

Soule Newsletter

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SUSANNA (SOULE) WEST HOUSE - by Clarence Cole

From a painting by Brennan in 1948 about four years before it was torn down in 1952.

The picture was taken by Clarence C. Cole who submitted the article on Oliver Hazard Perry that was published in the November 1961 issue of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Quarterly. He says: "It is the Francis West house in North Kingstown, R. I. I had not known about the house until 3 or 4 years ago. If I had I think I could have talked the present owner into preserving it. The barn is still standing. The owner lives and teaches Arts and Crafts in it. She has shown me through it. It was of marvelous construction. Hewn beams a foot each way and all pegged. The roof had been lost in the 1815 hurricane, and replaced with mill sawed boards, but the original boards were on most places on the sides. The saw marks show that they had been cut in the same fashion that they are doing today at the Plantation reconstruction at Plymouth.

FRANCIS & SUSANNA (SOULE) WEST HOUSE

The First Thanksgiving OF THE PILGRIMS

A special message about Thanksgiving from the Mayflower Society is enclosed. Thanksgiving has a special meaning for all Soules since your great... great grandfather & mother helped originate the first one. We urge you to pass this message on to others, and suggest that it might also be used in local programs, schools, etc.

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This, the 4th issue of the Newsletter, brings volume one to a close. We have published to date some 60 pages of Soule material plus enclosures printed by others, in 4 mailings, and in a separate mailing prior to the second newsletter, a booklet on the proposed pilgrim national park, titled "PLYMOUTH ROCK, Massachusetts," printed by the U. S. Department of the Interior, was sent to all on the Kindred mailing list at that time. Anyone not receiving one may be able to obtain a copy by writing to: the Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service, 143 South 3rd Street, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 19106.

§ Everyone will receive Vol. II, NO. 1 issue of the Newsletter, however we urge you to send in

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I am enclosing a map of Rhode Island on which I have marked the location of the West House (north of highway 102 and just west of where it crosses highway 2) and the Oliver Hazard Perry birthplace . . . I have marked the Moses Barber site (southwest of Hamilton). They have named a pond for him now. He owned most of the land around that pond . . . The first deed to the land on which the Francis West house stood was issued by the King's commissioners in 1709, as the area in which it lay was in dispute between Rhode Island and Connecticut until it was finally settled by the King's commissioners . . .

You will notice that the West House is of the same type of construction as the Harlow House in Plymouth (built in 1677).

In a "History of Lafayette, R. I." (in north Kingstown) by George W. Gardner, reference is made to this house in Chapter 6 on Housing. It says:

"Such of the old houses that have been preserved, show surprising ingenuity in plan and arrangement, as inspection will reveal. Their survival . . . is a tribute to the skill and thoroughness of the builders. The Beriah (Brown) Manor, the West (Josie Brown) House and the Fones (John Phillip's) House are still standing. These all testify to the skill and thoroughness of the men who tamed the wilderness."

Francis West married Susanna Soule, the daughter of George Soule. They had nine children. I have five George Soule lines."

- Clarence C. Cole -

SOULES IN THE NEWS

GEORGE SOULE'S AUTOGRAPH.

**Former Local Man
Receives Promotion**

The Board of Directors of The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, at their meeting on Jan. 20, announced that Charles E. Soule, formerly of this town, was elected to the position of Second Vice-President, Health and Life Underwriting. In his new position Mr. Soule will be responsible for administering and directing the health and life underwriting (selection of risks) for the United States and Canada.



CHARLES E. SOULE

He joined The Paul Revere upon graduating from Dartmouth College in 1956. In 1960 he was appointed territory underwriter in the Health Underwriting Department, and in 1963 he was promoted to Chief Underwriter, Health Underwriting for the Western third of the nation.

Mr. Soule is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Soule, Sr., of Oak street and resides in Westboro with his wife, Elna, and their four children. Mrs. Soule is the former Elna Eayrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Eayrs, 60 School street, this town.

- Middleboro Gazette,
2 Feb. 1967, Middleboro,
Massachusetts.

VITAL STATISTICS

The following Vital Records have been received since our last issue:

Born at (place unreported) on 21 Jan 1967 **TIMOTHY WITTEMORE¹¹ SOULE**, son of Richard Havelock¹⁰ & Emily Felicity (Mosure) SOULE (Soule Kindred No. 337471)

Died at Springfield, Oregon on 6 Oct 1967 **CHARLES SOULE**, who left ten descendants.

