona ,recently purchased their home at 47 Clark Street in New Haven, CT. This house is called the Laura Wildman House. They are trying to find the history of the home and are having a difficult time. Laura Seeley Wildman is buried in the famous Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven. They would appreciate anything we can tell or advise them to help them get started on this "labor of love".

SGS Response:Grove Street Cemetery:

- Wildman, Emily Augusta, b. 30 Nov 1835, d. 27 May 1906
- Wildman, Marietta, b. 14 Aug 1832, d. 28 Nov 1900
- Wildman, Laura Seeley, wife of Curtis J., b. 11 May 1800, d. 27 Aug 1891

1850 census New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Wildman, Laura, age 50, b. CT
- Wildman, Mareta, age 17, Emily A .,age 14, both b. CT
- Laura is living in the same dwelling as the families of Julius and Lovina Talmage, Mary Wallace, and Lucretia Munson

1840 census New Haven, New Haven, CT

- Laura Wildman: 1 female under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 30-40

1830 census Danbury, Fairfield, CT

- Curtis Wildman: 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 30-40; 1 female 30-40

Barbour Collection of Ct Vital records, Weston:

- Seeley, Laura of Weston md. Curtis Wildman of Danbury this day (26 Nov 1822) by Rev. Philo Shelton
- North Main Street Cemetery, Danbury, CT
- Wildman, Silas, son of Philo and Hanna, died 11 Oct 1835
 - Wildman, Curtis d. 10 Oct 1836, age 39
 - In the 1840 New Haven City Directory Mrs. Laura Wildman, tailoress, is listed at 136 State
 - That continues through the 1840s and 50s; in 1864 she is at 17 Clark St.; in 1874 she is at 23 Clark St.; in 1890 and beyond she is at 47 Clark St.

Emily Wildman Obituary

- "Wildman_ In this city, May 27, 1906, Emily Augusta Wildman, in the 71st year of her age. Funeral services will be held at her late residence, 47 Clark Street, on Wednesday afternoon, May 30, at three o'clock" (*Morning Courier-Journal, New Haven, CT, 30 May 1906: 5*).

1910 census New Haven, New Haven, CTAt 47 Clark St

- Wildman, Roy S., age 30. b. CT, CT, CT, cost-clerk at Bran Shop, md. 13 yrs. to
- Wildman, Maude, age 31, b. MA, MA, MA, 4 ch, 3 living
- Wildman, Elizabeth, age 12, Holder, age 7, Constance, age 6, all b. CT, CT, MA

Roy is the son of William C. Wildman of Bridgeport, Fairfield, CT (1853-1883).

1820 census of Weston

The following Seeley men have daughters in the correct age range for Laura:

- David Seeley 3 (females age 16-25)
- Aaron Seeley: 1
- Elijah: 1
- Joseph: 1
- Thomas: 1
- Sherwood: 1

Unfortunately, I cannot find any record that ties Laura to her parents. I did find a bunch of family trees that say her father was Nathaniel Freeman Seeley (SGS# 1904) but no source information, and we have not included her in the Ancestor File as one of his daughters. Nathaniel's father moved to Ballston, Saratoga, NY, in 1804, and Nathaniel Freeman Seeley died there, so I doubt the family was in Weston when Laura was married. Laura is also not in the SGS Ancestor File.

If anyone can identify the parents of Laura Seeley Wildman, born 1800 in Connecticut, get in touch with both Joe and your query editor.

2008-4 Submitted by Roy Seelye (rcspe@hotmail.com)

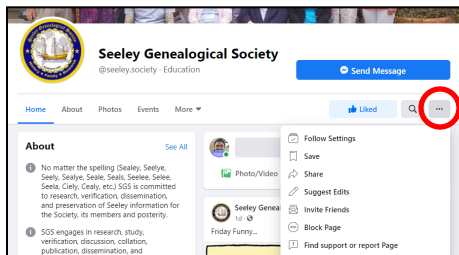
Roy is a descendant of SGS# 94, Benjamin Seelye. According to the information in *SGS Vol. 1, Descendants of Robert Seeley and Obadiah Seeley*, Benjamin died 28 Apr 1777 at the Battle of Ridgefield (Fairfield County, CT). Roy would like to verify Benjamin's service but has not been able to find any records. The Connecticut state historian,

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Invite Friends and Family to Follow SGS on Facebook

The SGS Facebook page continues to grow and is now being followed by 641 people, more than twice our membership.

