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Virtual SGS Membership Meeting Set For May 22, 2021 on Conferencing App Zoom

Story By Lynda Simmons SGS President

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The Seeley Genealogical Society 2021 Membership Meeting and Reunion will come to you on Zoom on May 22, 2021! It will be a fun, exciting and informative day! The Meeting will begin at 10:00 am Pacific Time, 11:00 am Mountain Time, 12:00 pm Central Time, and 1:00 pm Eastern Time.

Paul Taylor is our Zoom expert. He will send instructions in advance to ensure that everyone knows how to access the meeting. Paul will open Zoom a half hour early to help anyone having difficulties and to provide some chat time for SGS members before the meeting starts. One of the

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

SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for 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, Seelee, Seela, Cieley, 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) Pay all dues to SGS Treasurer Margaret Petersen (see contact info on page 15). Make checks payable to Seeley Genealogical Society.

Seelye Research Center

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

Seelye Research Center, Director
Terry Tietjens

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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

We will hold our SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion virtually on Saturday, May 22, 2021. The Executive Board discussed other alternatives extensively, but until more people have their vaccinations, we must meet virtually. The best thing is that all members can attend the virtual reunion on May 22 meetings, regardless of their health or where they live. We will send instructions so that everyone can participate in our meetings. Many exciting, informative and fun things will be happening. We want you all to be part of the virtual meeting. The 2023 Reunion will be in St. Louis.

We hope that all of you are doing well. Some of our members have been very sick with COVID-19, and a few have died. We are very sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We send sympathy and love to those of you who have lost loved ones. We hope that all of you who have been sick are feeling better.

This has been a difficult year, but some good things have come from it. I think that we have had time to realize what is really important to us both individually and as a group. The Seeley Genealogical Society is doing well because of hard-working officers and the support of Society members.

Because of COVID, SGS is using more technology. Before this past year, SGS officers functioned very well independently, but the Executive Board only met during our biennial Reunions and in Abilene, KS, between reunions. The Board members communicate with each other either on the phone or on the

Internet, but that isn't the best way to share ideas within a group.


Beginning this past year, Board members have been meeting via Zoom. It isn't quite as good as being together in person, but we have surely enjoyed seeing each other, sharing ideas, and trading experiences. I have found our virtual discussions very valuable. Our meetings have been more frequent, more productive, and more interactive, so we are moving ahead more quickly to develop new ideas and programs as well as to solve problems. This is positive. We have held three meetings of the Executive Board along with several meetings of the Website and Research Committees on Zoom and are seeing good progress.

Another exciting thing that has happened with technology is that the RootsTech Conference, Feb. 25-27, 2021, is virtual and free. Rootstech is the largest genealogical conference in the world with a wide variety of presentations. It usually costs over \$100.00 to register, but this year it is free. You can register for these meetings at www.rootstech.org.

We surely hope that you will join us for the SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion on May 22, 2021. During the General Membership Meeting we will vote on changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, elect officers, and confirm St. Louis as the site of the 2023

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 Registration Form SGS 2021 Membership Meeting and Reunion Held Virtually Via the Conferencing App Zoom May 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern	
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LYNDA SIMMONS 3330 W Signal Peak Dr. RP103 Taylorsville, UT 84129 @435-649-9878, 801-910-0300 OR seeley.society@gmail.com PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO GIVE THE REUNION COMMITTEE TIME TO PREPARE.	

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most fun things about our Membership Meetings and Reunions is getting to visit with SGS friends!

It is important that everyone registers because we have several items to send you for the meeting, A registration form for the SGS 2021 meeting is above. A schedule will be included in a packet sent before the meeting along with

January 2021 SGS Executive Board minutes, the Constitution and Bylaws, reports from SGS Officers, the Membership Survey, and other materials needed for the meeting.

The General Membership Meeting will occur first, followed by presentations on the history of the Society, the SGS Website, the DNA Linage Project, and “Meet Us in St.

Louis,” a preview of the SGS Reunion to be held in St. Louis in 2023.

This virtual meeting will give an opportunity for members who for health reasons or distance have not been able to attend reunions recently. Plan now to participate in the virtual SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion on May 22, 2021.

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Reunion. Lou Ann Crisler is writing new songs for both the virtual Membership Meeting this year and the 2023 Membership Meeting, as well. The Website and Research Committees will show and tell the exciting things they are doing. There will be a presentation on the history of the Society and a preview of the 2023

SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion in St. Louis. We are asking everyone to register for the 2021 virtual Membership Meeting on the form provided above. A packet will be sent in advance of our meeting with instructions for accessing Zoom, copies of the Constitution and Bylaws, a Membership Survey, a list of

nominations, and other items to help members have an enjoyable and valuable experience during the meeting.

Please mark Saturday, May 22, 2021, on your calendar for the next SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion. In the meantime, please take care of yourselves!

Draft Minutes 2019-2021 SGS Executive Board Meeting, Jan. 30, 2021

Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order via the online conferencing app Zoom at 1:04 p.m. EST.

Quorum: Kathie Olsen, Acting Parliamentarian, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Elected and Appointed Officers

Attending: Lynda Simmons, Jesse Crisler, Paul Taylor, Kathie Olsen, Linda Crocker, Wesley Waring, Margaret Petersen, David Petersen, Pam Turner, Chris Havnar, Connie Birth, Terry Tietjens, Camille Seeley Bell, Annette Seeley Earl, and Patricia Palmer

Excused: Ruthetta Seelye Hansen, Shanna Besendorfer, and Kara Donaldsen

Welcome and Announcements:

Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked all officers for continuing to do their work in spite of difficult circumstances.
- She noted that Camille Seeley Bell, Chair of the Nominating Committee, had ascertained that all members of the Executive Board have agreed to serve two more years.

Minutes: Jesse Crisler moved and Wes Waring seconded that the minutes of the 2020 Executive Board meetings, April 20 and October 20, be approved; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business and Updates: Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked Pam

Turner for her work on the SGS 7th Generation Book, the SGS 6th Generation Book, the SGS CD, the Membership Survey, and the revision of the SGS Constitution and Bylaws.

