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Meet Us in St. Louis
Reunion Set for 2023

The next SGS Reunion is set for Thursday through Sunday, **June 22-25, 2023**, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Highlights of the reunion are :

- A Thursday morning presentation by Dr. Thomas Farmer, contributor to the St. Louis Arch Museum
- A presentation by Professor Shane Seely, Associate Professor of Poetry at the University of Missouri at St. Louis, on Friday morning.
- Catered Saturday evening banquet, by Matt Frank.
- Reduced room rates at the Best Western St. Louis as follows: daily rate is \$129 if the SGS reunion rents less than 10 rooms, \$99 if the Society rents ten rooms, and a greater reduction shall be determined if the SGS rents a substantial number of rooms, greater than ten rooms.
- Daily continental breakfast provided.

More details to come as plans solidify. Society President, Connie Birth, will send an email to the membership with more detail early next year. Don't hesitate to you get your reservations in early.



August 2019 Reunion Attendees

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See **Publication schedule on page 23.**

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 22). 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. See Contact Info on Page 22

SGS 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

Connie Birth

Seeley Genealogical Society President



Dear SGS Members;

My passion is finding lost relatives. I spend most of my time in research, which means I fail when it comes to housework, exercise, keeping up with technology, organization and dealing with problems. If you are surprised by this November Newsletter, believe me, so was I. You will notice a new retro format, an additional Newsletter email for submissions, and an article about our new Editor. Other articles include news concerning the upcoming 2023 Reunion and Membership Meeting in St. Louis, what our many committees have been doing, and the annual treasurer's report.

First Vice President and Communication Editor Paul Taylor has edited the SGS newsletter for nineteen years, starting with the November issue in 2003. Nineteen years is an extremely long time for someone to volunteer for a job! Paul deserves recognition and congratulations for a job more than well done, so please join me in letting him know how much his time and energy has been appreciated. Because a new prestigious position at his workplace required Paul's full attention, he regrettably asked to be relieved from editing the Newsletter. Did you read Paul's article in the last issue? We had several very interesting Zoom meetings while Paul was commuting from the Pentagon, after 7:00 p.m. Paul is always dedicated to whatever he does. When nobody came forward to take over the Newsletter, I thought of James Rienhardt. Jim descends from Joseph Owen Seely (SGS#3100). I became acquainted with Jim several years ago, when researching Obadiah Seeley and finding Jim's impressive website. Obadiah is my direct maternal side through my mother's father, William Clarence Randolph Seely, and he is the reason that I became involved in SGS. More recently, while researching Dr. Townsend Seeley (SGS#1733), I discovered Seeley connections on my paternal side as well. As Membership Chair, I asked Jim to join SGS, and he has now accepted my proposal to be the new SGS Newsletter Editor. SGS Second Vice President Dr. Jesse Crisler will continue to provide valuable assistance in co-editing the Newsletter.

The Reunion Planning Committee after much discussion has set a date of June 22-25, 2023, in St. Louis, Missouri. Waiting until school was adjourned for the year and getting to St. Louis before the summer

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heat and humidity limited the dates available. The committee continues to work on the details to refine the Reunion.

The Seeley DNA Project is getting off to a slower start than we would like and needs more SGS members to participate in it. FamilyTreeDNA updated its website, adding additional privacy restrictions to DNA kits. You must give permission to access your own DNA records. If you already belong to FamilyTreeDNA, please send in your Kit# to identify you. When you click on the "Join Project" button, you might have to type in the name "Seeley, Seely, Seelye Y-DNA Project" to find us. FamilyTreeDNA will not allow us to change Y-DNA to include all DNA, but we are including all DNA tests. Watch for DNA kit sales, especially around holidays. If you have any trouble or need help, feel free to get in touch with me or someone involved in the project, and we will be glad to walk you through the process.

Two more valuable volunteers who have dedicated many years to SGS are Wesley A. Waring and Linda Crocker. They are also members of our Research Committee. We greatly need to expand that Team, so if you like to research your branch of the Seeley family, please reach out to them.

I wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving, a joyful Christmas, and a wonderful New Year.

Connie Martin Birth
President, Seeley Genealogical Society



A NOTE FROM THE (NEW) EDITOR

To introduce myself I will give a little of my background and my experience (or lack of) in genealogy. I am retired, and I spend much of my time now in genealogical research. I recently delved into my son-in-law's family, which turned into a researcher's nightmare or delight, depending on how someone feels about mysteries and a family history worthy of a novel. Maybe at some other time I will elaborate on my findings.

I have worked in industry, run my own

printing and graphic arts business, been a museum educator, served as an educator at a public observatory, and taught at the college level. Currently, I give presentations on astronomical topics as a NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, I paint, and I collect rocks, minerals, sand, and too much junk. Along with these and other interests I do a lot of genealogy.

My interest in genealogy began many years ago, back when genealogical research was much more difficult. I remember seeing a transcript of an autobiography written by my great-great-grandfather Joseph Owen Seely. Unfortunately, he never completed it. Eventually, I saw the original papers he wrote, making his life all the more real. Now I have many documents, mostly letters, written between family members and dating back to the late eighteenth century. I also have Joseph's diaries. All of this made me very interested in my family history. The Seelys preserved much from the past, but my other ancestors did not, so I dived into the Seelys and branched out from there. It has been a fascinating ride, which is not over yet.

When I was asked whether I was interested in becoming the new editor of the SGS Newsletter, I did not hesitate long. What a great way to share my interest with others! I will be making some changes in issues of the Newsletter, beginning with this one, as I work on making it informative and educational, if not also entertaining. We will see how that goes. Please let me know of any concerns, suggestions, and, especially, topics that you would like to see covered in the Newsletter or perhaps something you would like to write about. We need YOUR involvement, and your stories will be of interest to other readers—yes, really!

Do not worry that you might not be a great writer; myself and others will work what you write into something very readable and ask your approval of it before publishing.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking the previous editor, Paul Taylor, for his twenty years of hard work in editing the SGS Newsletter.

Jim Rienhardt, editor
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Making Sense of Census Records

By Jim Rienhardt

Censuses before 1850 had little to no specific information about family members other than age, sex, and number in the household. Only so much can be extracted from these documents. Later censuses have more information, actually giving names of persons in a household along with ages, relationships, occupations, etc. Still, there can be problems. Census takers were not always careful in their recording, they might also have had difficulty with understanding accents, those giving information perhaps did not speak English clearly, or they might just have been given wrong information. All of this complicates research, so researchers must keep in mind that census details might be wrong.