BY GEORGE ERNEST BOWMAN.

The only autograph of George Soule of the Mayflower of which I have yet learned is his signature as a witness to the will of John Barnes of Plymouth, and was written 6/16 March, 1667/8. Soule was the first witness to sign, and fortunately "Sen" was written after his name. This proves conclusively that the witness was George Soule of the Mayflower and not his son, George².

An examination of the half-tone reproduction of the will, facing this page, shows that Soule wrote a very good hand, but there are evident signs of trembling, which may have been due to age.

The will is preserved in the "Scrap Book" in the Registry of Deeds at Plymouth. It is written on the first page of a four-page folio, and is in fair condition. The pages are twelve and one-fourth inches tall by seven and seven-eighths inches wide. The top of the first page has evidently been used in place of a copy book.

The second witness, Samuel Seabury, married for his second wife Martha³ Pabodie (*Elizabeth² Alden, John¹*).

In this will John Barnes calls Henry Samson's wife (Ann Plummer) his cousin. This connection will probably be helpful in finding her ancestry.

The will was recorded in the Plymouth Colony Wills and Inventories, Volume III, Part I, page 31, from which the record of the probate is taken.

SOULES IN THE NEWS - continued -

PETER W.¹¹ SOULE (1930- has been made associate director, Data Systems Office, Aerospace Corporation's System Planning Division, Los Angeles, California (Aviation Week & Space Tech., 17 Jul 1967)

PETER FAYETTE¹¹ SOULE (1936- has been placed in charge of the Paris, France, Office of International Technical Products Corporation according to a reliable source.

CHARLES EVERETT¹⁰ SOULE (1934- was promoted to Second Vice President, Health and Life Underwriting, for The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, on 20 Jan 1967. (see article at left for details)

Please note that we need every SOULE, yourself included, to make this part of the Newsletter "go." When you read about a SOULE, whether it be a city paper, church or high-school paper, or even a group newsletter, why not CLIP that information and send it to us?

The last Will and Testament of Mr. John Barnes of Plymouth, 6/16 March, 1667/8 as witnessed by George Soule "Senr" - his original autograph!

New England

The last will & Testament of John Barnes
which is as followeth

To All whom these may concern (Know you
that if John Barnes being of my sound understanding doo declare
this to be my last will and Testament. Reserving nothing seen or
may call me out of this world, for this purpose to give nor occasion
of strife and that shall survive me. But that you may be assured
1. that I doo hereby give and devise that my body be decently buried
at the old Church with charges to be paid out of my several Estates
2. That all my debts be paid. And any duties of my Estate to be paid
3. I doo appoint my dear wife Joan Barnes to my son Jonathan Barnes
4. I doo give of this my last will and Testament as follows
I doo give unto my wife Joan Barnes half of the
share of all my husband's land & he now possess in life
of New Plymouth during the Term of her life. And
5. I doo bequeath unto my wife my son Jonathan the
part of my husband's land & he now possess in life
6. I doo bequeath all my land lying near to the old land unto my
son John Barnes as also of the old land as usually is
7. I doo bequeath to my son John Barnes the part
of my Estate to be paid before the death of my wife
8. I doo bequeath my movable Estate as follows and the same to my
son John Barnes in case that he shall not survive me
9. I doo bequeath my land unto my son John Barnes in case that he shall not survive me
10. I doo bequeath my land unto my daughter Lydia in case that she shall not survive me
11. I doo bequeath my land unto my son John Barnes in case that he shall not survive me
12. I doo bequeath my land unto my son John Barnes in case that he shall not survive me
13. I doo bequeath my land unto my son John Barnes in case that he shall not survive me

I doo further Request and desire that the Court
Ephraim Morton and Joseph Warrants be the witnesses
of this my last will and Testament

Signed and sealed in
presence of
George Soule Senr
Samuel Burd
Samuel Burd

John Barnes

This Will is now being recorded
under the Seal of the Court
at Plymouth the 16th day of March
1667/8

GEORGE SOULE'S AUTOGRAPH

SOULES IN THE NEWS - continued - (the following is reprinted from YANKEE magazine, November 1966 issue.)