SGS Constitution and proposed revisions: Pam Turner

- The Treasurer should not be included as a member of the Auditing Committee.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Linda Crocker seconded that the rearrangements of sections of the Constitution and Bylaws recommended by Joan Bretz be made; motion unanimously approved.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Linda Crocker seconded that the Constitution and Bylaws need not define term limits for either elected or appointed officers; motion unanimously approved.
- Jesse Crisler moved and Linda Crocker seconded that while membership is granted to a married couple, the couple will have only one vote, directing that Pam Turner rewrite Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution to reflect this clarification; motion unanimously approved.
- Linda Crocker moved and Jesse Crisler seconded that a new indemnification article be added to the Constitution, using language recommended by Joan Bretz; motion unanimously approved.
- Jesse Crisler will review all suggested changes after Pam Turner has reworked the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Paul Taylor will publish the

revised Constitution and Bylaws in the next Newsletter. No additional input will be requested from the SGS membership.

- Pam Turner will circulate newest updates to the Constitution to the Board prior to its publication in the February Newsletter.

Membership Survey: Pam Turner

- Pam Turner led the discussion of, and the rationale for, the elements of the Membership Survey.
- The Board recommended a few additions to the Membership Survey.
- The revised Membership Survey and copies of the Constitution and Bylaws will be part of a packet distributed to SGS members prior to the upcoming Seeley Genealogical Society Virtual Reunion.

Nominating Committee: Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

Awards Committee: Lynda Simmons

- Jesse Crisler has agreed to head the Awards Committee with Thera Seeley Clark and Kelly Findlay as members.

Website Committee: Paul Taylor

- Paul Taylor reported that expansion and development of the Website is progressing well.
- Paul Taylor, Logan Seelye, and the Website Committee meet monthly to evaluate the progress of the new Website; they believe the site should be ready for unveiling to the membership at the Virtual Reunion.

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- Paypal is up and running. Membership records will be electronically maintained on the Website, on-line ordering will be possible, and maintenance of records will be improved.

Research Committee: Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmonds reported that the Research Committee meets regularly to discuss current research and as well as avenues for new research.

Membership Meeting and Virtual Reunion: Lynda Simmons

- Members of the Reunion Planning Committee are Lynda Simmons, Jesse Crisler, Lou Ann Crisler, Camille Seeley Bell, Linda Crocker, John Mills, Connie Birth, Stephanie Mills, and Annette Seeley Earl.
- Linda Crocker moved and Jesse Crisler seconded that the Virtual Reunion be held Saturday, May 22, 2021; motion unanimously approved.
- St. Louis will be the site of the 2023 Membership Meeting and Reunion.
- The Board made a number of suggestions concerning the Virtual Reunion which the Reunion Planning Committee will consider.
- The Virtual Reunion may be no longer than three to four hours and include a presentation on the SGS Website, a presentation on the SGS/DNA Lineage Project, the SGS General Membership Meeting, election of officers, the presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award, and a presentation on St. Louis as the site of the 2023 Reunion.

- Members will be asked to register for the Virtual Reunion in advance, and an advance packet will be sent to members with instructions for connecting to the Reunion, ground rules for the Membership Meeting, voting online, copies of the Membership Survey, copies of the Constitution and Bylaws, and other materials, as needed.
- Paul Taylor will ask presenters to submit visuals to which they plan to refer during their presentations.
- A suggested format for the Virtual Reunion was determined: Membership Meeting, no longer than an hour and thirty minutes; SGS/DNA Lineage presentation, thirty minutes; Website presentation, thirty minutes; St. Louis presentation, fifteen minutes; breaks to occur between presentations.
- Lou Ann Crisler agreed to write a song for the 2021 Virtual Reunion and another song for the 2023 Reunion in St. Louis.
- The February Newsletter will include information about the 2021 Virtual Reunion.
- The Reunion Planning Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. EST, Saturday, February 6, 2021.

New Business: Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons thanked each attendee and board member for their commitment to the Society, and her deep appreciation for each was noted. Members of the Board, and attendees also thanked Lynda Simmons for her devotion and dedication to the Society.

Adjournment: 3:08 p.m. EST.

A Warning About Scams

Bottom Line Up Front: SGS will never send you an email asking you for money.

We may send you a note about your dues, or a membership meeting and reunion registrations. A good rule of thumb is that if you ever receive a communication from someone claiming to represent SGS that asks for money or that asks you to click on any hyperlink: STOP. Open a new email (do not forward or respond to the suspicious one) to our President, First Vice President, or Second Vice President, and ask whether they have sent you a request for funds. A phone call to one of the numbers listed in the Newsletter will also work. We will immediately clear the matter up for you.

It is an unfortunate fact of life that in the information age, unsavory characters will prey on your sense of duty and possible lack of understanding of modern online tools, in a nefarious effort to separate you from your money. We have recently learned of at least three different scams in which crooks have sent emails that appear to come from SGS (one even named our President), seeking funds for a variety of items (most recently COVID-19 care for veterans).

It is sad that with so much in the world that afflicts us at present, criminals so quickly adapt their methods and find new ways to trick the public. We must remain vigilant. Again, if you receive a communication from SGS that asks you for money, please immediately, in a separate email or phone call, get in touch with us to confirm it.

Laura Ingalls Wilder's Connection with a Seelye Family

Story by Jesse S. Crisler

Among the pleasures confinement largely to our house because of Covid-19 restrictions has forced my wife, Lou Ann, and me to forgo have been regular visits to our local public library. Alternatively, we have fed our reading appetites with books selected from our home library, in most cases unlikely titles we would probably not have purchased ourselves but own because we have been given them over time. The other day when I was reading one such book, *Pioneer Girl* (2014), the autobiography of the beloved American children's author Laura Ingalls Wilder, I came across a reference to Willard Seelye, one of her teachers in the one-room schoolhouse which she and her sisters sporadically attended when their family resided in De Smet, South Dakota, where their father had actually been the first settler in 1879. Though Wilder esteemed Seelye as "a very good teacher," she also recalled a comic incident involving Seelye during the winter of 1881-82. According to Wilder,

Seelye made one feel that he was not quite clean.

