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A Time to Be Thankful

Our harvest being gotten in, our Governor sent four men on fowling, so that we might after a more special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labours. The four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted. And they went out and killed five deer which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our Governor and upon the Captain and others.

From a letter of Dec. 11, 1621,
by Edward Winslow describing the first Thanksgiving Day.



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From the Editor . . .

This issue of the Newsletter marks the finale of my editorial career. I will, of course, stand ready to assist our new editor, Mrs. Geraldine Schlosser of Milwaukee, whenever she requests assistance. I have enjoyed my tenure as editor; there is a great deal of satisfaction in seeing each issue in print. I regret, however, the errors which have been published; fortunately most have been of the typographical variety rather than errors of content; nevertheless, every error I find grating. I wish to thank all of the contributors to this family magazine; without your efforts and encouragement, there would be no magazine.

In this issue, you will find a list of people and organizations to whom our Newsletter is delivered. One of the objectives in publishing the list is to aid and encourage you, the members, to add new names to our roster. Corrections and additions to our current membership roster will appear in succeeding editions of the Newsletter.

At the recent Plymouth Reunion, I was elected President of Soule Kindred in America, Inc. Although the position was unsolicited, I will certainly do my best to ensure the continued success of this organization, to that end I will need your loyalty and assistance. Thank you.

Glenn L. Whitecotten
Glenn L. Whitecotten

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President's Corner...

November 5, 1981

Dear "Cousins"

This was supposed to be Glenn's letter, but he gave me this opportunity to again thank all of you for your greatest support and help during my terms as president of this great family organization. I hope that I am not through, just a period of rest for a while.

You can see that I'm making room for a word about the 1982 Reunion to be in Cincinnati on July 29,30 &31 plus August 1 added. Below is a note from Linda and there will be more in the January and April issues. Just wanted the date now so you can reserve these dates. You will never know how much you are missing if you never make one of these "Get Together's" Remember the Charge to all members this year: Everyone add just one member and this will double our membership in one year. C U in CINCINNATI in 82 *Fred*

Mrs. Linda Soule Preston
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October 1981

Dear "Fellow Kindred",

Please circle your calendar for our Soule Kindred Reunion in Cincinnati beginning Thursday evening, July 29th through Sunday, August 1st, 1982.

We have reserved these dates at MERCY CENTER, an attractive facility directly opposite my home and unighely suited for our needs as well as most reasonable in costs.

Please see the brochure information in this issue and look for more detailed information to follow in the January and April issues.

Lots of plans are in the making!

*Warmest regards,
Linda Soule Preston*

13TH ANNUAL REUNION
OF THE
SOULE KINDRED OF AMERICA, INC.
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
SEPTEMBER 11 - 13, 1981

The 13th Annual Reunion of the Soule Kindred of America, Inc. was held at Plymouth, Massachusetts from September 11 to 13, 1981. The registration table was set up in the lobby of the Governor Carver Motel on Friday, with Betty-jean and Avis Haner covering it Friday morning and Fred Soules and Marian O'Connell taking over for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. There were 76 who signed the registration sheet.

The President, W. Fred Soules, had called a joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers for 8:00 P.M., Friday night, September 11 at the Drew House in Duxbury, Massachusetts. Those in attendance were: W. Fred Soules, President; Kenneth C. Tiffin, First Vice President; Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer; Mrs. Avis Haner, Membership Secretary; Mrs. Marian O'Connell; Secretary to the Board; Dr. Milton Terry, Historian; George Standish Soule; Mrs. Irene Jones; Mrs. Opal Soule Manly; Shirley Soule Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crismore. Several matters of business were discussed for presentation to the society at its Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 12. After the meeting, the officers and board members present were invited to go upstairs to see the new headquarters of Soule Kindred of America. The Tiffins furnished some delicious cookies and coffee.

On Saturday, September 12, the Soule Kindred group joined with the Alden Society for a joint clambake at the Alden House in Duxbury. What a fabulous lunch -- two large lobsters, all the steamed clams and corn on the cob you could eat, soft drinks, coffee and watermelon. Steak was available for those who had previously ordered it. There were 76 who had signed up but there were many more since many were members of the Alden Kindred and had registered through that organization. The Alden House was open for members to visit and the Clambake was a huge success. Our thanks to those who arranged it.

After leaving the clambake, several of the group visited the King Caesar House in Duxbury for a guided tour, which was very interesting and enjoyable. Several also went to the cemetery where George Soule is buried -- unfortunately I never found the right cemetery.

Saturday night the Annual Meeting of Soule Kindred of America, Inc. was held at the Governor Carver Motel. Our President, W. Fred Soules, welcomed everyone and gave a brief background on the organization of the society in 1967. He reported that the Charter was received from the State of Texas in the early 1970's and was amended in the State of Massachusetts, and By-Laws were drawn up. He informed the members that for the first time they had obtained a place to call home --that permanent quarters had been rented at the Drew House in Duxbury, and that Mrs. Sabina Crosby had been hired to handle the affairs of the organization. He reported that all records, back copies of the Newsletter, etc. were now housed at the new headquarters so that if anyone needed any information or copies of the Newsletter, they should contact Mrs. Crosby.

Reunion News Cont'd

The President, W. Fred Soules, commented that most of the work has been done by Soule Kindred members on a volunteer basis and that there were several members who had asked to be relieved of their duties who have worked long and hard for the organization. He then called upon George Standish Soule to assist in making some presentations. Those receiving recognition plaques were: Virginia Walker, who has kept out P.O. Box for many years; Isabelle Freeman, our Assistant Historian; Ann Borden Harding, who helped with the editing of the Five Generation book; Shirley Soule Smith, for her many years as Secretary of the organization; and Betty-Jean Haner, for her outstanding job as Treasurer for many years. The President then said he had some awards he would like to present; Betty Whitecotten, our official Indexer who has asked to be relieved of these duties; Betty Harris of San Antonio who designed and stitched our flag and presented it to the society in Philadelphia in 1976; Mary Crismore, for her many years of service editing the Newsletter; and George Standish Soule, co-founder of the organization for his many years of work on behalf of the organization. Some of the above recipients were unable to be present but their plaques will be sent to them. The awards were well deserved and we congratulate the President for having them made and presented to the recipients.

The President then stated that the next order of business was the election of Officers and Directors and stated he had appointed George Soule, Irene Jones, and Betty-Jean Haner as the Nominating Committee to recommend a slate. Betty-Jean Haner presented the following slate:

President.....Dr. Glenn Whitecotten
 1st Vice President
 and Counsellor.....Kenneth C. Tiffin
 2nd Vice President..Ben George Soule
 Treasurer.....Betty-Jean Haner
 Membership Sec.....Avis Haner
 Secretary to the
 Board.....Marian L. O'Connell
 Historian.....Dr. Milton Terry
 Directors, Class of
 1984.....Dan Pearce, Mary Kelly and Dorothy Wilhelm

The President called for nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, a motion was duly made and seconded that the slate as presented be approved. The slate was unanimously approved by the members present.

The President reported that Dr. Glenn Whitecotten had asked to be relieved of the duty of editing the Newsletter as of January 1, 1982, stating he would help the new editor with the first two issues of 1982 and probably would have to edit the January issue, and also suggested that the job be handled by two people. It was also announced that Betty Whitecotten asked to be relieved of her duties as Indexer and that Mary Crismore had agreed to take on that job. The President also announced that our Assistant Historian, Isabelle Freeman, had resigned but that our Historian, Dr. Milton Terry, recommended we should postpone filling that position for the time being.

