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#### EDITOR'S CORNER

This issue you will find is packed full of information. We ran a little late, but we have had a lot of material to go over. We call your special attention to the INDEX of Volume I of the Soule Kindred Newsletter. It is chucked full of names, and even if you aren't doing any research work, you may wish to look over the names, possibly to pick one for your next offspring (and if that suggestion doesn't bring a laugh from MRS. Soule, nothing will!)

We appologize to those to whom we have not answered either in correspondance or the Questions and Answers column. If we do not get around to you in the next few months, please write again.

#### BOOKS for GEORGE SOULE HOUSE, Plimoth

Major Byron C. Bussey has pointed out that George Soule's inventory at his death lists "bookes." (see supplement to Vol.I, No.2 Newsletter, p5 "George Soule's Will) As was pointed out in Vol.I, No.1 Newsletter, the George Soule House replica at Plimoth Plantation is unfurnished. Major Bussey feels that we should collect some books for the Soule house. He has sent in one interesting and very old leather-bound book, dated 1795. Although it would be next to impossible to get authentic period books, we welcome any books which LOOK old. We do NOT purpose to put rare or valuable books in the Soule house. Old-looking books may be sent to: Soule Kindred, P.O. Box 259, S. Duxbury, Mass. 02374, to be turned over to Plimoth Plantation.

#### SOULE COAT OF ARMS

We have had many letters concerning Soule Arms, Shields, and Heraldry. We hope to present an article on this subject in a Newsletter this year. Some seek such designs for their use while others of our Kindred feel strongly opposed to the use of some one elses symbolic emblem. Ridlon gives a few pages of color reproductions of Coats-of Arms that have been awarded to individual Soule families. We have asked several Soules to help write an article on this subject, but with no result to date. We shall check into the reproduction of Ridlon's color plates for a future Newsletter. One of our Kindred has had one of these emblems made up in quantity and offers them to any one for \$.75 each - postage paid. This is a sew-on patch, 4"long by 4½" high. It has a green background with 3 sole fish and a gold border and the name "SOULE" across the top. It seems appropriate for a blazer or camp uniform (and with one sewn on, your kids clothes certainly should not get lost at camp.) If interested, send your order to:

> Mr. Ben G. Soule 5820 Logan Ave. So. Minneapolis, Minn. 55419

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SOULE KINDRED NEWSLETTER VOL.II, NO.1 JANUARY 1968 Page 2 NOTICE - continued from page 1 1967 Soule Kindred Newsletter are available at \$5.00 per set or \$1.25 per single issue. FINANCIAL POLICY

Presently, we have made the Soule Kindred policies and finances very flexible. This has partly been out of necessity, for we are never sure how much money will be available. We have tried to spend wisely, as the Financial Report on page 32 will show you, and of course printing the newsletter comes first. I hope that at the first opportunity - such as a Soule Kindred Reunion - that a permanent treasure will be elected. Naturally, the more funds available, the larger the projects are that we can undertake. For instance, if we were to start publishing a set of SOULE books, similar, but more complete, to what Rev. Gideon T. Ridlon did, it would take pledges and financial backing in 6 digits over \$100,000.! You can see that in our financial report that the Soule Kindred would be in trouble if it were not for a few large donors, much donated labor and phone calls, and the use of less-than-cost printing.

Some of you that have been on the Soule Kindred list have not sent in any contribution. Last year we carried anyone on the mailing list who was interested enough to write us a letter. We now welcome and encourage larger contributions than the suggested \$5.00 from those who can afford the generosity. Similarly, we will be glad to enter gratis subscriptions from those who definitely can not afford the cost. Paid-up Kindred for 1968 are marked with a (\*) on pages 31-33.

AND ANSWERS QUESTIONS by Col. John Soule, Family Historian

- Q. You have now had my immediate family record for eight or nine months. When will you send my lineage on your Form "B"?
- A. Your Family Historian certainly bit off more than he could chew on this program. We extend our apology to the approximately one hundred members of SOULE KINDRED who have given us immediate family information and in many cases their lineage by names. We have been able to give only part of our time to genealogy. However, effective 1 Jan 1968 we have lightened many other commitments so that we are now spending almost full time on this fascinating hobby. This should materially increase our productivity. However, we're quite frank to admit that we put aside the "pot boiling chores" which involve merely recording well documented lines in favor of the more challenging work of digging into currently blind alleys. As those of you who have worked on genealogical research are well aware, this fascinating effort to unearth hidden data is the most time consuming of all. We'll be mighty glad to send blank Forms "B" to all those who now have well documented lines and will volunteer to fill volunteer to fill them in for us. It will be a simple matter for us to review and verify those and thus leave more time for the problem areas and other high priority research. In the last category is the Five Generation Project of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Your Family Historian is committed to the Society to document all descendants of George Soule of the Mayflower through the first five generations - a really monumental task.

Questions and Answers continued on page 8

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FIVE GENERATION PROJECT by George Soule As most of our readers know, Colonel John Soule your family historian is now spending virtually full time on the SOULE-SOWLE family history. Much effort goes into our family segment of the "Five Generation Project" of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Suspecting that many of our readers will be interested in the family relationships even before the full biographical details can be published, we will provide a series of "progress reports" as rapidly as meaningful names and connections are determined. Here you see the first one on the next 5 pages! Question marks and blank lines indicate areas of lacking information. Colonel Soule will be very grateful to any reader who can supply referenced facts to facilitate completing the missing data. Similarly, photocopies of work sheets from which these lineages were prepared can be made available to members of SOULE KINDRED upon request.

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350 (4) Elder Thomas West	Amie Colgrove	37376
351 (5) Jonathan West	?	-
352 (5) Susanna West	1) ?	-
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- (5) Phebe West	Unmarried (died infancy)	-
353 (5) Michael West	?	-
354 (5) Thomas West	?	-
355 (5) Francis West	?	-
356 (5) Samuel West	1) Jerusha Stanton	37367
	2) Mary	-
	3) Anna Arnold	-
(5) Ebenezer West	Unmarried (died infancy)	-
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360 (4) Francis West	?	-
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		(5) Susanna Wilcox	. ?	-
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		(5) Benjamin Barber	Desire Moon	4119
		(5) Caleb Barber	?	-
		(5) Edward Barber	?	#
		(5) Moses Barber (5) Samuel Barber	Abigail Niles	Ħ
		(5) Susanna Barber	POTTER	
		(5) Anne Barber	AUSTIN	
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		(5) Meribah Barber	?	

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79	(4)	Susanna Barber	BENJAMIN PERRY	41250
		(5) Benjamin Perry, Jr.	?	-
		(5) Edward Perry	Dorcas Gardner	65558
		(5) Freeman Perry	?	-
		(5) Mary Perry	?	-
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		(5) Zebulon Barber	?	_
	(4)	Joseph Barber	Rebecca Potter	41228
		(5) Nathaniel Barber	?	-
		(5) Susanna Barber	JONATHAN RATHBONE	41251
	(4)	Martha Barber	THOMAS POTTER	_
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	(4)	Ruth Barber	GEORGE BENTLEY	2036
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		(5) Caleb Bentley	Mary Hewitt	#
		(5) George Bentley, Jr.	Amy Cartee	3240
		(5) ?	4	-
	(4)	Benjamin Barber	Mary Tefft	41200
	(4)	(5) Lydia Barber	SAMUEL ROGERS	41233
		(5) Nathan Barber	Thankful Maxon	41240
		(5) Ruth Barber	ROBERT KENYON	#
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	(1.)	Mercy Barber	TEFFT	
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	(4)	Ezekiel Barber	Hannah Webster	41214
		(5) ?	?	_
		(5) Benjamin Barber	Susannah Boss	41198
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	(11)	Abigail Barber	Unmarried (died young)	
		Daniel Barber	Deliverance Tefft	41206
	(4)	(5) Daniel Barber, Jr.	1) Charity Rathbone	41205
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		(5) Josiah (Azias) Barber		41230
		(5) Jonathan Barber	Sabra Stanton	#
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		(5) Abigail Greene	JOHN REMINGTON	#
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	John Peterson		Unmarried	1-1-
8200 (3)	Joseph Peters	on	Sarah (Jones) Doty	6565]
8210	(4) J	oseph Peterson	Lydia (House) Howell	65652
3211		(5) Mary Peterson	ZADOCK WESTON	65658
3212		(5) Sarah Peterson	TIMOTHY WILLIAMSON	-
3213		(5) Abraham Peterson	?	-
3214		(5) Susannah Peterson	GERSHOM EWELL, Jr.	-
3215		(5) Joseph Peterson	Rebecca Delano	65650
3216	9.35	(5) Lydia Peterson	Unmarried	-
3220	(4) S	arah Peterson	WILLIAM MacFARLAND	
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300 (3)	Benjamin Pete	rson	Hannah Wadsworth	65629
310	(4) M	ercy Peterson	JOSEPH WESTON	-
3311		(5) Sarah Weston	JOHN CHANDLER	665
3312		(5) Jane Weston	THOMAS HUNT, Jr.	-
313		(5) Thomas Weston	Martha Chandler	-
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315	*	(5) Jacob Weston	Deborah Simmons	-
316		(5) Ichabod Weston	Mehitable Soule (Widow)	-
317		(5) William Weston	Ruby Chandler	-
318		(5) Abigail Weston	ENOCH FREEMAN	-
319		(5) Zabdiel Weston	Hannah Curtis	_
320	(4) Al	bigail Peterson	ABRAHAM PIERCE, Jr.	_
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330	(4) Ja	acob Peterson	Mary Harlow	6564
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		(5) Benjamin Peterson	Bethia Cushing	6562
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340	(4) Is	saac Peterson	1) Lydia Drew	-
341	(17)	(5) Alice Peterson	DANTEL TEAGUE	-
342		(5) Ruth Peterson	EBENEZER BELCHER	-
343		(5) Deborah Peterson	DAVID FOSTER .	-
344		(5) Lydia Peterson	?	-
345	x	(5) Hannah Peterson	JESSE CURTIS	_
350	(4) B	enjamin Peterson	?	-
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513		(5) Lucy Peterson	EDWARD SHERMAN	6565
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521		(5) Lydia Delano	THOMAS PRINCE	1056
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8522				(5)	Rhoda Delano		SAMUEL WINSOR	10594
8523				(5)	Thankful Delano		?	
8524				(5)	Hopestill Delano		Abigail Everson	10514
8525				(5)	Beza Delano		?	_
8526	-				Martha Delano		ASA CHANDLER	_
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8528					Joshua Delano		Mary Chandler	10550
8530			(4)	Jonathan Per			Jael Dillingham	65648
8531		-	(4)		John Peterson	, ,	Sarah Hewitt	65646
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			(4)		Elijah Peterson		Abigail Ehittemore	20471
8541				(5)	Nehemiah Peterson		Princess Dillingham	
8542							ZENAS THOMAS	0,000
3543				(5)	Abigail Peterson		CORNELIUS DELANO	-
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3548			(4)		Luther Peterson		Priscilla Chipman	0/100
3549			/11		Reuben Peterson		Abigail Soule	26438
3550			(4)	(See Aar	son (lst wife of) on Soule, Aaron,	John <sup>2</sup> ,	Aaron Soule, Jr. George )	70904
3560			(4)	Lydia Peter:	son (2nd wife of) (See as above)	E.	Aaron Soule, Jr.	65656
8600	(3)	David	Peter				Unmarried	_
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in the town of Tiverton, Newport County. Can anyone add anything more?