It was a habit of his to chew the end of his pointer as he sat listening to recitations. At intervals as he felt the urge, he would run the pointer inside his collar and down, sometimes almost its length, to

scratch his back, then withdraw it and resume chewing the point.

We girls grew more and more disgusted, until one of us proposed that we doctor the pointer.

So one day we came back early at noon, each bringing something unpleasant to the taste. My contribution was cayenne pepper.

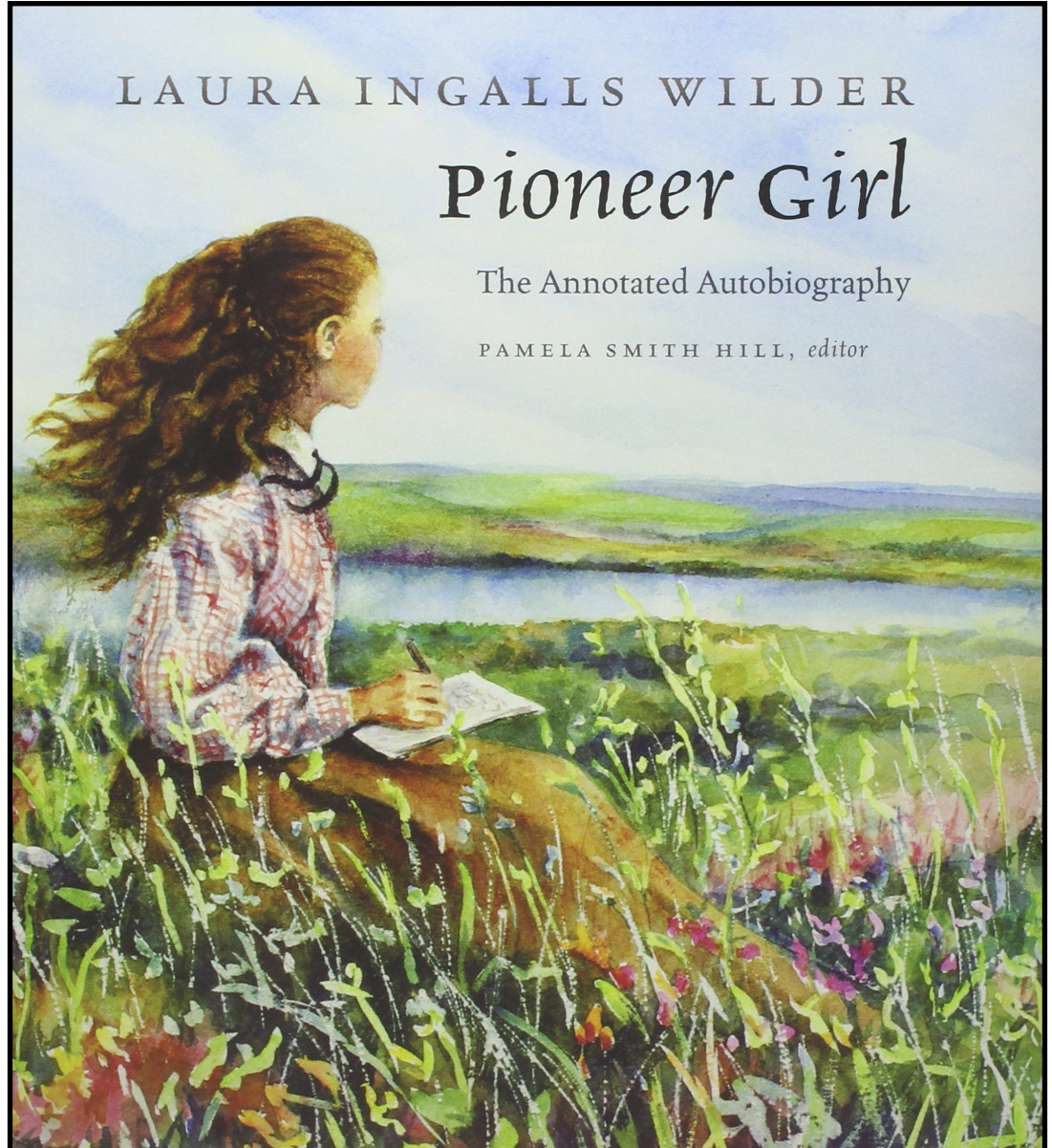
We put all these things into the little kettle of water kept on the heating stove, stirred up the fire, then held the end of the

pointer in the mess and boiled it.

We had it dried off and back in its place, the kettle emptied and refilled with clear water, when Mr. Seeley [sic] came.

It was not long before he put the end of the pointer in his mouth, rolling it around his mouth and chewing it. He took it out of his mouth quickly, spat on the floor and looked at the point. Then he touched it experimentally with his tongue, looked up quickly

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LAURA INGALLS WILDER

Pioneer Girl

The Annotated Autobiography

PAMELA SMITH HILL, editor

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at me where I was innocently diagramming a sentence on the blackboard, spat again, and laid the pointer down. (281)

Whether Wilder and her friends succeeded in breaking Seelye of his habit she unfortunately failed to record.

Intrigued, of course, by Seelye's name, I decided to try to learn a little more about him. Annotations in Wilder's autobiography note that he was living in Fillmore, MN, in 1880 before coming to De Smet, and in 1900 he was still residing in De Smet, now with his wife, Ada, and their nineteen-year-old son, Owen; however, his line of work by then had shifted from teacher to insurance adjuster at which latter occupation he apparently had more success than in his former, for the *De Smet Leader* reported that in the late summer of 1884 Seelye had done a "big business" by insuring local crops against the ravages of the weather ("Town and Country," August 2, 1884).

After a little basic research I located Seelye's death certificate which supplied his middle name of Levi as well as the date and place of his birth (1854 in New York) and the date and place of his death (1911, St. James Township, Watonwan, MN). Since the certificate also gave his parents' names—Samuel Seelye and Alaline Smith—I assumed I would meet with little difficulty in linking Seelye to someone in one of the Seelye generation books.

