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Meet the New SGS President Connie Birth

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Editors Note: Shortly after the 2021 SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion, SGS President Elect Lynda Simmons learned she would not be able to serve another term due to new commitments. After an exhaustive search for a new candidate, the membership voted to elect Connie Birth (pictured above, left, sharing lunch and a laugh with SGS Secretary Patricia Brooks Palmer at the 2019 SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion in San Diego) as the next SGS President. Following her election Connie was sworn in during a special membership meeting. Connie had previously served as our membership chair for two years and has done an amazing job keeping our membership rolls in order and has worked with

the SGS Website designer to make it easier for people to join the society and for the society to manage its membership records. As a result, the lists of new SGS Members in recent SGS Newsletters have been thin they have been in years! In order for you to learn a little more about Connie, I've added a short biography we asked her to put together for us.

Connie Martin Birth

Hello SGS Members!! My mother, who is a Seely, had always wanted to visit the Seeley Mansion in Abilene, Kansas. When I discovered the Seeley Mansion was hosting the 50th Reunion, we both decided it would be a fun trip. After attending the reunion

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Announcements

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

SGS Mission Statement

The Society shall engage in research, study, verification, discussion, collation, publication, dissemination, and preservation of Seeley information for the Society, for 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 dues online at www.seeley-society.org, or mail a check (payable to Seeley Genealogical Society) to SGS Treasurer (see page 15).

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 Membership Meetings and International Reunions

are held every two years. The next one is scheduled for 2023, 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

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to All: As the new president of SGS, I feel a little overwhelmed with all there is to do and to learn. The list of SGS's past presidents and their accomplishments are very impressive, it is my hope and prayer, I can live up to everyone's expectations.

Lynda Simmons, Pam Turner and I were able to spend several days in Abilene, Kansas, exchanging information, and helping Pam reorganize the Library with the help of new member, Cynthia Pflumm We spent time visiting Terry Tietjens, and were introduced to the Mansion's Board of Directors.

Thank you, Pam, you are a wonderful librarian and I feel blessed to serve alongside you. SGS is blessed with Officers and SGS members so willing to give of their time and energy, we have an excellent group and look forward to working with all of you.

When it comes to researching, I have OCD and must be related to Alice in Wonderland, wanting to follow the rabbit holes. This gets me off track but has led me to great information and even greater people. I am excited to announce, the SGS Research Committee is expanding the original Y-DNA Project. With the advancement in DNA testing, and with our new DNA experts, Kara Seelye Donaldson or Barbara Lewis, the committee agreed this should be our next step.

FTDNA has made changes and you need to join the project through the Group Project Link. If you were part of the original project, please send an

email, call, or text, letting us know your name and Kit#, to make sure you are included in our new data base. You can also join by going to FTDNA, clicking on the Group Project Link and then put in the name, Seeley Seely Seelye Y-DNA Project. It does not matter which test you have taken because we are now including the autosomal and mtDNA (mitochondrial) as well as the Y-DNA tests offered by FTDNA. For the Y-DNA test, you only need to do the 37-marker test which is on sale for \$79.00.

FTDNA also allows you to upload your DNA files from other testing sites, be sure and check it out. If you need help accomplishing this task, please get with Kara or Barbara and they can walk you through the process.

In the past, SGS had a group of regional and specialized researchers, and I would like to see those groups revived and combined with the new DNA Project. Please let me know what specialties you have and where you are located.

Blessings to all,
Connie Martin Birth,
SGS President



Draft Minutes: SGS General Membership Meeting, May 22, 2021

Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM EST.

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

Elected and Appointed Officers

Attending: Lynda Simmons, Paul Taylor, Jesse Crisler, Linda Crocker, Wesley Waring, Margaret Peterson, Terry Tietjens, Chris Havnar, Pam Turner, Connie Birth, Shanna Besendorfer, Kara Donaldson, and Patricia Palmer

Excused: Ruthetta Seelye Hansen.

General Membership

Attending: Forty-nine members of the Seeley Genealogical Society attended the 2021 SGS virtual Membership Meeting and Reunion

via Zoom.

Welcome and Announcements:

Lynda Simmons welcomed attendees to the reunion and thanked everyone who has volunteered in various ways during the past two years.

Reunion Theme Song: Lynda Simmons introduced Lou Ann and Jesse Crisler who led the Society in singing the reunion theme song for which Lou Ann wrote lyrics to be sung to "Mid Pleasures and Palaces."

Minutes: Jesse Crisler moved and Paul Taylor seconded that the minutes of the 2019 General Membership Meeting be approved with the following correction: "Well in excess of 5,000 obituaries and components have been added to the SGS website"; minutes unanimously

approved.

Reports from Officers: Lynda Simmons reminded members that reports from SGS officers for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 had been included in the packet of materials they had received via either mail or email prior to the meeting.

Old Business: Lynda Simmons

SGS Survey and Action Steps:

Lynda Simmons

- Lynda Simmons reported that Jim Seeley collated survey responses and reported them to the SGS Executive Board with possible action steps to be taken.
- The Board Established criteria for brick wall research.
- Three SGS Executive Board

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and having a great time, I surprised my mother with a SGS Lifetime Membership for her birthday. Since being bitten by the genealogy bug, my passion has become researching and finding the connections. After joining SGS, hunting down my lost cousin and begging him to do a Y-DNA test, we learned our Y-DNA is to Obadiah Seely. As the Membership Chair, when going over the records, I was thrilled to find my cousins, Raymond Russell, Frances Hermoine Mitchell Pickard (deceased), Orville Curtis Seely (deceased), and several others who were members of SGS.

My life has been wild and crazy, but I had a wide & varied background in medicine, from surgical technology to helping create the first dialysis unit at Tripler Army Hospital, in Aiea, Hawaii. 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 working with Service Organizations, such as American Legion and VFW, I was elected Chief Steward and later, elected as President, of Local AFGE #2562. As a self-taught legal representative, I presented cases in federal court, and after five years, I was invited to take the federal law boards. Whistle blowing led to me becoming a semi-truck driver, where I achieved over a million accident-free miles, both as a single & team driver with my hubby. When I grew tired of being an OTR driver, God had me drive a school bus, where I received the "Above & Beyond" Award for the State of Oklahoma Special Needs Driver of the Year in 2011.

Currently, I am an adjunct instructor at the Oklahoma State

University, Oklahoma City campus, teaching Driver Safety & Class A Truck Driving for the PTDT Associate Degree Program and a Class A CDL Instructor, for the OSU Emergency Preparedness Center.

As a single parent, I raised my two daughters, & now have 3 grandchildren. My husband & I married when our children were teenagers; we will be married 39 years in November. I like to garden, love animals and they love me, but I am allergic to them. I like to read mysteries and try to make time to watch NCIS, Blue Bloods and HGTV when at the doctors' office.