#### IN SOULES THE



ALMOST PERFECT CONDITION of the tools on the display table in front of Ernest Soule, of Pawtucket, belies their true ages, some in excess of one hundred years.

# Pawtucket Man Cherishes **Old-Time Carpenter Tools**

The collection of antique car-house in Yarmouth, Maine, with

wood planes and other tools long since passed.
from his father, a former Pawtucket builder, about 1949. He Mr. Soule, "... wer unwieldy

"My father was not a carpen-What appeared to be blocks of ter. He was an expert, a builder. wood were planes used to per-The object of work in the fect intricate moldings. "It took middle 1800s was to see what a great care and pride to master

He said, "My dad built our valuable to me."

pentry tools, owned by Ernest Soule, 84, of 85 Hughes Ave., Pawtucket, is in the unique category.

Some of these tools, for \$3500. Today it is still standing and worth \$19,000" — a monument Mr. Soule acquired numerous to the industriousness of days

and required steady hands."

good job you could do and not the skills needed to perfect how fast you could get it done." these fancy moldings," he said.

Mr. Soule pointed to a note-book tacked to the backboard, in displaying the antique tools,

"In those days my father but hastened to add that he did worked ten hours a day for 25 not wish to sell them because, cents an hour. This notebook "I don't know how much money is a record of the money he they are worth, but having bemade in 1893."

(Pawtucket Times, December 13, 1967)

# Soules to Conduct

of training seminars in sensi- Drew Pearson. tivity and effective human understanding for the Interna-tional Platform Association in College and for private indus-Monte Corona, Calif., May 31, try, gave a series of lectures June 1 and 2.

dean for the series was announced by Mona Ling, Beverly Hills, president of the association's 10-state western division. The organization is made up of professionals in the lecture, concert and entertainment fields.

Soules recently attended the national convention of the Platform Association in Washington, D.C., where he participated in communications the highlights of that conven- in Vickery with 66 present. tion at a session of the western region members in Beverly Hills recently.

versity of Southern Caifornia. Soules met a number of prominent Platform members at the Washington meeting, in-

CHARLES SOULE - NEW PENSACOLA MAYOR

Charles Arthur 10 Soule (1905- ) is the new mayor of Pensacola, Florida. Perhaps our sources are prejudiced but we are advised that he has brought new to the office. His Honor brings a wealth old, the youngest. of industrial knowhow and national renown to the mayoralty. He is president (Clyde, Ohio, Nov. 67) of the Escambia Treat ing Company, a member

The next year's gathering will be held at the Everett Hunter home in Sandusky.

of the Florida Forestry Commission and a director of the American Wood Preservers Institute.

Soules, Palomar College Mrs. George Romney, and director of vocational educa- was pictured in the association, will conduct three days tion magazine with member

Soules, who teaches supervision courses for Palomar in Santa Ana which conclude The booking of the Palomar Saturday for a church conference. His lecture themes in-cluded "Investing in People," "Tuning - In to People," and Helping Other People to Help

> (San Diego County Independent, 11-22-1967)

Gathering At Soules

A gathering was held Sunday workshops, and he reviewed at the James Soule residence

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Barr, Vickery; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moyer, Sr., Mr. On the program with him in and Mrs. Lawrence Moyer, Jr. Washington was Dr. Lawrence and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Peter, dean of education, Uni-Moyer and two nieces visiting from Canada, all of Bellevue; Raymond Bauders, Port Clinton; Mrs. Rollin Braun and family, cluding John Morley, Ambas. Mrs. Everett Hunter, James sador Arthur Goldberg, and Hunter, Miss Pat Fear, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brennen and family, Sandusky; Art Beier and family, Oak Harbor; Mrs. Jo-seph Soule, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Waggoner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aspden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rufty and family, Mrs. Clarence Rufty, Mrs. Ralph Bauders, Miss Gertrude Snavely, Fremont; Roger Steinert, Henry Soule, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Soule and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Spit-

ler of Clyde. dignity and prestige The oldest present was Henry Soule who is 85, and Brian Everett Waggoner, three weeks SOULES IN THE NEWS - continued

# MRS. SOULE TO ADDRESS JUNIORS

Mrs. Jean Conder Soule, 125 N. Norwinden Drive, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the Junior Woman's Club of Springfield on Tuesday, January 16, at 8:30 p.m. in the Township Building. She will present a collection of poems and incidents taken from typical family life entitled "Tempest in a Teapot".

Mrs. Soule has written and had published three books for children, with a fourth, which she wrote with her daughter, that has just been accepted for publication. Also among her works, are four books of poetry for adults and articles in many nationally circulated magazines.

She is a member of the National American Penwomen, past president of the Writers Club of Delaware County, registrar of the Philadelphia Writers Conference and literature chairman of the Springfield Woman's Club.

Guests for the meeting have been invited from the Junior Section of the 20th Century Club of Lansdowne, Junior Woman's Club of Lima, Lynwood Junior Century Club, Llanarch Junior Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club of Marple-Newtown.

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#### CLIPPING SERVICE

We have investigated the possibility of engaging a clipping service company to search current newspapers and trate publications for Soule news. The cost of this seems to run from \$300 to \$480 per year plus a fee of 20cper clipping with NO guarantee of results. Most clipping bureaus have a "reading fee" and all seem to have a minimum charge of 3 to 6 months. While they cover trade journals, we feel that they would NOT cover many. small town papers - perhaps not even your paper. continued-next page

VITAL STATISTICS

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

Born at Selma, Dallas County, Alabama on 10 Sep 1967 KATE BALDWIN<sup>12</sup> GAMBLE, daughter of William Jordan & Jean Perry<sup>11</sup> (Soule) GAMBLE (Soule Kindred No.533411)

Died at Fargo, Cass County, North Dakota on 30 Oct 1967 GEORGE ALAN<sup>10</sup> SOULE, son of George H. <sup>9</sup> & Margaret Annetta (Mitchell) SOULE. He was born at Towner, McHenry County, North Dakota on 25 Dec 1892 and was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. (Soule Kindred No.333--2)

#### HELP WANTED

We are gratified that so many members of SOULE KINDRED have offered assistance. There are several areas in which help is urgently needed:

Vital Records: All states have been required to maintain vital records since 1923 and many states go back much further. For example Massachusetts begins in 1841 and Michigan started in 1869. States also vary widely in permitting access to their files. We have copied Vermont records on the SOULE-SOWLE families through 1870 and Maine into 1917. SOULE KINDRED workers are continuing the Maine records and have made outstanding progress on Massachusetts. We'd certainly welcome volunteers living in or near the other state capitols (or source of vital records which is usually but not always at the state capitol) who would be willing to abstract all available family records. Many towns, especially those in the New England area, have compiled their own vital records of births, marriages and deaths and we'd also like to have copies of those not yet published. Before you start, please check first with us to avoid duplication.

Biographies:

If and when a new Soule genealogy is published, we will need biographical sketches covering ALL members of past generations of the family. There are few rules. We insist on FACTS rather than tradition and the source should be cited. Photographs of the individual, his family, home or even his gravestone will be welcome. We will use the style of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register but are willing to rewrite into this style if necessary. The desired style follows in detail the form accompanying Vol.I, No.1 of the SOULE NEWSLETTER.

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#### Clipping Service - continued

With over 200 Soules (ie: each one of US) on our mailing list, I feel that we could cover more publications ourselves, plus save a considerable sum of money for the SOULE KINDRED. Now that you see how valuable your help can be, we urge you to clip and send to us any news item you may read about a SOULE, whether it be a trade patent from some professional journal or just a wedding announcement in your local newspaper. Pass along the word also to others to save SOULE news and send it in to us.

#### HELP WANTED - continued from last page

<u>Lineage Papers</u>: If you have a Soule lineage paper submitted to the Society of Mayflower Descendants, the Daughters of the American Revolution, or any other patriotic-hereditary society, please send us a copy. If you do not have the form but do have the data on dates and places, we will be delighted to send forms on request. This will save us much clerical work.

Indexing: All serious researchers and many of our casual readers will find indexes of the SOULE NEWSLETTER very useful. The Editor and the family Historian collaborated in the indes of Volume I, published in this issue. Can we get two volunteers to start indexing Volume II as it is published? We ask for two to provide a cross-check and eliminate possible errors through comparison.

Five Generation Families: We have a tight deadline to meet - all of the descendants of George Soule of the Mayflower through the fifth generation, with their biographies, are to be compiled before the end of 1968. Anyone with sufficient time, available library facilities and a bit of genealogical research know-how, plus the willingness to work on the project, are urged to communicate with the Soule Family Historian, Colonel John Soule, 1709 - 34th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.

<u>Cemetery Inscriptions</u>: One of our members is doing a wonderful job in collecting the inscriptions on gravestones in Maine of members of the Soule-Sowle family. If any of our readers know of a local cemetery with family gravestones, please copy the information from the stones and send it in. Each tidbit of family intelligence can usually be fitted into information already of record and help complete the needed "big picture."

Family Records: Family Bibles and other family records, like old letters, are invaluable sources of information. Unfortunately, we do not have a safe depository for such records. Consequently, we are reluctant to assume the responsibility for custody of originals. However, photocopies (Zerox) are becoming quite economical and of permanent nature. Do please, therefore, send us copies of anything valuable that you may have in your possession.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS with SOULE - SOWLE FAMILY DATA

"Little Compton Families" published in 1967 by Little Compton Historical Society from records compiled by Benjamin Franklin Wilbour (1887-1964) has eight pages on the members of the Soule family residing in Little Compton, R.I. The author was an experienced and widely respected genealogist. The book is expensive (\$25.00) but offers valuable reference material. Unfortunately, the book is not indexed and citation to basic source material is limited. Furthermore, we do have reservations concerning some of the data presented on the earlier generations of our family.

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"The Faunce Family History and Genealogy" published in 1967 by James Freer Faunce of Akron, Ohio (\$7.50) is a fully indexed and well documented presentation of John Faunce of Plymouth Colony and his descendants. Since the Faunce immigrant ancestor arrived in Plymouth on the Anne in 1623, it is not surprising to find the Faunce family intermarried with Soule and other Mayflower families. The Middleboro family of Martha SOULE (1696-1774) and Joseph FAUNCE (1693-17?) is particularly well detailed. We commend this little book most highly to anyone interested in the Faunce Family, or the Faunce branch of the SOULE family.

