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BONJOUR MES AMIS!!!

A new decade for the Soule Kindred in America begins with a family reunion in Montreal, Quebec Canada.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit a beautiful Canadian city, touch base with old friends and make new ones! Look for Reunion 1990 information on page 5 of the newsletter.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear cousins,

Welcome to the 1990's! Here we go into a brand new decade.

In November I travelled to Mountainside, NJ to the home of the late Dr. Terry to review and sort materials in the Soule Kindred archives. Accompanied by Betty Jean Haner and Geraldine Schlosser we earmarked some materials to be shipped to Tomah, WI to be utilized by the Historian in her genealogical efforts on behalf of Soule Kindred. Other materials are to be retained by Soule Kindred in the archives in Albany, NY. Through the heartwarming hospitality of hostess Velma Terry, we accomplished the classification of materials in preparation for packing and shipping. On behalf of Soule Kindred we extend to Velma Terry our deepest appreciation for her cooperation and making arrangements to ship these materials.

The information contained elsewhere in the newsletter regarding the 1990 reunion in Montreal indicates that this will be a very attractive event for Soule Kindred members and we anticipate this will be a large reunion perhaps surpassing in size any previous reunions. Montreal's proximity to the Upper Atlantic seaboard and New England states should provide an opportunity for additional Soules to attend the reunion, including it in their summer vacation plans. We should emphasize that the registration for the hotel should be made directly with the Reunion Committee by MAY 1, 1990 to take advantage of our special rates.

Hope to see you there.

Jim Soule

Dear Soule Kindred

We are pleased to inform you that plans are well under way for this year's reunion in Montreal, Canada. This will be the first time it will be held outside of the United States and we are hoping many of you will take the opportunity to discover this historic city.

Montreal is an island in the Saint-Lawrence River discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1535. First called "Mount Royal", because of the mountain in the middle of the island, it quickly became the center of Canada's fur trade. Old Montreal has many historic buildings dating as far back as the mid 1600's and of course we are planning a visit to the "Old City".



Montreal is one of the great gastronomic centers in North America. Its countless restaurants add to the city's special flavor, through ambiance and variety. Although noted for its gourmet and French cuisine, Montreal also offers the authentic French-Canadian cooking as well as international dining.

By law, menus and prices must be posted outside any dining establishment. Ethnic restaurants, proof of Montreal's cosmopolitan nature, neighborhood restaurants, sidewalk cafes, tea rooms, cafes-theatres add to the visitor's choices.

Try French bread in Montreal or a bagel: both are reputed to be the best on the continent. So is the smoked meat.

Quebec specialities include beer, cider, maple syrup, lobster from the Magdalen Islands, Matane shrimp and Gaspé Salmon.

Although Montreal is known as a French City, it is the third largest in the world, you will have no problem speaking English in Hotels, Restaurants, Shops and Tourist Attractions, and the French culture adds a special charm to the city.

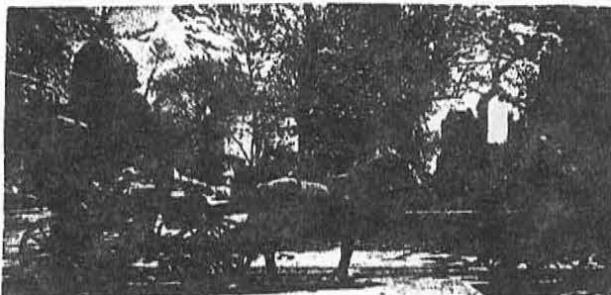
We are accessible by major highways and have good rail and air service. Dorval airport is located 15 minutes from the downtown core, and most US airlines serve our city.

We have chosen the Ramada Renaissance hotel as the Reunion Headquarters which is just a few minutes walk to the downtown area. It has been recently renovated and is a first class hotel.

We are presently working on organizing many different visits. We are asking you to participate by indicating which activities would be of interest to you and we will publish the final program in the July issue of Soule Kindred Newsletter. Sign up and payment for all activities and visits will be done when you register in Montreal.

Saturday night will of course be the banquet evening with a reception before hand at the hotel. Sunday morning we will have a church service followed by a full American breakfast.

We are presently researching the possibilities of an all day trip Monday to either Ottawa, Canada's Capital or Quebec City. Again we are hoping for your feedback.