I live in Spencer, Oklahoma, and can be reached by my cell phone, #405-323-3896 or email, clbirth@sbcglobal.net, feel free to call, text or write. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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Meetings have been held via Zoom since the San Diego Reunion; the Website, Reunion Planning, and Research committees had all met several times via Zoom.

- Lynda Simmons appointed David Petersen to determine ways to increase participation of young people in the Society.
- Logan Seelye, Chris Havnar, and Paul Taylor have continued to improve the new SGS Website; transferal of records from the old to the new site is ongoing.
- Paul Taylor has continued to maintain the SGS Facebook page as an important communication tool for the Society.
- Kara Donaldson now oversees the Seeley DNA Lineage Project.
- The Board continues to seek volunteers for various tasks and positions.

Auditing Committee Report: Jesse Crisler

- Jesse Crisler noted that he and Lou Ann Crisler met with Margaret Petersen to examine the Treasurer's books and found them to be in order.
- Margaret Petersen's financial report for the past two years was included in the packet.
- The Society has 275 members in good standing.

Nominating Committee: Camille Seeley Bell

- Because of technical problems, Camille Seeley Bell asked Annette Seeley Earl to remind members that a proposed slate of officers had been included in the packet.
- Chris Havnar was nominated to replace Ruthetta Hansen Seelye as

a Director

- Members unanimously approved the slate of officers as presented.
- Lynda Simmons thanked Ruthetta Hansen Seelye for her years of service as both a Director and Historian, noting that she will turn ninety years old this year.

Installation of SGS Officers:

Annette Seeley Earl, acting for Camille Seeley Bell, installed new SGS officers.

Presentation of Appointed Officers:

Lynda Simmons

- Annette Earl as SGS Historian.
- Kathie Olsen as Acting Parliamentarian.
- Connie Birth as Membership Chair with Shanna Besendorfer as Assistant Membership Chair.
- Pam Turner as Seelye Research Center Librarian and CD-ROM Manager
- Kara Seelye Donaldson as Seelye DNA Lineage Project Manager

Constitution and Bylaws Review:

Pam Turner reviewed the proposed changes to the SGS Constitution and By-laws.

- Pam Turner noted that the Executive Board and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee had realized the need to revise the documents to reflect more flexible and inclusive language in the documents and to eliminate gender bias.
- Lynda Simmons thanked Pam Turner for her work in revising the documents
- Paul Taylor moved and Pamela Webster seconded that the revised Constitution and Bylaws be approved; motion unanimously approved.

2023 Membership Meeting and

Reunion: Lynda Simmons.

- The 2021 SGS Reunion had been slated to be held in St. Louis, MO, but the pandemic altered that plan.
- Proposed future sites were discussed at the 2019 Reunion in San Diego, California.
- The Reunion Planning Committee proposes that the next SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion be in St. Louis, MO, in early June 2023.
- A request was made that a ZOOM element be added to the future reunions.

2021 SGS Volunteers of the Year:**Jesse Crisler**

- Terry Tietjens and Ruthetta and Seeley Hansen were recognized as SGS Volunteers of the Year.
- Lynda Simmons reiterated the importance of volunteerism within the Society and asked each member to help it grow stronger.

Presentations to the General

Membership Meeting: Lynda Simmons

- Paul Taylor gave a PowerPoint presentation of the history of SGS.
- Kara Donaldson gave a presentation on the Seeley Lineage Project, followed by a brief question-and-answer session.
- Michael Hook led members on a tour of the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, KS, via his phone.
- Logan Seelye presented updates to the SGS Website, followed by a brief question-and-answer session.

SGS Publications and Ancestor

File: Paul Taylor

- The Society collects Seeley (all spellings) information and began publishing this information in

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- 1968.
- The first Five Generations Book, Descendants of Robert Seeley, was published in 1977.
- The Sixth Generation Families was published in 1995.
- Generations One through Five was published in 1997.
- The Seventh Generation Families was published in 2000.
- The collection of eighth-generation information to be shared electronically is underway.
- Requests for generation books may be made via the SGS website: <https://www.seeley-society.org>

- Linda Crocker and Chris Havnar have contributed data to the SGS Ancestor File on an ongoing basis since 2008.
- SGS Facebook Page:** Paul Taylor
- The SGS Facebook page was established in 2011.
 - Regular posts increase interest in the Society.
 - Paul Taylor requested assistance from seven volunteers to provide content for posts.
 - Paul Taylor fielded questions regarding participation on Facebook, the possibilities of SGS groups on Facebook, length of Facebook articles, and the

schedule and process for sharing content.

Preview of St. Louis as site of 2023 Reunion: Stephanie Mills Moore

- Stephanie Mills Moore gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of St. Louis and current attractions the city offers.
- Lynda Simmons thanked the Reunion Planning Committee for its diligence and hard work prior to the virtual reunion; the committee will now be working to ensure another successful reunion in St. Louis.

Adjournment: 4:43 EST.

Draft Minutes: SGS Executive Board Meeting, Sept. 21, 2021

Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 7PM EST.

Quorum: Kathie Olsen, Acting Parliamentarian was present; a quorum was affirmed.

Elected, Appointed, and Members-at-large attending: Lynda Simmons, Jesse Crisler, Paul Taylor, Linda Crocker, Margaret Petersen, Chris Havnar, Connie Birth, Pam Turner, Wesley Waring, Terry Tietjens, Patricia Palmer

Excused: Kara Donaldson, David Petersen, Shanna Besendorfer

Welcome and Announcements: Lynda Simmons, Paul Taylor, Jesse Crisler

Lynda Simmons thanked all members for attending the ZOOM meeting. Lynda welcomed and thanked each member of the SGS Board through emotion and tears as she expressed her gratitude to the Society and confirmed her resignation as SGS President.

Paul Taylor and Jesse Crisler asserted

and attested that the SGS Constitution was followed during the search for a new SGS President. Lynda Simmons will move to the position of SGS Past president when the new SGS President is affirmed.

Paul Taylor and Jesse Crisler reported that Connie Martin Birth has accepted her name be placed into nomination as the new SGS President. Connie Martin Birth communicated her wishes to work with the membership in a team environment and approach and she spoke of her true devotion to the Seeley Genealogical Society.

Old Business and Updates, SGS Financials and SGS Website:

SGS Financials: Lynda Simmons asked Margaret Petersen, SGS Treasurer, to report about the financial solvency of the SGS.

Margaret Petersen reported the following related to the finances of the Seeley Genealogical Society: The PayPal feature on the SGS website is

an important function for payment as it relates to membership, membership dues, books, and CDs. PayPal fees were \$16.85.

Margaret detailed the SGS financials as follows: SGS Checking Account, \$9,220.74. Greater than \$70K in SGS CDs, which will mature soon.

Margaret stated she will prepare and present the newest and most updated SGS financial report for inclusion in the November 2021 SGS Newsletter.