# After 50 Years: The 10 Commandments Are 'Good Stuff'

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THE REV. WILLIAM B. SOULE

"It Was the Right Profession"

#### By RAYMOND BLANKS

GLASTONBURY - After 50 years in the ministry, the Rev. William B. Soule, a Glastonbury Episcopal priest, described the Ten Commandants "as pretty good stuff."

During his half century, he has served more than a dozen Episcopal chuches in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut, before "retiring" in 1964 to Glastonbury.

Last Sunday, St. James Episcopal Church honored him and Mrs. Soule. He is an assistant minister here.

His three adults sons came to Glastonbury to participate in the service as acolytes. Their wives and his seven grandchildren attended the ceremony and heard Mr. Soule's sermon on changes during the past 50 years in the

Mr. Soule remembers that following World War I,, many Christians refused or intensely disliked praying for the dead. Today, he is satisfied that reverence for the dead is now an easier feature of the faith.

Today, he also appreciates

other changes.

"In the early days no one respected the other person's religion. But today the different churches are willing to speak to each other and cooperate together," he said.

#### "The Thaw"

About the thaw between the church and the ecumenical movement, he says: We still have a long way to go. If the Christian faith is to mean anything, we've got to make it meaningful in dealing with every kind of peoples, the ordinary people, including the Negro,' 'he said.

"Church services at the turn of the century were longer, more pnderous than today. "In my younger days, the use of candles was frowned upon. To-day candles are commonplace," he said with a broad gentle smile of content.

"Also, choirs were ex-clusively male and usually only Episcopalians wore choir frocks, Music was more elaborate rather than today's simpler music. It's less a spec-tator's sport now," he ex-plained, adding "it's now more

of a whole congregation participating."

One of the more potent memories he holds, was a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Flavel

Luther, former president of Trinity College.

Dr. Luther visited Phillips Exeter Academy where Mr. Soule was a student in 1906. The sermon dealt with the prodigal child and the father's dependent hopes and love for the son who remained at home.

What makes the sermon so meaningful, Mr. Soule ex-plained, is that "while the prodigal child was feted in banquet on his return, the faithful son still received the father's favor." Mr. Soule said the story remains relevant today for both the wayward and faithful Chris-

#### Ministry Choice

Mr. Soule decided to go into Mr. Soule decided to go into the ministry following his graduation from Harvard in 1910. "It seemed obvious to me it was the best profession for helping other people and for trying to make the world a better place to live."

He then studied at Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cabmridge, where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. He interrupted his service, return-

interrupted his service, return-ing to Boston University's College of Music, where he also received a bachelor of music

degree. "I've "I've always straddled between religion and music,"

he said.

Today, he remains convinced his service to the church was the right profession for him. "I don't think any man should go into the ministry or any other demanding profession unless he feels sure that he could not find happiness in some other call-ing," he said. After observing the knowing

some of the leading theologians in the last five decades he holds them all equal in respect and

admiration.

#### Simple English

"I prefer preachers who present the gospel in clear and peisuasive simple English," he

He remembers also the revised 1928 Episcopal Prayer Book and its idea "a person goes from strength to strength in a life of perfect service even after dath."

On Christianity today he says, "I don't think we are anyomre

"I don't think we are anyomre irreligious, but perhaps in a freer situation. When there is freedom, people are willing to go to extremes."

"The big trouble with the church today," he said, "is that so many people have been innoculated with slight cases of Christianity and have, thereby, been prevented from getting cantured by the real thing." captured by the real thing,

Although now 78 years old, he remains active cataloging the 7,000 volumes of the Hartford Seminary Foundation's Hymnology Library.

At the seminary he has work-ed, studied and exchanged ideas with all complexions of

Christian theologians.

But he remains certain that religion is the way to the good life. "Belief or disbellef takes some real gymnastics."

(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from The Mayflower Descendant, Vol. XXVI, No. 1, We call your attention to the article about the Francis & Susanna (Soule) West dated Jan. 1924. House on Page 37 of SOULE NEWSLETTER, Vol. I, No. 4, and also to the list of their descendants on page 3 of this issue.)

#### SUSANNA' SOULE'S HUSBAND IDENTIFIED SHE MARRIED FRANCIS WEST

BY GEORGE ERNEST BOWMAN

THROUGH the courtesy of Mrs. Elvira Jerusha (West) Coney, of Ware, Mass., we reproduce in the accompanying illustration two pages of an old "Memmorandum Book" written

by her grandfather, Elder Samuel West.

This old manuscript is of exceptional interest and importance, because the entries in it, particularly those on original pages forty-five and forty-six, united with data long in possession of the present writer, prove that Susanna2 Soule, daughter of George<sup>1</sup> Soule, the Mayflower Passenger, married Francis West of North Kingstown, R. I.

It is probable that Francis West had lived in Duxbury, Mass.,

before settling at North Kingstown.

As Francis and Susanna (Soule) West had a large family, and many grandchildren, this old manuscript will enable many persons to prove Mayflower descent who have not before suspected such a connection.

In the present article we begin printing a literal transcript of "Samuel Wests Memmorandum Book", omitting only items of no historical value, such as descriptions of his mental struggles

before he decided to join the church.

The data from the Plymouth Colony, the Plymouth County, Mass., and the North Kingstown, R. I., records which connect the "Memmorandum Book" with George Soule, the Mayflower Passenger, will be printed in an early issue.

#### [ "SAMUEL WESTS MEMMORANDUM BOOK |

[p. 1] "Samuel Wests Memmorandum Book Containing Usefull Remarks Both Religious an Morral intermixt with his own History"

[p. 2] "I Samuel West am the fifth Son of Elder Thomas West of hopkinton in the State of Rhode island my father had Seven Sons and four daughters Born in the following order

Jonathan Born at Newport November 28th AD 1754

"Susanna Born at do June 3rd AD 1756 "Phebe Born at do and died in her infancy

"Michael Born at hopkinton December 15th AD 1759

"Thomas Born at do february 21st AD 1762 "Francis Born at do April 15th AD 1764 "Samuel Born at do October 6th AD 1766 "Ebenezer Born at do died in his infancy "Joseph Born at do October 4th AD 1771

"Amie Born at do April 3rd AD 1774 " Abigail Born at do July 31st A D 1776

"My Brother Francis died at Hopkinton September 16 AD

"My Brother Michael died at Hopkinton October 24 AD 1792"

[p. 3] "My Father & Mother imbraced the Christian Religion in the early part of their lives Soon after which my father Commens<sup>d</sup> Preachen & was ordained to the Pastoral Care of a Church in Hopkinton in the year AD 1771

"My 2 Eldest Brothers & Eldest Sister Made profession of Religion Soon after, So that My fathers hous was now one of the best Schools of Religion & Morrality: My mind in My Childhood was much attached to Reading. (Especially the Holy

Scriptures.)
"But I Remained Careless about the State of my Soul (Although I was indulged with the Best oppertunityes) until

I entered my 12th year"
[p. 6] "I submitted to the ordinance\* and joined the Church under my fathers Care [p. 7] Hopkinton July - AD 1779"

[p. 8] "I now discoverd the temtation of Satan that had So long Beset me, which I think Best for to Relate, it was on this wise having my mind muc[h] engaged whilst Speaking in meeting at a certain tim[e] after meeting I heard one of the Bretherin say if they did not Stop my speaking in meeting it would not Be long Before I woud think that I was Calld to preach, this gave me such a blow that I doubted whether I was not deceivd. & only had just light anough to finally Condemn me at last. in the midst of this Conflict I Concluded that I would never Speak any more in meeting"

[p. 9]" I thought that if I married & Settled in the wourld that I Could then live Religion with more Ease - Accordingly I was married to Jerusha Stanton Daughter of Mr David Stanton of Preston\* on the 10th of March AD 1785-But this did not help me to live Religion for in my Courtship I had never Said much about Religion & now was afraid to lest it Should offend my wife"

[p. 10] "Reccord of my Childrens Births

Thomas was Born at Preston Novr 26 AD 1785

"David Stanton was Born at Vershire in Vermon[t] August the 24th AD 1787

"Sally Was Born at do august 26th AD 1789 "Michael was Born at do January 21st AD 1792

"Levi was Born at Norwich† april 19th AD 1796 & died of the whooping Cough September 10th AD 1796-the Lord is Righteous in all his ways & Just in all his Judgments

"Samuel Bailey Colegrove was Born at Norwich February

25th AD 1798

"Nancy was Born at do January 14th AD 1800

"Amia Colgrove was Born at do March 17th AD 1802 and died at New London May the 11th 1804 My Babe is gone at gods Command and I Can trust her in his hand"

[p. 11] "My Beloved wife Jerusha died on the morning of

the 24th of Feby AD 1816

"1816 I was Married to Mrs Mary Lester Augst 1st Relict of Eldr Eliphlet Lester late of guilford‡ Deceasd
"1821 August—My wif's Brother Timothy Smith died in

"1825 May 3rd My Son Michaels Wife Died in Travel her Child a son was still born

"1827 My Daughter Nancy Doane died November 20 She has left three little daughters.

"1830 april 6 My wife Mary died in the 67th year of her

"1830 September 12 I was married to Anna Arnold daughter of Christian Arnold late of Haddam\*\* deceasd She was born July 3 AD 1784

"Mother Arnold died Nov" 12 1830 in the 81 year of her

[p. 12] " in the Beginning of the year AD 1784 - My father Sold his farm at Hopkinton-& in august of the Same year he Remov<sup>d</sup> his family to Vershire in the State of Vermont (having first obtained a discharge from his office as pastor An Ecclesiastical Council having declared the Church that was under his Care desolved, But held My father in the office of an Evangelist)

"Soon after our arival at Vershire the People Set up meeting and Calld my father to Preach to them which Call he gladly imbraced & continued preaching with them until his last Sickness

which ended his days:

"I Removd my family from Preston to Vershire in march AD 1786"

[p. 13] "April 6th AD 1787 about [p. 14] About this time there Began a stur in the minds of the people and they set up Conference meetings and the kind Lord was pleasd to Bless us in Such a manner that in two months from our first meeting we united in Chh Covenant together, my wife was Baptised Soon after and joined the Chh which now increasd daily So that in a few months they Calld my father to the pastoral Care and he was Solemnly Set apart to that work

"my mother was taken Sick about the Beginning of the year AD 1788 - and Ended hur mortal life the 1st day of march following . having lived as Become the gospel She die in faith"

\* Preston, Conn.

† Norwich, Conn.

# Guilford, Conn. \*\* Haddam, Conn.

<sup>\*</sup> Of baptism. - Editor.