The Nominating Committee said they had not been able to submit a recommendation for the Editor of the Newsletter but since it is an appointive office, George Standish Soule will work with the new President in finding someone to take on that position.

Reunion News Cont'd:

Mr. Tiffin then stated that he had supplied most of the furnishings for the new office, but they were in need of a lounge chair, desk lamp and two or three steel files so would welcome any donations anyone would care to make. He said if anyone wishes to donate any items for the office, please get in touch with Ken tiffin or Mrs. Crosby.

The President then called for the report of the Treasurer. Betty-Jean Haner submitted her report for the period June 1, 1980 to September 4, 1981, showing total assets of \$6,789.33 and stated the balance in the Five Generation Account was \$13,494.87 from the sale of the books. On motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

The President then announced that members of Soule Kindred would be permitted to visit Plymouth Plantation free of charge during their stay in Plymouth.

The President then reported that the Board of Directors, at their meeting on Friday evening, had recommended that due to rising costs, the dues of the organization should be raised from \$7.00 per year to \$10.00, plus any additional donation or contribution anyone would care to make; that Sustaining Membership be increased from \$10.00 to \$25.00, plus any additional donation or contribution anyone would care to make; that Patron Memberships and Life Memberships remain the same -- \$50 and \$100, respectively, plus any additional donations or contributions anyone would care to make. The President called for discussion or questions. There being none, a motion was duly made and seconded that the raise in membership fees be approved and was unanimously approved by the members.

The President stated that the Life Membership funds were restricted for scholarships and that we now had sufficient funds to start implementing a scholarship program. He said the Board approved and had appointed Ken Tiffin to initiate the process for implementing the scholarship program.

The President noted that one of the mainstays and co-founders of the organization had passed away, Colonel John Edward Soule, and that his daughter, Linda Soule Preston had ased to make a few remarkds.

Linda said she had spoken with her father three days before he died and he had mentioned that he had already made reservations for coming to Plymouth for this reunion. She reported that the publishing of the Five Generation book was one of his life-long dreams. She stated her father was buried in Arlington National Cemetery and that one side of the marker had been left for some inscription about his connection with Soule Kindred and would welcome any suggestions. She thanked everyone for their good wishes and especially George Standish Soule for all of his help at the time of her father's passing.

Harlan Thomas said he had presented the copy of the Five Generation Book to Colonel John and that he thought the publishing of that book was the greatest memorial that could be given.

George Standish Soule stated that it had been discussed at the Board meeting on Friday night as to what should be done with the money given as a memorial to Colonel John as the funds have been set in Trust. The matter was left unresolved and suggestions will be welcomed. George also announced that he and Linda would be showing Colonel John's slides on Soule History for those who would like to stay and see them after the meeting, and that he had 3 copies of the Five Generation book available if anyone wished to buy one.

Reunion News Cont'd

The President commented that the Soule Reunion was held in Plymouth every three years in conjunction with the Mayflower Congress but needed Soule Kindred to agree to host it during the intervening years, and asked if someone would like to offer to host the reunion in 1982. Linda Soule Preston volunteered to host the reunion in Cincinnati in 1982; stating the school where she taught had excellent facilities and the physical plant for accommodating the meeting there next year was more than adequate. An exact date was not specified but said it would have to be during the summer months when school was not in session.

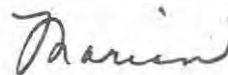
The President called for a motion accepting her invitation. On motion duly made and seconded, the invitation of Linda Soule Preston to host the Soule Kindred Reunion in 1982 was unanimously accepted by the members.

The President said that it was vital to get new members to help keep the organization going, and hoped that each member would try to enlist one new member by the time of the next annual reunion.

George Soule then mentioned that Colonel John Soule had named the organization in his will and called upon Kenneth Tiffin to report on the status of the bequest. Mr. Tiffin advised that he had been informed that the distribution of Colonel John's estate was about to be made and that we were to receive 10%, which will come to about \$11,000 or \$12,000, and wanted to know if we wanted it in kind or in cash. He said it had been discussed at the Board meeting last night and that he had been asked to check into it to determine which would be best for the Kindred.

The President called for any new business to be brought before the Kindred. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M. Several members stayed for the showing of Colonel John's slides on the Soule History. I believe some were also staying over for the Mayflower Congress.

My three sisters, Faye, and her husband Seth Daily from Texas; Irene and her husband George Jones from Colorado; and Marie Sevier of Washington, D.C., had driven up with me and we visited Provincetown on the Cape and Lexington and Concord before returning home. We all managed to make it to Waco last year for the Soule Kindred Reunion and hope we can all make it to Cincinnati next year. Since it is a little more central for everyone, we will be expecting a great turn-out in Cincinnati next summer.



Marian L. O'Connell



SOULE KINDRED TREASURER'S REPORT
For the period June 1, 1980 - September 4, 1981

Balance on hand June 1, 1980 - Checking Account	124.84
- Savings Account	7348.56

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$2368.00	
Newsletters	53.50	
Col. John Soule Memorial Fund	881.00	
Life Members (2)	200.00	
Patron Members (2)	100.00	
Historian - Lineage	10.00	
Miscellaneous	1.00	
Interest on Savings	577.73	<u>4191.23</u>
		11664.63

EXPENDITURES

Newsletter (printing, postage, typing, etc.)	2640.01	
Membership (typing, postage, supplies)	155.82	
Membership Secretary (postage, supplies)	24.00	
Treasurer (postage, supplies)	28.49	
Reunion 1980 & 1981	111.64	
Shipping - Col. John's Genealogical Library to Dr. Milton Terry's home	850.62	
- Newsletters to Office in Plymouth	132.82	
Secretary - Mrs. Sabina Crosby	225.00	
Plymouth Office Rent & Expenses	537.40	
Miscellaneous - Servicing Mail Box and gratuity to V. Walker for her help in mail forwarding, Mailing Permit and Stamp, Refund - dues paid twice, check where payment had been stopped.	169.50	<u>4875.30</u>
CASH BALANCE - September 4, 1981		6789.33
Savings Account No. E617-063 Philadelphia Savings Fund Society		88.15
No. 03514942-9 Schenectady Savings Bank		56.11
No. 035344968 -Schenectady Savings Bank Life Membership Scholarship Fund		5506.93
No. 03547994-4 Schenectady Savings Bank Col. John Edward Soule Mem. Fund		898.10
Checking Account No. 6402-808-6 Key Bank, N.A.		<u>240.04</u>
		\$6789.33