Margaret confirmed that checks will be sent from the SGS to the following: \$1,000 to Terry Tietjens for the SGS Research Center and Library, Abilene, Kansas. \$1,000 to Logan Seelye, as payment for website coordination, as per Logan's contract with the SGS.

SGS Website Update: Paul Taylor and Lynda Simmons lead a discussion of the **SGS Website**, its

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development and Logan Seelye's contract.

Logan Seelye's contract is related to the development and architecture of a *new* SGS website, monitoring the new website, and making changes to the site on an ongoing and as-needed manner.

Paul Taylor reiterated that the site requires "supported and sustainable" development.

During the discussion of the SGS website, the SGS Board concluded the Seeley Genealogical Society shall continue to retain Logan's services for another fiscal year.

Retention of Logan Seelye's contract through 2022 shall reflect and not be limited to these elements: training other members of the SGS in the skills necessary to update the SGS Website, to sort out any unintended consequences as the development of the website progresses, sustainment of the website, and the "high level of sustainment and support" for a minimum of three years.

Discussion of the contract with Logan Seelye included the following items of importance to the SGS Board: maintenance of the functionality of the website (is it easy to use), continuance of webmaster status, continued migration of information from the old site to the new site, some additional architectural work related to the site, training, development of the site as it relates to adding features, hosting, or webmaster responsibilities.

Sections of the old website requires volunteer work to migrate data from the old site to the new site.

Lynda Simmons and Paul Taylor discussed parts of the website which should remain, and which should be

deleted.

The SGS Website Committee will/does "have a handle" on those parts of the SGS Website which require migration to the new site.

Training could include Chris Havnar, SGS Board Member, so as to allow her to migrate information from the old website to the new site.

Margaret Petersen has been trained on the PayPal elements on the SGS Website.

SGS Website Committee meeting will be held on October 5, 2021, where discussion regarding elements discussed at this SGS Board meeting related to the website will continue and be reviewed and revised.

Paul Taylor moved that "The SGS shall agree to contract with Logan Seelye, renewable annually at the recommendation of the SGS Website Committee, in the amount of \$1,000 for the fiscal year, 2021-2022." Linda Crocker seconded the motion; motion was carried with no opposition.

New Business

Please reach out to SGS Members Walt Seelye and Marie Seelye with words of encouragement regarding their health. Please email Lynda Simmons for further clarification: summitkids@gmail.com

Connie Martin Birth, spoke to her work as membership chair. Connie checks the website to determine who is accessing the site, sends an email to those who have requested membership, has the membership list on an EXCEL spreadsheet, and noted the SGS Website has generated memberships and sales.

SGS 2021 Souvenir Book. As editor of the souvenir book, Jesse Crisler described the distinct elements

of the book to the Board. The book includes all presentations, financials, meeting minutes and photos of reunion attendees.

Discussion followed to determine protocols for ordering the souvenir books and the numbers of souvenir books to be printed.

Jesse Crisler moved that "Thirty SGS 2021 Reunion Books shall be printed, and the cost of the SGS 2021 Souvenir Books shall be \$25." Paul Taylor seconded the motion; there was no opposition.

Results of SGS Membership Survey: Members of the Society identified themselves as willing to help with discreet jobs.

Volunteerism within the Society should/shall be encouraged.

Involvement within the Society means that SGS Board members, and appointed SGS Board members shall be resolute in seeking a member(s) to assist them.

Nomination of Connie Martin Birth to SGS President: As per the SGS Constitution, Connie Martin Birth must be approved by the SGS membership.

Paul Taylor recommended sending an email to the SGS membership to engage in the swearing in of Connie Martin Birth, if appointed, to the SGS ZOOM meeting on September 28, 2021.

Each of the SGS Board members reflected on Lynda Simmons' tremendous leadership as the SGS President, and thanked her for her dedication, tireless efforts, and true allegiance to everything related to the Society.

Jesse Crisler moved "that Connie Birth's name be placed before the

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Draft Minutes: SGS Special General Membership Meeting, Sept. 28, 2021

Submitted by Patricia Brooks Palmer, SGS Secretary

SGS President Lynda Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM EST. 1, 2021.

Quorum: Acting Parliamentarian, Kathie Olsen, was not present, though a quorum was affirmed.

Elected, Appointed, and Members-at-large attending: Lynda Simmons, Jesse Crisler, Paul Taylor, Linda Crocker, Margaret Petersen, Chris Havnar, Connie Birth, Camille Bell, Steve Hollands, Patricia Palmer

Excused: Pam Turner, Kathie Olsen, Wesley Waring, Terry Tietjens, Shanna Besendorfer

Welcome and Announcements: Lynda Simmons and Paul Taylor Paul Taylor explained the process which Jesse Crisler had followed to seek a nominee for the office of SGS President to replace Lynda Simmons who has resigned, effective October

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SGS General Membership on the resignation of SGS President, Lynda Simmons." Seconded, with no opposition.

The SGS Board accepted the resignation of SGS President, Lynda Simmons, with no opposition.

Appointment of Shauna Besendorfer to **SGS Membership Chair**. Shauna Besendorfer has agreed to and therefore appointed to the position of SGS Membership Chair.

Terry Tietjens noted he is looking forward to seeing the SGS Membership at a reunion in Abilene, Kansas soon.

Adjournment: Lynda Simmons called the SGS Board Meeting to adjourn at 8:15 PM EST.

Connie Birth agreed to be nominated for the office and was unanimously elected by those members who voted.

Lynda Simmons expressed her gratitude to Connie Birth for accepting the position of SGS President.

Lynda Simmons spoke about her love for the Society and its members of the Society and her gratitude and appreciation for members of the Executive Board.

Old Business and Updates: Lynda Simmons described the contents of the 2021 Reunion Souvenir Book, which has been sent to the printer and will be available for \$25.00, including shipping, through the SGS Website; checks may also be sent to SGS Treasurer Margaret Petersen.

New Business and Swearing in Ceremony of SGS President: Connie Birth provided members with her

Donna M. Seeley Former SGS Publicity Chair Passes Away

Donna M. Seeley, 77, of Elmira, N.Y. passed away on Nov. 2, 2021. She was born in Canton Township, Bradford County, Pa., on Aug. 5, 1944, the daughter of the late Mildred and Clyde H. Seeley. She is survived by her sister Veronica Seeley Newell, her brother James R. Seeley, and her brother-in-law Ralph Coppola along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Donna graduated from Canton High School in 1962. Always a lover of books, she worked at the Steele Memorial Library in Elmira, NY until her health forced her to retire. After her library years, unwilling to sit home, she volunteered at the Arnot

resume and biography, sharing her hope that she will not disappoint anyone as she attempts to fulfill her new position.

Jesse Crisler inducted Connie Birth as the SGS President, effective October 1, 2021.