#### Susanna Soule's Husband Identified

["SAMUEL WESTS MEMMORANDUM BOOK", commued]

[p. 15] "the following Verses I Composed on the Death of my Mother and here Record to hur memmory . . . . March 3rd AD 1788"

[p. 16] "1788 this year . . . . the Church made Chois of me to serve them as Clark which office I accepted"
"A Boddyly indisposition took place with me this year which

occasioned me to Raise much Blood"

"1789 in the Beginning of this year I made a journy to Connecticut & Rhode island which much imprvd my halth'

"1790 afflicted with Raising Blood"

"1791 my healh still impaired . . . . my Brother Francis died at Hopkinton the 16th of September this year which [p. 17] [w]hich made a great impression on my mind he was next older than I and the next younger died in infancy"

"1792 . . . my father Preaches half the time at Vershire

& the other half at corinth\*"

"1793 I left Vershire with my family and Came to preston Connecticut feby 5th improved father Stantons farm on shares"

[p. 18] "this year in august made a tour to Pennsylvania and Bought Some land in a wild part of the State in november went to Vershire Sold my Estate their to Joseph Dake and

settle my Business their"

"1794 January Return to preston made preperations to go to pensylvania left my family at father Stantons, went to pensylvania in april & made provision for my family & Returnd to preston in September in order to move on my family . . . . on the 24th of october Shiped my family & furniture on bord a vessel at Norwich landing Bound to Albany But was taken sick with a fever and put on shore with my family at New london .... [p. 19] .... I Remoovd to Norwich Landing in November "

"1796 the watters of affliction still Rise higher this year a scene of Sickness & and death in my family . the measles Began the scene . then my wife after having partly Recovered from the Measles (which brought her vary low) was put to bead with my son Levi , about six weaks after hur geting to Bead hur aged [p. 20] Father was taken Sick with his last illness, I went with my wife & family to pay our last visit to him . . . . he departed this life June the 7th AD 1796 in the 76th year of his

"the whooping Cough made its appearance amongst our Children in august and provd fatal to our infant son he died

September 10th"

[p. 21] "1797 . . . . I concluded . . . . to look for a home in Some Regular Chh (having Receivd a letter of Recommenation from the Chh at Vershire & Corinth\*) I proceeded to visit Several Chhes . . . . I Became acquainted with a number of Bretherin in Bozrah† which ware the Remains of the Chh formerly under the Care of Eldr Peter Rogers . their was now about 12 Bretherin & Sisters that met for worship at private houses and vary few of the Neighbours met with them . . . . [p. 22] . . . . I felt a desire to help to build the walls of this little Sion and discovering a desire in the minds of som to move forward I offered to unite my self with them and was Receivd with aparent Joy we obtaind administration from Eldr Reuben Palmer of Montville and partook of the lords Supper together the third Lords day in July when a number of Bretherin and sisters Came forward that had lain stil[1] a long time our number was about 23 I now Concluded it was prudent for me to Be as still as posable Concerning publick improvement and live as much at Ease as I Could -

"About this time Deacon Elijah Herrick told the Chh that he was Calld to preach the gospel and lead & fead the Chh"

[p. 23] "1797 the Chh Continued to Receiv administration from Eld R Palmer Deacon Herrick took the liberty to use his gift in preaching Every opportunity So Ends this year"

1798 Commences with trials in the Chh Concerning the terms of Communion Now the trying time is Come the Chh is met to labour with the Contending members & whoo shall lead & moderate in the meeting is the first qustion When Deacon Herrick nominated poor unworthy me and the Chh notwithstanding of all the Remonstrances that I Could make insisted that I should Serve here I was forced to die to live and oby\*\* the Chh in her demand."

\* Vermont. † Connecticut.

[p. 24] "1798 whilst with one hand we are obliged to use the Sword of discipline we ware blest with an opportunity to Build the walls of the Chh with the other - the spirit of god Scems to Be mooving on the people Sion begins to travil in birth for Souls and to our joy Some are born into the Kingdom of Jeasus, the assembly at our meetings increases Every day the field is white all Ready to hervest . and the Vois of young Converts Rejoiss the hearts of the Saints. I now am Cald to mourn with them that mourn for the afflictions of the Chh and to rejois with them that Rejois through the Consolating power of divine grace in the bringing Souls to bow to the Scepter of the gospel now the Chh is Singing the Song of Justice and mercy."

[p. 25] "1798 May - about this time Deacon Herrick Cald on me in publick to Come forward and preach the gospel and I Excused my self and informd him that if I Came forward in publick improvement and should meet the aprobation of the Chh that he would be disaffected with me , and he said he would not But it would Be joy to him to See me prosper and out

Run him in the Cause of god-

"Soon after this the people Called on me on the Saboth to preach to them (as they had no Speaker with them) I told them that I was fearfull that it would Be offensive to god as I was not certain that he had Called me to that work and I wanted to Kno my duty Before I attempted to do it [p. 26] 1798 however after much perswation I told them that I would Read a portion of Scripture and make Some observations from it and they might name it what they would and if I found a blessing in it I Should try to venture further"

[p. 28] "1799 Continue to preach with the Chh at home, and Somtimes By their Consent abroad with other Chhs'

"the Chh By their vote in april gave me licence to preach the gospel and Confirmd the Same to me by their Letter of Recommendation in Septemb[er] following "

"I have designedly Neglected to Roord the Death of My Honoured Father . which with Some Remarks you will find in the next page"

[p. 29] "I Receivd a letter from my Sister Susanna Porter in february AD 1797 By which She informd me of the death of my father he departed this life on the 23 day of January AD 1797 in the 65 year of his age

Our Fathers are dead: and the Prophets whare are they! "Oh My Soul take Courage to fight manfully in the Cause of Christ, my Father has Surely Set me a worthy Example

"Oh that I might walk in his Steps"

[p. 30] "1799 - having Some temporal business at Vershire\* and a great desire to See my friends and Bretherin & Sisters & also to visit my Fathers Sepulchre & Se whare they had laid him . I left home about the beginning of octr Visited my Sister Amie Eddy at wethersfield Vermont . preachd in the evening had a joyful time with a number of young Converts members of Eldr Aaron Leelands Chh . . . . from withersfield I went next to woodstock to visit my Brother Thomas preachd with the people & then went on my journey to Vershire by the way of Lebanon-arived at Vershire and found my friends well"

[p. 31] "1799 A mourning time I found it to Be with the Chh at Vershire

"Some of the members ware no more having falen asleep in death another number have Joind the methodists another number have Joind a Society that Call themselves quarter Baptists their Principles are Arminian their practices much like the methodists they use in general the Solumn style like the Quakers."

[p. 32] "1799 after having preached with the people a number of sermons & mournd with them and Exorted them daily for one whole week I setled my temporal business I Returnd home"

"the mesenger of Death A poem I Composed on my Honoured Fathers Death

"he had Ben an ordaind minister about twentysix years-He was indefatigable in preaching - patient in Sufferings; fervent in Charity Zealous of good works Strong in faith having his hope in god he was Resignd in death, Earnestly Expecting a blessed admitance to the mantions of Eternal Glory through Jeasus Christ"

<sup>\*</sup> Vermont.

#### Susanna2 Soule's Husband Identified

[On pages 33-35 was written the poem, "Composed march 2nd AD 1797 and here inserted as a memorial of my Honoured

Fathers Death"]

[p. 36] "1800 this year begins with Sorrows part of the Chh Call on me to Receive ordination & part are opposd-this division of minds Continued until may when they agreed to ordain me an Evangelist-the 11th of June was appointed for the ordination now the trying time is Come - for to Refuse I dare not for wo is me if I preach not the gospel - and how to give my self entirely to the work I know not . however after many strugles I gave my self up to the work of the ministry Determining at the event of all things to do the work of an evangelist and magnify mine office"

[p. 40] "1800 . . . . Political disputes produce a general division of Sentiment through the nation . . . . the time of the Election of President is at hand and hope is entertaind that

after election the People will be more united

"John Adams the present President Represented a monarchist is one Canditate & Thomas Jefferson the present Vice President

Represented a republican is the other" [p. 41] "1801 this year Begins with Some trials in the Chh "Deacon Herrick Concluded that Since the Chh had given me up to the work of an Evangelist and I had bin Solumnly Ordained to that work By an Ecclesiastical Council on the 11th of June 1800 that their was no propriety in my living with

and administering to this Chh "I journeyed abroad preaching the word in Various places nearly half the time I this year traveled as far as Pennsylvania

Visiting Several Chhs and preaching the word

"my temporal affairs Require my attention and the people neglect to Supply my wants which make it necessary for me to Remoove which necessity I lay Before the Chh.

"Deacon Herrick is opposed to my having any assistance from the Chh. Because of my Being an Evangelist, and makes various Complaints concerning my dress and manner &c"

[p. 42] "1801 Deacon Herricks objections Serves to divide the minds of the Chh . So that whilst some want me to take the pastoral Care of the Chh others Seem willing to part with me"

"a great Revival begins about the End of this ye r in the

1st Baptist Chh at Colchester"

"Thomas Jefferson is Delared\* President on the 4th of march to the great Joy of the Republickans and the affairs of the Nation puts on a brighter aspect, although the other Party are much grieved their at

"my Eldst Son Goes to Pennsylvania to teach a School in

november"

[p. 43] "1802 my Cituation is more difficult than last year having nowhare to live

"Deacon Herrick Continues his Complaints and discontent

increases

"In february I Receive a Request from the Chh at New london & watterford to Come and live with them and assist Eld Darrow their Pastor in his office work I laid the Request Before the Chh . and they Said Considering my Sircumstances they should have no difficulty with me if I Remoovd to New london

"accordingly I agreed to Supply the Chh. at New london & watterford with administration for the present year

"april 11th preachd at Niantic meetinghous - Baptised sister Phebe Maynard and administered the Lords Supper"

[p. 44] "1802 I Remoovd to New london the 22 of april attend meeting in Common in town

"administer the Lords Supper the 2 lords day in may in

"the 2 in June at watterford

"the 3 do at lakes pond at sister Calkinsis "2nd in July Exchanged with Eldr whitman 3rd in July preachd at Bozrah & Broke Bread

"Considerable awakenings amongst the people in the great neck have weekly lecters their Some hopefully Converted

[Samuel West's "Memmorandum Book", continued]

"1st Saboth in august Exchanged with Eldr Dickeson and adminestered the Lords Supper to his Chh

"2" in august Preached at Watterford Baptised nine persons and administered the LordsSupper had a good time

"thursday august 12 preachd a lecter at the widow Buler's & Baptised 2 persons at Evening in Jordan Brook"

[p. 45] "1802 august 23rd leave New london on a journy to the northward preach at a number of towns on my way

"at Petersburgh in the State of New York Visit my uncle Francis West & from the family Records Receive the following account of my ancestors

"my great grandfather Francis West Came from Europe to Amarica Soon after the first Settlement at Plymouth and Soon after his arival he married A young Lady By the name of Sole daughter of Mr George Sole (he came with Lis family to Plymouth in the first Vessel that Came their from Europe) by whoom he had Seven Sons & 2 daughters

"his Sons names ware Francis Thomas Peter William Richard Clemment & John his daughters names ware Martha & Susanna martha married a Fones by whoom she had Children Susanna Married a Barber By whoom She had a number of

Sons & daughters"