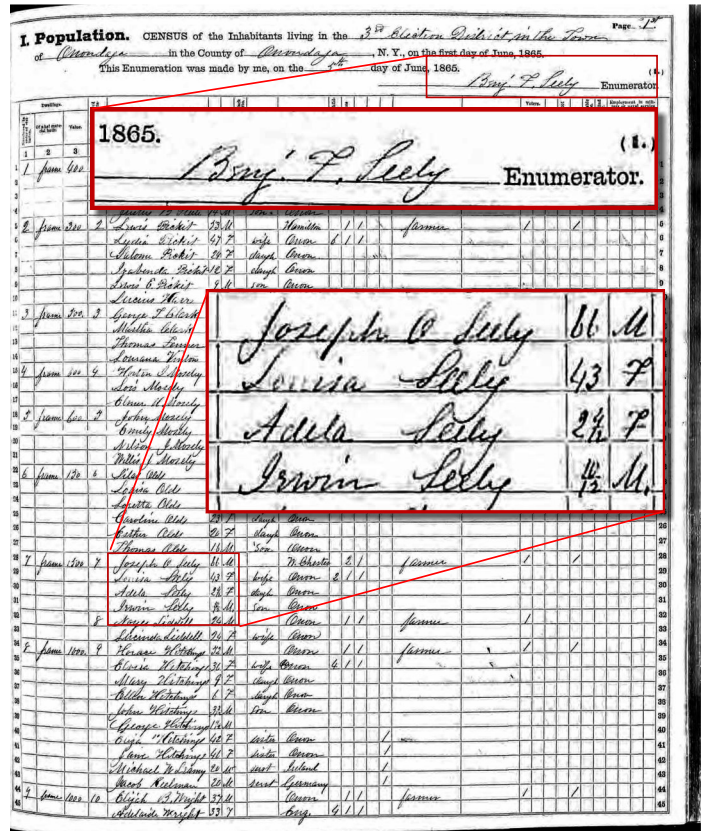
Comparing information listed in different census years may help, but not always. In my research I found that one of my ancestors gave a different place of birth on every census. Finding a birth certificate would solve this, but none can be found. Complicating the situation further, I cannot find this ancestor in a census with parents, since that would have been before 1850, and, as I said, there is too little information on early censuses.

I have also found incorrect spellings of names of people for whom I know the correct spelling. One example is my great-grandfather Erwin Seely. In a census taken by his half-brother, he spells the name Irwin.

Speaking of names, first names can also be a problem. A person may use a first name, second name, or nickname. My great-aunt Carrie Adella Seely used her first and middle names interchangeably, sometimes Carrie and other times Adella or Della. Her first name may well have been Caroline, but she is rarely or never referred to by that name by family members. Similarly, women whose name is Elizabeth often become Lizzie on censuses, or Mary commonly becomes

Polly.

Ages may also not agree from one census to another. They can differ by as much as two years. This does not necessarily mean that the age is wrong, for often the age recorded depends on the birth month of the individual and the month when a particular census was taken. And, again, the wrong information might have been given.



1865 census taken by Benjamin F Seely

Another problem is that a census taker's writing may not be clear, or indexers may have had a hard time deciphering what was written, and search engines rely on what indexers record.

The bottom line is the census are a great tool to find and track ancestors' history of location and family members, but information recorded on censuses should always be verified with other sources, when possible. Forms are available to help keep track of each census by abstracting just the information for particular ancestors, thereby making it easier to make comparisons. Where to find these forms is addressed in the *Genealogy Tips & Tools* section on page 6.

Are you using this easy genealogy time-saver? by Jennifer Dondero

Genealogists never have enough time for genealogy. We're constantly looking for ways to work faster so we can find more ancestors in the limited time we have. Many modern time-savers actually turn out to be "cheats" instead of shortcuts because they remove important pieces of the genealogy research process. The time saved by removing a vital piece of the process ends up costing much more time later on, sometimes even years! A basic understanding of the genealogy research process can help you tell a shortcut from a cheat.

The process starts with identifying your problem and what is important and unique about it. This is sometimes called "analyzing the problem." Next, you create a research plan. When you execute your plan, that's the research step of the process. You complete the process by writing up the results of your research. Traditionally this was called "reporting" but if that sounds too complicated, think of it as summarizing the results of your research, because that's what it is. If you didn't solve your problem, which usually you won't, you go back and reanalyze the problem, adding in what you found with your research. Then continue through the process.

It's easy to remember this process (analyze, plan, research, report, repeat) but that doesn't highlight a few skills you need. First, when you research, you need to track EVERYTHING you do. We traditionally did this with a research log. Many genealogy "cheats" relate to research logs because genealogists often don't understand why they need to track all that information. Years later, you'll be kicking yourself for not tracking all the suggested information when your only option is to repeat the research. This is a tremendous waste of time versus tracking it in the first place. Second, you need to take notes throughout this process so you can capture your ideas, questions you come up with, as well as information and facts. Make sure you capture information, not just "facts" which are the answers to

questions like "what is his birthdate." The information that isn't a fact is often a clue you don't know how to use yet. Finally, you will do "analysis" throughout the process, not just as one step in the process. If you don't know what genealogical analysis is, you've already been doing it. When you're getting started, it's asking and answering questions. The answer can be simple, like finding the definition of a word. The answer can be more complex, like learning to perform a type of analysis or correlation. Don't worry about what kind of answer you need. Focus on recording the questions you think of and then actually go find an answer.

How does this relate to a time-saver? I always suggest creating a research plan you take your notes on and then add your summary to when you're done. This has to be done digitally so you can update the document. As part of this, if you haven't been tracking your research (not keeping a log or something similar), you can use your digital notes to record all the information we traditionally kept in a log. It's vital you create notes every time you research, which includes any time you perform an online search. Create those notes even if you don't start with a research plan! You can search your digital notes to use them like a research log. (If you successfully keep a log and prefer a log format, keep doing that. The log format is easier to skim but is difficult for many people to keep. Digital notes are an alternative, not a better option. The better option is what you will actually do.)



You can learn more about these skills on my blog, The Occasional Genealogist. I've created a page with links to the posts that relate directly to these skills to make it easy for you to learn more:

<https://www.theoccasionalgenealogist.com/p/seeleygs.html>

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GENEALOGY TIPS & TOOLS TO HELP IN YOUR RESEARCH

TIPS AND TRICKS USEFUL IN SIMPLIFYING YOUR GENEALOGY WORK.

When working with censuses it can be helpful to take the information that you are interested in and put it on a blank form for future reference. Here are sources for forms to use when working with census and a free software program.

- An extensive list of forms especially for genealogical work are available at FamilySearch.com. https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Genealogy_Research_Forms#National_Archives_and_Record_Administration
- Ancestry has blank forms for each census year. <https://www.ancestry.com/c/census-forms>
- Cindy's List has a Census Analysis Worksheet <https://www.cyndislist.com/openurl?url=374034>
- There are a variety of electronically fillable forms at Census Mate <http://www.censusmate.com/index.html>
- Useful free software GenScriber can help you to abstract information from a census using a split screen. I have found this to be useful and fairly easy to use, and it's FREE! There are Windows, MAC, and Linux versions. Something for everybody. <https://genscriber.com/en/>

CENSUS You don't need to pay any genealogical site to search the US census. The censuses are public domain and not owned by any of those companies. Go to National Archives <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/online-resources>

-jr

SOME QUOTES - CAN YOU RELATE?