ALL BILLS PAID

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty-Jean Haner

Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer

Five Generation Account - \$13,494.87

SOULE KINDRED REGISTERING FOR 1981 REUNION

Marian L. O'Connell	Washington, D.C.
Willfred Fidler	West Hartfoud, CT
Marie Sevier	Washington, D.C.
Seth Daily	Monahans, TX
Faye Daily	Monahans, TX
Irene Jones	Pueblo, CO
George Jones	Pueblo, CO
Betty-Jean Haner	Schenectady, NY
Avis H. Haner	Albany, NY
Norma Harvey	Cattasugus, NY
Shirley Thomas Denison	Somerset, MA
Alberta N. Soule	Middleboro, MA
Platt Penney	East Newport, NY
Cora Soule Penney	East Newport, NY
Viola Soule Lush	East Newport, NY
William R. Lush	East Newport, NY
Shirley Soule Smith	Sunrise, FL
W. F. Soules	Lorena, TX
Frank J. Sowl	Monona, WI
Juliette Sowl	Monona, WI
Joan Renwick	Chapel Hill, NC
Mary Soule Kelly	Henersonville, NC
James L. Kelly	New York City, NY
Gardner and Sallie Soule	Shelburne, VT
Beatrice DeVilvis	Piedmont, CA
Dorothea Wilhelm	Centerville, MA
Mary Crismore	Indianapolis, IN
Frank Crismore	Indianapolis, IN
Mildred A. Warrington	Marshalltown, IA
Albert L. Warrington	Marshalltown, IA
Philip and Hazel Cass	Stamford, CT
Opal D. Manly	Los Angeles, CA
George S. Soule	Washington, D.C.
Linda Soule Preston	Cincinnati, OH
Margaret Soule Turner	Indianapolis, IN
Helen Blackburn	Indianapolis, IN
Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Willetts	Vincentown, NJ
Rhea Porter White	WY
Rebekah D. Oliver	Denver, CO
Muriel Nocas	Inglewood, CA
Janet La Casse	West Point, NY
Francis Soule, Jr.	Sandwich, MA
Bettie Soule	Sandwich, MA
Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Portington	Hollis, NH
Dan Pearce	Duxbury, MA
Dan Pearce, Jr.	Marshfield
Dwight Cushman	Conoga Park, CA
Mariam A. Soule	Linden, MI
Helen Delano Howe	Duxbury, MA
Fay and Jennie Keyler	Sharon, VT
William F. Hutchinson	Coral Gables, FL

Registrants - Soule Kindred Reunion, 1981

Esther L. Woodworth-Barnes	Clemson, SC
Arelene K. Woodrad	Westfield, NJ
Willard N. Woodward	Westfield, NJ
Velma H. Terry	Mountainside, NJ
Milton E. Terry	Mountainside, NJ
Dorothea Alden Hungerford Lewis	Langhorne, PA
Nancy Lewis Leamy	Ipswich, MA
Debbie Jerome	Pembroke, MA
Ceila Tiffin	Holliston, MA
Ken Tiffin	Holliston, MA
Ella Hopkins Pool	Essex, CT
Geraldine Sowle Schlosser	Milwaukee, WI
Jeanette Sowle Blanchard	Cedarburg, WI
Helyn and Felix Pinkos	Falmouth, MA
Hilda Curran	Fall River, MA
Harlan Thomas	Itasca, IL
Vernon E. Sanford	Cleveland, OH
Gertrude E. Sanford	Cleveland, OH
Nina M. Thomas	Itasca, IL
Rama Brolyer Moretti	Sacramento, CA
Cecil Brolyer	Stuyvesant, NY
Enrico Leonardo Moretti	Sacramento, CA

QUESTION

I am seeking information on the ancestors of my great-grandparents, Valentine Soule (also spelled Souls and Soles) and Mary Bell, who were legally married by virtue of a license in Gallia County, Ohio, on 28 June 1830. Valentine Soule first appears in the census records on the 1830 census for Gallia County, Ohio, as head of a one-member family in the age bracket of 15-20 and then in each successive census for Gallia County. The 1850 census showed his age as 39 and his birthplace as New York. Also on the 1850 census for Gallia County, Valentine's brother, Howland Soule, is listed as 32 with birthplace of Ohio. I need information on the parents of Howland and Valentine.

The 1820 census for Ohio lists as the only Soule (of any spelling) in Gallia County a Howland Souls in the age bracket of 26-45, and a family which included two male children under 10 (this would have been the proper age bracket for Valentine and his brother, Howland, in 1820). Could this elder Howland have been Valentine's father?

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Plimoth Plantation . . . the Beginning

By MARGARET BULAU

The somewhat weather beaten merchant vessel plied its way over the rough waters of the bay. Seagulls were flying around the three masts and sails. Ships like these very seldom if ever came near these shores. The passengers peered over the sides at the rock strewn shoreline. The day before they had a religious service on an island farther out in the bay. Some of the men also yesterday had rowed the shallop to look over the shoreline areas and this spot that the vessel headed for was the chosen one. This was the Mayflower on Dec. 21, 1620, preparing for a landing at what was later named Plymouth. The Pilgrims were rowed ashore a few at a time in the small shallop and then stepped out onto the granite boulder that reached the boat's prow.

The hardy band faced a bitter winter ahead. With little food and hastily constructed shelters to hold themselves and their few possessions, they were optimistic in beginning this project for religious freedom. Several of them died that winter to add to their miseries. These hardships did not stop

them and by 1627 had constructed the village known as Plimoth Plantation.

There is little evidence of the first village except for Burial Hill, Plymouth Rock, and memorabilia in Pilgrim Hall. About a mile south of old Plimoth Plantation which was built shortly after the arrival from England of the Mayflower II, the replica berthed in Plymouth Harbor.

The Plantation consists of one street sloping upward from the Bay with a log blockhouse at the top. This square building was used both as a church and a fortress. Along both sides of the street are small houses of weathered wood planks and thatched roofs. Only one house is larger with a wooden floor and a narrow staircase to the second floor. All the other houses have dirt floors covered with dried reeds.

Each dwelling contains a loft reached by ladder and used for sleeping quarters. In the center of the downstairs floor is a large wooden armchair (some of intricate carving) for the master of the house. No one else in the family was permitted to

sit there — especially if dad were home! Other furnishings consisted of crude wooden tables, chairs, and benches and perhaps an heirloom chest brought from England. A large fireplace dominates the room for the source of heat and the means of cooking.

Preparing food was arduous. Corn had to be dried and then ground by a hard wooden pestle in a large wooden bowl. Cooking was done in the fireplace in iron post hung from swinging cranes. Bread, cakes, and pies were baked in an open niche of the fireplace wall.

The diet consisted of porridge, chowders, corn-based dishes, fresh vegetables, pork and poultry from the pens and coops, seasonings from the herb gardens, wild game including the all-American turkey, fish, blueberries from forest bushes, and cranberries from the bogs. Spices, molasses, and tea were shipped from England. This was just the beginning of the flourishing marine trading traffic along the New England coast and built up the city of

Boston and established the wealth of the Boston Brahmins.*

Along the south side of the street are the homes of Common, Eaton, Brewster, Billington, Allerton, Cooke, and Winslow. On the opposite side are the homes of Standish, Alden, Howland, Fuller, Warren, and Soule. Behind the Alden house is a shed used for barrel making — John Alden was a cooper. At the bottom of the street is the small house of George Soule. Fish nets are strewn along the fence next to this young bachelor's shelter. He hadn't yet married Mary Becket who came over on a later boat. They were one pair of my ancestral grandparents. Alden and Soule were close friends and later moved over and settled in Duxberry.

Plimoth Plantation is a worthwhile place to visit especially for older youngsters to observe the simple life of our Pilgrim pioneers. Imagine! no TV, no telephones, radio, running water, sanitary facilities, cars, and supermarkets. Zounds! egad! and heavens to Betsy! And so when we sit down to enjoy our Thanksgiving dinners what difficult times and tasks in difficult days were the anathema of our Pilgrim families and let us give thanks.