IT'S HARDER TO FOOL DUCKS by R. Kong

■ GEORGE V. SOULE AND THE CRAFTSMEN WHO WORK for him in Freeport, Maine, have been matching wits with ducks and geese for many years, but are finding it's harder work each year as their antagonists are getting smarter.

Soule runs the Soule MacWilliams Company, manufacturers of hunting decoys. A half dozen people, most of them duck hunters of long standing, work in a small red building on Staples Point, right in the middle of some of the best duck hunting on the New England coast. From the door of the shop they can look out towards Casco Bay and see Lane's Island, owned by a group of hunters, including Soule himself. The island provides them with excellent duck hunting from permanent blinds, and is a fine place to test the company's decoys.

Soule started making decoys 30 years ago when he was operating a fly-tying department for L. L. Bean. He was interrupted during World War II when he served in the Air Force Search and Rescue Division, driving a sled dog team out of Goose Bay, Labrador. During those 30 years Soule figures his small shop has turned out 100,000 decoys. But business has been picking up as some of his competitors have gone out of business, and the Soule MacWilliams Company expects to sell about 10,000 decoys this year. The MacWilliams part of the company name, by the way, came from a one-time part owner who has since become a postal employee.

About half the decoys now being produced are hunting decoys. The rest are decorative decoys, some of them being in the form of bookends, lamp shades, and wall decorations. These decorative decoys have wooden instead of cork bodies, and are more detailed. They also cost more—from \$8 to \$25 or more apiece, instead of the \$75-a-dozen price tag on hunting decoys. But the hunting decoys require the greater skill—it is harder to fool a duck than a human!

So that they'll float higher in the water, hunting decoys are made with bodies of cork. Soule says he believes his is the only company, or one of the very few anyway, importing special cork from Spain for use in decoys. He buys a



Soule paints a decorative black duck. On his bench are various designs for decorative ducks, bookends, etc.

carload a year, or about 30,000 board feet. The heads are made of wood and are turned out 32 at a time on a special 16-spindle multiple lathe. The heads have to be finished by hand. To further fool today's wiser ducks, heads are made in several different positions, feeder, swimming, and rest, as well as with various angles of the head in each position. Today's decoy is more sophisticated in painting as well as design, with much more attention to detail. Soule also produces oversize decoys which he has found causes ducks to be less wary. He is now experimenting with a "stand-up" decoy to be set out on the marshes, and he has found that they work well.

Soule produces decoys for many varieties of ducks and geese, including mallards, pintails, scaup, canvas backs, golden eye, red head, brant, black duck, and the Canada goose. The hardest duck to decoy, he has found, is the black duck. He has solved this problem by producing a decoy which has no glare to it when it is wet. In a small catalog which the company puts out, Soule guides hunters on the proper use of decoys. He advises against mixing puddling duck decoys and diving duck decoys in the same spread, and tells his customers not to leave decoys in the water overnight—"ducks will come in when the blind is not in use and are not likely to return."

"We don't advise," says Soule, "mixing different species of decoys in equal proportions. If you have more mallards than blacks in your area, then your decoy spread should consist mostly of mallards." Soule also prefers to set his puddling duck decoys on single lines and anchors, as ducks very seldom feed or swim in a straight line. In a large spread of decoys, for geese he advises setting swimming decoys on a trawl, and setting feeding decoys on a trawl close in and parallel to the shore in shallow water. "Nothing could spell fake any quicker than a bunch of feeding decoys in 20 feet of water."

Most of Soule's hunting decoys are sold through L. L. Bean, Abercrombie & Fitch, and other large sporting houses; his decorative decoys through gift shops. He also maintains a repair service to recondition hunting decoys and often finds that decoys returned for reconditioning are from 10 to 30 years old. These are usually restyled for today's smarter duck. Soule does all his own designing, constantly testing his latest models under actual field conditions. He works under a unique business condition—how many other manufacturers have to worry about outsmarting a duck to stay in business? ◆◆

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS by Col. John Soule

Q. In the article on Given Names in the 2nd issue of the Soule Newsletter, why is there such a disparate relationship between the number of cards you have and the number of times the same name appears in Ridlon?