There's a fine line between a packrat and a serious family historian.

A genealogist's filing system usually incorporates the floor.

You know you're a genealogist if you've ever repurposed your dining room table, and panic at anyone going near it.

GENEALOGY RESOURCES ON-LINE

In each issue we will review on-line resources. Some you may be familiar with and others may be new to you. There will be something for everyone to help with your research.

MYTRUEANCESTRY.COM <https://mytrueancestry.com/en>

I just recently uploaded my DNA to this sight. I was curious to see what it might uncover. This site uses DNA collected from archaeological digs and compares it to ancient DNA. Interesting? Well, yes it is. You can test it for free, but you will soon want to dig more deeply, which involves a cost. There are many levels to buy into, often with sales of 40% to 50% off. The company is based in Switzerland, and it claims to delete someone's DNA sample as soon as it is processed, which means a smaller chance of its being used by some nefarious entity.

From their site: "Our mission is to help you take your DNA results a step further. Discover your ancient relatives by comparing yourself to thousands of ancient samples from real archaeological sites. Our simple and secure service puts 10000 years of history, and over 85 ancient civilizations from around the world, at your fingertips."

Since you can try it for free, you have nothing to lose, so give it a try. I recommend it.

AMERICAN ANCESTORS RESEARCH GUIDES <https://americanancestors.org/>

American Ancestors, managed by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, offers many free guides to help with research and learning about genealogy. These include Getting Started, Genealogical Software, Using American Ansestry.org, and many others. You will need to set up a free account to access these guides and other useful tools. Downloadable forms and guides are also available.

From their site: "Research guides, developed by American Ancestors experts, provide how-to tips and methods, a listing of essential resources (in print and online), contextual background, and more."

THE OCCASIONAL GENEALOGIST <https://www.theoccasionalgenealogist.com/>

You've gotten a sample of this professional genealogist in her article on page 5. You will find helpful information on research, DNA, and organizing your research on her web page.

From her page: "I'm Jennifer, and I'm an Occasional Genealogist... sort of. For over ten years I've been a professional genealogist. I started researching my own family nearly 30 years ago. Like many of you, I started as an Occasional Genealogist. I had to squeeze research in while in school and while working full-time. Then I got my first genealogy job and for awhile, it was genealogy all the time. Now I have two kids. I do other people's genealogy constantly but my own? Coming up with ways to do great genealogy, despite all the interruptions, is now mandatory."

She also has a YouTube channel, if you want to watch/hear information on genealogy topics

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JPDonderoGenealogy>

The special page she created just for us has a link in her article. Be sure to check it out.

-jr

"Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate."

- Unknown

Start Your Genealogy Search for Free

Genealogical research can be expensive, but it doesn't have to be. If you are just starting out in discovering your roots, there are many free resources you can use before you jump into a paid site. Here are some of free places to work on your genealogy.



Family Search <http://www.familysearch.org>

If you use no other resource, you must use this one. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) has done extensive work to make this site useful with access to many records. The Church is also always updating the site with new information and more helpful aids.



Wiki Tree <https://www.wikitree.com/>

WikiTree is a collaborative family tree-building site. When you set up your own tree you will begin to find others who are working on the same names that you are and may find new connections. It is basically one big family tree.



National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

The National Archives is more than a genealogy site. The link above takes you to the genealogy section, but there is much more, including "America's Founding Documents" and many other government publications. Census records can be accessed from here, though you will be directed to other sites, such as FamilySearch, to search them.



My Heritage <https://www.myheritage.com/>

You can actually use MyHeritage for free on a limited bases, but it also offers a 14-day free trial

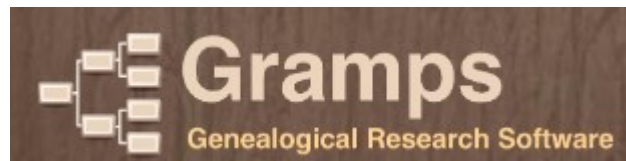
during which you could do a lot of research and download any documents you find. Once the 14-day trial is over, just cancel, and you have spent nothing, unless you opt to pay the discounted new member price for continued access to the site.



Ancestry <https://www.ancestry.com/>

Ancestry also offers a 14-day free trial. Between MyHeritage and Ancestry you could have nearly a month of free research. The drawback to using the free version of either of these sites, however, is that any tree you start will be very limited, but you can still download information that you find.

What if you want to build a tree for free? FamilySearch and WikiTree both offer this ability. But you could also create an independent tree on your computer.



MyFamilyTree.com and Gramps are just a couple of options to use to create a tree independent of online tree builders. MyHeritage also offers Family Tree Builder that works independently of the MyHeritage site or can be linked if you have a MyHeritage membership.

You can find these here:

My Family Tree

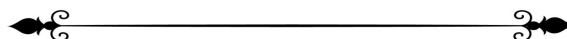
<https://chronoplexsoftware.com/myfamilytree/index.htm>

Gramps <https://gramps-project.org/blog/>

MyHeritage software

<https://www.familytreebuilder.com/download>

More free resources in the next newsletter.



SGS QUERIES (AS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2022)

COORDINATED AND COMPILED BY SGS QUERY EDITOR LINDA CROCKER

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

Please send your queries to SGS Query Editor Linda Crocker at llbc100@msn.com or mail to Linda at home (see contact info page 22). Queries are assigned a query number by the Query Editor, researched and then sent to the Query Team for input. Linda summarizes each query and any responses for inclusion in the newsletter.

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

Query Updates

0902-3 update requested by Sandy Sidler (sesid@hotmail.com)

The original query was to find proof that Euphemia/Affa/Effie Seelye (SGS# 2274), wife of Zechariah Ferdon, was the daughter of Abner Seelye.

SGS Response:

That is still the goal. New Milford, CT has records of other Seeley children born to Abner Seeley and Eunice Smith, however there is no a record of the birth of Euphemia or Affa or Effie Seeley. We have her born there 21 Jan 1893. Please get in touch with the Query Editor as well as Sandy if you can find any proof of Euphemia's parents.

1611-2 submitted by Psalms Lutz (psalmshi87@gmail.com)

Psalms wanted to update her email (the new address is above) and ask for further information on Lesbia Seeley and her husband W. T. Johnson. She wondered whether W. T. Johnson worked for Indian Affairs and why he and Lesbia were buried on the Van Vleet farm; she wondered whether they were related to the Van Vleet family.

SGS Response:

Lesbia is a direct descendant of Obadiah Seely.

Her line is Obadiah, Jonas, Ebenezer, Jonas, Bazaleel, Jonas, Lesbia.

She is also descended from Obadiah through her mother Abigail:

Obadiah, Jonas, Ebenezer, John, Abigail, Lesbia

Lesbia is SGS# 3585 and her mother Abigail is SGS# 527.