More research, however, soon showed me how wrong I was, for as I tried to discover more about Willard Seelye's parents, I found nothing further other than misleading or

incorrect information. For example, a tree on Ancestry seemed certain that Willard Levi Seelye was actually Willard Ryland Seelye (1854-1923), son of Hiram Seelye and Elizabeth



Laura Ingalls Wilder (Public Domain Image Courtesy of Wikimedia)

Pruntice, even offering the 1900 census which locates a Willard L. Seelye in De Smet, ND, as proof of this relationship. But since Willard Ryland Seelye died in 1923 in Van Buren Co., MI, and I knew from Willard Levi Seelye's death certificate that he had died in MN, I quickly discounted this Willard Ryland Seelye as Wilder's teacher.

Other sources I consulted seemed to agree that Willard Levi Seelye's parents were neither Samuel Seelye and Alaline Smith nor Hiram Seelye and Elizabeth Pruntice but Lyman Seelye (SGS# 3438) and Adeline Smith, but none of these sources offered much proof for their claim. At this point I emailed SGS Chief Genealogist Linda Crocker for assistance; she responded with both her usual alacrity and proof of

Willard's true parentage: in 1870 Willard, aged sixteen, was living in Lanesboro, Fillmore, MN, with his parents Lyman and Addaline Seelye.

Since Linda also quoted a sentence from the Website pioneergirl.com, I decided I had better check out that site as well. When I did, I discovered a brief biography of Willard, which confirmed his parentage as well as the name of his wife, Adaresta Geneva Owen. After she died in 1905, Willard married a second time later that year to Sylvia Quinn, who as Sylvia Seelye appears as the informant on his death certificate. Linda reasons that, since Sylvia was Willard's second wife and only married to him for less than six years, she probably knew little about his past, which doubtless accounts for her having given a wrong name for his father and a slightly mangled first name for his mother.

Although Willard was not rehired to teach in De Smet for the following year, Wilder's association with his family had not yet ended, for his successor, Vidocq Seltz Lavengro Owen (1857-1953), was Willard's brother-in-law, his wife Ada's younger brother, while Wilder herself taught the children of Ada's older sister, Frances Amelia (1848-1923), and her husband, Dan Dwight (1841-1914), at the Wilkin School in Kingsbury County, SD, in 1885-86.

New SGS Members

- Charissa Leann Evans
Springfield, MO
- Karen Nousen
Corvallis, OR
- Michael Gannda Strother
Lexington, KY
- Dorothea Field Stonberg
Denver, CO

New Membership Chair **Connie Birth**

Story by Connie Birth, SGS Membership Chair

Hello SGS members! I am the new Membership Chair, Connie Martin

Birth. My journey started when my mother, who is a Seely, wanted to visit the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, KS.

Discovering that SGS was having a reunion, I asked her if she wanted to attend, and

of course her answer was yes, so we did. Since being bitten by the genealogy bug, I have developed a passion for researching and finding family connections. After joining SGS, hunting down a lost cousin, and begging him to do a Y-DNA test, we learned that we descend from Obadiah Seely. When examining records, I was thrilled to find that my cousins Frances Hermione Mitchell Pickard, Orville Curtis Seely, Raymond Russell, and several others were members of SGS.

My life has been wild and crazy, but I have had a wide and varied background in medicine from surgical technology to helping create the first dialysis unit at Tripler Army Hospital in Aiea, HI. When my attempts to become a PA failed, I returned to work at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City, where, in addition to my regular job, I was the chief steward and later president of Local AFGE #2562. As a legal representative, I presented cases in federal court and was invited to take the federal law boards. Whistle-blowing led to my becoming a semi-truck driver, where I achieved over a million accident-free miles as both a single and a team driver with my



husband. Then God wanted me to drive a school bus; I received an

Above and Beyond Award from the state of Oklahoma as Special Needs Driver of the Year in 2011.

Currently, I am an adjunct instructor at Oklahoma State University—Oklahoma City, teaching Driver Safety and Class A

Truck Driving for the PTDT associate degree program.

As a single parent, I raised two daughters and now have three grandchildren. My husband and I married when our combined five children were teenagers; we will have been married thirty-eight years in November.

I live in Spencer, OK, and can be reached by cell phone (405-323-3896) or email (clbirth@sbcglobal.net); feel free to call, text, or write. I look

Story Idea: Writer Needed

SGS Member Gary Knoble had a great idea for a story, so we are looking for someone who would be able to write it for us.

Gary writes, “I am descended from Robert Seeley through my mother Maxine Seeley who was the daughter of Azel Seeley. As you undoubtedly know, Robert Seeley, our first Seeley ancestor to immigrate . . . fought in the Pequot War under Captain John Mason, [while] Nathaniel was killed [in King Philip’s War].

“There is a statue of Mason in Windsor, Connecticut. The statue is the subject of a current controversy

about whether to remove it from Windsor since his role in the slaughter of the Pequots is now viewed as an example of the mistreatment of indigenous Americans. A short article about Robert Seeley and his connection to Mason and the controversy might be of interest to our Seeley cousins.”

Would you have time to research this story, report on the status of the statue, and share some interesting tidbits about Robert’s life and relationship to John Mason? If so, please send an email note to Paul Taylor, SGS Newsletter Editor, at paul.taylor.va@gmail.com.

Roots Tech 2021: A Free Online Experience

RootsTech, presented by FamilySearch International, is a four-day event held annually in Salt Lake City, UT, dedicated to celebrating family, discovering family histories, and connecting the living to their ancestors and each other.

Because of COVID-19, it has changed from an in-person event to a **Virtual RootsTech Connect Conference on February 25-27, 2021**, and it is **FREE!** The conference

will be broadcast live and then will be available in the video archives section on the website. Register for this FREE conference online at www.RootsTech.org to attend.

Why Virtual? Good question. There are a few reasons for pivoting to an online conference format. While physical gatherings are anticipated to happen again safely in the future, RootsTech organizers felt that hosting

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Overview of Final Revisions to the SGS Constitution and Bylaws

Story by Pam Turner, SGS Constitution and Bylaws Committee Chair

In the November 2020 SGS Newsletter we published proposed revisions to the SGS Constitution and Bylaws.