A. We suspect numerous reasons contribute - for example:

- (1) Our cards rarely go beyond individuals born in 1850 while Ridlon goes to about 1926.
- (2) One of our cards frequently indexes and abstracts information on the same individual while information concerning that individual may be found on several pages of Ridlon's book.
- (3) When an individual dies in childhood or youth, there is no separate card in our file - the information on both birth and death of such individuals is annotated only on the parents card.
- (4) On the feminine names, we have cards only on Soule-Sowle children while the Ridlon index includes women acquiring the Soule-Sowle names through marriage.
- (5) Ridlon frequently mentions the fact that a person under discussion is descended from George of the Mayflower. Consequently, the indexer has picked up a disproportionate number of relatively meaningless entries under "George."

Q. Do you have any information on the birth place of George Soule who came here on the Mayflower?

A. Nothing other than the realistic assumption that he was born somewhere in England. See the first page of "George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants" accompanying Vol. I, No. 2 of the SOULE NEWSLETTER and also the COMMENTARY (2) on the 4th page.

Q. Wonder if it is possible to get another of those foot warmers that Mrs. John Soule wrote about?

A. Suggest you write for this information to: The Reverend Pastor,
Old St. Peter's Church
Leyden, Holland

(Note: Your editor wrote some months ago to see if one could be acquired by the Soule Kindred for the Soule House at Plimoth Plantation. To date no answer has been received. If any Soule is traveling to Holland, we suggest that he might visit Leyden and ask about this for the Kindred.)

Q. I am interested in obtaining a SOULE GENEALOGY. Can you advise me on this?

A. We are also interested and that's why we are trying to make the SOULE NEWSLETTER in time into a new, more comprehensive and accurate presentation of the family history. We've also heard of a couple of sets of Ridlon for sale if that's what you mean. However, we are under the impression that there are far more potential buyers than sellers - so prices are quite high.

Q. Has the surname of Deborah who married George Soule, jr. been established?

A. Not so far as we are aware.

Q. One genealogist here in Providence told me that George Soule's wife was Mary Becket who came to America in 1621. Evidently this seems to be questionable.

A. In our opinion the identity of Mary Becket (or Bucket) is unimpeachable; the date of her arrival may be questionable. We have accepted the general contention that Mary arrived in the "ANNE"; that vessel arrived 31 July 1623.

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- Q. How Much is the "nominal" cost of an approved lineage paper and membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants?
- A. Your Family Historian can usually provide all necessary data on those members of the family born prior to 1850. The word "usually" is important because there are quite a few families which have us completely baffled to date. For data subsequent to 1850, much depends on what data the prospective member can supply. We can usually help on this part but the burden rests with the applicant. There are no charges for our services but we do ask reimbursement for the cost to us of Vital Records Certificates (usually \$1.00 to \$2.00 each), reproduction (25 cents per page) and postage. This phase of cost may thus run from very little to perhaps \$10.00 - rarely more.

§ The second phase depends on the residence of the applicant. Under the rules of the Society, members must join the Society in the state of residence. The fees of these groups vary. The latest figures we have are given below, but you should remember that postage, stationery and other costs of these organizations are escalating like all other costs and you may find on joining that there has been a change.

SOCIETY	Initiation Fee	Annual Dues	SOCIETY	Initiation Fee	Annual Dues
Alabama	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	Montana	5.00	4.00
Alaska	none	6.00	Nebraska	5.00	3.00
Arizona	5.00	3.50	Nevada	5.00	4.00
Arkansas	10.00	4.00	New Hampshire	10.00	4.00
California	10.00	5.00	New Jersey	10.00	5.00
Colorado	5.00	5.00	New Mexico	5.00	4.00
Connecticut	10.00	5.00	New York	15.00	15.00
Delaware	5.00	5.00	North Carolina	5.00	5.00
District of Col.	5.00	5.00	North Dakota	5.00	3.00
Florida	10.00	5.00	Ohio	7.00	6.00
Georgia	8.50	4.00	Oklahoma	3.00	3.00
Hawaii	5.00	7.00	Oregon	5.00	3.50
Idaho	3.00	3.00	Pennsylvania	10.00	8.00
Illinois	10.00	6.00	Rhode Island	10.00	7.00
Indiana	5.00	5.00	South Carolina	5.00	3.00
Iowa	5.00	4.50	South Dakota	5.00	4.00
Kansas	5.00	4.00	Tennessee	5.00	3.00
Kentucky	5.00	5.00	Texas	10.00	4.00
Louisiana	5.00	3.00	Utah	8.00	4.00
Maine	5.00	3.50	Vermont	10.00	3.00
Maryland	5.00	5.00	Virginia	5.00	3.00
Massachusetts	25.00	8.00	Washington	3.00	3.50
Michigan	10.00	4.00	West Virginia	2.00	3.00
Minnesota	10.00	5.00	Wisconsin	10.00	5.00
Mississippi	8.00	3.75	Wyoming	5.00	3.00
Missouri	10.00	5.00			

THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS

§ A leaflet with the above title is included with this newsletter to explain the Mayflower Society. If you are already acquainted with it, we suggest that you pass this information along to a relative.

ABOUT THE KINDRED FORMS which were explained in the last newsletter. We will supply form "A-1, A-2", and request the following:

- (1) We want EVERYONE with one drop of blood from George Soule of the Mayflower down to and including the 5th Generation.
- (2) We want everyone whose surname is SOULE or one of the variants thereof.
- (3) We want the husband and/or wife of anyone named SOULE or a variant thereof together with all of their children to and including date and place of birth, marriage and death - in other words, their full family.
- (4) We do not want data on anyone farther down the family tree than the above categories.

THE SOULE NEIGHBORHOOD
in Middleborough, Massachusetts
by Alberta N. Soule

§ That part of Middleborough located North of Eddyville, and including Soule Street, Cedar Street and Winter Street, has been known since the early days of Middleborough History as the Soule neighborhood. George Soule, thirty-fifth signer of the Mayflower Compact, obtained his land through the "Twenty Six Men's Purchase" from the Indians. Through the generations, the lands have been divided, sold and re-sold, until today only four families in the Soule neighborhood are direct descendants, and only one family bearing the name of Soule (George M.) Several acres of land are still owned by descendants.

§ In 1850, every family on Cedar Street as far as Soule Street but one, and every family on Soule Street but one, bore the name of Soule.

§ The old Pest House was located on Soule Street, and here the old Small Pox Cemetery is located at the corner of Brook and Soule Streets. Rev. Sylvanus Conant and eight of his parishioners are buried here.

§ The oldest Soule Homestead, rebuilt after King Philip's War, was located one-quarter mile East of the intersection of Cedar and Winter Streets, and at the end of a lane known in the early 1900's as "Thornton's Lane". This house was burned to the ground in the early 1900's following children playing with matches. Isaac Soule, an astrologer and grandson of James, was the last bearing that name to have lived in this homestead during the 1850's. The place changed hands several times after that.

§ The oldest homestead at the present writing is believed to be the home of Harold Ramsden, formerly the home of Isaac Soule III. His son Jonathan Soule operated a brick yard nearby. He made the brick and built the brick house now standing on Cedar Street in the year 1837. There are four thicknesses of brick on the first story, and three thicknesses on the second story. At that time this brick house was one of the few houses for miles around that had a cellar under the entire structure.

§ The Soule Schoolhouse has long since been closed, and is now a remodeled dwelling. It was located on Winter Street, a short distance West from the intersection of Cedar and Winter Street. This building was new about 1900. A furnace was installed when completed, which was an outstanding feature in a country school at that time. The previous school building was nearby, had the old type stove in the one room schoolhouse. Carrie Soule, a sister of Augustus H. Soule, was the teacher for many years in the first school building, and taught one year in the new building.

§ The Soule neighborhood in the early years and through the early 1900's was a farm neighborhood, each head of a family operating his own business. Previous to 1900, there were three Blacksmith Shops located in the neighborhood; one at the head of Winter Street; one at the head of Soule Street; and one on the James Soule homestead on Cedar Street, which was later moved across the street to become the grain shed on the Duck Farm of Charles H. Soule about the year 1900. The Blacksmith Shop at the head of Soule Street had previously been moved to the site on Station Street in the village, located in the vicinity of the present "Just Wright Diner." Here Luther Bailey and Thomas Soule went into business known as "Bailey and Soule." They employed several Blacksmith's and did quite a business building carriages and wagons.