[p. 46] "1802 My grandfathers name was William West his Sons names ware William John Joseph Benjamin Thomas Francis Hezekiah and Ebenezar his daughters names ware Deborah Abiah Jane & Susanna

"My fathers mother was Jane Tanner Daughter of Francis Tanner hur mother was a Babcock hur Brothers names ware William Benjamin John Francis & Nathan hur sisters names ware Mary Avis Abigail Rechel Ann & Dorcas

"My Mothers name was Amie Colgrove Daughter of Francis

Colgrove hur mother was a Bailey

"hur Brothers names ware Samuel and Jeremiah hur Sistrs mary Sarah Anna & Hannah"

[p. 47] "1802 I visited A number of Relations together with my Brothers & Sisters and Return home the last of September

"2nd Lords day in October preached at Watterford and

Baptised Seven persons"

"2nd Lords day in November attend meeting at watterford hear Eldr Joseph Cornell preach 2 Sermons I Baptized 8 persons & administered the Supper

"2 lords day in december preach in New london & Baptize

2 persons & administer the Supper"

"their hath ben 30 persons Baptized and aded to the Chh this year & I that had ben Baptized Before and one by letter from another Chh and I backslider Returned total thirtythree"

[p. 48] "1802 General Remarks

"Revivals of Religion in Several places this year Considerable additions to the Chh in Some parts of New England and in the middle States But more Especially in the Southwestern parts of the United States

"Polliticks

"A general armistice in Europe and Some hopes of a general

A great war of principles in the United States the Republicans Seeme to gain Strength But the friends of State Religion struggle hard to the arristocracy of the Clergy in Massechusetts New hampshire Vermont & Connecticut

"the Christians (otherwise Called Baptis[ts] in Connecticut prefer their first petition to the general assembly for Universal liberty of Contience in Religious matters and are Refused a hearing"

[p. 49] "1803 January 2nd Lords day preach at Watterford

and Baptize 2 persons

"february 2nd I met the Convention of Elds & Bretherin at Bristol to Consult measures for the safety of the Chh as respects the usurpation of state government in matters of Religion, the Convention agreed to prefer a remonstrance and Petition to the general assembly in may next

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"2 lords day in february Baptize 2 persons one of which is my eldest Son

"have a Comfortable day I now have the the pleasure of siting down at the Lords table with my first Born son

"O may, may I with grateful joy give thanks to Almighty

God for So great a Blessing

"July 16th I am Severely afflicted with a Billious Collick

Confind about 10 days

"2nd Lords day in march preach at Waterford have a Com-'ortable time Baptize 2 persons & adminester the Sacrament"

[p. 50] "1803 2nd Lords day in April
"I Baptize 2 persons & attend the Lords Supper"

"may the 24 Deacon Lemuel Darrow departed this life after a few hours illness in the 47 year of his age he was taken away in the Strength of his days having Exceeded his fellows in virtuous usefullness Both in Church . state, & family he finished his Cours with joy his works of Charity & Love have, left A Sweet Savior of his name in long Rememberance

"25 attend the funeral of Decn Darrow A sollumn time hear Eldr Bradly from Newport deliver a discours well addapted

to the occation from Rev! 14-13

"June 23rd the Chh make Chois of me as moderator & as-

sistant to Eldr Darrow in the Pastoral work"

[p. 51] "1803 June 23 Brothe Jonas Stanton Died in the 38th year of his age-a mournfull stroke to my wife & the

Rest of hur family

"the Baptist Petition prefered last may to the general assembly was Rejected with contempt-the Pharoahs of this State are not willing to let the Lords people Serve him without they will in the first place Bow to Pharoahs Servants & certify their hommage in writing Signd By their own hand

"2nd Lords day in September Preachd at waterford Baptize

1 person & administer the Lords Supper

"September 20th AD 1803 I laid the foundation of my Hous on golden hill Union street in New London may the Lord prosper the building & Cause it to become A Bethel to those that may dwell therein"

[p. 52] "1803 - 2nd Lords day in Novr Preachd at Waterford

& Baptize I person & administer the Supper

"November the 22nd I Remoove my family in to the Hous Which the Lord hath inabled me to Build for An habitationfor a dwelling place-O may it be a dwelling place of Righteousness A place Where the Lord may delight to dwell

"Decr 10th my Self & wife ware Received into Particular membership with the Chh at New London & waterford By letters dismissive from the Chhs at Bozrah & Preston may the Lord inable us to fill our lot in maintaining the Brotherhood

"Remarks on 1803

"nothing special this year takes place in the Chh Except Some Revivals of Religion in Some parts & and a general Resolution amongst the Elders & Brethrin of the Chh of Christ in Connecticut to oppose the Spirit of Antichrist in the Civil department Called State Religion"

[p. 53] "1803 Remarks &c

'Nationl affairs at home prosperous But in Europe adverse, France & England Renew hostillities & other Nations Suffer

"the acquisition of Louisianna By purchace adds an emence

territory to the United States"

"O may the gospel of god our Saviour Extend to the inhabitants of this vast territory with the Just & Equal Laws of this vast Republick

"1804 this year Begins with Some Labours in the Chh Concerning My taking the Pastoral Care a meeting for that purpose is to be attended the last wednesday in this first month January

"2nd Lords day in January Preach at Waterford & administer

the Supper

"Wednesday the 11th of Jany Preachd a lecter at Bro-Richard geroms & Baptized his wife

[Samuel West's "Memmorandum Book", continued]

"february 22 the Church at New London was Constituted and my Self & wife Became members of the Same

"Oh! that the Great husbandman would water this little vine & Cause it to grow and be come like Josephs that Spread its Branches over the wall"

[p. 54] "1804 march the 30th my little daughter Amie Colgrove was taken Sick with a nervious fever which ended her mortal life after a distressing illness for Six weeks

"the Lord can kill and make alive: it is he that bringeth down to the grave an that will Raise the dead from their graves Oh! that I might Be entirely resignd to his Righteous

"nothing material to the end of the year

"1805 begins with severe cold weather perpetual frost from

the 10th of last December to the first of March

"A low time with us as to Religion although there is great revivals in Suffield Norwich Stonington & some other places in Connecticut Providence warren and other towns in Rhode island as also in the Province of Maine New hampshire & New york

"I Continue the watch care of the Chh in New London and also Serve as colleague [p. 55] 1805 with Eld Darrow at

Waterford

"Saturday July Sixth Covenant meeting have a good time heard the experiance of Rebecca Davis and the Chh Received

"Lords day July 7 I baptised Sister Rebeca Davis and ad-

minister the Lords Supper have a good time

"august 15 I left home, and Journeyed into the State of New york up the Mohawk River was four weeks from home in which time I preached 23 Sermons & attended the Otsego Association which Set at Salisbury County of Herkemer State of New York on my Return homeward attended a council at the constitution of a Chh at Lebanon Connecticut, had a pleasant journey"

[p. 56] "1805 November 12 I Set out on a journey to Charlemont in the State of Massechusetts was from home 15

days & preachd 16 Sermons had a good time

"(No snow & but little frost to the end of the year 1805) "1806 Continue at New London (Low time of Religion) "April a glorious work of Reformation at Newport & many

other Towns at the eastward also at New york & Philadelphia & many other places at the westward & southward

"May and at Montville & Lyme and some other towns in

Connecticut

"June 1 Lords day at the Lords Supper one perso[n] related an experience of a work of grace & called for Baptism The Chh appointed a metting to attend on the administration of Baptism Saturday the 15 inst before which time 4 persons more related there experiences and on sd 15th of june I baptised them all, 5 in number

"A happy time the Lord appears to work on a number of

minds, our Assembly is more Solumn than usual"
[p. 57] "1806 Lords day July 6 I Baptised 4 persons one

of them was my Son David S

"July 8 I Set Sail for Block Island and arived there the 9th I tarried there a week & Preached 6 Sermons to the people & returnd home the 16th

"Lords day July 20 I preachd at Lyme and Baptised 2

persons & administer the Lords Supper

"A great drought this Season nothing more than a few vary light Showers from the first of may until the 18 of July

"Lords day August 3th I Baptised five persons one of them was my Daughter Sally, The Lord Reigns let the Earth rejoice "Lords day September 7 I Baptised eleven Persons God

is glorified in the Salvation of Souls" [p. 58] "1806 Friday October 10th

"Preachd at Brother Jerre Tinkers at the Harbours-mouth

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and Baptized Eight Persons, O may the Lord add unto this Chh multitudes of such as shall be saved

"Novr I Baptised I man "Decr I Baptised 3 persons "Remarks on AD 1806

"The most distinguishing display of divine goodness and mercy ever known in this Country Since the great reformation in AD 1741 Multitudes have been converted Light and truth abounds the gospel practice of Baptism increases and large additions are made to the Chh of Baptised believers"

[p. 59] "1806 Politicks "Republican principles prevail in this Country, in general," but in this State Federalism (So called being a species of arristocracy) Continues to lead the race in Civil matters, being mounted on the Scarlet Beast of State Religion

"In Europe wars and fightings are the order of the day "At the close of this year I visited Hopkinton the place of my nativity and beheld the glorious work of god in that place

"237 members have been added to one Chh thare this year" [p. 60] "1807 January 4 I Baptised 2 persons and administer the Lords Supper had a good time, Blessed be the Lord who Sheweth us light

"11th I Baptised I person

"first Lords day in May I Baptised Brother Harper & his

"May 19 left home for the State of New York 22 arive at N- York . attend the ordination of Bro Francis Wayland 23 go to New Rochel - 24 preach to the People - 26 to Bedford attend the Warwick Association 27 to Pixkill\* preach at evening 28 to Newbury 30 to Deerpark preach at night"

[p. 61] "1807 June 1. preach at Deerpark Spend the week recanoitering the the Country wistward to the Delaware River & return to Deerpark & preach at Deerpark & also the 9th

"10 Set out for home return by the way of New York arrive at home the 13. In this journey I have traveled 500 miles by land & water attended I ordination & I association & preached 14 Sermons

"August 8 Rode to Mansfield on an exchange with Elds Bradly

"9 Preachd 3 sermons

"10 Preached a funeral Sermon

11 Preachd a funeral Sermon at Willington-12 Préachd a lecture at Lebanon"

[p. 62] "1807 august 16 Preachd at Colchester for Eld" Wilcox - 17 return home

"September 6 I baptised I person

"General peace in the Chh to the end of the year

"Political Remarks

"In Europe the French are everywhare victorious, whilst the English by an unprovoked attact on Denmark provoke Rusia with the other Northen powers to make war with hur - the oppressive decrees of France & England together with many abusive acts of the latter occation America to lay an embargo on all vessels in hur harbours

"great revivals of Religion in many places & large accessions of members to the Chh of Christ

"O! Lord carry on thy work of grace until thy glory shall cover the whole earth"

[p. 63] "1808 February 20th

I returnd home from a tour through the western counties of Massachusetts & part of the States of Vermont & New york. have been absent 71 days traveled 550 miles attended 2 Minesterial Conferences and 1 Chh meting - preached 67 times heard sermons from others & attended 2 funerals

"28 I baptised I person

"1st Saboth in March I baptised I person

"march 30 attend a conference at Eldr Reuben Palmers

"August 1st Saboth I Baptised 2 persons

Peekskill, N. Y.