The average daytime temperature for Montreal in August is 75 F. It is the ideal time of year for sightseeing. Our hotel has a large outdoor pool for those who would prefer to relax in the sun.

First time to Canada ? Border formalities, as a general rule are simple and fast. The basic requirements is proof of citizenship. The visitor is verbally requested to reply to questions regarding length and purpose of stay.

U.S. citizens and permanent residents need no passport or visa to enter Canada, although possession of a valid passport is ideal identification. Some proof of citizenship or residence - a birth certificate, social security, naturalization certificate or alien registration card - is sufficient.

We urge you to register as early as possible as August is Montreal's busiest month for tourists. If you have any questions concerning the reunion or Montreal. Please contact Carol or Monica Soule, address and phone number on hotel registration form.

Your Canadian cousins are looking forward to meeting you !

Carol , Monica & Stanley Soule

1990 SOULE REUNION 1990
Montreal, QUEBEC, CANADA

REUNION HEADQUARTERS

Ramada Renaissance Hotel
3625 Avenue Du Parc
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please use the enclosed reservation form which must be sent directly to the organizing committee. If you wish to camp please advise us and we will send you camping information.

ACTIVITIES

Numerous activities are being planned - See next issue of Soule Kindred for more complete details, but please let us know your preferences.

Montreal Harbor Cruise _____

Guided Bus Tour Of City _____

Guided Tour Of Old French Quarter
- By horse & buggy. _____

Expos Baseball Game At Olympic Stadium
- If team in town. _____

Visit Museums _____

Visit Notre Dame Basilica _____

Visit A Fur Coat Manufacturer _____

One Day Trip To Ottawa, Canada's Capital
- Monday, August 20 _____

One Day Trip To Quebec City _____
- Monday, August 20
- One of the oldest cities in North America.

Other, Please specify _____

1st INTERNATIONAL SOULE REUNION
AUGUST 16,17,18,19 1990
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Name : _____

Address : _____ Tel : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

REUNION REGISTRATION

_____ x \$ 20.00 per Member \$ _____

_____ x \$ 10.00 each additional guest \$ _____

BANQUET RECEPTION - 6:30 PM Saturday

_____ x Persons at \$ 5.00 Each \$ _____

GRAND BANQUET - 7:30 PM Saturday

_____ x Persons at \$ 30.00 Each \$ _____

FULL AMERICAN BREAKFAST - Sunday Morning after Church Service

_____ x Persons at \$ 9.00 Each \$ _____

TOTAL (U.S. Dollars) \$ _____

All tax and gratuities are included. All prices in U.S. dollars. Prices have been calculated as of January 1st rate of exchange. If a dramatic increase in the value of the Canadian dollar occurs by August, then rates may have to be adjusted.

Please make checks payable to C.&M. Soule In Trust, Soule Reunion

HOTEL RESERVATIONS (Before May,1 1990)

Arrival Date : _____ Departure Date : _____

Amex: _____ Visa : _____ M.C. : _____ Expir. Date : _____

Credit Card No. : _____

\$ 100 (CDN) per room per night (Single or Double). No charge for children under 18 in same room as parents. Sales tax not included. Hotel reservations must be made directly to the Organizing Committee by May 1st to obtain group rate.

Clip or duplicate and mail or fax to :

Soule Kindred Reunion (514) 248-2309
P.O. Box 1223 (514) 248-7541
Bedford, Quebec, Canada JOJ 1A0 (514) 248-4335 Fax

FAMILY HISTORIAN'S REPORT

by Geraldine Soule Schlosser

Much as been happening in the Historian's Department in the last few months. First of all, I travelled to New Jersey in November to meet Pres. Jim Soule and Treas. Betty-Jean Haner at the Terry home. We sorted the material there. The name index cards and Col. John Soule's "red notebooks" will be sent to Albany for later transfer to New England Historic Genealogical Society. The rest of the material which includes reference books and periodicals, plus filing cabinets and a bookcase will come to me. When it arrives, I hope to be able to catalog the library in order to make it more usable. The moving companies will take only a small load when there is room on a larger load going the same direction-- so we don't know when this transfer will take place. I hope that I'll be able to report in the next Newsletter that the move is finished.

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The other exciting development development is the purchase of a microfilm/microfiche reader/printer for the historian's use. Those of you who were at the Des Moines reunion realize how time-consuming it was to hand-crank my portable reader. This enables me to find things much more quickly, because the drive is motorized. When I locate the desired material, I can make a print of it, without having to copy by hand or typewriter. This should enable me to respond to questions more quickly. (There has been sort of a hiatus from Thanksgiving to the New Year, but we should be back on schedule soon. Please bear with me, those of you who have written and haven't had a response.)