§ In the early 1900's there were but four Soule families living in the Soule neighborhood: Orlando Soule; E. Everett Soule, co-owner of the California Mills in Plympton; Charles H. Soule, who operated a large Duck Farm; and Augustus H. Soule, Deacon of the First Congregational Church, Justice of the Peace, and owner and operator of a saw-mill and Dairy Farm on Soule Street.

THE SOULE NEIGHBORHOOD in Middleborough, Massachusetts - continued

§ At this time and until the late 1930's, Charles H. Soule operated a very prosperous poultry farm on his eight-acre lot of land on the East side of Cedar Street, raising ducks, chickens, geese and later turkeys, also doing custom hatching. The remains of the large incubator cellar, which had a twenty thousand egg capacity, may be found to this day. Twelve to fifteen thousand ducks were raised each season, and shipped by rail from the Mt. Carmel Station (later East Middleboro Station) to the Boston markets each day.

§ Albert Deane conducted a prosperous chicken and egg business on the Augustus Soule farm, and later a Dairy Farm, formerly the farm of his Father-in-law, Augustus Soule. This Dairy Farm is still operated today on a much larger basis by Columbo Guidaboni and his son Donald.

§ At the present time there is also the Wiksten Dairy located on Cedar Street on what was in the early 1900's the William F. Atwood farm.

§ These two last mentioned Dairy Farms are the only farms operating in this neighborhood at this time.

§ The Washburn and Soule Mill which was located just over the Middleboro line in Plympton, was a prosperous business for fifty years until it burned in 1941. They were manufacturers of cranberry barrels and boxes.

§ Also, for a short time in the early 1900's, Ernest Pratt operated some charcoal pits on Cedar Street on the property of Orlando Soule.

§ There are several Soule families in other parts of Middleboro who are descendants of these first Soule families.

§ Young men from this neighborhood have gone forth to serve their country in all Wars, - those serving in World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict and Viet Nam Conflict will be found in a later article in a future Newsletter.

Mrs. Albert F. Soule

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your financial contribution for 1968 which is due with the next issue to the Kindred as soon as possible. We ask a five dollar contribution to cover the cost of printing, postage, envelopes & supplies, photographs, etc. This alone would not pay for all the costs, however in the past year, all labor, time, long distant phone calls, gas & milage, research, etc. has been donated to you and also two individuals have kept the Kindred financially afloat with large donations. Thus we are in effect, **presently "subsidized"**

DEAR COUSIN:

by George Soule

§ The idea of forming a Soule Kindred was born over five years ago. As you know, there have also been some large REUNIONS in some branches of the Soule family, and various "Soule" projects have been undertaken and accomplished over the years. These include the publishing of a Soule genealogy in two bound volumes by Rev. Gideon T. Ridlon (1926), and recently, the erection of a replica of the First Soule House in America.

§ When I first contacted Col. John Soule in Washington D. C. , I found that he had a wealth of Soule data already collected over some 30 years! It would certainly be tragic if this was not made available to all of you. Col. Soule is presently working on the FIVE GENERATIONS PROJECT also. When finished, this will be a complete genealogy of every SOULE, including those with non-Soule names, from George and Mary to their great-great grandchildren. Since most of you are in the 10th or 11th generation, you can see what such publication that includes all your kindred in the first 5 generations will mean. The forming of the SOULE KINDRED had been scheduled for 1964, but your editor, who had not been too long out of college at that time, took a job as an electrical engineer in Europe for two years and thus the project waited until I got back. Presently, the "Kindred" and the Newsletter are effectively the same thing. Since our first George's first homestead was in Duxbury, this seemed the logical place to focus activity, mailings, etc. While there are some Soules still living

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in Duxbury, and some are still living on the original Soule landgrant on Powder Point there, the "Soule Kindred" as such has no permanent home or office. In fact this year a very large and very old colonial Soule House on this original George Soule land was for sale, but we saw no way for the Kindred to acquire this land and establish a headquarters similar to the John Alden Kindred. The price was 46,000 and it is believed that it will fall under non-Soule ownership for the first time in 340 years. Also this year, a large house built on the original John Alden land grant by a descendant of his, Major Judah Alden, was on the market for sale. Presently, another old colonial house which was built in 1654 is for sale. A picture and brief sketch on this house is given on page 46.