Abigail was born in Blooming Grove, Orange, NY which shares a border with Goshen, NY where Jonas, her husband, was born.

Several of Lesbia's siblings are also buried in the Van Vleet Cemetery in Romulus, Seneca, NY. I would imagine that it was the nearest cemetery to their homes. See Query 2211-3 (below) for new information on one of Lesbia's siblings.

New Queries:

2211-1 Submitted by Ken Fornataro (kff06@mac.com)

Ken asked SGS for information on George Mervil Seeley. He believed that George was born in ME Ken's mother was George's daughter Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Seeley. Ken remembered that George had been a science teacher in Long Branch, NJ.

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SGS Response:

Chris Havnar and I had both done research on this family before. In addition to census records, we have obituaries for both George and his wife.

LONG BRANCH – George M. Seeley, 78, of 15 Wardell Place died yesterday in Monmouth Medical Center. Mr. Seeley was born in Houlton, Maine, and was a retired teacher in the Long Branch School system, where he headed the Science Department. He had been a resident here 50 years, and attended the First Baptist Church. In his career, he also coached baseball, basketball and football at the school, and was one of the founders of the YMCA Baseball League here. Mr. Seeley also taught emergency crash courses instituted in Long Branch High School in World War II. In the summer, Mr. Seeley was a health officer for the Long Branch Board of Health for many years.

Mr. Seeley was a World War I veteran and his main interest, besides teaching, was ornithology. He was past president of the Urner Ornithological Club of Newark and a current member and past president of the Monmouth Nature Club of Eatontown. Many Boy Scouts in the area owe their birding badges to help they received from Mr. Seeley, and many adults in the area remember his series on nature at the Red Bank Adult School. He also gave nature talks to grade school students after his retirements from teaching.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ianna E. Bonoparte Seeley; two sons, Mervil J. Seeley of Atlanta, Ga., and Lt. Cmdr. Howard G. Seeley of Fairfax, Va., three daughters, Mrs. Alice Davidson of New Milford, Mrs. Lois West of Oceanport and Mrs. Betty Fonataro of Oakhurst; a brother, John Seeley of Tampa Fla., two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Glines of Portland, Maine, and Mrs. Eleazer Clark of Springfield, Mass.; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Flock Funeral Home.

(*The Daily Register* [Red Bank, NJ] Thursday 11 Feb 1971).

LONG BRANCH – Ianna E. Seeley, a former resident of Woodrow Wilson Homes, died yesterday [2 Sep 1981] at Green Grove Convalescent Center, Neptune [NJ]. Mrs. Seeley, 83, was born in La Gaillarde, France.

She was a member of the First Reformed Church, here, and was a former member of the Long Branch Woman's Club. Her husband, George, died in 1971.

Surviving are two sons, Mervil J., Norcross, Ga., and Howard G., Alexandria, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Davidson, Suffern, N.Y.; Mrs. Lois West, Oceanport, and Mrs. Betty Fornataro, Ocean Township; a brother and several sisters in France; and 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Flock Funeral Home, here, is in charge of arrangements.

(*Asbury Park Press* [Asbury Park, NJ] Thursday 3 Sep 1981)

George was b. in 1892 in Houlton, Aroostock, ME and died in 1971 in Long Branch, Monmouth, NJ. His line is George Mervil, John Merville, John Calvin, Ezekiel A. (SGS# 3274), Ezekiel, Ezekiel, Obadiah, Obadiah, Obadiah, Obadiah.

George's wife Ianna is intriguing. She and George were married on 20 Sep 1919 in the town hall at La Gaillarde, Seine Inférieure, France. They applied for a US passport for her September 24 and left shortly thereafter for Maine via NY. The passport application lists her name as Mrs Suzanne L Seeley, that is how she signed and that is the name on the ship manifest. US census records have her born in Rome, Italy.

The marriage record cited in the application gives her name as Suzanne Elizabeth Lefebvre. Her family knew her as Ianna Eleanora Lefèvre Bonaparte Seeley.

At the right is a photo of the town hall in La Gaillarde.

If anyone has access to vital records for La Gaillarde (now in Seine-Maritime) it would be interesting to pin down Ianna/Suzanne's correct name, etc.

2211-2 Submitted by Linda Crocker (llbc100@msn.com)

As some of you know, I work as a volunteer at my church and one of my duties is to stock our Little Free

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Town Hall, La Gaillarde

Library. As I was taking some donated books off the shelf to add to the library, I noticed that the author was a Seeley. Cathy L Seeley wrote a book in 2009 for math educators, policy makers and families entitled *Faster Isn't Smarter, Messages about Math, Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century*. Cathy is a Past President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Of course I wondered how Cathy fit into the Seeley family.

SGS Response:

Googling *Cathy L Seeley*, math teacher, I found plenty of information including a link to her résumé. That showed me that she had earned her B.S. at VPI in Blacksburg, VA in 1969, had done graduate work in Laramie WY and Greeley, CO, earned an EdD from the University of Houston in 1985 and then spent most of her career in TX. Using this information, I was able to identify Cathy on ancestry:

US Pub Records:

Cathy L Seeley/ Cathy L Peavler b. Sept 1948, resided 2003-2020 Austin, TX

Cathy L Peavler b. 1948, md 31 Jul 1971, div. 18 Dec 1986 Travis, TX

Cathy Lynn Seeley b. 1948 to Mervil John Seeley and Katherine Bissell, md 10 Dec 1967 Blacksburg, VA to Carmine Thomas Somma b. 1943

Cathy L Seeley b. 26 Sept 1948, resided 1996 Austin, TX

New York, NY Birth Index:

Cathy Seeley b. 26 Sept 1948 Richmond, NY

I found obituaries for both parents:

Katherine Bissell Seeley

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/austin-tx/katharine-seeley-8240962>

Here is part of it:

Kate Seeley passed away peacefully from natural causes on April 5, 2019, at the age of 96. She led a full and happy life. She graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Art from the University of North Carolina. She then enlisted in the Navy, where she served for three years as a Communications Officer in Washington, DC during World War II, achieving the rank of Lieutenant (J.G.). Kate married Mervil John Seeley in 1947, and they enjoyed a wonderful marriage for almost fifty years until his death in 1995 from pancreatic cancer. Kate herself was a survivor of breast cancer for over 45 years.

In Kate's own words, from a recent art show biography: "After leaving the Navy, I studied occupational therapy at the Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. At the age of 25 (that was old to get married in those days), I married my husband, Merv, a family friend I had known for years. We had three daughters—all over 6' tall! Over 23 years as we were raising our family, I taught art in high school and some college in 5 different states. My husband was a Civil Engineer, and when the schools or roads or bridges were finished, we moved on. Our whole family was quite athletic when young and true fans of all sports as we grew older. I have specialized in watercolor painting for many years. I'm fortunate to have my paintings hanging in several states in the United States, as well as in Europe, and a few in Asia. In recent years, I have taken up Zentangles—a spontaneous, creative art form involving pen and ink. A few years ago, I was blessed to become part of a small group called Artemis—women military veterans focused on using our art as an outlet for expression and growth."