In the following pages, you'll find another "Red Lined" version showing the changes that have been made since the last newsletter. This is the final product that we will be voting on at the Membership Meeting later this year.

You will see that the major changes made from the November 2020 version regard the moving of articles from the Constitution to the Bylaws section. We also added a new Article VI to the Constitution to add an indemnification clause. Most other changes are grammatical in nature and have been made to ensure continuity of phrasing throughout both documents.

I would like to thank new member Darold Seeley for his insightful questions and comments and member Joan Bretz for her knowledge of constitutional writing. You will see some of their suggestions in this new document. Acknowledgement must also be made to Jesse Crisler for his willingness to edit the multiple iterations of the Constitution, and to the Executive Board for the many hours spent discussing the different facets of our Constitution and how to make it appropriate for SGS going forward.

When the Constitution was discussed in San Diego, CA in 2019, it was with the idea of cleaning up some areas and possibly adding in new voting members of the board. When the COVID pandemic began in 2020, it changed how we looked

at the Constitution. We realized it didn't contain the flexibility required for evolving technology and situations such as the pandemic. With that thought in mind, we made the changes we thought best and present to you the updated SGS Constitution for your consideration. Those in attendance at the virtual Membership Meeting in May will be asked to vote "Yea" or "Nay" on adopting the Constitution and Bylaws as presented in this newsletter.

For your convenience, we're including a clean version of the Constitution and Bylaws in the email that brings you this newsletter. If you did not receive a clean copy and would like to receive one, send me an email (contact info on page 15) with your email address.

Seeley Genealogical Society Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

(Revised October 1, 2021)

ARTICLE I: Name

- SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be THE SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as "the Society or SGS."
- SECTION 2. The Reverend Garner Osborne is recognized as the founder of the society. Any person who was a member prior to 1965 is a charter member.

ARTICLE II: Objectives

- SECTION 1. The Society ~~will~~ shall solicit as members, descendants of the Seeley surname of all spellings to include those who by marriage have acquired another surname, and anyone who has an interest in genealogy. Known surname spelling variants include Seelye, Seely, Selee, Sealey, Sealy, Seela, Cilley, Ceely, Ceilly, and Ceilley; however, all similar spellings or variants are included.
- SECTION 2. The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the education and benefit of its members and for posterity. In so far as practical, the Society ~~will~~ shall respond to all that inquire about Seeley ancestral lines. The Society ~~will~~ shall receive, hold and invest appropriate monies, dues, gifts, proceeds from sales, interest, etc., and control and administer any properties for the benefit of the Society. The Society shall publish a periodic Newsletter.
- SECTION 3. The Society ~~will~~ shall establish and maintain associations with societies of other surnames and state and national organizations to encourage interest in genealogy and to benefit therefrom.
- SECTION 4. The Society ~~will~~ shall pay special recognition to Robert Seeley of England who immigrated to America in anno domini 1630; and to Obadiah Seeley, who appeared in the records of Stamford, Connecticut in 1640.
- SECTION 5. The Society ~~will~~ shall maintain the Seelye Research Center, co-located with the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Kansas. The Research Center ~~will~~ shall collect family and archival records for research by the membership and members of the general public.

ARTICLE III: Membership, Dues and Fiscal Year

- SECTION 1. There shall be three classes of membership in the Society:
- (1) Charter: Persons who participate in founding and administration of the Society prior to 1965.
 - (2) Individual, Library, or Society

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SGS is a Title 501(c)(3) Organization. All Donations are Tax Deductible.

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(3) Lifetime

Charter, Individual, and Lifetime memberships shall apply to a member and spouse **with one vote allotted per membership.**

SECTION 2. Dues shall be specified in the SGS Newsletter subject to revision per Article I of the **Bylaws.**

SECTION 3. Any and all references within the Constitution and **Bylaws** referring to the fiscal year shall refer to the period from October 1 through September 30.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

SECTION 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. **The elected officers and directors shall constitute the Executive Board.** Voting members of the **Executive Board** must be elected and not appointed.

SECTION 2. The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chair, a Membership Chair, a Director of Communication, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the **Seeley** Research Center.

SECTION 3. Any member of the SGS may hold the position of an elected or appointed officer within the SGS.

~~SECTION 2. Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. The election is to take place at the Membership Meeting. Officers and members in good standing are eligible to vote. A quorum of ten percent of the membership is required for a valid election.~~

~~SECTION 3. The officers' and directors' term of office shall begin on October 1 following the election or reelection of officers and directors at the Membership Meeting.~~

~~SECTION 4. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time, except for short times resulting from succession to office as provided for in Article IV, Section 5.~~

~~SECTION 5. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of any officer, except the President or a Vice President, the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected officers. For the unexpired term, of the President and/or a Vice President, succession will be automatic from the remaining elected officers in the order shown in Article IV, Section 1 above, exclusive of the Treasurer.~~

~~SECTION 6. The elected officers and directors shall constitute an Executive Board.~~

~~SECTION 7. If there is more than one nominee for any office, elections shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of the voting quorum shall elect.~~

NOTE: The original sections 2-5 and section 7 have moved to new Bylaws Article III – Election of Officers and Directors. Sections 1-5.

NOTE: Section 6 has been incorporated into section 1 above.

ARTICLE V: Meetings

SECTION 1. The membership shall meet at least every two years, physically or virtually, as specified in the **Bylaws.** Business of the Society may be conducted if there is a quorum present at the Membership Meeting.

SECTION 2. The officers and Executive Board shall meet as specified in the **Bylaws** and serve without monetary compensation.

SECTION 3. The order of business at all meetings ~~will~~**shall** be governed by **Robert's** Rules of Order, Revised. The President may appoint a Parliamentarian, who ~~will~~**shall** serve at the pleasure of the president.