Members then thanked Lynda Simmons for her dedication, her talents as an inspirational leader, her encouragement of innovation, and her trust in each member of SGS.

The Board exchanged views on how to proceed with Logan Seelye's contract, which was reviewed.

The Board was satisfied that the language of his contract fulfilled the needs of the Society in terms of further development and refinement of the Website.

The Board determined to pay Logan Seelye his contracted amount.

The meeting was called for adjournment at 7:35PM EST. No motion was made or required. No opposition to adjournment.

Hospital for several years, driving herself to and from the hospital.

An enthusiast of genealogy and history, she attended several SGS events and served as the appointed SGS publicity chair. During this time, she learned she was a tenth-generation descendant of immigrant, Obadiah Seeley, who appeared in the records of Stamford, CT in the 1640s.

Calling hours were November 7, 2021, at Pepper Funeral Home in Canton. Funeral services followed at 3 P.M. Burial was the next day at Grover Cemetery.



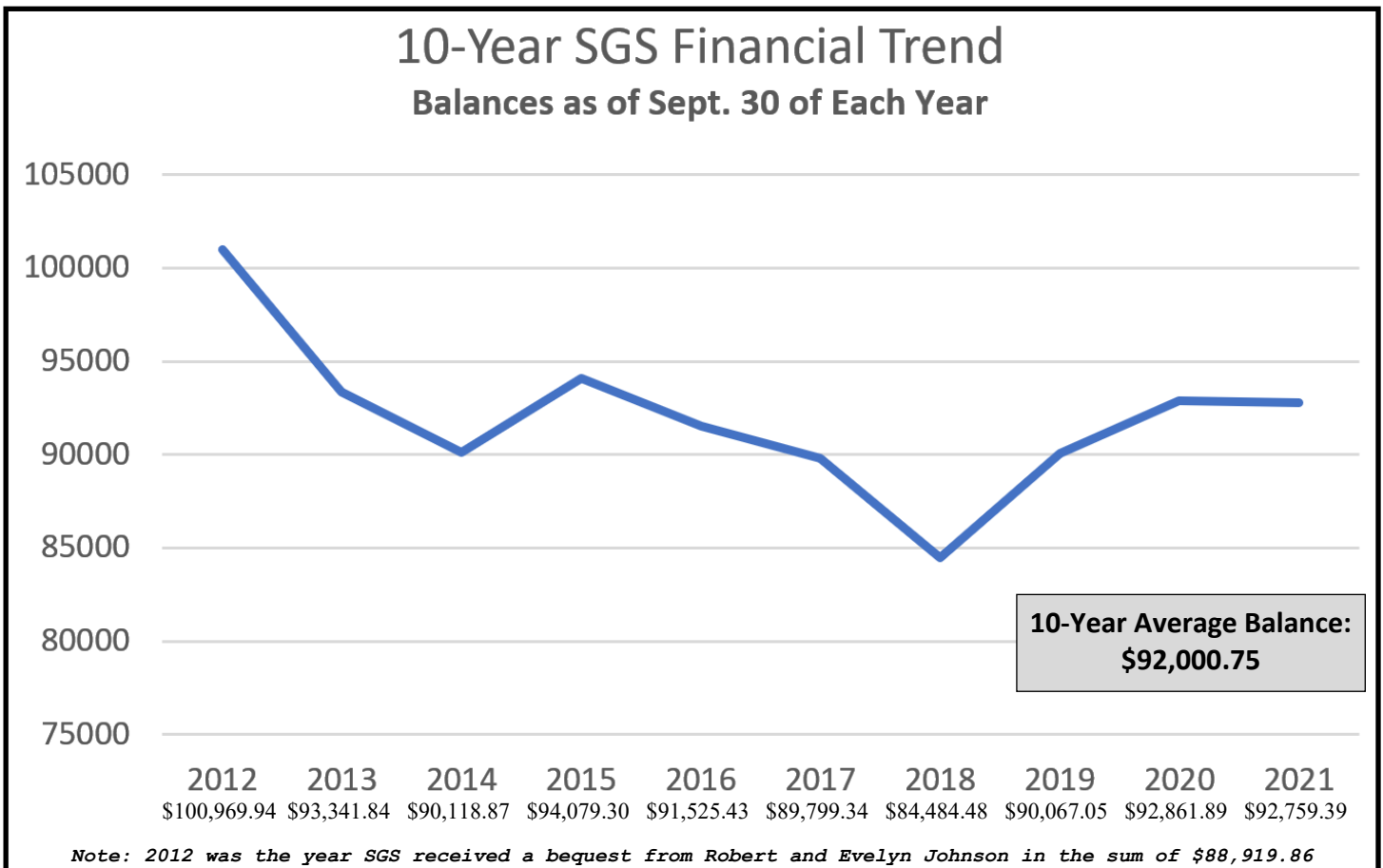
2021: SGS Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Margaret Petersen, SGS Treasurer

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Beginning Balance (Oct. 1 Previous Year)	\$91,525.43	\$89,799.34	\$84,484.48	\$90,067.05	\$92,861.89
Checkbook					
Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$14,276.17	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14	\$11,980.06	\$12,030.40
Add Total Receipts	\$11,360.00	\$6,772.04	\$13,200.00	\$3,305.00	\$2,687.50
Subtotal	\$25,636.17	\$17,978.06	\$22,098.14	\$15,285.06	\$14,717.90
Less Disbursements	\$14,430.15	\$9,079.92	\$10,118.08	\$3,254.66	\$5,623.10
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14	\$11,980.06	\$12,030.40	\$9,094.80
Investments					
Beginning Investment Balance	\$77,249.26	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37	\$78,086.99	\$80,831.49
Investment Interest/Loss	+\$1,344.06	-\$3,011.95*	+\$2,505.62	\$2,744.50	\$2,833.10
Ending Investment Balance	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37	\$78,086.99	\$80,831.49	\$83,664.59
Checkbook and Investment Total					
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$11,206.02	\$8,898.14	\$11,980.06	\$12,030.40	\$9,094.80
Ending Investment Balance	\$78,593.32	\$75,581.37	\$78,086.99	\$80,831.49	\$83,664.59
Total Ending Balance Sept. 30	\$89,799.34	\$84,484.48	\$90,067.05	\$92,861.89	\$92,759.39

* The 2018 investment table indicates a \$3,011.95 loss. That's because an 18-month CD (valued at a total of \$5,274.04) matured and the initial investment and the interest were added to the check book rather than reinvested.