Kate and Merv are survived by three daughters: Cathy Lynn Seeley, Patricia Carol Seeley (and her husband, Gary S. Charlson), and Janet Seeley Blouin (and her husband, Michael R. Blouin III). They have four granddaughters: Dawn Rebecca Marsh (and her husband, Nathan Marsh), Kelly Peeler (and her husband James Peeler), Miranda Jean Peavler (and her fiancé Josh Mueller), and Morgan Blouin Mayer (and her husband Chris Mayer). Kate and Merv also have seven great-grandchildren: Hanna Lynn Martinez, James Andrew Dornwell, Jr., Christian James Martinez, Blake Daniel Giddens, Maisey Dawn Peavler, Hailey Ann Giddens, and Braxton Alexander Marsh.

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Hopefully, as you read query 2211-1 above, you will see the coincidence: these people are part of the same family. Mervil John is a brother to Elizabeth (Betty) Seeley Fornataro and son of George Mervil Seeley. With so many Seeleys around, how strange to end up with two queries that dovetailed together so perfectly!

2211-3 arose from the update to query 1611-2

When I found the Van Vleet Cemetery on Findagrave.com, I saw that there was information on several siblings of Lesbia Seeley Johnson, including some that we did not have noted in the Seventh Generation Families of Obadiah Seeley. From Findagrave: children of Jonas Seely and Abigail Seeley:

Edward Seeley (?-1874)

Zerviah Seeley Finton (1801-1880)

Hiram Seely (1802-?)

Lesbia Seeley Johnson (1807-1844)

Emma Seeley Conklin (1810-1890)

Mary Seeley Van Horne (1817-1891)

SGS Response:

I decided to start with Emma (SGS# 3587), since we did not show her having any children:

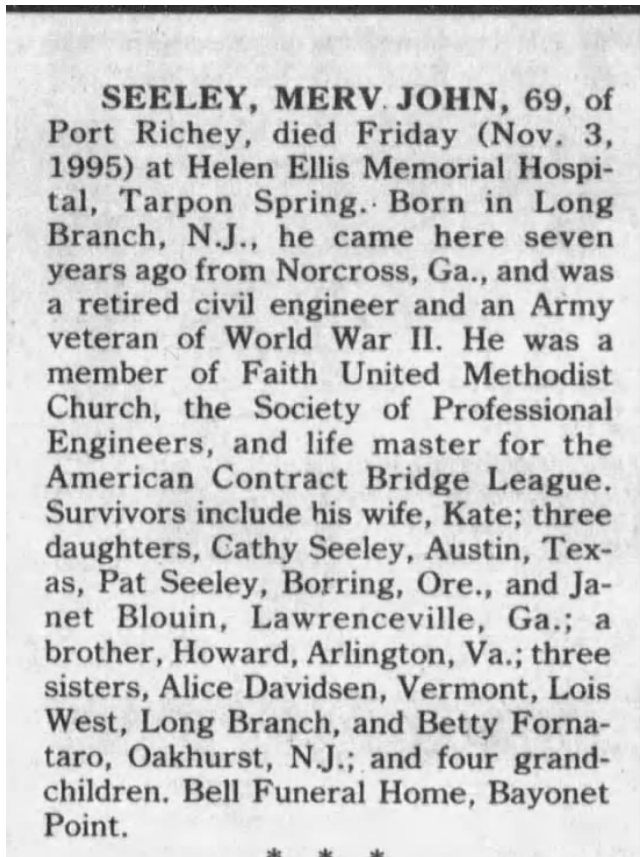
"Romulus--Mrs. **Emma Conklin, widow of the late Stoddard Conklin**, died at the residence of her son, May 22d, of paralysis in the 80th year of her age. She was a daughter of the late Jonas Seely and leaves three sons and one daughter, Mrs. B. D. Lefler. Funeral services will be attended from her late residence on Saturday afternoon." (*Farmer Village Review*, 24 May 1890).

"**George Conkling** died September 22, at the home of Edwin J. Williams, in Romulus, after an illness of several weeks duration. He was born April 16, 1835 in Romulus and was a son of Stoddard and Emma Seeley Conkling. Two brothers and one sister survive, Charles, of Folsom, Cal.; Mrs. Sophia Lefler, of Seneca Falls, and Seeley, of Romulus. In January 1860, he married Jane E. Hughes of Hornellsville, and to them were born three daughters. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. Carrie Sterling, survive him. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon and interment was had in the Seeley burial plot." (*Ovid Independent* [Ovid, NY], 27 Sep 1899).

"Ovid--News has been received here of the death, by suicide, on October 5, of **Charles Conklin**, of Folsom, Cal. The deceased was a son of Stoddard Conklin of the town of Romulus and was well known in this section where he lived many years ago, Seeley Conklin, of Romulus, is a brother of the deceased." (*Ovid Gazette*, 18 Oct 1899).

"The body of Charles Conklin, aged 83 years [sic], a pioneer of Placer county, was found in his cabin a few miles east of Placerville with a gunshot wound in the head. A discharged shotgun found near his side indicates that he committed suicide." (*Marin Journal*, 39.31, 12 Oct 1899). [ED.: This is a transcription error: the correct age is 63]

"Placerville--Oct. 5.—Charles Conklin, an old resident of this county, committed suicide at his home at



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Mormon Island, on the western edge of the county, shortly before noon today." (*San Francisco Call*, 6 Oct 1899: 3).

"Romulus—The remains of **Seeley Conkling**, life-long resident of the town of Romulus, who died at Geneva hospital Sunday, were brought here Wednesday where services were held in the Presbyterian church at two o'clock, Rev. M. G. Clayton officiating. Interment in Mount Green cemetery. Mrs. Harry Easton of Syracuse is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Clinton Garnet, called here by the death of her uncle, Seeley Conklin." (*Interlaken Review* [Interlaken, NY], 26 Jun 1914).

"Died in Romulus near Willard, December 10th, Mrs. **Rebecca Van Duyn** in the 38th year of her age. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Stoddard Conklin, and wife of Mr. Wm. Van Duyn of Geneva. She will be remembered as the mother who, in the season of 1879, lost five children in quick succession of diphtheria. For a time her own life was dispaired [sic] of, but when she revived, a tumor soon appeared which has now closed the chapters of her life." (*Geneva Gazette* [Geneva, NY], 17 Dec 1880).