ANSWER TO QUESTION

From: Ethel Stroupe Vochko
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28 September 1981



Source: LIFE OF JOSHUA SOULE
by Horace M. Du Bose, D.D.
Methodist Founders Series
Edited by Bishop Warren A. Candler
Nashville, Tennessee; Dallas, Texas
Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South
Smith and Lamar, Agents
1911

A copy of this book has been owned by four Soule generations:
8th Generation - Annie Carter Leatherwood
9th Generation - Lee Leatherwood Potts
10th Generation - Jessie L. Stroupe
11th Generation - Ethel Stroupe Vochko

In answer to the question about SOULE UNIVERSITY which appeared in the SOULE KINDRED NEWSLETTER, VOLUME XV, No. 3, page 74, it was named for JOSHUA SOULE. Joshua Soule, born August 1, 1781, was the son of Captain Joshua Soule, master of a whaler out of Bristol, Maine. Young Joshua was raised Presbyterian, but converted to the Methodist Church in Maine in 1797, and became a deacon in 1803, and subsequently a circuit riding preacher around Nantucket and Kennebec. The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1784. At the 1808 Conference in New York, a church constitution was introduced.

Joshua Soule was on the committee, and his paper was the one which was accepted by the Conference. He is, therefore, considered the Thomas Jefferson of the Methodist Church in America, author of its Constitution. He also was an editor of a publishing house, founder of the Methodist Missionary Society which included Home Missions to the Southwest - especially to Texas. He asked the church to send him to Liberia as a foreign missionary, but was turned down as being too valuable to risk his "catching the fever". He was elected Bishop, and ordained in 1824.

He moved from New England to Ohio as a more central location for travel throughout America and was gone so often that he "often found a new babe in the cradle on his return home". In 1826, he presided over the Virginia Conference and initiated the founding of a high grade literary school, the present Randolph-Macon College. In 1842, he was sent to England and Ireland to represent the American Methodist Church at their conferences; at that time the Canadian Methodists asked him to speak for them also. While abroad, he toured Europe and the Middle East. "Everywhere in England, the likeness of the American Bishop was compared to England's hero, the Iron Duke. His appearance, manner, intonations, majesty or expression appealed to all. In his sermons he captured the multitudes, and everywhere he went, the most genuine deference was paid him."

About this time, slavery was abolished peacefully in England, and Bishop Soule seems to have held the belief that a similar peaceful abolition could be brought about in America, merely by converting both slave and master to Christianity,

ANSWER: SOULE UNIVERSITY, CONT'D

after which the masters would become conscience stricken and free them voluntarily or that Congress would act in a peaceful freeing of slaves. Living in Ohio, he was at that time perhaps not really aware of how important a commodity the slave was in the South, both as property and as labor. The slavery issue divided the Methodist General Conference of 1844, with New England taking a firm stand on abolition and the southern delegates opposing the church taking any stand whatever publicly.

Bishop Soule preached that "slavery is an evil, a gigantic evil -- but it is not within the power of the church to alter these conditions." The northern delegation disagreed, and articles of separation were drawn, Methodist Episcopal Church, North and South. Bishop Soule went with the M. E. Church, South, moving from Ohio shortly after this conference (Lebanon, Ohio) to a bishop's parsonage provided on Sixth Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, by the wealthy congregation of McKendree Church, near the center of the city. In the 1850's, he withdrew to a small farm near Franklin, Tennessee, a fifty acre estate with substantial manor house, in Williamson County, and in 1855, he moved to a home on Gallatin Pike, about seven miles from Nashville, where he enjoyed the meadows, an orchard, and a garden.

He never took an oath of allegiance to either the Union or the Confederacy, and never spoke for either publicly, but within the family it was known he sided with the Confederacy. His wife was Jane Allen who died near Nashville, May 27, 1857, after 54 years of marriage. Their children, as given in 1911, were Mariah, Joshua, Amiba, Jane, Ernestine, James, Joseph A., Sarah, William McKendree (named after another Bishop), Martha and George. Martha and William were twins. The eldest child was born in 1804, the last in 1824. In 1911 all were dead and only three grandchildren survived: Prof. E. S. Clark of Henderson, Kentucky, son of Jane Soule Clark; Mrs. Haden, wife of Reverend T. H. Haden of Japan; and Miss Florence Conwell, headmistress of Wesley Hall School. Both Mrs. Haden and Miss Conwell were the daughters of Martha Soule Conwell who married Dr. Conwell, a Nashville physician. On March 2, 1867, Bishop Soule fell ill on a Saturday and died the next Tuesday; he was buried in the old city cemetery. Ten years later, the Methodist Church moved his body to the campus of what is now Vanderbilt University, where a statue was also erected to his memory.

The above was abstracted from The Life of Bishop Joshua Soule, published by the church in 1911, by Horace Du Bose. In the biography, Du Bose states that Bishop Soule refused to keep a journal, as had Bishop Asbury, and he had refused earlier attempts by the church to do a biography. In his extreme old age, he did cooperate, so the material must have been collected, in part, before 1867.

The Bishop was such a frequent visitor in the home of my own Soule line that the children were taught to call him "Uncle Bishop", and they believed that he was their uncle by blood. He was written up as such in at least one history, written in 1866, a fact that caused me no end of trouble some years ago, when I began tracing the lineage of his "nephew", Rufus Soule, born 1777, Halifax, Mass., son of Gideon and Ruth Harden Soule (5th Generation from George) of Halifax.

After years of research, it turns out that Rufus Soule was four years older than the man called "Uncle Bishop" by Rufus' children. Undoubtedly Rufus and Bishop Joshua had never heard of each other before both moved to the South.

ANSWER - SOULE UNIVERSITY, CONT'D

Rufus Soule was married in Richmond, VA in 1803, having arrived there by at least 1801, when he bid to build an armory "of brick or wood", and in 1803, Joshua Soule was ordained a deacon for Needham Circuit in New England. Rufus was born and raised in Halifax, MA on the west side of Plymouth County while Joshua Soule was born and raised on Maine's seacoast. The only ancestors they shared were George and Mary Beckett Soule of Plymouth and Duxbury. It is unlikely that their families were in touch since, by 1700, they had migrated in opposite directions in New England.

When Rufus Soule left Halifax, MA, he brought to Virginia a small book of family records, copied from the family Bible that his brother, Asa Soule took to ME. This gives their father's birthdate as 6 Feb 1740, and not as 6 Mar 1738/9. The latter date is the birth record from Pembroke Vital Records, for Gideon Soule, son of Gideon, Sr., and Mercy Sylvester. Our family record book shows Gideon Soule of Halifax died 15 Sept 1792 and that date matches his tombstone at Halifax's Thompson Street Cemetery. His children, in our family record book, match the baptisms and birth dates recorded by the First Church of Halifax, MA.

Years ago I agreed with the "official" Mayflower lineage which has been in use since at least the 1920's, identifying Gideon Soule of Halifax as identical to Gideon Soule of Pembroke, despite the difference in birth dates. Years of studying the Soule family in New England, charting all the branches of the family in that area have convinced me that these two are two entirely different men -- cousins. Gideon of Pembroke, son of Moses, born 1738/9, disappears along with his young, widowed mother and his sister and is never heard from again -- probably because she remarried outside Plymouth County. In my opinion, Gideon of Halifax shares John #2 and Rebecca Simmons, but, instead of their son Moses-3, belongs to one of the three Soule brothers who moved west into Middleborough-Halifax-Plympton.