Note: Previous years' treasurer's reports appear in the November issue of the SGS Newsletter (except 2015 which appears in the February 2016 newsletter)



Receipts	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dues	\$810.00	\$401.00	\$906.00	\$855.00	\$934.00
LIFE Memberships	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	\$625.00	\$1,125.00
Books	\$215.00	\$137.00	\$608.00	\$1007.00	\$349.00
CDs	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$135.00	\$300.00	\$165.00
General Fund Donations	\$704.00	\$418.00	\$31.00	\$64.00	\$40.50
Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Hard Copies of Newsletters	\$593.00	\$157.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$48.00
Tee-Shirt Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.00
Reunion Registrations	\$7,543.00	\$0.00	\$8,026.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Sales (Shirts, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$572.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Return of Deposit from Hotel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Raffle Tickets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book Pre-Order	\$665.00	\$105.00	\$1,085.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book	\$95.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$210.00	\$0.00
Other (shirt, hat, postage, etc.)	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$24.00	\$0.00
18-Month CD Matured	\$0.00	\$5,274.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$11,360.00	\$6,772.04	\$13,200.00	\$3,305.00	\$2687.50

Disbursements	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Postage	\$306.59	\$56.64	\$102.27	\$277.51	\$115.00
Supplies	\$19.69	\$7.42	\$93.99	23.36	\$75.43
Newsletter Printing	\$420.86	\$415.90	\$318.74	\$319.31	\$184.97
Newsletter Postage	\$97.62	\$128.64	\$54.70	\$87.05	\$51.25
Other Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$962.56	\$1,296.57	\$652.78
Reunion Souvenir Book Printing	\$1,081.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Souvenir Book Mailing	\$6.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SGS Donation to SRC	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
SGS Donations to Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utah State Fee for CD Investments	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NGS Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ancestry Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.40	\$0.00	\$412.34
Reimburse DNA Testing	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reimburse Member Due to Illness	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Researcher Apryl Cox	\$592.00	\$1,221.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Researcher Bruce Murduck	\$0.00	\$4,765.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Genealogical Research	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$471.75	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website Maintenance	\$351.59	\$16.99	\$16.99	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website Domain Name Renewal (5 Yrs)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.33	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website Redesign	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Website Paypal Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.00
One Year Zoom Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$161.51
Reunion Expenses	\$7,520.38	\$1,408.33	\$6,431.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion SGS Banner	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reunion Award Plaque	\$42.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NGS Zoom Event	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Paypal Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22.82
Digitize Generation Six Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	25.86	\$0.00
Refund Orders for Generation Six Book	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$14,430.15	\$9,079.92	\$10,118.08	\$3254.66	\$5623.10

2021 SGS Membership Meeting and Reunion Souvenir Books For Sale

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jesse Crisler once again completed a Souvenir Book for the most recent reunion. The book is obviously shorter than past editions, but since it is really a compendium of the preceding two years, it's still a substantial document that contains a wealth of information. I asked Jesse to tell you a little about the book. Here's what he said:

A great way to remember the unusual 2021 SGS Virtual Membership Meeting and Reunion will be leafing through the pages of the latest Reunion Souvenir Book, now available. Recently completed by SGS second Vice President Jesse Crisler, the new book contains a complete record of all events during the reunion last May, including presentations by Paul Taylor on the history of the Society, Kara Seelye-

Donaldson on the SGS DNA Lineage Project, Michael Hook on the Seelye Mansion in Abilene, Logan Seelye on the new SGS Website, and Stephanie Mills Moore on St. Louis, the site of the next Reunion in 2023. In addition, the book will include the SGS Constitution and Bylaws with all changes approved by the membership at the Reunion, minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board since the 2019 Reunion in San Diego as well as minutes of the Virtual Reunion, Treasurer's report of 2020 and 2021, contact information for all elected and appointed SGS officers, and reports from them for the past two years. One of the most valuable articles in each reunion is the record of past Reunions, complete with photos of attendees.

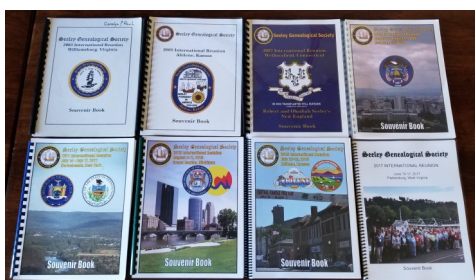
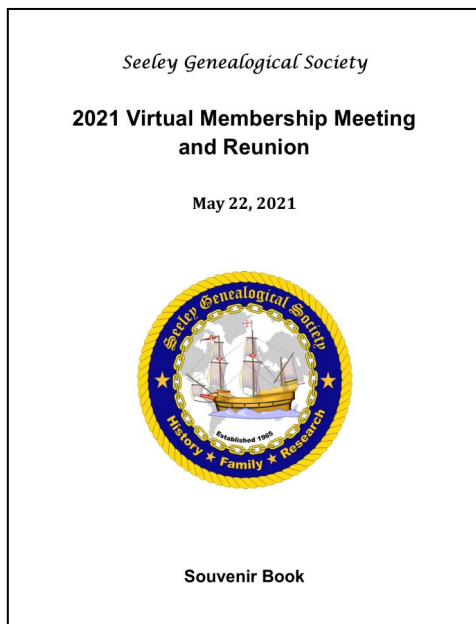
The Souvenir Book will also contain a group photo of those attending the virtual Reunion via Zoom.

Another article in this Souvenir Book is a review of past presidents of SGS and their accomplishments by Jesse Crisler, included as a companion piece to Paul Taylor's history. Finally, SGS President Lynda Simmons wrote an overview of highlights of the Reunion for the book, and the lyrics to two Reunion songs, which Lou Ann Crisler wrote and sang during the Reunion, appear on the back cover of the book. All in all, the latest Reunion Souvenir Book promises to be a fitting document, preserving all that occurred at the 2021 SGS Virtual Membership Meeting and Reunion. Copies can be ordered for \$25.00 via the Website (www.seeley-society.org/shop/) or by check mailed to SGS Treasurer Margaret Petersen (contact

information on the last page of this Newsletter).

In addition to the most recent Souvenir book, the following past issues are also available

- 2007 – Wethersfield, CT
1 copy - \$20.00
- 2009 – Salt Lake City, UT
1 copy - \$20.00
- 2011 – Horseheads, NY
5 copies - \$25.00
- 2013 – Grand Rapids, MI
4 copies - \$30.00
- 2015 – Abilene, KS
2 copies - \$35.00
- 2017 – Parkersburg, WV
1 copy - \$35.00
- 2019 – San Diego, CA



New SGS Members

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|---------------------|-------|
| ● Tom Mindrum | Life |
| ● Robert Mark Seely | Life |
| ● Jenny L. Garcia | 5 yrs |
| ● Charles Cooper | 1yr |

SGS Member Renewals

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|-------------------------------------|-------|
| ● William Dean Smith | 5 yrs |
| ● Kathleen Seely Heltemesk | 5 yrs |
| ● David Bruce & Audrey Seely | 5 yrs |
| ● Gay Karran & Kimberly Cubbee Jung | 1 yr |
| ● Enid Cox | 1 yr |
| ● Gary W. Knoble | 3 yrs |
| ● Wayne & Becky Boyd | 5 yrs |
| ● Louella Seely | 2 yrs |
| ● Jack H. Seely | 1 yr |
| ● Rebecca Spencer | 5 yrs |
| ● Debbie Baccus | 5 yrs |
| ● Victoria Hamilton | 2yrs |
| ● Dr. Mark & Bonnie (Seely) Packard | 5 yrs |
| ● James Reinhardt | 1 yr |
| ● David Seeley | 1 yr |
| ● Daniel Seely, Jr. | 1 yr |

SGS Queries (as of November 21, 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:

2111-1 Submitted by Taylor Seeley (tpseeley@gmail.com)

Henry G (Gosnald???) Seeley is Taylor's 2nd great grandfather. He has not been able to get further back. Henry was born about 1860 and died in 1937. His wife was Harriet Michael (1863-1934). Taylor can find quite a bit on their son Frederick Michael Seeley (1885-1961) but little on Henry.