1850 census Romulus, Seneca, NY

- Conklin, Stoddard, age 40, farmer, b. NY
- Conklin, Emma, age 39, b. NY
- Conklin, Charles, age 11, Rebecca, age 8, Seelye, age 6, Zerviah, age 1

Next home:

- Seeleye, Hiram, age 48, farmer, b. NY
- Seeleye, Laura, age 43, b. NY
- Seeleye, Andrew J., age 22, laborer, Zuba, age 20, Abigail, age 14, Thena, age 12, all b. NY
- Johnson, Seeleye, age 22, farmer, b. NY

1860 census Romulus, Seneca, NY

- Conkling, Stoddard, age 50, b. Seneca Co., NY, farmer
- Conklin, Emma, age 49, b. Seneca Co., NY
- Conklin, Rebecca, age 18, Seeley, age 15, Sophia, age 10

Next home:

- Seeley, A. J., age 32, b. Seneca Co., NY, farmer
- Seeley, A. B., age 30, b. Seneca Co., NY, farmer
- Seeley, Laura, age 50, b. Orange Co., NY
- Seeley, Abigail, age 23, Therina A., age 22, both b. Seneca Co., NY

1880 census Romulus, Seneca, NY (all listed as Sefler)

- Lefler, Barnum B., age 33, teamster, b. NY, NJ, NY
- Lefler, Sophia, age 31, b. NY, NY, NY
- Lefler, Minnie, age 10, Alton C., age 4, both b. NY, NY, NY

1900 census Seneca Falls, Seneca, NY

- Lefler, Sophia F., b. Sept 1852, NY, NY, NY, md. 28 yrs., 3 ch., 3 living, keeps boarding house
- Lefler, Grace P., b. Apr 1882; Alton C., b. May 1876, painter, both b. NY, NY, NY

From the *Ovid Bee*:

"Married also at the same and place [19 Oct 1869 at home of Edward Clark] Barna D. Lefler to Miss Sophia Conklin, all of Ovid."

So we are adding five children to Emma Seeley Conklin(g): George, Charles, Rebecca, Seelye and Sophia Conkling.

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HOW TO SUBMIT A QUERY

If you would like to submit a query, please follow a few guidelines:

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? The SGS publications or Website? The Censuses? Cemetery records? County histories? Family Bible? Others? (specify)

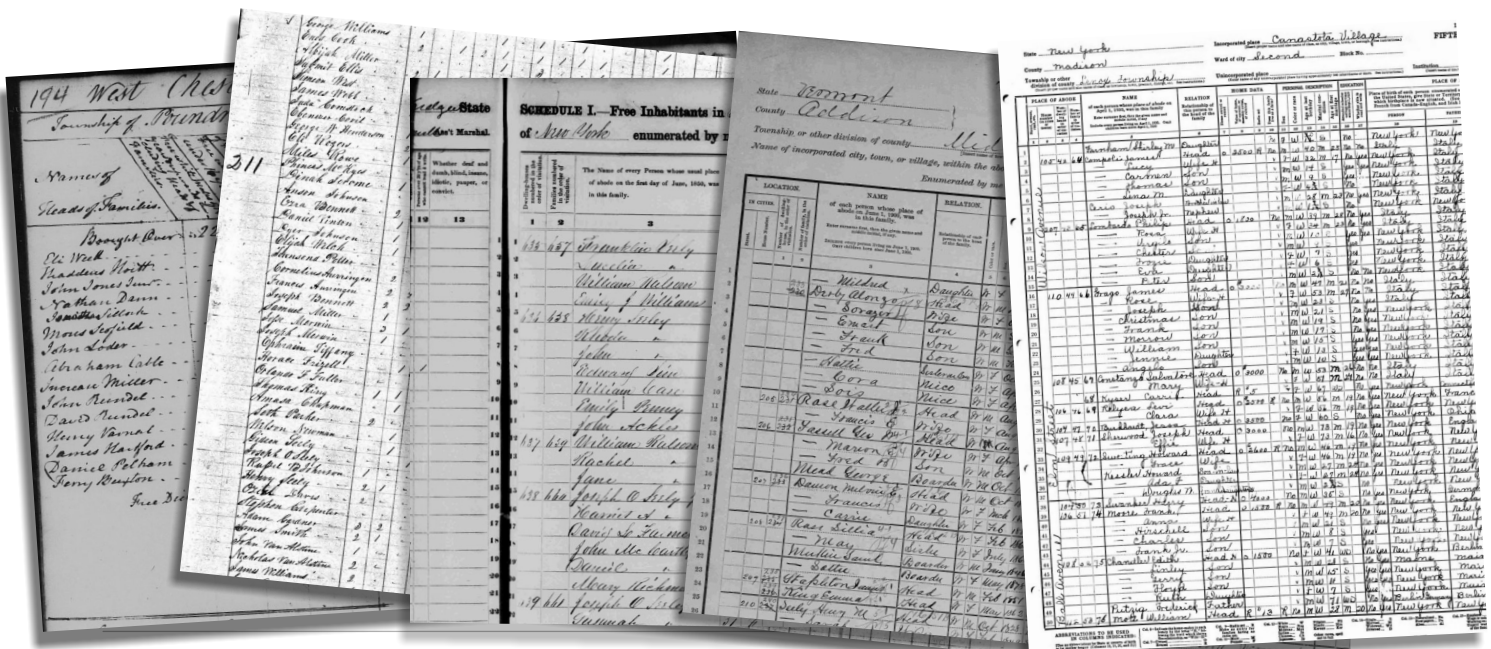
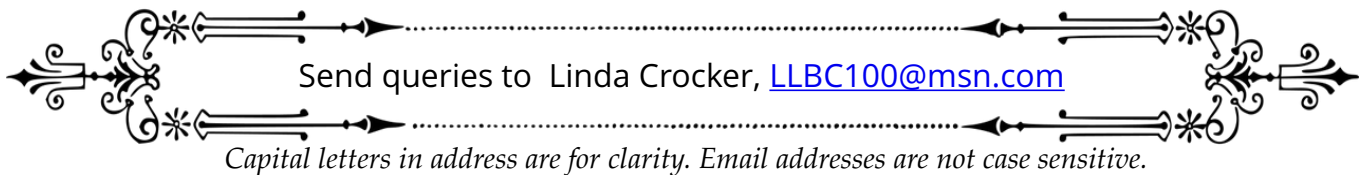
What exactly do you want to know? Parents' names and details? Sibling information? Information on a family marrying into the Seeley family? Our sources?

After your query is printed, please keep the Query Editor informed about 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 information. One more name, date or place may be the key to linking your line to another. Your query will also be posted on our Website. Make sure we have your current contact details; sometimes we get new information months or even years after your query appears.

HOW TO ANSWER A QUERY

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



SGS Board of Directors

22 June 2022

8 PM ZOOM Meeting

Board of Directors Meeting Attendees: Connie Martin Birth, Paul V. Taylor, Jesse Crisler, Pam Turner, Linda Crocker, Patricia Palmer (note-taker)

Invited and/or Excused: Wesley Waring, Lynda Simmons, Margaret Petersen, Kara Donaldson, Terry Tietjens, Shanna Besendorfer, Barbara Lewis

Meeting was called to order at 9:18PM and a quorum was present.