SECTION 4. To conduct business of the Society at a **Membership Meeting**, a quorum of ten percent of the membership ~~will~~**shall** be required. Five elected officers **shall** constitute a quorum of the **Executive Board.**

ARTICLE VI: Indemnification

SECTION 1. The Society shall indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any officer or member of the Executive Board for liability resulting from acts taken on behalf of the Society in an official capacity. Individuals shall be entitled to indemnification only to the extent that their conduct was authorized by the Society. The Executive Board shall take action as may be necessary to authorize an appropriate amount of indemnification, after consulting with legal counsel. This indemnification shall not apply: (1) if an individual has breached a fiduciary duty, failed to act in good faith or failed to act in the best interest of the Society and (2) if that breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. This exemption from personal liability shall not apply to any individual who is deemed liable pursuant to criminal statutes or who may be liable for payment of any local, state or federal taxes.

ARTICLE VII: Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society

SECTION 1. At the time that the dissolution of the Seeley Genealogical Society becomes necessary, all remaining assets shall be

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transferred to one or more entities that are involved in collecting, disseminating and archiving genealogical information available for general public use. The ~~Executive Board of Directors~~ shall distribute such remaining assets to such entities with similar objectives as outlined in the SGS Constitution, provided that they meet IRS Section 501 (c) (3) requirements.

Bylaws

(Revised October 1, 2021)

ARTICLE I: Dues and Membership

- SECTION 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to periodically review the dues structure to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Society. Changes proposed by the Executive Board must be approved by a three-fifths ~~majority~~ vote of the membership ~~at a Membership Meeting, or through acceptable communication channels as determined by the Executive Board,~~ , subject to quorum requirements and the minimum requirements of Article V, Sections 1 and 4 of the Constitution. Dues are to be paid to the Treasurer who will send the members' documentation to the Membership Chair.
- SECTION 2. Membership ~~will~~ shall be awarded as specified in Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- SECTION 3. Membership may be refused or suspended by a three-fifths vote of the Executive Board to anyone or any organization, whose interests conflict with the purpose of the Society.

ARTICLE II: Meetings

- SECTION 1: The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall call meetings of the Board and the general membership subject to the minimum requirements of Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution.
- SECTION 2. It is recommended that the President call a meeting of the Executive Board at least once a year. The Society recognizes the geographical dispersion of the officers and directors. The President and Executive Board may conduct business by any method that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other. Minutes of Board Meetings ~~are to~~ shall be reported to the membership in the Newsletter. ~~The An~~ in-person meeting of officers and directors is encouraged when it is practical.
- SECTION 3. Six (6) ~~of the officers and Board of Directors~~ members of the Executive Board may call a special meeting of the ~~officers and directors-Executive Board~~ Executive Board for consideration of issues. A special ~~officers and directors-meeting of the Executive Board~~ meeting may also be called by ten percent of the membership of the Society by signed petition, at no expense to the Society. Quorum requirements ~~will~~ shall apply.

ARTICLE III: Election of Officers and Directors

- SECTION 1. Officers and Directors of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. The election ~~is to~~ shall take place at the Membership Meeting. Officers and members in good standing ~~are~~ shall be eligible to vote. A quorum of ten percent of the membership ~~is~~ shall be required for a valid election.
- SECTION 2. The officers' and directors' term of office shall begin on October 1 following the election or reelection of officers and directors at the Membership Meeting. There shall be no limit to the number of terms an individual may serve in any position.
- SECTION 3. No member shall hold more than one elected office at a time, except for short times resulting from succession to office as provided for in Article ~~IV~~ III, Section ~~5~~ 4.
- SECTION 4. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of any officer, except the President or a Vice President, the vacancy ~~will~~ shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected officers. For ~~the~~ an unexpired term of the President and/or a Vice President, succession ~~will~~ shall be automatic from the remaining elected officers in the order shown in ~~Article IV, Section 1 above~~ Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution, exclusive of the Treasurer.
- SECTION 5. If there is more than one nominee for any office, elections shall be by secret ballot, and a majority of the voting quorum shall elect.

ARTICLE ~~IV~~: Duties of Elected Officers

- SECTION 1. **President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, shall preside at all meetings, and shall be a member of all committees except the nomination and auditing committees. The President is authorized to approve disbursement of reasonable fund amounts from the Treasurer's account(s) for the routine operation of the Society business, to carry on correspondence and to publish the Newsletters. The President shall serve as the chair of the committee to organize the Membership Meeting conducted per Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- SECTION 2. If the President determines that an elected officer or director is not performing the duties for which elected, the President may request that the Executive Board remove the member from the Board. Such removal ~~will~~ shall require a three-fifths vote of the eligible Executive Board members.
- SECTION 3. **First Vice President:** The First Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all

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- duties necessary in the absence of the President, and assume the Presidency if the office becomes vacant.
- SECTION 4. **Second Vice President:** The Second Vice President shall perform duties assigned by the President, preside and perform all duties necessary in the absence of the President and First Vice President.
- SECTION 5. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall record and preserve the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the Membership Meetings. The Secretary ~~will~~ shall perform other administrative duties as assigned by the President.
- SECTION 6. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall safeguard the funds and maintain all accounts in the name of The Seeley Genealogical Society and shall be responsible for maintaining adequate financial records. When the Executive Board shall determine bonding is required, this ~~will~~ shall be done at the expense of the Society. If investment of funds of the Society is made, approval of the Executive Board is required.
- SECTION 7. **Chief Genealogist:** The Chief Genealogist shall have custody of the genealogical files of the Society, maintain such other files necessary for performing assigned duties, and safeguard them from common hazards. The duties are those generally accepted as responsibilities of a genealogist. The Chief Genealogist ~~will~~ shall be assisted by genealogists appointed by the President and shall also work closely with the Director of the **Seelye** Research Center to assure that all Society records are copied and/or archived at the Center for researchers' use.
- SECTION 8. **Directors:** The three Directors shall serve as representatives of the general membership. They may be assigned duties by the President to assist in the administration of the Society.
- SECTION 9. **Past President:** The immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the ~~Executive Board of Directors~~ and committees in a non-voting advisory capacity.
- SECTION 10. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named elsewhere.