SGS Response:

1920 census Biwabik, St Louis, MN

- Seeley, Fred M age 34 b. MI, NY, MI, occupation not listed, rents, md to
- Seeley, Florence age 22 b. WI, NY, WI next house
- Seeley, Henry G age 60 b. NY, NY, NY, owns house, proprietor of hardware store, md to
- Seeley, Harriet M age 57 b. MI, Bavaria (GER), NY

1910 census Biwabik, St Louis, MN

- Seeley, Henry J age 51 b. NY, NY, NY, proprietor of hardware store, md 27 yr to
- Seeley, Harriet M age 48 b. MI, Ger(Bavaria), NY, 1 child, 1 living
- Seeley, Fred M age 25 b. MI, NY, MI, brakeman on railroad

1905 census Biwabik, St Louis, MN

- Seeley, Henry G age 46 b. NY, NY, Long Island, merchant
- Seeley, Harriet M age 44 b. MI, NY, NY
- Seeley, Fred M age 20 b. MI, NY, MI, fireman (loco)

1900 census Duluth, St Louis, MN

- Seeley, Marion b. Sept 1878 NY, NY, NY, stenographer, boarding with the Lewis H Griseser family
- ##### 1895 census Biwabik, St Louis, MN (8-12 June)
- Seeley, Henry G age 36 b. NY, general merchant, lived in MN 6 years, in Biwabik 3 years
 - Seeley, Hattie M age 33 b. MI
 - Seeley, Mamie age 17, b. NY, student
 - Seeley, Fred M age 11 b. MI, student
 - also shown in Duluth, St Louis, MN in 1895 (6 June)
 - Seeley, Henry age 35 b. NY, supt gen store, in MN 5 yr
 - Seeley, Harriett age 34 b. MI
 - Seeley, Marine age 16 b. NY
 - Seeley, Fred M age 9 b. MI
- ##### 1880 census Warsaw, Wyoming, NY
- Seeley, Stiles age 44, cooper b. NY, father b. NY, mother b. VT
 - Seeley, Hannah L. age 42 b. NY, CT, CT
 - Seeley, Henry G age 21, clerk in grocery, Fannie H. age 19, works for tailor, Sarah E age 16 and Clara D age 13, both servants, Avery L age 10, Mary age 2, all b. NY, NY, NY
- ##### 1875 census Pavilion, Genesee, NY
- Seely, J Syles age 39, b. Monroe Co., cooper
 - Seely, Hannah age 38 b. Monroe Co.
 - Seely, Henry age 14, Fanny age 12, Sarah age 10, all b. Genesee Co.
 - Seely, Clara age 8, Avery age 6, both b. Wyoming Co.
- ##### 1870 census Covington, Wyoming, NY

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- Seeley, Stiles, age 33 b. NY, cooper
- Seeley, Hannah age 28 b. NY
- Seeley, Henry G age 12, Fanny age 10, Sarah age 8, Clara age 4, Avery age 1 mo. (b. Apr 1870), all b. NY
- 1860 census Caledonia, Livingston, NY
- Seely, Archibald, age 50 b. NY, cooper
- Seely, Clarissa, age 54 b. VT
- Seely, Mortimer age 19, Dewitt age 14, both b. NY

1860 census LeRoy, Genesee, NY

- Davis, James age 39, b. NJ, grocer
- Davis, Lucy age 31 b. CT
- Lewis, Andrew age 57 b. CT
- Seely, James age 22 b. NY, cooper
- Seely, Hester age 20 b. NY
- Lewis, John age 18, Levi age 16, Frank M age 12, all b. NY
- Davis, Benjamin age 10 b. NY
- Bowden, James age 25 b. ENG, day laborer
- Seely, Henry age 1 b. NY

1855 census Wheatland, Monroe, NY

- Seeley, Archibald, age 57 b. Onondaga Co NY, cooper
- Seeley, Clarrissa age 57 b. Onondaga Co NY
- Seeley, Justice age 20, b. Onondaga Co NY; Emiline age 18, Archibald Jr age 15, Henry M age 12, Dewitt age 9, all b. Monroe Co NY

1850 census Wheatland, Monroe, NY

- Archibald Cely age 50 Cooper born NY
- Clarrissa Cely age 40 born VT
- Mary Cely age 23 born NY
- Justice S Cely age 14 born NY
- Emeline Cely age 12 born NY
- Archibald Cely age 11 born NY
- Mortimer H Cely age 9 born NY
- Dewit C Cely age 5 born NY

1840 census Wheatland, Monroe, NY

- Seeley, Archibald: 2 males <5, 1 40-50; 1 female <5, 1 5-10, 2 10-15, 1 40-50

1830 census Salina, Onondaga, NY

- Seely, Archy: 1 male 20-30, 2 females <5, 1 female 20-30

1820 census Salina, Onondaga, NY

- Samuel Seeley: 1 male <10, 1 male 26-44, 2 females <10, 1 female 26-44
- Samuel Seeley: 1 male <10, 1 male 26-44; 3 females <10, 4 females 10-15, 1 female 26-44

Civil War Draft June 1863

- J Stiles Seelye age (as of 1 July 1863) 30, resides, Pembroke, Wyoming Co NY, married, b. NY

MI Marriages

- Avery L Seeley, age 20 of Fenton, MI, b. Pearl Creek, NY son of SJ Seeley and Hannah Lewis married Celia Meaker age 18 of Fenton, b. Rose, MI dau. of A. and Cordelia _____ Meaker on 28 Nov 1891 at Flint, MI
- Henry G Seeley age 24, salesman, of Stanton, Montcalm, MI b. NY married 15 Nov 1883 by clergyman Charles C Miller at Stanton to Hattie J Michael age 23 of Hastings, Montcalm, MI, b. MI. Witnesses Edmund B Stevens and Mary E Lockhart, both of Stanton

NY Death Index

- Seeley, Stiles died 17 May 1886 in Piffard (a hamlet in York, Livingston, NY)

SS Applications and Claims Index

- Sarah Elizabeth Seeley Nixon names her parents as Stiles Seeley and Hanah Lewis
- 1900 census Fenton, Genesee, MI
- Seely, Avery b. Apr 1870 NY, NY, NY, cooper, md 8 yr to
 - Seely, Celia b. Aug 1873 MI, MI, MI, 2 ch, 2 living
 - Seely, Mabel b. Nov 1892, Nina b. Dec 1894

Findagrave.com:

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/119827888/archibald-seeley> (this would be a brother of Justice Stiles Seeley)

So, I'd say Taylor's line is likely Fred Michael, Henry G., Justice Stiles, Archibald, ???Samuel??? We have a lot of Samuels, but none that I can identify as one of the Samuels in Salina, NY and I couldn't find out any more about those Samuels to see if they are related to Archibald although it seems likely....