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Watch for your November *Mayflower Quarterly*. There should be an article in it by Jane Schotland, SK member, telling how she solved the lineage of Sylve Sturtevant, who was the daughter of Hannah Soule⁵ 1732-1795 (Zachariah⁴, Benjamin³, John², George¹) and Church Sturtevant. Jane now lives in Arizona, but makes frequent trips back to New England where she grew up. While there last summer she was able to prove the lineage by using vital records. This lineage does not appear in *Mayflower Families 3*.

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Are you a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants? We would like to encourage you to join so that many lines to George Soule are on record in Plymouth. As historian, I would be willing to help you in any problem areas. The problems seem to arise in linking the 6th to the 7th generations. This is the time period when families were moving West, and vital records are scarce. Searching land and probate records often provides the needed information. Is there a member living in or near Schoharie County, New

York, who would volunteer to do some searching for me on a particular problem? PLEASE help if you can!!

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My husband Jim has been at work creating a "Spouse Index" to the Soule Kindred Index prepared by Milton Terry. All of the spouse names will be listed in alphabetical order, naming their Soule spouse and number in the original index. This may help in finding a Soule ancestor. The work is rather tedious, so don't expect an early completion.

Assistant Historian Jack Sowles has been noting additions and corrections to the original index. We will try to get these in a form for printing soon. The format will be the same as the original index.

SHIPS BUILT IN SOULE SHIPYARD

South Freeport, Maine

Bark "Eliza"	299 Tons	1839	
Ship "Don Juan"	645 "	1841	- Lost on Bahama Banks in hurricane in 1844
Ship "Haidee"	655 "	1843	- Went ashore on Florida reef, refloated. Mutiny.
Brig "Venus"	198 "	1846	
Ship "Lydia"	543 "	1846	
Ship "Arthur"	579 "	1847	
Bark "Glenn"	287 "	1848	- Mutiny
Ship "Tam O'Shanter"	977 "	1850	- First of this name. Floundered off Cape Cod, 1854.
Ship "Souter Johnny"	698 "	1851	- Sold in 1858
Ship "Uncle Toby"	1100 "	1852	- Lost in 1862 on English Bank at entrance of Rio de la Platte
Bark "Adjuster"	550 "		- Sold at once.
Ship "Corporal Trim"	500 "	1854	- Lost at Newfoundland, 1856.
Ship "Superior"	1240 "	1854	- Sold in 1861.
Ship "Sentinel"	929 "	1856	- Lost in Bahamas, 1857.
Ship "Harraseeket"	1200 "	1856	- Sunk in 1869 at Valpariso.
Ship "Yorick"	1187 "	1857	- Sold to English 1862.
Ship "Southerner"	849 "	1859	- Placed under English Flag 1862 and named "Dutchland". Burned at New Orleans in 1870s.
Ship "Lafayette"	945 "	1860	- Captured by Alabama, Oct. 1862, Burned.
Ship "H. S. Soule"	1142 "	1861	- Under English flag and named "Suliotte".
Ship "Enos Soule"	1518 "	1869	- Sunk in New York Harbor, 1894.
Ship "Lucile"	1394 "	1874	- Lost
Ship "Tam O'Shanter"	1602 "	1875	- Second of name. Lost in China Sea, 1899.
Ship "San Joaquin"	1630 "	1876	- Collided with iceberg nine miles long off Cape Horn, hauled off badly damaged.
Ship "Sintram"	1673 "	1877	- Sold.
Ship "Paramita"	1573 "	1879	- Sold in 1897.

The Soule Newsletter editor wishes to thank Mr. Howard W. Soule of Honolulu, Hawaii for the above information from the Soule Shipyard in Freeport, Maine.

SOULE KINDRED NEWS

From Carl W. Soule, Reading, MA

Boston Traveler

Monday, July 20, 1959 B 25

YOUR FAMILY ORIGIN

By REG WILLIS, Heraldic Artist



SOULE

In November of 1620, after a voyage of more than two months across the Atlantic, the little ship Mayflower, carrying one hundred and two weary passengers, arrived off the shore of Cape Cod.