Old Business/Updates/Discussion of concerns to the Board of Directors:

- *Seeley-Society.net* account remains in effect with a cost to the Society of \$500 for a three-year subscription.
- New members have joined the Society as of June 2022.
- SGS President Connie Martin Birth advised she will send the SGS By-laws to new SGS Life Members with a SGS Membership Binder and the SGS Life Member Certificate.
- *Newspaper.com subscription:* Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist, defined the need for a continual subscription to Newspapers.com. Linda advised she will subscribe to the service and send the bill for reimbursement to Margaret Petersen, SGS Treasurer.

New Business:

- *Pam Turner accepted the position of SGS Director.* The Board of Directors had recommended that team members confer and recommend to the Board an individual for the position, and the Board wholeheartedly agreed Pam Turner shall serve as a SGS Director. Congratulations were offered to Pam.
- *2023 SGS Reunion, St. Louis, Missouri.* Connie updated the BOD with the following information: she has conferred with John Mills concerning the reunion, plans to include Stephanie Mills Moore in any further discussions, and that John Mills has a speaker lined up for the 2023 SGS Reunion.
- *SGS Newsletter.* The Board of Directors continues to be grateful for SGS 1st Vice-president Paul V. Taylor's development of the newsletter. The Board discussed that a decision had been made to publish the newsletter three times per year, thus changing the publication from a quarterly newsletter. Pam Turner has written language to reflect this decision.

Action Items for the August 2022 SGS Board Meeting:

- *2023 SGS Reunion, St. Louis, Missouri:* An update shall be delivered to the Board of Directors at the August 2022 SGS Board of Directors meeting.
- *DNA Project:* An update on the project shall be discussed.
- *SGS Facebook Page:* SGS 1st Vice-president Paul Taylor noted the need for regular postings to the SGS Facebook page. Patricia Palmer volunteered to post to the SGS Facebook. Paul V. Taylor will send access to administer the SGS Facebook page to Patricia.
- *Memorialization of SGS Members (for years of service to the Society):* The SGS Board discussed the need to memorialize members of the Society for years of service to the SGS. Examples were discussed and offered as possibilities. Pam Turner agreed to and shall investigate plaques which might serve as said recognition and which may be located at the SRC. (Seeley Research Center, Abilene, Kansas) Pam noted she will provide an update at the August meeting.
- *Seeley Research Center, front entrance* Connie Martin Birth and SGS Director Terry Tietjens have discussed the need for updating the SRC front entrance as well as the interior of the front entrance. The Board shall discuss these concerns and seek a solution.
- *Abilene, Kansas meeting of the SGS Board of Directors:* The Board discussed the feasibility, opportunities, and availability to meet at the SRC in Abilene, Kansas. The Board discussed distance/time constraints/ZOOM meeting, etc. The Board shall review options to meet in Abilene, Kansas, in the future.

Motion to adjourn the SGS ZOOM meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Next SGS Board of Directors Meeting: Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 8PM EST, via ZOOM

Seeley Genealogical Society

SGS Board of Directors

November 13, 2022

ZOOM Meeting 8PM EST

Board of Directors Meeting Attendees: Connie Martin Birth, Paul V. Taylor, Jesse Crisler, Lynda Simmons, Wesley Waring, Linda Crocker, Margaret Petersen, Shanna Besendorfer, Barbara Lewis, James Rienhardt, Patricia Palmer

Invited or Excused: Terry Tietjens, Pam Turner, Kara Donaldson

The meeting was called to order at 8:04PM EST and a quorum was present.

Old Business/Updates:

- Jesse Crisler moved to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2022, Board meeting, Linda Crocker seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

Reports of members of the SGS Board of Directors and Members of the Seeley Genealogical Society:

- **Margaret Petersen, SGS Treasurer**, presented the yearly SGS Financial Report to the SGS Board of Directors. The report reflected the fiscal year October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. Margaret Petersen's report shall be included in the minutes as a separate page.
- Margaret sent the SGS 2021-2022 Yearly Financial Report to all Board members as of November 13, 2022. Margaret defined in complete detail the elements of her report to the satisfaction of the BOD, specifically responding in detail to the disbursement of expenses, PayPal fees, and the SGS CD. Further clarification relating to the recommendations and decision-making process the SGS CD trustees and the BOD made with reference to the SGS CD may be found in the minutes from the April 14, 2022, BOD meeting.
- **Shanna Besendorfer, SGS Membership Chair** will be asked to present her report of the SGS Membership for 2022 at the January 2023 SGS Board of Directors meeting.
- **Pam Turner, SGS Director**, will be asked to present any findings she may have investigated related to the memorialization of members of the Society for years of

service to the SGS. Pam may supply information about plaques that may serve as recognition and can be placed at the SRC in Abilene, Kansas.

- **Connie Martin Birth, SGS President**, noted she will continue to work with Terry Tietjens, SGS Director, to discuss the need for updating the SRC/Seelye Research Center front entrance as well as the interior area of the foyer/front entrance. At the June 22, 2022, BOD meeting, the Board discussed these concerns and the need to seek a solution for modifications and renovations to the SRC. Additionally, Connie reported that Michael Hook has taken a position as a museum director in Pennsylvania. Terry Tietjens is in the planning stages to look for a replacement for Michael.

New Business:

- **SGS Newsletter Editor, Mr. James Rienhardt.** Connie Birth introduced James Rienhardt as the new SGS Newsletter Editor. Mr. Rienhardt has a multi-faceted background which includes the manufacturing industry, printing and graphic design, teaching, and the directorship of a planetarium. Mr. Rienhardt brings this varied skill base to the publication of the SGS Newsletter. The Board of Directors welcomed Mr. James Rienhardt.
- The Board of Directors noted with sincere affirmations their gratitude and thankfulness for **Paul V. Taylor, SGS 1st Vice-president's** nineteen years of devoted service and extraordinary contributions as the SGS Newsletter Editor. The Seeley Genealogical Society continues to benefit from Paul Taylor's talents as he continues as the SGS 1st Vice-president. The Board's comments reflected their gratitude for Paul Taylor and how his service has promoted the Seeley Genealogical Society in innumerable ways.
- **SGS Newsletter:** James Rienhardt recommended sending the SGS Newsletter to the SGS Membership in the form of a link, for those members who have requested the newsletter electronically. Mr. Rienhardt will provide **Logan Seelye, SGS Website Manager**, with the transitional email address of the newsletter.
- **Shanna Besendorfer, SGS Membership Chair**, will continue to facilitate the mailing of requested hard copies of the SGS Newsletter. Shanna will send James Rienhardt the list of individuals who requested email copies of the SGS Newsletter.
- Sue Craven no longer mails the hard copies of the SGS Newsletter.
- The Board of Directors was informed that **Logan Seelye, SGS Website Manager**, is dealing with problems with an Internet connection to his newly built home, hence his unavailability to attend this BOD meeting.
- **2023 SGS Reunion, St. Louis, Missouri:** The Board received information about

the reunion.