It seems to me that the Middleborough Soules have not been very well traced to date. They moved to what was then, deep woods, where, by 1700, John #2 Soule's sons, John-3 and James-3, operated The Old Sprout Tavern in Middleborough. Note that Rufus, born 1777, also became a tavern keeper. A third brother, Benjamin-3, also moved to this area. Benjamin Soule married Sarah Standish and they lived in the Old Soule Neighborhood at Plympton, MA. Benjamin's sister, Hannah, lived nearby, and she named a son Gideon in Plympton. In 1738, the town of Halifax was formed from this section of Plympton. These Soules were often not very religious, nor were they always careful about birth registrations. They appear to be as much non-conformists in this respect as had been the father of the Pilgrim, George Soule, in England. Therefore, it seems that Gideon Soule (b. 1740) of Halifax has been confused with his cousin, Gideon Soule (b. 1738/9) of Pembroke, merely because the Halifax parents failed to have his birth properly recorded and because the Pembroke Gideon DISAPPEARED after being orphaned in childhood (his father died as a young man, perhaps of a brain tumor; he was mentally ill prior to his early death).

I believe the correct lineage for Gideon Soule, born 6 Feb 1740 at Halifax, MA might be through Benjamin Soule and Sarah Standish of Plympton. When he married Ruth Harden, the bride was "of Pembroke" where the banns were published. They married in HIS church in Halifax, and that is where they lived. After his Revolutionary War Service as a Minute Man from Halifax (his eldest son, Asa Soule was also a Minute Man), Gideon Soule died rather young. His widow and his son, Asa, moved across the town line back into Plympton where Ruth Harden Soule had a pew in the Plympton Church in 1796.

ANSWER; SOULE UNIVERSITY, CONT'D

Asa's son, Solomon, moved west to Woodward's Landing, Washington Territory. I have been in touch with descendants trying to locate the Bible of Gideon Soule of Halifax, but nobody seems to know where it is today. I believe that it would verify the birth date as shown in our family record book and help to show that Gideon Soule of Halifax and Gideon Soule of Pembroke were fifth generation COUSINS, but NOT the same person; their records are badly interwoven. Undoubtedly a factor in all of this is that at the time that Ridlon was doing his research and subsequent writing, no birth records were available for Gideon Soule of Halifax. Ridlon also erred by sending Gideon's son, Rufus to Illinois; again confusing a cousin of the same name. Gideon of Halifax's son, Rufus, went to Virginia where he became a tavern keeper as had his Soule forebearers in the Plymouth County of 1700.

Bishop Joshua Soule must have met his distant cousin, Rufus Soule, in Virginia. This would have taken place after Joshua moved to Lebanon, Ohio in the 1820's. By 1810, Rufus Soule owned a large tavern in Abingdon, Washington County, Virginia, which is in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was at the end of a stagecoach line. I could find no deed in the courthouse to show its purchase, so I believe that he built it (he had placed a bid to build an armory in Richmond in 1801). The tavern stood on Main Street, not far from Court House Square. It was a three story building, the largest and finest inn of its day in western Virginia. It contained a famous stone courtyard, and it was well known for its well of cold water. The post office was in a front office, and a winding staircase with a mahogany rail led to the second floor. Henry Graves was the proprietor of a furniture shop along the front of the Inn; Mr. Graves had married Rufus' daughter, Elsie Ann Soule.

The Tavern was built in the New Orleans or Richmond style, with balconies on all sides, and the white columns which supported the balconies projected out over the brick sidewalk in the front of the tavern/inn. The lawn was on the side opposite the stone courtyard. The dining room was on the first floor, near the rear and was famous for its fine table. The largest ballroom in that area of the country was located at the inn. Cotillions were held regularly. Andrew Jackson and Mariah Soule led one cotillion; she was considered daring because the General was considered to be a "crude frontiersman" by the Virginians at that time. The town's dancing master and piano teacher were permanent residents of Soule's Tavern, and gave free lessons to the Soule children (Miss Mariah and Miss Jane Soule later earned their living as music teachers; they had been well taught by the famous Prof. Knabe).

Rufus Soule was unlike his cousin, Joshua, in appearance and personality. Abingdon historians called him a "small, merry man, lively as a Scotch terrier", and "the genial host at the silver punch bowl". A hospitable man, probably overly generous, he put on "a sumptuous repast", a free picnic for hundreds of men who joined from Washington County for the War of 1812.

On page 180 of DuBose's book, The Life of Joshua Soule, one will find the account of a tale that Bishop Soule related in his old age. In the autumn of 1829, while on his way to the seat of the Holston Conference in Abingdon, Virginia, he halted at a tavern. The porter was a young Irishman, who, in the absence of the proprietor, received the guest. On returning to the premises and learning a stranger had arrived, the landlord asked, "Who is it, Pat?" "Sure, sor," returned the porter, "an oi don't roightly know; but oi'll stake me faith that he's ayther a Bishop or a General, sor."

ANSWER: SOULE UNIVERSITY, CONT'D

The biographer, Du Bose, did not know that the proprietor was Rufus Soule, the Bishop's kinsman, nor that this merry tale must have been told that evening at the dinner table for the delight of all - including the Bishop, who remembered it to old age. Rufus Soule's children considered "Uncle Bishop" to be somewhat narrow and prudish, and Du Bose agrees that he was "a stickler for form". Apparently he visited Soule's Tavern in Abingdon very frequently for about ten years, not because of kinship to the owner, but because he could not travel into Virginia, Maryland or even to New England without taking this route - Abingdon was a crossroads of the day. To reach it from the Bishop's Nashville home, he would have taken a stagecoach, then transferred to horseback into the mountains, but in Abingdon he could once again pick up a stagecoach.

Another tale of "Uncle Bishop's" visits concerns his chiding his "nieces", Elsie Ann, Maria, Jane and Ellen Soule for their "frivolities" of wearing their hair in curls, and for wearing hoopskirts, silk stocking, satin slippers, and for their constant laughter, dancing, and singing. One must remember that the Soule home was the town's social center, and the girls helped to entertain guests with cotillions, music recitals, etc., in the Virginia fashion of the day. "Uncle Bishop" was horrified on one visit to learn that young Rufe Soule had never been baptized (recall that Rufe came from a branch of the family that was not long on such formalities) The Bishop, therefore, left a basin of holy water, telling his "nieces" to see to it that Rufe was baptized at once. When the young blade returned from a sporting event, and came up the stairs, his sisters, who had stationed themselves above, doused him well with the basin of water, screaming, "We baptize you, our brother".

Abingdon Court House records show their father, like "Uncle Bishop", condoned slavery. Rufus Soule bought and sold many times at the monthly auctions held in Court House Square. "Uncle Bishop" never owned slaves himself, but led his church into keeping silent on the issue. At one time, however, he claimed it "an evil". The young ladies that he had considered so "frivolous", by the 1840's had turned down slaves as wedding presents, and, by the 1860's were actively supporting anti-slavery at great personal sacrifice. Ellen Soule Carter supported her husband who, with his friends, burned railroad bridges that carried Confederate troops in Virginia. They were caught and sentenced. Afterward he joined the Union Army and attained the rank of Captain. While living in Tennessee, he was hunted down by a cavalry unit and shot. This occurred in the yard at the rear of his house in sight of his wife and her sisters, Mariah and Jane Soule, who were living with them.