Before landing the men of the party signed a solemn compact, agreeing to be governed by law enacted by elected officials.

Among those who signed was George Soule.

Although he was listed as a bonded servant of Edward Winslow, he is believed to have been an educated man of an old Worcestershire family; this was the same part of England from which came the Winslow family.

The SOULE family, which had settled in Worcestershire during the 14th century, was a branch of an older Kentish family whose name at various times has been written SOULE, SOLE, SOLES and 'SOLLY.

The family is believed to have settled in the vicinity of the once important seaport of Sandwich, on the eastern coast of Kent, at the time of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.

Its original home was near the city of Coustances in northwest France, where the main branch of the family has remained until modern times.

Of the French family was Pierre Soule, the final "e" is accented, who was exiled from France in 1824 for political reasons.

He settled in Louisiana, which he later represented in the United States Senate.

The Scottish branch of the family was founded during the reign of David I (1124-1153) who encouraged many landless knights to settle in his kingdom; Ranulph de Soule obtained lands in Liddesdale.

His descendant, Sir John de Soulis was one of the patriots who fought at the side of Robert Bruce to free Scotland from English dominion.

In that country the name became written as SOULIS or SOULES.

In the west of England it was written as SOLLEY, SOWLEY and SOLERS.

Readers—For a free description of the above Coat-of-Arms send a self-addressed, 4c stamped envelope to REG WILLIS, care of the Traveler.

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From Julia Soule, Minnetonka, MN

Many of you met my boyfriend, Chris Holden, at the Des Moines reunion last August. I wanted to share with you that we became engaged over the holidays! We're pretty excited--so much so that we haven't really been able to set any dates for the big day yet! We'll settle down soon!

RECORDING OF FAMILY DATA

By Geraldine Soule Schlosser, Associate Historian

One of the objectives of Soule Kindred is the gathering of information pertaining to the descendants of Pilgrim George Soule. Mayflower Families 3 covers the first 5 generations, to about 1800. Our families did a lot of moving around in the 19th century, and you can help locate migration patterns for family groups. That is why the Family Data Chart is printed in each issue of the Newsletter. Our historian may be able to help you with that "missing link". So please keep the information coming.

We would like to suggest that you begin with your sixth generation ancestor from George Soule (or your earliest Soule ancestor, if you haven't made the connection to George¹). Fill out a form for that ancestor, and then submit forms for each of your ancestors down to yourself. This is especially important if you descend through a female line; Soule women who marry tend to become lost Soules.

We'll give a short explanation of how to fill out the form. Samples were printed in V. 20, #2 and #3-- April and July, if you'd like to refer to those.

(1) The "Generation" space in the upper left corner shows the generation from the immigrant ancestor. Please leave it blank unless you are certain.

(2) In the far upper space on the right for "FAMILY", leave it blank if the surname of "Soule Descendant" is SOULE, SOWLE, or variants, because we'll assign a code number for closely related family groups. If the "Soule Descendant" has a different surname, insert the name in the right upper space.

(3) The next two lines show the ancestors of the "Soule Descendant" back to George Soule¹. Unless you have an approved Mayflower Lineage or other positive proof, we suggest this be left blank.

(4) When writing dates, follow the genealogical style-- first the day in numbers, then the month in letters, and the full year, such as 6 Feb 1833.

(5) When listing children on the reverse side, put in as much information as you can-- such as spouse's parents, if known.

(6) List your name and address as compiler unless someone else gathers the information. We may need to contact the compiler.

(7) It is VERY important to list sources of data; if the information comes from a family Bible or other record, a photocopy of the information should be included. Other sources, such as Vital Records from towns or states, and census should be indicated.

(8) Leave "Verification" blank for our purposes.

(9) Please give as many clues as possible to facilitate further research. If you are uncertain about a date, enter it, but add "circa" or "ca". For questionable place names, add "possibly" or "probably".