ARTICLE IV: Duties of Appointed Officers

- SECTION 1. **Director of Communication:** The Director of Communication shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Society's ~~public external~~ and internal communication in accordance with this document, the directions of the President, and the best interests of SGS. This may include, but is not limited to, ~~the publishing of a Newsletter~~ and other publications of SGS, management of the Society's online properties, and other duties as assigned. The Director ~~will~~ shall be assisted by volunteers and others appointed by the President.
- SECTION 2. **Ancestor Files Chair:** The Ancestor Files Chair shall be responsible for maintaining a computerized database, in coordination with the Chief Genealogist, of all ancestor files submitted by members of the Society and shall also be responsible for responding to inquiries to the Society regarding established lineage.
- SECTION 3. **Research Center Director:** The Research Center Director shall be responsible for maintaining the **Seelye** Research Center in Abilene, Kansas, as a resource ~~to~~ for Society members and the general public and shall act as an advisor to the President and to the Chief Genealogist.
- SECTION 4. **Membership Chair:** The Membership Chair shall be responsible for the promotion of the Society membership and the maintenance of membership rolls. The Membership Chair shall be appointed by the President from the membership, exclusive of the Treasurer.
- SECTION 5. **Assistant Genealogists:** Assistant Genealogists, when appointed, ~~will~~ shall be responsible for specific tasks in support of the Chief Genealogist's function.

ARTICLE VI: Committees

- SECTION 1. The President shall appoint necessary standing and ad hoc committees and require reports from them.
- SECTION 2. **Nominating Committee:** The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least two (2) members one year in advance of the **Membership Meeting**. The nominating committee shall ascertain that all candidates nominated ~~will be~~ are willing to serve if elected. The election shall ~~be proceed~~ as provided in Article III of these bylaws. ~~IV, Sections 2, 3, and 7 of the Constitution.~~ Nominations may be made from the floor for all offices with the consent of the nominee.
- SECTION 3. **Auditing Committee:** The President shall appoint an auditing committee, ~~independent of the treasurer~~, of not less than two (2) members to examine the financial records of the Society, once every two years, or more often if required by the Executive Board. The results ~~will~~ shall be presented to the membership in attendance at each **Membership Meeting**, and submitted in writing for publication in the **Newsletter**.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments and/or Revisions

- SECTION 1. Amendments and/or revisions to the Constitution and the **Bylaws** ~~will~~ shall require approval by a three-fifths ~~majority~~ vote of the membership at a **Membership Meeting**, or through acceptable communication channels as determined by the **Executive Board**, subject to the quorum requirements and the minimum requirements of **Article V — Sections 1 and 4 of the Constitution**. All proposed changes ~~must~~ shall be printed in the **Newsletter** for membership review a minimum of three months prior to the **Membership Meeting**.

SGS Queries (as of Feb. 5, 2021)

Coordinated and Compiled by SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker

The SGS query column leverages the amassed knowledge of the Seeley Genealogical Society, 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:

2102-1 Submitted Linda Colegrove (linmarv78@hotmail.com)

Linda contacted us because she needs proof that Sarah/Sally Seelye (1796-1857), SGS# 2275, is a daughter of Abner and Eunice Smith Seelye, so she can join the DAR. Sarah married William Knapp in 1813. They lived in Sullivan Co., NY, and are buried in the Fallsburg Cemetery there.

SGS Response: Unfortunately, this is one of those cases where our information is based on family group submissions, and we don't know what the sources are to support them. I also couldn't locate supporting documents on Ancestry or FamilySearch. If you are related to Abner's family and have any supporting evidence to help Linda, please get in touch with her and share your information with SGS as well, so we can update our records.

2102-2 Submitted by Randy Fry (frydguy79@gmail.com)

While researching his maternal great-grandmother, Randy found our website. He was looking for Homer K. Seelye, b. Jun 13, 1876, in Great Bend, KS, d. Dec 11, 1957, in Greensburg, KS. Homer married Florence Dunn in 1907. They lived most of their lives in Kiowa Co., KS. His grandmother Mary Elizabeth Seelye Hickey was their only child. The only other information he'd found was that Albert Seelye (1872-1937) was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Greensburg.

SGS Response: We had previously researched this family:

1880 Lincoln, Stafford, KS

- Seelye, Samuel, age 51, farmer, b. KY, unknown, unknown
- Seelye, Elizabeth, age 45, b. KY, unknown, unknown
- Seelye, Anna, age 19, Mary, age 17, John, age 10, Parkman, age 10, Albert, age 7, Homer, age 7 (written over 2), all b. IL except Homer, b. KS

1895 Lincoln, Stafford, KS

- Seelye, Samuel, age 66, and Elizabeth, age 60, both b. KY
- Seelye, Parkman, age 25, John, age 25, Albert, age 22, all b. IL
- Seelye, Homer, age 18, Blanche, age 14, both b. KS

1905 Lincoln, Stafford, KS

- Seeley, Elizabeth, age 70, Homer, age 28, Blanch, age 24

1930 Valley, Kiowa, KS

- Seelye, Albert, age 57, b. IL, KY, KY, farmer, md. 32 yrs. to
- Seelye, Amanda, age 58, b. IN, PA, PA
- Next door:
- Seelye, Homer, age 53, b. KS, KY, KY, farmer, md. 22 yrs. to
- Seelye, Florence, age 46, b. KS, CAN, CAN
- Seelye, Mary, age 20, b. KS, KS, KS (b. Dec 1909 acc, to 1910 census)

We have identified the Samuel of the 1880 and 1895 censuses as a son of Benjamin Sely/Seelye, b. 1804 in NY State. He is one of our brick walls. We do have at least one member who is also a descendant of this line, so I sent her

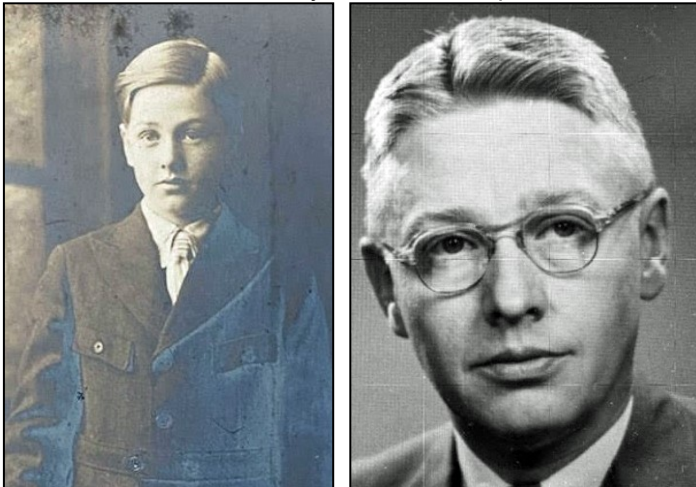
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a copy of Randy's email.