I suggested that Taylor try land or probate records for Onondaga County. I also suggested that he do a DNA test and compare those results to what we already have. Then we would at least know if he is in the Robert or Obadiah line (or neither). That might give us clues as to where to look depending on how closely his line matches others. He has been in touch with Kara Donaldson, our DNA Project Manager, and has ordered his Y-DNA test. If any readers have any information on the Seeleys in Salina, NY, please contact us.

2111-2 Submitted by Stephen Solar

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Stephen is having difficulty locating information about his 3X great-grandmother, Louisa Seeley. She was born in 1826 and died 6 June 1902. She married Edward Whitford Greene on 30 December 1847. Initial searches on ancestry.com produced information that she was the daughter of David Seeley (1789-1862) and Ursula Sweetman (1786-1867), but the years do not seem to add up and while he has found information that these two people had a daughter named Louisa, Stephen is not sure she is the same as his great grandmother.

SGS Response:1855 census Rodman, Jefferson, NY

- Green, Edward W age 32, b. Rensselaer Co. , NY, farmer
- Green, Louiza, age 25 b. Jefferson Co. NY
- Green, Thomas E age 7, Ella C age 3, both b. Jefferson Co. NY

Edward and Louiza have both lived in Rodman for 18 years They are living in the same house as:

- Green, TH age 34 b. Rensselaer Co, in Rodman 18 years, farmer
- Green, Philena age 25 b. Jefferson Co
- Green, Sophronia age 3, b. Jefferson Co.

Further up the page is the family of Thomas A Green age 54 b. Rensselaer Co. in Rodman 19 years as have his wife Polly and sons Louis (or Lavis) age 22 and Andrew L age 20. 3 younger children b. in Jefferson Co.

1850 census Rodman, Jefferson, NY

- Green, Thomas A age 29, farmer
- Green, Philena age 21

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- Green, Edward W age 28, laborer
- Green, Louisa age 21
- Green, Thomas E age 2

From Findagrave.com: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/58494995/thomas-edward-green>

This cemetery record includes a bio of Thomas Edward Green, son of Edward and Louisa. It states that they were both natives of Rodman in Jefferson Co., NY.

1860 census Adams, Jefferson, NY

- Green, Edward age 38, farm laborer, b. NY
- Green, Louisa age 35, b. NY
- Green, T E age 12, Ella age 9, both b. NY

1865 census Adams, Jefferson, NY

- Louisa Green age 35 b. Washington Co NY, mother of 4
- Theresa M Green age 7 mos. b. Jefferson Co NY
- Edward W Green age 42, farmer

They are boarding with Arie R and Loisa Woolcott and 2 sons of Loisa from a previous marriage.

1870 census Adams, Jefferson, NY

- Green, Edward age 46, farm laborer b. NY
- Green, Louisa age 40 b. NY
- Green, Ella age 18, teaching school, Terressa age 5, Fred age 1, all b. NY

In 1875 in Adams Edward is 51, b. in Allegany Co, Louisa is 44 b. Washington Co., Ella is 23, Terressa is 10 and Fred is 6, all b. Jefferson Co. NY. The family is still there in 1880. They are all b. in NY, parents all b. NY. Edward is a day laborer and a constable

1850 census Rodman, Jefferson, NY

- Seeley, Lewis W age 25 b. NY
- Seeley, Anna age 25 b. NY
- Seeley, Linda A age 4, Courtland D age 2, Cyrenus H age 1, all b. NY
- Banks, Mary Jane, age 14 b. NY

1855 census Adams, Jefferson, NY

- Seely, Philander age 58 b. Washington Co NY, in Adams for 2 years
- Seely, Eunice age 58, b. Jefferson Co. NY, in Adams for 16 years

Findagrave:

Union Cemetery, Adams Center, Jefferson, NY

- EA Seeley (1820-1899) and his wife Cindarila R (1822-1912 share a monument with
- Philander Seeley (1796-1858 and his wife Candis G (1799-1851)

Adams State Road Cemetery, Jefferson, NY

- Eunice Glazier Heath Seeley, (20 Jul 1796-13 Aug 1879), wife of Benjamin Heath and them ? Seeley

East Rodman Cemetery, Jefferson, NY

- Abigail Seeley Peck, daughter of Nehemiah Seeley (1735-1780) and his wife Abigail Guyer or Guire (1739-1767). Abigail was md 1st to Nathan Foster (1753-1820) and is buried with her 2nd husband John Peck and his 1st wife Mary Brooks. (However, SGS has Abigail, dau. of this Nehemiah married to someone else...)

1840 census Rodman, Jefferson, NY

- Celey, Philander, males: 1 <5, 1 10-15, 1 20-30, 1 40-50; females: 2 5-10, 2 20-30, 1 40-50

He is living next to 2 Glazier families. There are also other Glaziers, some Heaths and even a Woolcott

1830 census Hartford, Washington Co NY

- Seelye, Samuel , 1 male 60-70; 1 female 60-70 next listing
- Seelye, Philander, males: 1 <5, 1 5-10, 1 30-40; females: 1 <5, 2 5-10, 1 30-40

Conclusion: Louisa may be the daughter of Philander (and a sister of EA Seeley) and Philander may be the son of Samuel but we have no further information on either of these men. If you can help please contact us.

2111-3 Submitted by Elizabeth Downs

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Elizabeth is trying to gather information on her great, great grandfather, John H. Seeley. He was born in 1821 and she has information that indicates that he was born in Ohio, Canada or Scotland. He was married to an Annie Livingston(e). Her great grandfather's death certificate says that he died in Ohio, but online records say Scotland or Canada. His wife was Scottish and was born in Canadian territory, so this may be how the other countries got listed. John died 25 Dec 1882 in Yell Township, Webster Iowa and was buried in Hopkinton, Delaware County Iowa.

Can we find information on his parents or where his family came from?