These Soule sisters were less than five feet tall, but had as much strength of character as "Uncle Bishop", perhaps more, for they did not hesitate to speak out against what they believed to be evil. Ellen Soule Carter wrote in her Bible that her husband "was killed by a gang of Rebels and robbed". Thereafter, the three Soule sisters were required to dig his grave themselves and to bury him, then to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, "with the mud from his grave still on their boots". Ellen was awarded a Union widow's pension to support her five children. The pension was awarded by a special act of Congress. Until the pension arrived, they almost starved for standing fast to their unpopular beliefs. At the time of the tragedy, Ellen's daughter, Annie Lavinia, aged 16, was the first to reach her father's body. A few years later, Annie Lavinia Soule married Felix Leatherwood. Leatherwood had been a Confederate Army Captain who had been taken prisoner by the Union Army. While a prisoner, he was kept on a diet of onions. Later, Annie Leatherwood, like her grandfather ran a large hotel, and the rules of the table included no talk of the war, or of slavery, and NO ONIONS.

ANSWER: SOULE UNIVERSITY, CONT'D

Bishop Soule's children were raised in Nashville, Tennessee; the biographer, Du Bose says no more. (Good luck in your research.) Du Bose also mentions that the Bishop had a brother who "moved west", where he changed the pronunciation of his name to Soule' (SOO-LAY). The Bishop is known to have disapproved, saying he preferred the old New England SOWLE way. He also seems to have told his biographer that physically he bore a strong resemblance to his Soule Kinsman. If he was correct and his appearance was typical of the Soules, his picture would be of more than ordinary interest as he may have resembled his Pilgrim ancestor. He knew this ancestry well apparently.

The pictures of the Rufus Soule family bear no resemblance whatever to "Uncle Bishop"; they were small and dark, totally different features. My mother, Jessie Stroupe, however, appears to be a throw-back to the same Soule ancestor that "Uncle Bishop" resembled; same high forehead, straight nose with a high bridge, same oval face.

It is interesting that "Uncle Bishop" and his cousin, Rufus, were not only physically but temperamentally different. Joshua was a "stickler for form", while Rufus and the Halifax Soules' seemed completely contemptuous of form. In this way perhaps Rufus resembles the father of George Soule, the Pilgrim. Rufus, the innkeeper, while holding strong beliefs was a non-conformist yet gregarious as was perhaps the Pilgrim's father who either refused or failed to register births.

In New England, both sides of the personality coin later appear -- those who stuck by all of the formalities, and those who struck off for new places to be non-conforming. It is very interesting how often, after submerging for a generation or two, the gregarious natures re-emerge in the line and they become innkeepers. In my line, after Rufus Soule (b. 1777, Halifax), his granddaughter, Annie Carter Leatherwood operated the Mountain View Hotel, and my grandmother, Lee Leatherwood, operated the Sylva Hotel, in Sylva, North Carolina.

Best of luck in your research. Unless your line came from Nashville, TN, however, it is not likely they relate to Bishop Joshua Soule for whom the University was named in Texas.

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The following anecdote was found in the papers of Colonel John E. Soule.

WASHINGTON STORY: A New Orleans lawyer sought an RFC Loan for a client. He was told that the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to property offered as collateral. The title dated back to 1803, and he had to spend three months running it down.

After sending the information to RFC he got this reply: "We received your letter today enclosing application for loan for your client, supported by abstract of title. Let us compliment you on the able manner in which you prepared and presented the application. However, you have not cleared the title before the year 1803, and, therefore, before final approval can be accorded the application, it will be necessary that the title be cleared back of that year."

Annoyed, the lawyer replied: "Your letter regarding titles in Case No. 189156 received. I note that you wish titles extended further back than I have presented them. I was unaware that any educated man in the world failed to know that Louisiana was purchased from France in 1803. The title to the land was acquired by France by right of conquest from Spain. The land came into possession of Spain by right of discovery made in 1492 by a sailor named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the then reigning monarch, Isabella. The good queen, being a pious woman and careful about titles, almost, I might say, as the RFC, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope upon the voyage before she sold her jewels to help Columbus. Now the Pope, as you know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God, who, it is commonly accepted, made the world. Therefore I believe it is safe to presume that He also made that part of the U.S. called Louisiana, and I hope to hell you are satisfied."



The above photograph is of the Old Soule Homestead near Titusville, Warren County, Pennsylvania. The photograph was taken circa 1885 according to Opal Soule Manly. Seated is Eliza Ann Cheney Soule, standing left is Hattie Minerva Soule (who married Alfred Dumond). Standing right is her father and Eliza's husband, Peter Jacob Soule. The Bible records of Peter Jacob Soule appeared in a previous Soule Newsletter, Volume VI, No. 1, January 1972, pages 6-10.

George Standish Soule'



QUESTION

I am interested in obtaining information regarding the descendants of Lemuel Colburn Soule (my great-grandfather) whose wife was named, Mary. The information that I have indicates that they had two children, Carrie (my paternal grandmother) and Frank. Carrie was married to John Fischer and my father, Hugh Anthony Fischer, was from this union. I know that my father was born in Greely, Iowa, but I do not know the date of his birth. I would appreciate any assistance. Thank you.

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QUESTION

I have found in "The Leonard Papers" the following:

- A. Adam Allen, son of Joseph Jr. & Ruth, born 6 April 1732 (p. 91)
- B. Adam Allen & Betsey Edy marriage published 27 Nov 1756 (p. 158)
- C. Abner Allen married Ruth Mosher 15 April 1775 (p. 179a)
- D. Adam Allen & Hannah Mosher marriage published 31 July 1779 (p. 187)
- E. Adam Allen & Hannah Mosher married 16 September 1779 (p. 230a)
- F. Lillis, daughter of Adam Allen, and Job, son of Joseph Sowle, Tiverton, married 12 November 1801 (p. 587a)

From Ridlon:

- A. Allen, a relative of Joseph Sowle, was taken as a slave by Algerian pirates for five years (p. 879).
- B. Lillas Allen, daughter of Adam Allen and wife, ___ Case, of Fairport, RI, born 27 November 1779 (p.899)

From the Boston Transcript, p. 154:

- A. Adam Allen and wife, ___ Case. She and her brother, Adam Case were raised in sight of Martha's Vineyard. Three children named: Adam Jr.; Lillis, born 27 November 1779; Rachel, born 17 Nov 1789.
- B. Adam Allen and Adam Case with third partner built a 3 masted East India Trader and sailed from New Bedford about 1791.
- C. They were captured and held for a number of years.
- D. They expected to be reimbursed for their loss by the government.
- E. Adam Allen was supposed to have had a brother, Abner, who told stories to his children.

From Vital Records of Westport, MA to 1850:

- A. Adam, s. Adam dec'd & Betty dec'd, and Anstis Anthony, wid. Daniel, d. Eber Davis & Mary --- Marriage record (p. 111)
- B. Adam Allen, 26th 12 mo. 1819, C. R. -- death record (p. 261)

It seems to me that there could be another Adam Allen not accounted for that might be the father of Lillas and Rachel. Would anyone in the Washington, D. C. area be interested in checking the National Archives to see if they could find any records, manuscripts, or letters to check out the story on Adam Allen being held by Algerian pirates? Also, information regarding the sailing from New Bedford in 1791 would be interesting. Adam Allen could not have married Hannah Mosher 16 Sept 1779 if Adam and wife, ___ Case, had a daughter, Lillas, born 27 Nov 1779. Or could he?