2102-3 Submitted by James Cooper
(jcooper@wcusd200.org)

James has been going through old items of his grandfather's and discovered a photo of Lloyd Zimmerman taken when he was a child in Harvard, McHenry, IL, as well as one of Lloyd as an adult. Lloyd was the husband of Jessica M. Seelye. James does not think his family is related to Lloyd or Jessica, although his grandmother's family lived in Harvard, and descendants still do. He thinks the Zimmermans must have been family friends. He would like someone in their family to have these photos.



SGS Response: Jessica May Seelye Zimmerman is a daughter of Norman Lee and Bonnie Bell Smith Seelye. She is a descendant of Obadiah, the great-granddaughter of Reuben Seeley, SGS# 3447. Please get in touch with James if you are related to Jessica or Lloyd and would like to have the photos.

2102-4 Submitted by RJ Buckingham
(rjbucky@optonline.net)

This query is by a Buckingham family researcher who wants to find the burial site of Phoebe Buckingham and her husband, George Seeley. George and Phoebe resided in South Britain (part of Southbury Township), New Haven, CT. George died in 1899, and Phoebe in 1894.

SGS Response: We researched Chauncey, son of George and Phoebe in query 0808-4 (<https://www.seeley-society.org/queries/2008-listings/>). At that time we had a couple of members who also descended from George and were trying to investigate his father, Elijah, but we never published an update. There was a theory that this Elijah is SGS# 774 but no proof exists. If you have any information on George or his father, Elijah, or know where George and Phoebe are buried, please let me know.

2102-5 Submitted by Cher Traylor
(chertraylor@comcast.net) via our Facebook page

Cher was given a stack of her grandmother's correspondence that included a 1928 letter to Cher's great aunt Lavina Hart Mace from Philoma R. Seely. Philoma was writing from Wuchow (currently Wuzhou) in southern China, where she was serving as a missionary. Lavina was the corresponding secretary for the Free Methodist Church

in Winfield, KS. The personal letter to Lavina also included a letter from Philoma to the youth group of the church as well as other church members. Cher wanted SGS to have the letter, which she has sent to the Seelye Research Center in Abilene. Who was Philoma?

SGS Response: Philoma was one of several children of Ethan Allen Seely and his wife, Maria(h) Bly. She was born in 1899 in Tioga Co., PA. Ethan's father is Alfred Seely, in b. 1806 in Southport, Chemung, NY, resided in Wells, Tioga, PA. A DNA test result links Ethan to the Obadiah line. J. Kelsey Jones suggests that Ethan's father, Alfred, is a son of Benjamin, son of Israel, son of Nathaniel, SGS# 189. See <https://www.joycetice.com/kelsey/kjws4.htm>

E. A. and Mariah Seely and children Philoma, Arthur, Evelyn, and Edith were in Cache, Cotton, OK, in 1920. Philoma's brother Arthur was married at Winfield, Coffey, KS, in 1927. 1930 and 1940 census records have Ethan, Maria, and daughter Edith residing in Winfield at 1710 Fowler St. That is the address Philoma used as her home address when traveling to and from China and Indonesia.

Philoma died of malaria in Indonesia in 1954 after beginning her missionary work through the Christian and Missionary Alliance at the age of 21 in China. The US Consulate records about her death indicate she had an adopted son, Rev. Seon Tek-Kie, who was to be given her belongings. Philoma never married, and we do not know when she adopted her son. There was a sizeable Chinese population in Indonesia, many of whom were Christian. Get in touch with me if you would like a pdf of the letters.

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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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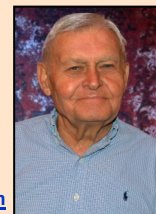
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SGS Appointed Officers and Volunteers for 2019- 2021

SGS Constitution, Art IV, Sect. 1: "The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chair, a Membership Chair, a Publications Editor, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the National Research Center." **SGS By-Laws, Art. III, Section 9:** "The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the board of directors and committees in a non-voting advisory capacity." **SGS By-Laws, Art. III, SECTION 10:** "The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may establish other positions and collateral duties not named elsewhere."

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SGS Standing Committees

SGS welcomes you to take a more active role in the Society. Consider serving in an elected or appointed position, or join one of our committees dedicated to improving the society and serving its members. Contact Lynda Simmons for more information.

- **Nominating Committee:**
Not a permanent committee. The president shall appoint a nominating committee one year in advance of the reunion, as per the SGS Constitution.
- **Auditing Committee:**
Not a permanent committee. Appointed by the president every two years to audit financial records and activities of SGS.
- **Awards and Recognition Committee:**
Seeks opportunities to recognize the work and achievements of the society and its members.
- **SGS Research Committee:**
Conducts and arranges for genealogical research on behalf of the society.
- **DNA Research Committee:**
Manages the SGS DNA lineage project and works with the above committee to research and share information about the use of DNA in genealogy.
- **Publications/Communication Committee:**
Oversees the publishing of the SGS Newsletter, Reunion Souvenir Book, and other publications.
- **SGS Website Redesign Committee:**
Oversees the website redesign.
- **2021 Reunion Committee:**
Arranges the upcoming SGS reunion which will be held in St. Louis, MO.



Seeley Genealogical Society

Membership Application

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Product Order Form

DATE: _____

FULL NAME:	SPOUSE'S NAME:		
ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP+4:
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I AM A DESCENDANT OF:
 ROBERT SEELEY (1602-1667)
 OBADIAH SEELEY (1614-1657)
 OTHER _____
 UNKNOWN

I AM WILLING TO SHARE INFORMATION ON MY SEELEY FAMILY LINE WITH SGS YES NO

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Seeley Genealogical Society Services And Products

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