[Samuel West's "Memmorandum Book". continued]

"August 9th I Set out on a tour to the Eastward in my way I visit Newport . Warren . Pawtuxet . Providence, Pawtuket Boston . Charlestown, Malden, Woburn Reading . Salem . Marblehead, Beverly Danvers & Newton together with a number of other towns - and return home the 21 of September'

[p. 64] "Sept 21 return from my Journey to the East-I have been from home 43 days & have Preachd 37 times & have heard II Sermons & attended the Warren Association I have collected from Newport Warren Providence Pawtucket Boston & Several Persons in other places \$167.5[worn] for the Use of the Church in New London towards paying for their Meeting-House

"October 11 My Son David S. left home with a design to travail through the middle & western States

"1st Lords day in Novr I baptised I person

" 10 I receive information that my Brother Joseph was killed last may in the county of Chenango in the state of New York by the fall of a timber at the raising of a fraim he was a man of a sober religious life & no doubt has left this wourld of trial for the realms of glory Oh! may I be prepared for my

[p. 65] "1808 General observations No especial revivals of religion in these parts this year altho we hear of many in

other places

"our National affairs remain much as they ware at the close of the last year, England & France continue their unjust decrees & orders against nuterals which has occasiond our Congress in addition to the Embargo to prohibit all trade & commercial intercourse with them & to adopt measures for general defence . Oh! may the Lord preserve us from the wars & slaughter & grant us repentance for all our sins & continue to us the blessing of the gospel of peace

"1809 I Sold my house in N. London & bought a small farm I mile from town on the Lyme Road on to which I re-

moved the 17th day of April

"My Son David returns home on a visit in june

"July 7 He again left home for Pennsylvania

"Nothing material Occurs with myself family & Church to the end of the year

"Remarks on 1809-Religion-a remarkable revival in

groton & North Stonington & many other places'

[p. 66] "1809 Remarks &c Polliticks - Congress relinquies the embargo systim & resort to nonintercourse with both England & France

"The Empror of France Napoleon discharged the Pone from all secular power

"1810 Begins with warm open weather

"Jany 18th at night the weather changed from being uncommonly warm to the most extreme cold ever known in this country in the memory of our oldest men

"my Son David made us a short visit in april & returnd to Pennsylvania whare he has commenced a settlement on the Same land which I attempted to settle on in 1794

"October 5th AD 1810 this day compleats the 44th year of my age I am now in the 32nd year of my membership in the Chh of Christ & the eleventh of my publick Ministry"

[p. 70] "Nov" 5 I left home, & journeyd by the way of New York, through New Jersey to Orange County State of N York thence through Sulivan County to Pennsylvania . thence through Wayne Susquhanna & Luzerne Counties to the Susquehanna river & returnd by the way of Hartford Connecticut & arivd at home the first of february 1811 having been absent 88 days 28 of which ware Stormy . I have tried to preach 70 times whilst on this Journey"

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[p. 71] "1811 January 8th my Son Thomas was Married to Abby Weeks

"March 24 my Son Michael was married to Rebeca Malary "Age & solitude make their advances hand in hand my eldest Son is Married & removed from me my second is far from me & not expected to return-my third Son is married-A few Years more if I live will Strip me, probably, of all my Children."

A low time with the Chh under my care"

"A reformation at Preston & Norwich has added a number

of baptised believers to the visible Chh"

[p. 72] "1811 very little Snow or frost until the 24 of december when commenced the most severe storm of wind & snow remembered by the oldest people now living . which did much damage to the shiping with the loss of many lives

"National remarks

"hostile movements & reincounters with the Indians on our western frontiers - Insults & aggressions still heaped on us by G Brittain which our rulers Seem disposed to withstand which if they do war it is expected will be the result"

" Phenomenon

"there appeared this year about the first of September a commet with a long Shaged or hairy tail its first apparance was far to the north it asscended fast through the Signs of the Zodiac & is still to be seen in our Southwestern hemisphere

december 31-1811"

[p. 73] "1812 Begins with heavy rain"

[p. 74] "1812 January 4th

"My Son Thomas & his wife with their infant daughter about 3 month old Set out to come into town in a waggon having proceeded about 4 miles they found their child (whom they Supposed before to be in perfect health) was in a fit on which they Stoped at an inn which was at hand whare their child immediate expired"

"February 2nd My Son David Stanton was married at Pen-

sylvania to Keziah Stanton

"April 15th the frost which commenced last Christmas is not yet out of the ground

may 4th Cold snow storm

"August 31 Sold the farm on which I now live to gurden

"Oct" 3 return from a journey to the northwest in which I have travelled about 400 miles visited a number of my relations & preached 17 Sermons & attended 2 funerals"

[p. 75] "1812 The Summer has been wet and cold the indian corn is late and Small frosty nights comence Sept 20 and are so severe that almost all the corn is killed by the frost

"nov" 25 the ground is frozen Steady gentle frost but no snow to the end of the year

"Low time of Religion

"The Nation is involved in war with England [p. 76] "1813 Begins with steady frosty weather

Jan 15th Severe snow storm which is the first we have had this winter sufficient to cover the ground

"Feby 17th My Son Michael left home and set out for Pennsulvania with a view to settle there

"20th I removd my family into the house which I built for My Son Michael - So I remove from house to house. Oh! may I be prepared for my last Remove & find a place of Rest in the house not made with hands Eternal in the heavens

"Apl 12 the frost which commenced last november is not

yet out of the ground

"may I Baptised my Son Samuel B. C Oh! may he like little Samuel of old be always obedient to the vois of god

"june 1st the English Ships of war chase into our harbor 2 frigate[s] & a Sloop of war comd by Comodore Stephen Decatur The citysens ar[e] much alarmd, & distress<sup>d</sup> partly through fear of the enemy & partly from having So many Soldiers Stationed amongst them

\* Complete description printed.

["SAMUEL WESTS MEMMORANDUM BOOK", continued]

[p. 77] "1813 July my Son Michael Returnd from his journey to the westward

"Augst I I baptised my Son Michaels wife "Nov' 1 Lords day I Baptised 1 person "Remarks on AD 1813

"Various Successes attend the war Whilst every battle is

with confused nois & garments rolled in blod

"New London is still closely invested by the Brittish fleet which produces Such a stagnation of business and consequent distress of the people in general & especially those of my charge that I find it necessary for me to retreat farther from Town in november I receive a request from the first Baptised Chh in Say Brook to take up my abode with them for the present

'1814 Jan 3 I laid the request of SayBrook Chh accompanied with my own request for a dismission from the Pastoral care of the Chh in New London before the chh & they freely

granted my request on the last day of March next'

[p. 78] "1814 Reflections &c
"It is a truth, experimentally so, that here I have no continuing city nor sure abiding place. Oh! may I in reality be seaking one to come a city that hath foundations whose builder & maker is god. If I live the time will shortly come when I must make another remove, well my last will shortly come."

"Jan" 15th I receive and accepted the call of the first Chh in SayBrook to take the ministerial care of that Chh time of

Servise to commence on the first of April next

"march 27 by examining the chh books & minutes I find that I have baptised 133 persons for the Chhs in New London Waterford

"31 I left New London with my family & furniture and arived at the parsonage house in Saybrook belonging to the first baptised Chh in Sd town April 1st whare I expect to take up my abode during my ministry with Sd Church'

[p. 79] "1814 April 9th my Self & wife with my daughter Sally & my Son Samuel B. C. ware receivd to membership with the 1st baptised Chh in Saybrook by letters of dismission

from the Chh in New London

October 1st My Son David mad me a visit with his wife "6th The past year has closed the 48 of my age - time flies apace oh! that I may have grace & wisdom to emprove the little that remains to me to the glory of god

"Nov" 18 Eld" Zadock Darrows wife died Suddenly in the 80 year of her age In practical Piety & good works few have

equalled and it is believe that none have exceeded her

"20th I attended her funeral

"24 the frost Sets in and continues to to the end of the

"Remarks &c

"Religion - A great revival in N. Stonington & groton also in Colchester & a number of other Towns in Connecticut"

[p. 80] "1814 Remarks &c
"Political In Europe Napoleon is put down & Louis 18th put up on which a general armistis takes place-Old England releasd from fighting in Europe brings her fleets and armies against the United States of America but meet with ample resistance generally

"Massachusetts Rhode Island and Connecticut appear to be making preperation for to revolt from the Union a convention supposed to be called for that purpose is now Seting

with closed doors at Hartford

"May the Lord pour contempt on the councils of the wicked!

"So ends the year 1814

"1815 Begins cold which grows more intense until the last of January when it is as cold as ever it was known to be in this

"The English are defeated at New Orleans with great loss the 8th of Janr

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"In February the news of peace arives in this country which was concluded at glient the 24 of Decr last it was ratified by the President & Senate on the 17 of Febr & the war put to an end great rejoicings accomp[a] nied with illuminations & preachments [p. 81] 1815 are the order of the day instead of that humble thanks giving which god requires & which is offered up by all who love god in sincerity

"march Boneparte returned from exile and reasscends the throne of France & Louis 18th fleas like wicked thief But the Beast which Rose up out of the earth Set forth anew the whole posse of Emperors & Kings against Bony which Soon forced him again into exile . upon which they reinstate the Infernal House of Bourbon & finally heal the Deadly wound of the

Papal Beast & thus fulfill the schripture

"July 13th My wife met with a hurt by raising her left arm suddenly backwards which so injured the mussle on the fore side of the arm & between that & the breast that an inflamation took place first in the glands of the arm then in the sinews & after about 10 days in the brest (and notwithstanding the most dilligent use of means with medical council) the swelling increas<sup>d</sup> gradually until the left arm and hand & both her feet & lower limbs burst and discharged abundance of water—at length the swelling became universal the right arm & hand only excepted"

[p. 82] "1816 Feby 13th This Day my dear Suffering wife (who has ben rappidly declining for the last Six weeks & violently distressed with Spasmodic affections so that she has not ben able to li down on her bead) was finally Smitten with a gangreene in the part first affected which gradually prevailed

until Saturday the 24 of february when she expired

"In her illness her appetite for food continued pretty good & her digestive facculties regular until about six weeks before she died when both failed & all the symtoms of a general dropsy

appeared

"From the first of her illness she had a prepossession of mind that she shod not recover her faith in Christ and hope of salvation throh the redemption that is in him ware unshaken but yet She complained of her dulness and earnestly prayed for some fresh manifestation of the love of god to her soul—on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feby & the next day after the gangrene took place She receivd the end of her prayrs. as She expressed it, the lovely Jeasus was manifested in the fulness of his grace in her soul. She expressed herself in devout rapture giving glory to god through Jeasus Christ"