Any information would be appreciated.

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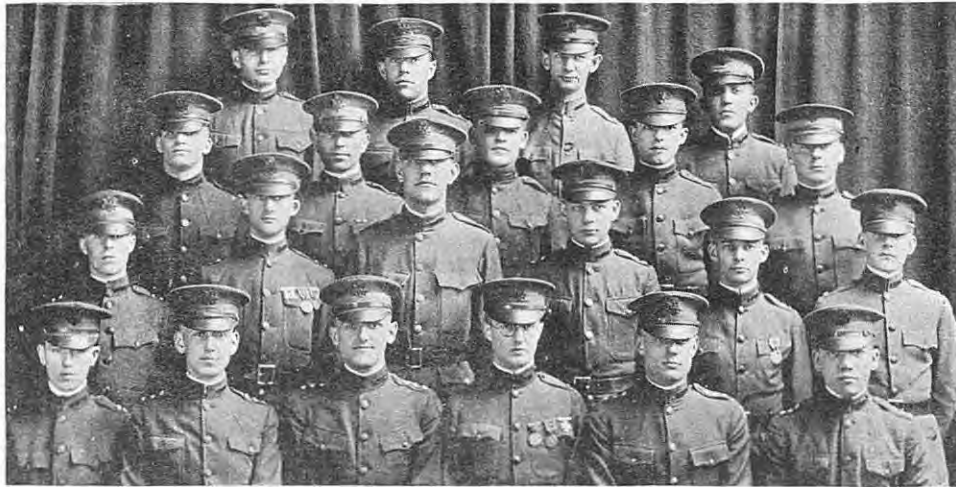


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Charles Soule Jr. can't keep his hands off Rubik's Cube.

Staff photo by Richard Hemmold

Unjumbling the mystery of the cube

By JERRY SHRIVER

Journal Staff Writer

The biggest mistake was bringing the little demon along in the first place. I placed the hopelessly scrambled cube on the desk, like a parent setting a sick child before a doctor, and from then on everything went out of control.

What was to have been an interview with local businessman Charles Soule Jr. about his prowess at solving the mystery of Rubik's Cube, turned into a 90-minute monologue with Soule talking mostly to the cube and to himself. His hands, his eyes, his thought processes — nay, his whole being — became absorbed by the "world's most asked-for plaything," and all I could do was watch.

Strange occurrences seem to pop up like warts when this captivating, colorful toy is placed in people's hands, occurrences such as divorces, dislocated fingers, nervous breakdowns, mental fatigue and yes, talking to oneself.

Despite this, Rubik's Cube is perceived as a swell toy, so swell, in fact, that toy store owners nationwide are tearing their hair out trying to keep it in stock.

The source of this madness is a 2-inch-by-2-inch-by-2-inch plastic cube, with each of its six faces decorated with a different color. Each face is divided into three rows and each row into three smaller cubes or "cubies."

The rows rotate horizontally and vertically around an ingenious configuration of hidden axles, enabling one to mix the colors in a mind-snapping number of different patterns — 43.2 quintillion (4 times 10 to the 19th power) to be exact.

When the cube comes out of its package in its pristine state, each of the six faces is a solid color. The trick is to mix up the colors by twisting the rows of cubies this way and that, and then return the cube to its pristine state. It is a task of Einsteinian dimensions, one which has been estimated by Scientific American magazine to take "between five hours and a year" to accomplish.

Although most people credit Erno Rubik, a Hungarian teacher of architecture and design, with the invention of the cube in 1975, the March issue of Scientific American also notes that Terutoshi Ishige independently developed the same device in Japan in 1976. It is Rubik's name which appears on the product manufactured by the Ideal Toy Corp., although other versions without his name have been appearing in this country recently.

The cube is sold in most Pensacola toy stores, at a cost of between \$6 and \$10, but storeowners report they have some difficulty keeping the item in stock.

Mathematicians and logicians worldwide have been captivated by the immensity of possibilities inherent in the cube, and at least one volume on the science of "cubology" has been published. A solution is available from the manufacturer, but understanding the directions is said to be as tough as solving the puzzle itself.

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Columns, 2D

Experts swear that it is nearly impossible to accidentally stumble across the solution to a well mixed-up cube. A strategy is required, a maddeningly logical, stamina-busting, child's-play strategy, and therein lies the fascination.

"You have to learn the moves . . ." Soule says, his voice trailing off as he twists and ponders, twiddles and fiddles, and twists and ponders the cube I have set on his table. Earlier this year, Soule solved his own cube in about 15 days, so it seemed logical to seek out the local expert for advice.

"OK, here we go. Now, now . . . OK. Yeah. Gotta get this one out of the way. That's our problem right there. Look. See . . . gotta take this one out of the orientation . . ."

Ignore the word "orientation." Everyone who works the puzzle for any length of time ends up inventing a peculiar vocabulary which only makes sense to him. Other popular words are "equatorial layer," "quark," "antiquark," "meson," "baryon," "routines," "subroutines" and "dabblastedsucker."

"I've got to remember what that move is for the middle one. It's a neat move on the middle. OK, now watch this. You can flip it here . . . but that causes a problem in the future . . . there we go . . . nope. Still bassackwards. Shoot. Now let's see if we can quickly bring some of these things into play . . ."

Soule is proficient in mathematics and often programs computers for his firm, Escambia Treating Co. It seems natural that he has developed an attraction for puzzles, and he has conquered many of them, from Family Jewel to Soma.

But none has struck him quite the way Rubik's Cube has. Soule bought the toy in Boston in July, ostensibly as a Christmas present for his 13-year-old daughter. Somehow it never found its way into her hands.

"The saleslady said it was the most difficult puzzle ever made. She said only a few people at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) had solved it. I put it on the shelf until Christmas Eve, then we got it out. I thought all the cubes came apart at first and you had to put them back together. Simple. But then I started twisting it and all of a sudden, I knew we had a hard puzzle."

For 15 days the fascination mounted as Soule first learned to solve one side. Discipline came into play when he discovered that he had to destroy that one perfect side to solve the other five. For two or three hours every night, in between games of Space Invaders, he pondered and plotted.

And then on the night of Jan. 16 . . .

"It was about 2:10 a.m. I had gotten the thing down to where about six pieces were out of place. I looked at it, then I looked a little more and twisted it, and suddenly there were only four out of place. I looked at it again and boom! I said (voice trembling), 'Oh, my God, I think I've got it.' I studied it for five more minutes and it fell into place. I went over and woke up (David) Galloway (a friend of Soule's) to tell him. It's like a real good book,

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something you can get engrossed in. It's the best puzzle I've ever seen. There is no doubt."

The fiesty cube is more than holding its own in the arena of Soule's imposing hands as he struggles to recall those few simple movements which made everything fall into place that memorable winter night. He is reasonably certain he could solve the cube again in less than 15 days, but it's been awhile and that secret is just so elusive ...

"Now this one here goes there, and if we do that ... oh no, wait a minute, wait a minute wait a minute ... oookay, good now. Damn! You've got me started again. But wait ... there are several moves you find eventually. The hardest are the middle pieces. You need to solve one face first, because that orients the other colors for you. You get one side and you don't want to disturb it. The beginning of confidence is when you say, 'Tonight, I will solve for a side.' Then you get to a

point where only six are messed up ... OK, here we go. No ... "

Soule is a good candidate to solve this puzzle because he refuses to succumb to the ever-present frustration lurking in the next twist of the cubies. Not just anyone can *handle* the pressure. You sense he is pondering not only the surface of the cube but its underlying form as well.