Send completed forms to our Associate Historian:

Geraldine Soule Schlosser
Route 3, Box 53
Tomah, WI 54660

Soule Kindred

	Generation	Family
Soule Descendant	_____	
Ancestral Line	(_____)	
Parentage	son/dau of _____ and _____ (_____)	
Birth or baptism	was b _____ at _____	
Death	died _____ at _____	
Burial	buried at _____ Cemetery	
Residences and removals	Resided _____ _____ _____	
Occupation	_____ _____	
Military service	_____ _____	
Other biographical data	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
	He/She married _____	
	on _____ at _____	
Parentage	son/dau of _____ and _____ (_____)	
Birth or Baptism	He/She was b _____ at _____	
Death	and died _____ at _____	
Burial	buried at _____ Cemetery	
Biographical	_____ _____ _____	
Other marriages	_____ _____ _____	

Soule Kindred in America, Inc.
Col. John Edward Soule Memorial Scholarship
\$500.00 Award

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

- I. Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Father's Name _____
Mother's Maiden Name _____
- II. Proven Lineage to George Soule - Mayflower Passenger. (on separate sheet)
- III. What college or training program do you expect to attend?

- IV. Have you been accepted by this college or training program? _____
- V. What will be your major field of study? _____
- VI. List school and community activities below:
- VII. Please write a short statement of your goals for the future on the back of this form.
- VIII. Please enclose 2 letters of reference from teachers or religious counselor.
- IX. A transcript of student's grades is requested to be forwarded with this application.
- X. All applications must be received by Chairman of Scholarship Committee by March 1st of applicant's Senior year, or of year of application.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUCEMENT

Soule Kindred in America, Inc., will continue to award a scholarship to a George Soule descendant. This scholarship is known as the COLONEL JOHN EDWARD SOULE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. The ninth award will be made in 1990. Application on the reverse page should be completed and sent by ~~March 1~~, 1990 to:

APR 15 1990

Miss Betty Jean Haner
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
53 New Shaker Road
Albany, NY 12205

(Remainder of this sheet to be used by applicant.)

LETTERS AND QUERIES

From Cleo L. Maley
1001 Shaftesbury Ct.
Modesto, CA 95350

I have been trying to find authentic proof of the birth of a Soule descendant--one Sarah Drake born in Nov of 1803. She married Allen Fox in Meredith, NY in August 1825. We think she was born in Milford, CT to Elizabeth Ferris Drake and Ezra Drake. This is the spot in which we are lacking proof. We surely would appreciate any help we can get on this. The documented lineage is as follows:

1. George Soule
2. Patience Soule m. John Haskell
3. Elizabeth Haskell, b. Middleboro, MA, 2 Jul 1672, d. there Jun 1715
m. at Middleboro, before 1700, Thomas Drinkwater,
b. England, 1665, d. MA, 25 Jun 1715
4. William Drinkwater, b. Middleboro, MA, 1701, d. New Milford, CT,
1757, or 1758, m. Ridgefield, CT, 18 Dec
1728, to Elizabeth Benedict, b. Ridgefield,
CT, 1704, d. New Milford, CT, 30 Jul 1749
5. Sarah Drinkwater, b. New Milford, CT, 18 Feb 1738, d. New Milford,
CT, 5 Oct 1811, m. New Milford, CT, 27 Aug 1771
to Stephen Ferriss, b. Kilkenny, Ireland, 1729,
d. New Milford, CT, 13 Dec 1831
6. Elizabeth Ferriss, b. New Milford, CT, 29 Apr 1775, d. 11 Sept
1861, m. New Milford, CT, 5 May 1801 to Ezra
Drake, b. England 12 Oct 1769, d. 18 Jul 1841
7. Sarah Drake, b. New Milford, CT, 9 Nov 1803, d. Irene, IL, 19 Aug
1889, m. Meredith, NY, 19 Aug 1825 to Allen Fox, b.
Meredith, NY, 28 Feb 1798, d. Irene, IL, 26 Oct 1846
8. Mary Fox, b. Delhi, OH, 23 Mar 1840, d. Colo, IA, 1 Sep 1927, m.
Franklin, De Kalb Co., IL, 8 Sep 1861 to William S. Morgan,
b. Henderson, NY, 18 Jul 1839, d. Colo, IA, 5 May 1909
9. Anna Minerva Morgan, b. Sycamore, IL, 30 Mar 1868, d. Eldora, IA,
18 Aug 1955, m. Colc, IA, 6 Mar 1889 to
Joseph C. Allen, b. Bladensburg, IA, 17 Aug
1862, d. Zearing, IA, 28 Jan 1938
10. Mary E. Allen, b. Zearing, IA, 14 Jun 1898, m. Des Moines, IA, 10
Sep 1917 to Thomas G. Lundy, b. Savanna, IL 25 Nov
1890, d. Zearing, IA 10 Oct 1962
11. Arleyne Lundy, b. Zearing, IA, 23 Jan 1920, m. Nevada, IA, 23 Nov
1945 to Myron A. Gildersleeve, b. Wayne, NB, 9 Feb
1920

From Florence L. Keenan
133 Brighton Lake Rd
Brighton, MI 48116

I am seeking further information concerning my ancestor,
Aaron Soule, born in 1782 and married to Elizabeth Delano.