[p. 83] "1816 Feby 24th This morning my Dear wife (who in all her distressing illness hath manifested throu patience an entire reconciliation to the will of god . often She woud say I have no choice but that the will of god may be done) She calld me to her bed side & said my work is done & I am going and you are willing—I replied I hope I am willing that gods will shoud be done. O! Said She you must be . I asked her how she felt She replied I am happy and I pitty you but the Lord will take care of you and in about 10 minutes She fell on sleep without a sigh, half past 8 ocl I cannot mourn as those that have no hope For she lived Christ and Sure her death to her is gain

"25 I this day pass the most solumn transaction of my life to bury out of my Sight the delight of my eyes the wife of my youth the faithful partner of all my sorrows & joys

"But She is gone at gods command & I can trust her in his hand

"May I persue the heavenly rest And in the end with her be  $bless^d$ "

[p. 84] "1816 May A Religious awakening Began in this neighborhood conference meetings are frequently attended

"Lords day July 14th I Baptised eight Persons one of whom was my youngest Daughter—I have now Baptised five of my Children one is left Oh! may the Lord bring him in also; to the praise of the glory of His grace

[Samuel West's "Memmorandum Book", continued]

"Octr 25 I brot home my wife Mary unto whom I was married on the first of August last Oh! may the few days we may live together be blessed of god with peace & be improven for his glory

"Decr 31st The year is past a solumn gloom has Shrouded all in mournind all nature Seems to say there is no joy in mee The Spring was but a continuation of of winter. The sumer cold & dry attended with frost every month the fruits of the earth are cut Short . altho the grain of sumer harvest is good autumn is deprive of all its joys

[p. 85] "1817 January 1st The winter thus far has been Remarkably open and moderate, as yet their is no snow.

"The year 1816 is past and gone: but not from my Remembrance the wound it gave cannot be forgotten by me, until senses are absorb<sup>d</sup> in death—until then the Remembrance of my Beloved Jerusha will bring to mind the year in which She was taken from me. Oh: may I imitate her virtues & in humillity be Reconciled to god who Blessed me with her company So long & with holy Job Say the Lord gave & the Lord hath taken away & blessed be His Name

"Feby 8th My Daughter Sally was Married to Mr Ezekiel

Glover

"14th & 15th days of this month ware the coldest ever known in this country—the mercury in Farenheiths thermometor was 20 degrees below Zero—whereas it was never before more than 13—The Spring is cold frosty and dry the Summer warm and comfortably wet

"August 3<sup>rd</sup> My Son Samuel . B. C West was Married to Harriet Bailey (daughter of Mr Edward Bailey of Haddam) he is in his 20<sup>th</sup> year She in her 16<sup>th</sup> Children in years oh may

they be Children of God by faith"

[p. 86] "1817 oct" 20 god has blessed the husbandman with the fruits of the earth both in the former & latter harvest

"Novb" is warm & pleasant as Spring

"December 31 the wether is still warm, no snow

"Remarks &c

"No great Revivals of Religion in these parts this year but great exertions are made to Raise money to Educate yong men for the Ministry & a principle is propegated even amongst the Baptists that a knowledge of the dead languages. arts & Sciences are necessary to qualify men to preach the gospel . but hath not god made the wisdom of this world foolishness and chosen the weak things of this world to bring to naught the things that are mighty? The 1000 years Reign of Christ and Saints is Supposed to be ushering in by Raising & Squandering large Sums of money on a tribe of Zealous Missionaries - officers and agents - and he or she who gives the most money to aid the Holy cause it Should Seeme by the language of missionary Sermons & other publications have the best titles to heaven. That Such are Honored praised and highly esteemed among men is true . but Jesus Said that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of god"

[p. 87] "1818 January 1st Another year is begun the past is gone forever Time flies with equal pace Oh! may I with equal pace with time press towards the heavenly country & when time shall be no more find Rest in the Kingdom of god

through Jesus Christ my Lord

"Apl 13th My Son Sam! B. C Removd to North Bristol So all my Children have left me (only little Nancy) She makes my house her home, but being of age She goes & comes at pleasure

"my condition and dwelling are alike lonesome well be it So I must Soon ah! Soon take my lodging alone in the dust of death

"Remarks &c

"A low State of Religion Errors abound Christian graces languish and iniquity prevails Missionary Sermons (So called) increas & Missionary and ministerial education Societies are multiplied whilst the Baptist board of Foreign Missions in their

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report anounce the Dawn of the Melenial Sabbath to arouse the energies of all Classes of Citizens from the decrepitude of age down to little boys & girls - to inlist under the Croesaders of Melennium by forwarding their Cash in great & Small Sums to Quallify melennial Preachers [p. 88] with old Hebrew Greek & Lattin So that they may be able to convert the Savages of America & heathens of India — And also to furnish the Sd learned preachers and all their coparceners from the Sapient Seceretary to the Servents in waiting, with Sallaries & livings

"If money & monied institutions will convert the world to

Christ a happy issue may confidently be expected

"Politicks 1818 forms a new era in the history of Connecticut The Legislature in may recommended to the people to elect dellegates from each town to meet at Hartford on the 4th wednesday in august to form a constitution of civil government for this State Sd dellegates war[e] Chosen & convened & or the 15th of September they published a constitution for the Consideration of the people Sd Constitution was duely approved by the people & ratified by the Legislature & published to be & remain the supreme law of this State octr twelfth 1818"

[p. 89] "1819 January 1st time Rolls along my Sun declines

apace - every year brings new trials"

"April 12 I Removd my family to guilford onto my wif's farm, but continue in the service & watch care of the 1st Church

at SayBrook
"The Spring is cold & wet . the summer uncommonly hot & dry the English graine is good-but vary little fruit and the fall harvest is vary Small - the drought continues the winter Sets in early & dry but no snow untill the last of december

"Decr 7th My daughter Nancy was married to Edmond

Doane Jur of Saybrook

"1820 Bigins cold with snow which is increased by repeated

Snows . the winter is long and Severely cold

"April my Daughter Nancy removd from me to dwell with her husband "So all my Children have left me only Samuel B. C is is left

with me" [p. 90] "1820 the Summer is uncommonly warm and dry

the fruits of the earth are however plentiful

"Novr 10 extreamly Cold for the Season

" 12 Cold Snow storm

"Decr 31 the cold of winter has continued from the 10th of November and is now Severe

"Remarks &c Religion -

"The Missionary Spirit continues But the world is not yet converted, more money must be raised before Burma will Receive the gospel - more funds are necessary to Quallify Preachers -- and much more to pay them for preaching The present Scarcity of Cash is against us and almost forbids the Idea of the Speedy conversion of the world by monyed means Nevertheless the foundation of god Standeth Sure having this Seal the Lord knoweth them that are his and will eventually gather them to gather in one in Christ Jesus"

[p. 91] "1821 Begins cold followed by Repeated Snows Th

Spring is late & the Summer uncommonly dry

"Sept 3rd Severe gale fron the Southward which did much

"I continue my ministry at Saybrook three Sabaths in a month - and once a month at Haddam & once in three months at guilford. The aforesd arangement is to continue until April Ist 1822

"Decr 31 The past year has been a year of joy to many by reason of a glorious Religious awakening in many of our towns & Societies - Since last march I have baptised 23 persons for the Church in Saybrook

1822 Begins Cold without Snow

"4th of Feby fel the first Snow Sufficient for Sleding which lay but a short time

"March 1st this month Closes y Ministry with Sarbrook Chh and also with Haddam"

[SAMUEL WEST'S "MEMMORANDUM BOOK", continued]

[p. 92] "1822 April 1st I am under no engagement with any Chh or Society but consider my Self Stil a debtor both to the wise and the unwise altho I know not whare to preach another Sermon, yet I Rest assured that if the Lord hath any further Labor for me in his vineyard that he will open the way for me to perform the Same

"May . I am Calld to preach half the time with a Small Chh in Westfield Society of Middletown, the Remainder of time I improve in visiting destitute places The Missionary Society and Associations in Connecticut feal disposed to try the experiment of directing their funds to Supply destitute places at home May the kind Lord grant Success to their efforts

"Janr 1st AD 1823 Since the first of last April I have traveled More than 1400 miles and have preachd on an everage four times in a week, and I still Continue to travel and preach oh! May the Lord grant me grace that I may finish my course and the Ministry committed to me to the praise of his glory"

[p. 93] "1823 January begins with Cold wether "Remarks on the last Season The Spring was not uncommon -but the Sumer was the most warm and the longest heat known for many years Autumn was warm and plentifully wet but little frost to the end of the year

A low time of religion'

"The prospect of Suckcess darkens in the forran Mission. But When the Set time is come the Bermees will yield an offering to the Lord Jehovah"

[p. 94] "1823 I continue to travel & preach in destitute places in Connecticut until the 4th of march when I Set out on a tour to R I was absent 38 days traveld 300 miles and preachd 24 times

"Continue to Supply destitute places &c until Sept 1st when I again Set out for the State of R. I travel 350 miles in 30 days and preachd 28 times & return . from october 1st until Nov 26 my time was employd in traveling - preaching - and attending the Assn Missionary Society meeting and an Ecclesiastical Council

"Nov" 27 Set out for Providence R I having Reced a request to visit Some friends thare who wished me to come & Resid in that State - make arrangements and return the 12 of Der and the 25 of the Same month I took my Wife with me and left our Residence and arivd in West Greenwich R I the 30 whare we expect to reside the ensueing year - How strange! How mournful! are our Changes - Oh! for reconcileing grace"

[p. 95] "1824 an other year is past and the begin of this finds me in a new cituation new labors and trials are before me. Reside & preach half ye time in W. G. the other half devoted to travel from house to house from Town to Town and from County to County-Disappointed-and almost discouraged I labor thro the year and until the 22nd of March 1825 when I removd & took my Station Near Richmond\* Meeting-House whare I expect to attend Statedly one year . May 6 my Wife was taken Sick confind to the house most of the time, oh! how kind the Lord is to grant me a fixd place of labor when he was about to take away her health for it woud not be posible for me to take care of a sick wife and Travel as I have done for three years past. The little suckcess attending my labors the perplexing uncertainty of pecuniary assistance under which I have labored Ever Since I left home and the loss of my Wifs health [p. 96] But more than evry other Consideration a prepossession of mind that the days of my Ministry are fast drawing to a Close - Determined me to return home when this years Services ar done

"1826 March 22 Set out with my Sick Wife for home and after a tidious journey of 13 days arive at our dwelling in Guilford† North Bristol Society on my journey I Preachd in North Stonington† . Groton† & Essex† Borough . the Sickness of my Wife forbids my journying abroad and I have no place for preaching near me, So that for the present my labors in the ministry Seem at an end

\* Rhode Island.

† Connecticut.