"With this puzzle, you have to take a more global approach to it. Other puzzles you do things one at a time. I enjoy doing it, making it work. It's sort of like chess after awhile. You learn to remember the patterns of how you got there so you can get back to where you were. Of course, chess is only one move at a time ... Now gotta' get this out of the way. That's our problem right there ... "

As the second hour runs out, Soule's ever-probing curiosity is distracted suddenly by a new, deeper challenge. "Let's find out how this thing works!"

He bounds across the office in search of a screwdriver, and in a matter of seconds is prying one of the middle cubies on the top layer loose from its mooring. Finally it pops free, and in no time he has reduced Erno Kubik's once-formidable brainchild to a pile of unmagical cubies and a six-pronged axle.

"Look at that. Isn't that amazing?" he says, examining the new mechanical mystery in front of him. "Do you think we can get it back together? I know! Let's fool Galloway. We'll put it back together the right way. He's gonna' go crazy. I love it! You know what? This is cheating! Haw, haw, haw. Soule, you must be a genius. I love it!"

Soon the cube has been restored to its pristine state and Soule, gleeful at the madness of it all, is snapping the last piece back into place.

"You know, this puzzle is OK if you don't let it obsess you," he says as he prepares for his next appointment. "I mean, there are a few things more important in my life than solving the Rubik's Cube ... "



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What Christmas Is

*Christmas is a lighted tree,
A candle and a star.
Christmas is a stable where
The waiting shepherds are.*

*Christmas is a carol sung
In frosty winter air,
An angel's wings, a manger bed,
And God's love cradled there.*

Jean Conder Soule

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SOULE — Michael J. (Minnow), age 38. Res. 1012 Geranium. Beloved husband of Janet. Father of Dennis & Becky & Dawn & Hugh Hummel. Brother of Mr & Mrs James Soule, Hincley, MN. Uncle of Ronald, Gary, Sean & Angela. Funeral service Monday, 8:30 am from the DEVLIN - BRADSHAW - HAUGE CHAPEL, 488 Humboldt at S. Wabasha. Mass of Christian Burial 9 am at the CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, Hall & Robie. Interment Browerville, MN. Visitation Sunday 3 to 9 pm. Parish Vigil 7 pm. Owner of The Bucket. Memorials preferred.

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SOULE — Irene E. August 21, age 71, res. 1743 E Iowa. Survived by her sister Mrs. Mary Paulson; nieces and nephews, Phyllis Ross Figge and Richard R. Paulson, all of St Paul, Mrs. Dolores Ger-gen of Randolph, MN, Mrs. Marilyn Erickson of Cincinnati, Mrs. Helen Sorenson of Tucson, AZ, and Earl A. Paulson of Danbury, WI. Dear friend of Anthony J. Schulz. Mass of Christian Burial at KESSLER & MAGUIRE FUNERAL HOME, 10 a.m. Monday. Interment Elmhurst Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Sent by Ben George Soule





Shelley Goldbloom / For the Pioneer Press

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Who's scared?

Robert and Lillian Soules of rural Onalaska, Wis., are using a svelte mannequin instead of the usually grotesque scarecrows found in gardens. Soules, a retired women's clothing retailer, says by midsummer the scarecrow won't be effective.

Sent by Ben George Soule



W. S. SOULE took the beautiful picture of Heap Wolves, "A Warrior of the Great Plains, Comanche Chief killed by the Osage in 1872," which was used as an illustration on page 22 of Alistair Cooke's America.

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Mayflower Descendants Attend Annual Spring Tea



MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS MEET. Among those enjoying the annual Spring tea of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Villanova residence of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Wilson are (from left) Mr. John A. Chain of Edgemont, Mr. George S. Soule of Wynnefield, Mrs. Ann Cameron MacRae Wilson of Paoli, Mr. Christopher A. Wilson of Paoli and Mr. Norman R. Leas of Bryn Mawr.

***** CONGRATULATIONS *****

***** FRANK and MARY CRISMORE *****

In honour of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crismore, their children and grandchildren held a reception on Sunday, November 22, 2:30 to 5:00 P.M., Church Parlor, St. Andrew Prebsyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

As we all know, Mary and Frank have been loyal members, as well as diligent Soule Kindred workers for many years. We all offer our best wishes and wish for you, many more wonderful years together.

The Forge

Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College, Wayne, Pa.

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He Joined the Navy— And Saw the World

Join the Navy and see the world.

That saying certainly holds true for Comdr. Charles W. Cushman, Jr., Class of 1960.

Comdr. Cushman graduated from the California State University and received his Navy commission in 1967. He has since been to Europe, the Far East and Vietnam, Africa, the Middle East, South Pacific, Antarctica and South America while serving with all major U.S. fleets on destroyers, frigates, cruisers and aircraft carriers.

And, would you believe he is now stationed in Philadelphia with the USS Saratoga which is undergoing extensive remodeling at the Navy Yard.

Actually it is his second tour of duty in Philadelphia. He was personal aide and flag lieutenant to the Commandant of the Fourth Naval District from 1973 to '75.

Comdr. Cushman, who was the speaker at the May 3rd chapel service at The Forge, was stationed in Chile as an exchange officer with the Chilean Navy from 1976 to 1979 when he joined the Battle Force 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

As a VF cadet, Comdr. Cushman was president of the Washington Irving Society and captain of the fencing team. He is married to the former Marcia Ann Wergin, of Wausau, Wisc., and has three children, ages 10, 7 and 4.

In his chapel address, which stressed the need for a "second to none" U.S. Navy, Comdr. Cushman attributed a major por-



Comdr. Charles W. Cushman, Jr., '60

tion of his career success to VFMA. "It (the training and academics) gave me a definite edge on my contemporaries and served me well in times of crisis and stress," he told the Corps.



CDR Chuck Cushman is a Soule descendant, and also a member of the Pennsylvania Mayflower Society.

A Time to Be Thankful

No other American celebration is so universally shared as Thanksgiving Day.

And it has been thus from the very beginning when the early Massachusetts settlers and their neighbor native Americans hunted, played and broke bread together. And while that first celebration was basically a feast — a three-day feast as a matter of fact — there was still a hint of thanks to the Creator for a bountiful harvest.

How times have changed since that New England celebration! Imagine, if it is possible, Gov. William Bradford's incredulity if a wave of planes swept overhead in a holiday formation. Or if the fowls were to be roasted in a micro-oven! Or if the great Indian chief Massasoit were to arrive in a Pontiac!

Yes, many things today are different. But the cause for celebration has not changed. True, more people eat out on holidays these days than in the past. This may be especially true for senior couples. But even restaurant Thanksgiving dinners tend to have that extra touch of "home," a sentiment Thanksgiving tends to maintain more than most holidays.

And to this very modern Thanksgiving of 1980, a religious overtone survives. It is never celebrated on a Sunday (since 1941, Congress has set the fourth Thursday of November as the official day of giving thanks) but it is generally commemorated with special services by all faiths.

The holiday fare, too, has remained consistent with the turkey, that great bird that Benjamin Franklin felt should have been the national symbol, the focal point. Pumpkins and squash and potatoes and other autumnal delights round out the menu, no matter at whose home, or restaurant.

Enjoy, enjoy! But take time out to reflect on the significance of the day also.

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