§ Objectives and aims of the Soule Kindred are formed as we go along presently. Suggestions have been sent in what the Kindred COULD do and I list them below for your consideration and comment.

1. Plan and hold a SOULE REUNION; perhaps next Labor Day one could be held - IF PLANNED. Certainly, a grand SOULE REUNION should be held on the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower which is 1970. (Already some plans are being made by other groups for this and the government hopes to issue a special commemorative stamp to honor this event.)
2. Plan and hold small "Soule Reunions" throughout the country where feasible.
3. DISTRIBUTE the Soule Newsletter and attachments to various genealogical libraries throughout the US. & Canada. Copies will be placed in the Library of Congress and with the DAR.
4. PUBLISH a set of SOULE FAMILY HISTORY books. This would update what Rev. Ridlon did and supplement that with corrections, new facts, additional information and data-resume sheets on every Soule-blooded person we can find, complete with personal pictures where ever possible. It would probably take 5 volumes. Obviously a large subscription and MUCH work would be needed for such a project. The cost would probably run well over 100,000 dollars for printing alone, and a minimum of 1000 sets should be printed.
5. Establish a permanent headquarters. This question of course needs a lot of thought. Presently, the Newsletter is printed and mailed from where ever I am. Being involved in the construction business, my location can and does change. There is not any plan in sight presently for the Soule Kindred to establish a physical headquarters. The Newsletter is prepared in **different** Soule homes. The one room Soule House at Plimoth Plantation is, **of course, a museum.**
6. Provide for various monuments.
7. Provide scholarships for worthy or needy Soules.
8. Provide a DEPOSITORY for Soule documents, microfilms, historical items, etc.
9. Co-operate with the Mayflower Society and other Pilgrim Kindred groups and possibly have joint meetings, reunions, summer camps which would emphasize and teach our Pilgrim heritage, etc.
10. Establish a COMPUTER program on the Soule family. Already some thought has been given to this and Mr. John W. Soule, a Research Computer Programmer, is presently in charge of this area. With the thousands of Soule descendants now living, a computer will soon become a necessity if anyone is to trace his genealogy back very far. This will also help us answer many questions very fast.
11. Publish quarterly the Soule Kindred Newsletter. This of course is a reality now and is a vital organ of our group. Future articles are mentioned in Vol. I, No. 1.

NONE of the above will happen or remain UNLESS each Soule helps us all he can. Many of you may prefer a passive roll in the Soule Kindred, but even if you only send us in YOUR family VITAL STATISTICS (ie: Births, Marriages, Deaths), you are helping. We hope that each "Soule" in his own way will help insure that the "Kindred" becomes a lasting permanent organization.

The Mayflower Society House was built originally in 1754 by Edward Winslow, the great grandson of Governor Edward Winslow of the Mayflower. It was acquired by the General Society in 1941. The House is open to the public during the summer months at a small fee. Be sure and see it when you are in Plymouth.



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The house pictured on the left was erected in 1654 in the Town of Kingston, probably by Edward Gray. It was bought in 1927 by Albert Geiger, a graduate of architecture at MIT and moved to its present high location on Duck Hill Road in Duxbury. Mr. Geiger's widow relates that Mr. Geiger dismantled it rafter by rafter and numbered them and resurrected it on Duck Hill over a new foundation. The interior finish wood in two rooms is imported deihl. The rest is native American pine paneling. The brick floor in the front hall is made with bricks from the original chimney. It is presently for sale through Walker Bros. Realtors in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

CORRECTIONS

Please add to "WHO WAS WHO" Vol. I, No. 2, page 21, between Richard⁷ Soule (1812) & Henry Birdsall⁸ Soule (1815),

REV. JOHN BABSON LANE⁷ SOULE (1815-1891) of Maine, Indiana and Illinois; highly educated and versatile newspaper editor (Terra Haute Express), college professor (Blackburn University in Ancient Languages) and Presbyterian minister. Particularly noted for widely quoted 1851 editorial "Go West, Young Man" which has often but erroneously been attributed to Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune.

Editor's note: Horace Greeley was attracted by the expression and used it in an editorial in the New York Tribune. As the saying, "GO WEST, YOUNG MAN, and grow up with the country," gained popularity, Greeley printed Soule's article to show the source of his inspiration.