#### Susanna Soule's Husband Identified

"the consideration is gloomy but if the Lord hain any further Servises for me He will doubtless open a door for me and if not the will of the Lord be done
"The following is the Sumary of my labors in the State of

R, I
"I have traveled and preachd in 17 towns and found but little attention to religion in most of them, Some cordial friends to truth and order are found Scatered in almost every part by whom I was gladly receive but the greater part of professers of Religion are opposed to the [p. 97]\* humiliating Doctrine of Sovreign Grace. I found many preachers most of whom are armenian in doctrine and loos in practice, a few however are Sunk below armenianism, and another few who are Semi Calvinist and are practically worthy men. In places the deepest Sunk in ignorance and vise I found plenty of preachers but the old adage like people like priest was to appropriate to be mentioned. My labor has bee[n] directed to geting up and encourageing Schools and preaching Christ crucified to all who would hear me - but after two years and Six months labor and travel and combating the opposition of ignorance bigotry and heresy and endureing privations and disappointments, unless god blesses the Seed Sown I have labored in vain-with him I leave the Success of my labors with a thy will be done - So

be it
"I Continue through the year nursing my Sick wife and preaching occationally to a methodist Society near me & visiting the Baptist Churches in the neighboring towns - So erds the year 1826"

[p. 98] "1827 My wifes health is no better

"In February I receivd a call from the Chh in N. London to Supply them a few weks which I complyed with but the ill healht of my wife forbid the idea of removeing her to N. London or my leaving her at home to Supply them So I advised the Chh to engage Some other preacher . which they complied with and obtaind brother Henry Wightman who is well esteemed by them After my last visit to N. London which was in April I was calld to Supply the 1st Chh in Say Brook half the time

"Remarks &c

"My wife Continues to decline

"My yongest daughter who had been declineing with a consumption Some months died on the 29 of november. Having live a life becoming a Christian she died in hope of a blesed immortality, My eldest Son Made me his last visit in august in a low State of health with evident Symtoms of a Seated Consumtion he must Soon follow his Sister . Oh . how gloomy are the ways of divine providence with me But hush my passions it 's my Fathers will'

[p. 99] "1828 My Sorrows increase more rapidly than my years I am expecting daily to hear that my my first born is dead and the life of my wife is dispaired of January 9th She was taken with a spasm in the stomac a violent pukeing suckceeded until her little remaining strength was nearly gone all hope of her continuance with me is gone - but to my joy and astonishment after five days She began to amend and her disorder gave way to nature her appetite for food, and her strength began to return So that in 2 weeks she She could walk and attend to some business

"Feby 28 My Son Thomas died in the faith of Christ and in hope of eternal life - he has left a disconsolate widow and nine fatherless children oh! may the Lord take care of them

"my wife Continues more comfortable but is yet confind at home and in so feble a state that I cannot leave home, but

"I have no stated place for preaching and yet I find places to preach almost every week

"my time as a preacher is almost out So be it"

At the top of the page is " 1826. Brt over ".

[Samuel West's "Memmorandum Book", continuea]

[p. 100] "1828 September I visited my Sons family at New London while there I receive a request from the Church in that City to supply them with preaching and pastoral servises until next spring . upon which I visited them in october when I accepted their request and the first week in november I removd my wife to New London and took lodgings at harbors mouth -continued to serve the church as pr agreement - until apl 12 1829\* - april 16 left New London with my wife on my return home and arive at our cotage the 21

"Confined at home most of the time with my Sick wife wh continued to decline intil the 6th of april 1830† when she ended her earthly pains in hope [throug the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ] of eternal life in that blessed abode whare sickness and paines are known no more. O my god grant me thy grace bear this bereaving stroke of thy providence with patience

and christian resignation

"In my lonely situation I think it best to look me a house-

"Sept 12 I was married to Anna Arnold daughter of Christian Arnold late of Haddam deceasd, she was born july 3 AD "Mother Arnold died Novr 12 AD 1830 in the 81st year

of her age"

[p. 101] "1831 this year in the Spring I Commenc preaching with the Church in East Haddam half the time the other half is employed in preaching at the old baptist meeting house in Say Brook

"Remarks &c

"The Summer has been uncommonly wet and continued so through the fall the frost Set in the last week in november and continued cold with snow until the end of the year

"Religion

"Thare has been great religious stirs or awakenings in many places and many have professed themselves Converts

" Political

"In Europe the people tired of oppression have in many places expressed their disaprobation of tyranny by revolts insurrections and mob rows, which have given much trouble to crowned heads, and Caused much blood to be shed. In these United States the people are divided into many political parties amongst which we find the following

[p. 102] "Viz the democratic Republicans the National Republicans or old Federalists

"the anti masons

"the Peace party-and the

"Temporence Society.

"All striving to obtain (each for themselves) a political asscendancy So that they may be able by hook or by Crook to govern all the rest yet a hope is entertained that the great body of the people will not be duped by any new and untried Schemes and that they will continue to elect Such men to rule as will honestly and fairly administer the national and State governments

"It is not expected that all parties will be Suited with any administration of government however able fair and honest Shuch administration may be for the good reason that those who attach themselves to a party for the Sake of advantage are determined to find fault if the fail of the advantage Sought"

[p. 103] " 1832 Begins Cold

Continue to preach at East Haddam & Saybrook until May afterwards preach occasionally in Madison

"Religion

"great Excitement in many places and many profess submission to what is called the terms of the gospel-Long or protracted meetings are becomeing general amongst Congregationalist - Methodists & Baptists

# " 1829" is written in the margin. †" 1830" is written in the margin.

#### Susanna2 Soule's Husband Identified

"Old Schemes of heresy are dressed up and revived under new names until the work of Sovereign grace in changeing the heart of a sinner and regenerating the Soul is denied and moral government is Substituted instead of Sovereign grace"
[p. 104] "1833 Preach occasionally as last year
"My Sons David S and Michael made me a visit in the fall

of the year - nothing particular to notice this year

"1834 Preach at Haddam half the time through the winter when I receive a call from the Baptist Church & Society to remove my wife to Haddam and serve them in the ministry for the year ensueing which Call I accepted and accordingly removed to Haddam in April

"Nothing especial occured dureing the year

"I found the[m] in a low state we had to exclude 4 and Suspend I from the communion I attended 12 funerals 3 of

them ware members of the Church

"1835 I returnd home in April and continued to labor on my farm until november and preach occasionally until november when I receive a call from the church in Essex to spend the winter with them which call I accepted and remove thare the 24 of november having preached with them I Lords day before I removd
"I found the church vary low in religious feeling and spirit-

ual enjoyment and some of the members in a backsliden state."

[p. 105] "1836 January 1st The past year is gone the spring was late cold and wet the Summer cold and dry - the fall dry and short, for the winter commence the 22nd of November and Soon became severe with but little Snow . the water is low wells mostly dry the ground frozen altho the wether is now pleasant for the season

"Religion low in faith and and practice

"I am now in my seventieth year fifty seventh of my membership in the Church and thirty sixth of my ministry my evening of life is Seting in

"O Lord grant me of thy free grace a calm Serene evening that when I fall asleep I may find everlasting repose in my adorable Saviour-

"And thine shall be the praise forever Amen"

#### [Pages 106 to 182 are blank.]

[p. 183] "An Hymn "Oh Jesus all beauties in thee are combined And daily I feel them enriching my mind By making me patient and sweetly resignd To every condition and trouble I find

"If sorrow depresses & pierces my heart And makes every pleasure and comfort depart I loose them by viewing thee naild to the tree And bleeding and groaning and dieing for me

"Oh who has compassion like Jesus my love None saw me but him from the regions above His look was compassion & big with design To make me at length in his image to shine"

[p. 184\*] "Married in Saybrook 1814 May 11th Mr Levi Pratt to Mary Post"

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1. Your birth: when, where, parents, surrounding circumstances and conditions.

2. Your childhood: health, diseases, accidents, playmates, trips, associations with your brothers and sisters, unusual happenings, visitors in your home, visits to grandparents, relatives you remember, religion in your home, financial conditions of parents.

3. Your brothers and sisters: names, date of birth, place of birth, accomplishments, names of

spouses, date and place of marriage, their children.

4. Your school days: schools attended, teachers, courses studied, special activities, associates, achievements, socials, report cards, humorous situations, who or what influenced you to take certain courses or do things you might not otherwise have done.

5. Your activities before, after and in between school sessions: vacations, jobs, attendance at church, other church functions, scouting, sports, tasks at home, fun and funny situations.

6. Your courtship and marriage: meeting your spouse, special dates, how the question was popped, marriage plans, the wedding, parties and receptions, gifts, honeymoon, meeting your in-laws, what influenced you most in your choice of spouse.

7. Settling down to married life: your new home, starting housekeeping, bride's biscuits, spats and adjustments, a growing love, making ends meet, joys and sorrows, your mother-in-law, other

in-laws.

8. Your vocation: training for your job, promotions, companies you worked for, salaries, associates,

achievements, your own business.

Your children: names, dates and places of birth, health of mother before and after, how father
fared, characteristics, habits, smart sayings and doings, growing up, accomplishments, schooling, marriage, vocations, sicknesses, accidents, operations.

10. Your civic and political activities: positions held, services rendered, clubs, fraternities and

lodges you have joined. War or military service.

11. Your church activities: as a young person, through adolescence, churches attended, church positions, church associates, church certificates, answers to prayers, necessity and power of love.

12. Your avocations: sports, home hobbies, dramatic and musical activities, reading habits, genealogy, travels, favorite songs, movies, books, writers, poems, etc.

13. Special celebrations or holidays you remember: Easter, Christmas, national and local holidays, vacations.

14. Your plans and hopes for the future.

regarding God, etc.

15. Your ancestors: your impressions of those you knew personally, a general sketch of those you

did not know; father, mother, grandparents, great grandparents, other relatives.

16. Your encouragement and counsel to your descendants: carrying on family traditions and activities; their obligations to their country, church and family; your suggestions to your progeny and and others on honesty, humility, health, diligence, perseverance, thrift, loyalty, kindness, reverence, the Bible and other religious and edifying books; service to fellowmen; your belief

Never underestimate the effect you may have on unborn generations in helping them through the trials and tribulations of life by the written word of advice you leave your children, grand-children, etc. If you would like them to live upright honest lives, give them the benefit of your experiences. Job, of the Old Testament, lamented the fact that his words were not written when he said, "Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever!" (Job, 19-23) But they were written, and he then gave his beautiful testimony of the Redeemer which has been used countless times as the text of sermons in both the Jewish and the Christian worlds. Your communications to your descendants must be written. They will also appreciate your life story as a precious treasure, and bless you all their days for it.

17. Hints on writing your life story: tell your story plainly and with directness; write truthfully of uplifting, refined and honorable occurences and experiences. Humor helps to make for easier reading. If you can give the whys of your decisions and changes in activities it may help others. Illustrate with as many pictures as possible. Make several copies, or better still, mimeograph or print and give one to each of your children and grandchildren. Place copies in local and

national libraries and/or historical societies.