SGS Response:

IA Deaths

- John H Seeley, married farmer and lumberman, age 61, b. Scotland, died 25 Dec 1882 Yell township, Webster, IA. Burial 27 Dec 1882 (as stated above in query)

IA Marriages

- John H Seeley md in Delaware County IA on 29 Apr 1849 to Anna Livingston

1880 census Yell, Webster, IA

- Seeley, J H, age 60. b. CAN, SCOT, SCOT, manuf. Lumber
- Seeley, Annie, age 49 b. Br. America, SCOT, SCOT
- Seeley, Hattie L age 25, teaching school; Chas. L age 23, works at saw mill; Paul D age 20, Rym H age 19, JA (male) age 17, Isobel A age 15, Minnie age 11, May J age 8, all b. IA, CAN, Br. Amer.

1870 census Wahkonsa, Webster, IA

- Seeley, JH age 50, farmer b. CAN
- Seeley, Annie age 38 b. British America
- Seeley, Hattie age 15, Chas age 13, Paul age 11, Mason age 9, Alex age 7, Isabella age 5, Monroe age 1, all b. IA
- Livingston, ME age 23, teacher, b. IA

1860 census Clay, Hardin, IA

- Seeley, JH age 37 plasterer b. OH
 - Seeley, A age 28 b. Hudson Bay, British America
 - Seeley, HA age 5, CL age 3, P age 1, all b. IA
- (Interesting that next door is the family of Sidney and JA Mason, noticing that John H and Annie named a son Mason. Sidney is a carpenter age 41 and she is age 40, both b. OH

1856 census Waterloo, Black Hawk, IA

- Seeley, JH age 33 b. OH, Engraver
- Seeley, Anna age 25 b. CAN
- Seeley, Harriet A age 1 b. IA
- Livingston, Lilley age 21 b. CAN

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SRC Librarian's Report: November 2020

Submitted by Pam Turner, SRC Librarian

In October, I travelled to the SRC to work and meet a new cousin and member, Cindy Pflumm. We were joined by Lynda Simmons and Connie Birth. With the extra help, I got quite a bit got done. One of my main objectives was to organize shelves and get scanning done, along with any filing of items received since the last filing session.

We also took the books that had been located on shelves D1-D4 and moved them to A1-A4. The Helene Ault Obadiah research binders were then moved to shelves D3-D4 from shelves A1-A2. The James Sealey Canada binders were then moved up to shelf D3. These moves give us

more room for book and family compilations and to locate all of the research binders to the same location.

Additional items changed are DrD3 FC-82 *Ancestors of Warren James Seeley* was scanned and incorporated to file SGS #3950; file FC-257 on ShA1 was moved to the CD ROM Box located on ShB4; and I also corrected the spelling on FC-147 author from Oulett to Owlett in the SRC Index.

Since my last visit to the SRC, we received the research files of Gail Allen, Anne Lugg, Madeline Mills, Bruce Murduck, Katherine Olsen, and Carol Seeley Scott. The location of these research files have been

annotated on the updated SRC Index. The following were scanned:

- Treasurer's reports from 2015-2020
- Marshall Seelye's Correspondence while President of SGS
- Files FC-84-FC88.

The following SGS Number Files have had additional scanned information added to them: SGS numbers 611, 1921, 1951, 1961, 2278, 2327, 2328, 2337-4, 2436, 3036, 3463 -3, 3515, 3815, 3838, and 3950.

The below chart shows the change to the SRC Index. A complete copy of the index may be seen at <https://www.seeley-society.org>.

ShA1	BK	COPE	Coldham, Peter Wilson	<i>The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660</i>
ShA2	BK	HOGG	Hosmer, George L.	<i>Historical Sketch of the Town of Deer Isle Maine</i>
ShA2	BK	NOPE	Norbury, Paul	<i>Tenterden Town Guide</i>
ShA3	BK	SAJA 1	Savage, James	<i>Genealogical Dictionary of New England Vol. 1 A-C</i>
ShA3	BK	SAJA 2	Savage, James	<i>Genealogical Dictionary of New England Vol. 2 D-J</i>
ShA3	BK	SAJA 3	Savage, James	<i>Genealogical Dictionary of New England Vol. 3 K-R</i>
ShA3	BK	SAJA 4	Savage, James	<i>Genealogical Dictionary of New England Vol. 4 S-Z</i>
ShA4	BK	TEMI	Tepper, Michael	<i>Passengers to America</i>
ShA4	BK	TOCL	Torrey, Clarence	<i>New England Marriages Prior to 1700</i>
ShD3	RF	ALGA	Allen, Gail	Research records of Gail Allen donated by Ann (Florence) Allen. Contains misc family group sheets, pictures from the SGS 50th Anniversary Reunion, and copies of <i>The New England Connexion</i> from Jan 1993-Sept 2004. (Each issue has an index of names)
DrA4	RF	MUBR	Murduck, Bruce	Files containing research on Augustus Seeley in the Kings Royal Regiment NY, Lancaster Township Land Records, & a Timeline by Dian Little. Also 3 binders regarding Augustus, John, Benjamin & Peter s/o of Justus Seeley and additional Seeleys.
DrA4	RF	OLKA & MIMA	Olsen, Kathie & Madeline Mills	Research Records of Katherine Olsen and Madeline Mills
DrA2	RF	SCCA	Scott, Carol Seeley	Personal research files and notes on the book she wrote (<i>The Eel Catcher's Travels</i>)

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- JH has been in IA for 8 years. Anna and Lilley have been in IA for 20 years

1850 census District 7, Delaware, IA

- Seeley, John H age 26 b. OH, plasterer
- Seeley, Nancy A age 19 b. Selkirk Colony

There are many Livingstons listed on these census pages. The only other Seeleys in this area of Iowa in 1850 are in Dubuque County:

Philo and Mary Seeley, ages 56 and 48 b. Canada living next to George H and Mary Seeley, ages 29 and 18 with George b. Canada and Mary b. in MO.

Unfortunately I can't find any other information on them.

About the Livingston family

An article from the Manitoba Historical Society discusses the first settlement in Jones County IA that was by "a small group of Highlanders from the Selkirk Settlement in the Red River Valley of Manitoba in the 1830's. It states that Hugh Livingston claimed land in Delaware County near the present town of Hopkinton. You can read more about that here. <http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/pageant/22/selkirksettlers.shtml>

Wikipedia has a long article about the Selkirk Colony here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_River_Colony

SGS Elected Officers & Board of Directors for 2021 - 2023

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.

President

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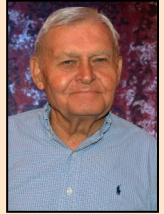
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SGS welcomes you to take a more active role in the Society. Consider serving in an elected or appointed position, or join one of our committees dedicated to improving the society and serving its members. Contact Lynda Simmons for more information.

- **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:**
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- **SGS Research Committee:**
Conducts and arranges for genealogical research on behalf of the society.
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- **Publications/Communication Committee:**
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- **SGS Website Redesign Committee:**
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- **2023 Meeting/Reunion Committee:**
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