It's a great way to introduce people to the society. Visitors find news there about Genealogy, research tips, information about Seeleys and of course news from



SGS. Once you've liked the page, invite your Seeley family and friends on Facebook to like and follow SGS on Facebook. Here's how:

1. Go to the SGS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/seeley.society
2. Click on the three dots icon located beneath the "Send Message" button
3. That will give you a drop down menu which includes the option to "Invite Friends."
4. When you click "Invite Friends" you'll get a list of all your friends. Go through your friend list and check the block next to the names of your Seeley cousins or friends interested in Genealogy.
5. Once you've selected all who you think might be interested in following SGS on Facebook, simply push the blue "Send Invites" button.

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Public Library in Murrieta, CA. He taught classes in genealogy to other members of his church for years. He was a frequent speaker at genealogical workshops organized by the Fresno Public Library in Fresno, CA as well as a teacher of classes in genealogy sponsored by the library. He also taught classes in genealogy at the Murrieta Family History Library, the Murrieta Public Library, and the Temecula Public Library in Temecula, CA. On several occasions he volunteered to cook Dutch oven meals at various reunions of the Mormon Battalion Association at the Mormon Battalion Visitors Center in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, even though he was not a member of the association.

Karl married Linda Joy Niswender in 1961. She died in 2011.



He then married Janet Fraser in 2012. He and Joy had five children: Jill, Terry, Suzette, Clint, and a stillborn son, Jacob. His legacy of love of service, love of country, and love of family will live on.

New SGS Members

- Debbie & David Baccus
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- Wisconsin Historical Society

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- Elizabeth & Robert Martin
Woodstock, Ontario, Canada
- Patricia Brooks Palmer & John E. Palmer
Garner, NC

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Walt Woodward, says he "checked Stephen Darley's recent work *Call To Arms: The Patriot Militia in the 1777 British Raid on Danbury, Connecticut* (2015), which has a comprehensive list of soldiers in the Ridgefield battle and Danbury raid. The only Seelye he lists is a Samuel Seelye who died at Fairfield some years later. Also checked Keith Marshall Jones III, *Farmers Against the Crown*. So can't confirm, sorry."

SGS Response:

Sherman CT. church records

- Seeley/Seelye, etc
- Benjamin, his widow d. 1772
- Benjam(i)n, lieut., died May 1777

(Sherman is bordered by New Fairfield to the south, New Milford to the east, Kent to the north, and Pawling, New York, to the west.)

According to a written statement attached to a family tree on Ancestry (no sources listed) Benjamin was of New Milford and New Fairfield, CT. He was chosen ensign at New Fairfield, North Paris(h), 13 May 1745, elected Lt.

1750, in the 9th Co., 4th Regt., Army, Aug 1755; 1st Lt., 7th Co., 3rd Regt. March 1756; Lt., 23 May 1760.

Another article about Benjamin says he enlisted as an "ensign in north company, New Fairfield, in May 1745, 2nd Lt, 9th Co., 4th Regt., Army, Aug. 1755; 1st Lt., 7th Co., 3rd Regt, Mar 1756; n [pension?] granted 4 Nov 1777". It lists 2 sources:

- *The Butts, Knowles & Hills, the Seeleys, Turneys, Sturges & Barlows* by Larry Daniels (1993)
- *History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, Compiled and Edited by Donald, Lines Jacobus (1930)

Benjamin died intestate, but the records of settling his estate are available on Ancestry and confirm the children as we have them in Vol. 1. Nothing in the papers indicates the cause of his death.

I was not able to find a source for militia records from before the Revolution; perhaps they are in British Archives. If you have any ideas about how to verify Benjamin's service, please let me and Roy know.

SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2019 - 2021

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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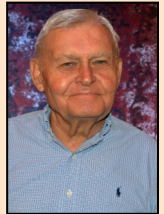
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