1. Each SGS Board of Directors received an email of the minutes from the most recent SGS Reunion meeting and shall receive all future reunion meeting minutes.
 2. Connie Birth supplied an update about the Best Western Hotel, the possible site of some events of the upcoming reunion.
 3. The Board of Directors decided to meet on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, to discuss any final concerns prior to the beginning of the reunion, June 22, 2023.
 4. The Board reaffirmed that the site of the 2025 SGS reunion shall be discussed at the 2023 reunion. All site recommendations and nominations from members, as well as from the Board, shall be presented at the SGS General Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2023.
 5. **Paul Taylor, SGS 1st Vice-president** noted that any individual or member of the Board who recommends a site will be expected to define their rationale for the nomination. **Jesse Crisler, SGS 2nd Vice-president** reminded the BOD that the city fathers of Abilene, Kansas, have a deep respect and are “partial to” the Seelye Mansion, the SRC, and **Terry Tietjens, SGS Director**.
 6. A discussion of the feasibility to ZOOM the 2023 SGS Reunion to members who are unable to attend the reunion in person was discussed. A projector is available at the Best Western, a screen or a microphone are not available at that site. Shall the Board buy a microphone? Paul Taylor agreed to lend his expertise to set-up a ZOOM meeting process at the 2023 SGS Reunion, St. Louis, Missouri.
- **SGS Y-DNA Project/Barbara Lewis, presenter:**
 1. Barbara Lewis explained that presently there are twenty-six members in the project.
 2. Barbara sends welcome emails to the members of the SGS Y-DNA Project and though these individuals are welcomed to the SGS Y-DNA Project, there is no process to directly invite a specific individual to join the Society because their personal information is not visible to the administrator(s) of the SGS Y-DNA Project.
 3. Barbara recognized that the SGS Website, as it stands today, is being “underutilized” for the SGS Y-DNA Project.
 4. There is a link to FTDNA on the SGS Website.
 5. Barbara asked the Board of Directors to consider expanding the reach of the SGS Y-DNA Project through other means such as GEDMatch (downloading an

individual's DNA via a GEDCOM), and the development of a Seeley GEDMatch Page on Facebook. Barbara explained that the development of such a page on Facebook requires a minimum of fifty members, and that until we do autosomal testing, GEDCOM/GEDMatch is a workable choice.

6. **Linda Crocker, SGS Chief Genealogist**, reminded the BOD after the completion of her responses to queries, she encourages DNA testing and invites the query-sender to the SGS Y-DNA Project.
7. Wesley Waring, Barbara Lewis, Linda Crocker, and Connie Birth agreed to confer via email about the project.

Adjournment: Jesse Crisler moved for adjournment; Linda Crocker seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 8:58PM EST.

Addendum: After adjournment, with no motion to reconvene the meeting, a recommendation was made that the SGS Board of Directors meet in January 2023. (The BOD did not set a date for the next SGS Board of Directors meeting.) The BOD was reminded that the 2023 SGS Reunion registration must be an integral part of the February SGS Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Palmer

Secretary to the Seeley Genealogical Society

**SEELEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT
October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022**

Beginning Checkbook Balance on October 1, 2021, 9094.80

INCOME

Dues	571.00
Life Membership	375.00
Books	209.00
CDs	90.00
General Fund Donations	19.00
Donations in memory of Daniel P Seelye	315.00
Hard Copies of Newsletter	48.00
2021 Souvenir Reunion Books	225.00
Sale of 2007,2009,2011,2021 Souvenir Reunion Books	<u>90.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME 1942.00

EXPENSES

Postage	39.64
Newsletter Printing	34.98
Newsletter Postage	12.70
Other Printing	589.93
SGS Donation to SRC	1000.00
Logan Seelye, Annual Website Maintenance Fee	1000.00
Website PayPal fee	297.00
NGS Dues and Newsletter	85.00
Zoom Yearly Fee	161.51
Bluehost, Domain Name and Registration	522.63
Bluehost, Hosting and Domain Renewal	18.99
PayPal fees	<u>48.63</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 3811.01

Checkbook balance on September 30, 2022 7225.79

The CD paying 3.51% at Mountain America Credit Union matured. On March 18, 2022, its value was

\$84,916.64. Since October 1, 2021, it earned \$1257.05 in interest.

\$65,000 was invested in a five- year fixed rate annuity at 3.15% with Global Atlantic Financial Group.

On October 1, 2022, its value was \$65,789.02. It earned \$789.02 in interest.

\$15,000 was invested in a 12-month CD at 0.35% at Mountain America Credit Union. On October 1,

2022 its value was \$15,020.89. It earned \$20.89 in interest. It matures May 9, 2023.

Hopefully the interest rate will be higher then and it will be reinvested at a higher rate.

\$4,916.64 was left in the Primary Savings at Mountain America Credit Union at 0.05%. On October 1,

2022 its value was \$4965.09. It earned \$48.45.

The interest earned Oct 1, 2021 to Sept 30, 2022 was \$1,257.05 + 789.02 + 20.89 + 48.45 = \$2,115.41

TOTAL ASSETS are \$7,225.79 + 65,789.02 + 15,020.89 + 4,965.09 = \$93,000.7

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.

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SGS APPOINTED OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR 2021- 2023

SGS Constitution, Art IV, Sect. 1: "The President shall appoint an Ancestor Files Chair, a Membership Chair, a Director of Communication, Assistant Genealogists as required, and a Director for the Seelye 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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If you would like to take a more active role in the SGS Society, see committees list on the next page.

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 Connie Birth 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.

☉ 2023 Meeting/Reunion Committee:

Arranges the upcoming SGS reunion which will be held in St. Louis, MO.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeremy Heffner	1 yr
Amy Newland	1 yr
Monica Moore	1 yr
Christopher Seely	Life
Horace E Seelye	5 yr
Deward Seelye	5 yr
Edwin G Seelye	5 yr
Jamie Seelye Leatherbury	5 yr
Paul Larson	1 yr
Catherine Wood	5 yr
Kathleen Veliz	2 yr

RENEWALS

Ardienne Damicis	3 yr
James & Joanne Rienhardt	1 yr

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE AND DEADLINES

Issue	Submission deadline	Publication date
Winter	January 30	February 15
Spring	April 30	May 15
Summer	July 30	August 15
Autumn	October 30	November 15



Seelye Research Center, Abilene, KS



Seeley Genealogical Society

Membership Application

AND

Product Order Form

DATE: _____

FULL NAME:	SPOUSE'S NAME:		
ADDRESS:	CITY:	STATE:	ZIP+4:
HOME TELEPHONE:	CELL PHONE:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:	SPOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS:		

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

Alternate Contact Data In Case Member Moves Or Becomes Unreachable FULL

NAME:	RELATIONSHIP:
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL ADDRESS:

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