From Jeanette E. Taylor, Deer Isle, ME

While reading the July 1989 issue of the newsletter, I came across an article concerning William Stinson Soule. Several of the books that W.S. Soule's photographs were in were authored by Wilbur Sturtevant Nye. Mary Chamberlain, my great-great grandmother, married a Levi Sturtevant in 1793 at Pembroke. Mary was a 6th generation of George Soule. Has anyone ever linked W.S. Soule and W.S. Nye as blood relatives?

MILESTONES

From Jeanette E. Taylor, Deer Isle, ME

My daughter Jean M McCrostie Embler and Donald C. Embler of Mt. Tabor, NJ are the proud parents of Emily Jean Embler born May 3, 1989. Jean is a 12th generation of George Soule.

• THE FRESNO BEE

Friday, November 24, 1989

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From Robert E. Keldgord,
Carmichael, CA

KELDGORD, HETTY SOULE a Mayflower descendant and pioneer Fresno educator died November 20, 1989 in Sacramento, where she had lived since 1979. She was 100 years of age.

Mrs. Keldgord was born in Michigan on September 23, 1889, and was a descendant of George Soule, who came to America on the Mayflower. She taught in Michigan for five years before moving to Fresno in 1915. She was graduated from Western Michigan Normal School (now Western Michigan University) in 1910, and also from Fresno State University in 1916 and 1941. She retired in 1954 as the Principal of Fig Garden Elementary School District, a position she had held since 1926. Between 1915 and 1926, she was on the faculties of the Riverbend School in Kingsburg, Round Mountain School, West Park School and Herndon School. In recognition of her contributions to the Fig Garden District, alumni installed an on-site plaque in her honor in 1964.

She was a 50 year member of Raising Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and was the senior Past Matron of San Joaquin Val-

ley Court, Order of Amaranth. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Fresno and the Fresno Retired Teachers Association.

She was the widow of Clarence Keldgord, a Fresno accountant, to whom she was married in 1917 and who died in 1943. She is survived by a son, Robert E. Keldgord, who is the Chief Probation Officer of Sacramento County; by a grandson, Robert Jr. of Lake Isabella; by a granddaughter, Karen Lanfranki of Walnut Creek; and by three great grandchildren.

Services will be held on Monday, November 27, 1989, 11am, John N. Lisle Chapel, under joint auspice of the First Congregational Church and Raising Chapter, OES. The family request that remembrances be sent to the Fresno County Retired Teacher Association, the California Junior Statesmen Foundation, 633 Menlo Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025, the Sacramento County Juvenile Service Council, 9601 Keifer Blvd, Sacramento, 95827 or to donor's favorite charity.

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GENEALOGICAL PITFALLS—OLD MEANINGS OF WORDS

by Mrs. Robert M. Sherman

It is difficult to persuade those who have not used original documents that spelling was a rather casual affair from 1620-1820. Words and even names were spelled the way they sounded to each writer. In a single deed, a man's surname may be spelled several different ways. Indeed, not until about the Civil War did there suddenly appear to be a "right" and a "wrong" way to spell words, and relatives started feuding over the "correct" way to spell their family names.

Even the terminology expressing family relationships was not as precise as today and the genealogist who applies only modern meanings to the terms cousin, in-law, junior, and spinster can draw some very wrong conclusions.

Here are a few examples of the use of these terms, taken from the Colonial period:

Cousin—although we usually apply the term rather strictly today to the children of our aunts and uncles, in the early days of our country, cousin often meant nephew, niece, or an even more distant relative. Perhaps this sort of meaning survives today among persons who share the same remote immigrant ancestor, or merely descend from fellow passengers on the Mayflower and yet address each other as "cousin."

In-law—a relationship produced by law, rather than by nature. Thus a man's father-in-law was either his wife's father or his own mother's new husband. It is rather plain when a 14 year old boy chooses as guardian his "father-in-law", that step-father is meant. The terms son-in-law, etc., had the same dual usages.

Junior—one of the most misleading of all terms, for although we limit its use today to the man whose father bears the same name, 200 years ago it meant merely the younger man in town bearing that name, be he cousin, nephew, grandson of senior, or even no relation at all. As middle names were virtually unknown until the 1800s, and towns often had several families of the same name, those who also carried the same first name were bound to become difficult to distinguish. They lessened the confusion for themselves (but not for us) by labelling the elder man Sr. and the younger, Jr. When Sr. died or moved from town, Jr. stopped using the title. When a third of the same name appeared in town, this again altered the order. Visualize, if you can, the town of Wallingford, Conn., where five men, all bearing the name John Hall, lived at the same time. They were called, from eldest to youngest, Sr., Jr., 3rd, 4th, and 5th without regard to their family relationship. If 3rd died or moved from town, 4th and 5th then became 3rd and 4th and so on. One may even find deeds where a man refers to himself as "Jr., formerly 3rd." Could there be a more confusing situation?

The author has seen a will in Plymouth, Mass. where a man named Samuel referred to his sons Benjamin, Jr., Samuel, Jr., and David. Samuel Sr. may well have had a brother in town also named Benjamin, thus Samuel's son must be called Jr. to avoid legal confusion.

Spinster—even more experienced genealogists say this meaning has not faced them, so perhaps it is a Massachusetts phenom-

non, however, the author has found enough examples using the term to mean "a woman who spins" rather than the popular "an old maid" (both are Webster definitions) to prove that is not an error. We had spent some time checking wills and deeds searching for various female Mayflower descendants who had married, and found documents describing women of those very names as spinsters. At first we passed them up, but finally found proof that these were the women we sought. Here are two examples we have collected:

Plymouth (Mass.) Co. deeds 36:144. "Adam Hall and Sarah Hall, wife to the said Adam and we Mary Sherman and Abigail Sherman . . . the above said Adam yeoman and Sarah, Mary and Abigail spinsters," sell land to Cornelius White, Jr. of Marshfield, 28 March 1744.

Plymouth (Mass.) Co. probate 40:234. "I Deborah Reed of Weymouth in the County of Norfolk, spinster . . . give to my sons Seth Reed, Noah Reed . . . five daughters . . . 11 April 1804 . . . presented as last will and testament of Deborah Reed late of Abington, widow, deceased. 3 June 1805."

Brother—may mean brother-in-law, church brother, or step-brother, etc.

Unmarried—this term may only mean that the person's spouse is dead, that he is presently unmarried. This usage continues today in land records and even occurs in the deeds conveying the Winslow House in Plymouth to the General Society.

A final word to sum up, don't draw conclusions about ancestors without knowing the facts. You may climb the wrong family tree!

He is always right who suspects that he makes mistakes. — Spanish Proverb.

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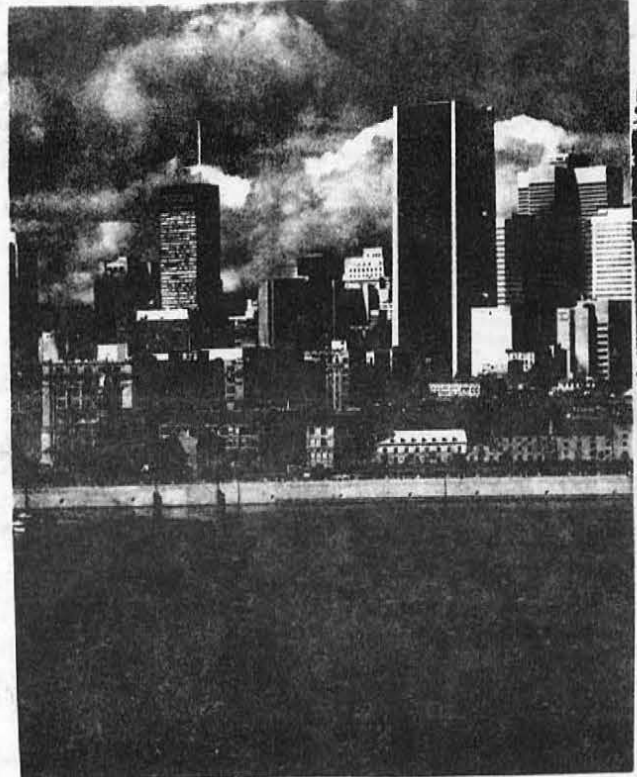
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