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EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope you all had safe and happy holidays.

I must apologize for not mentioning the people on the cover of the October 1996 newsletter. The mother of the five children is my great-great grandmother Elizabeth Lucia (Hosford) Sowle. It is the only known picture of her. She was the first wife of my great-great grandfather Decalvus Wyatt Sowle. The upper right picture is my great grandfather George Monroe Sowle. The picture of Elizabeth Lucia (Hosford) Sowle on the October 1996 newsletter and the picture on the cover of this issue came to me through the gracious generosity of Wildon Wyatt and Edith Finch (Philpot) Sterner of South Windsor, Connecticut. They gave me the pictures when I stopped to visit them on my way to the Soule Kindred Reunion in September 1996. They also gave me a lock of Elizabeth's hair that she braided in a circular pattern. The lock of hair is attached to a written greeting card in her hand-writing. What a treasure! Thank you Wildon and Edith!

Wildon Wyatt Sterner is the grandson of Helen Ada (Sowle) Gridley, right center on the October 1996 cover, and the great grandson of Decalvus W. and Elizabeth L. (Hosford) Sowle. Nellie "Helen" Gridley, who appears on this cover, is the aunt of Mr. Sterner.

Note that there are two additional pieces of information on the inside front cover under President Christine Schlossers' name and under my name. Those cryptic looking jumble of letters and characters are our Internet e-mail (electronic mail) addresses. If you have access to the Internet through America On-Line®, CompuServe®, Prodigy®, or your place of employment, you can contact either of us via our e-mail address. If you have an e-mail address, please contact me via my e-mail address so I can include your e-mail address in the future. With e-mail, we can exchange just about any type of computer information we wish. The computer-age is upon us.

Information about the 1997 *Soule Kindred In America* annual reunion in Madison Indiana will be published in the next issue. *Soule Kindred* member Barbra A. Johnston of North Granby, Connecticut is busy making all the arrangements and will be forwarding them to me in time for the April issue.

Please note the Colonel John Edward Soule Memorial Scholarship application form at the end of this issue. If you know of a deserving student who can trace his/her lineage back to George Soule of the Mayflower, have them send in the application to Betty-Jean Haner at the address on the application.

It's time to renew your membership once again. If you didn't receive your renewal notice from Betty-Jean Haner, there's a membership form near the end of this issue.

Keep those cards and letters coming. Love to hear from you.



Willis F. Soule

## THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Christine A. Schlosser  
3335 N. 85TH ST.  
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Dear Cousins,

Wow - my first President's letter! I would like to thank everyone who first convinced me to run and then voted for me. I hope that I can continue the leadership provided by Stan over the past two years and numerous others throughout the years. I am counting on your help and support over the next year to ensure the continued growth of our organization.

I would like to thank Chet and Marianne for the fabulous job they did in hosting the reunion in Plymouth. I'm sure it isn't easy planning a reunion long distance but Marianne did a great job! It is always fun returning to Plymouth and visiting the land where George Soule started his adventures in this country. I enjoy our reunions wherever they are, but the one's in Plymouth are always extra special.

Speaking of reunions, we are heading back to the Midwest this year! I want to thank Barbara Johnston for hosting the 1997 reunion in Madison Indiana and look forward to more details in upcoming issues concerning the September get-together.

One of the things I hope to accomplish this year is to create our very own "home page" on the web. The Internet is opening lots of new doors for everyone including genealogists and people searching for their roots. It is just one more way to attract new members – and I'm always open to ideas (for the web site or ways to increase our membership or any other thoughts you might have).

My address and phone number are on the inside cover and my e-mail address is [cschloss@execpc.com](mailto:cschloss@execpc.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

Hoping 1997 is a prosperous and healthy year for everyone!

Christine

## **FAMILY HISTORIAN'S REPORT**

by Geraldine Sowle Schlosser

This will be a short report. A number of things have delayed my Soule Kindred research. I entertained my family for Thanksgiving. Then Christmas cards to address-- and a few short weeks till we travelled to Milwaukee and Chris' home for a family get-together.

I do want to tell you about the work of one our newer members-- Lewis Kreger. He has been doing follow-up on my report in Jan. 1996 on William Sowle the Loyalist. At my suggestion he has been pursuing land records in New York in search of a lead to William's parentage. He's visited the Albany courthouse, and the town historian of Austerlitz. He has discovered that there was a fire at the state capitol in 1911, and a lot of important records were lost-- apparently including records of the state commission that handled loyalist property confiscation. A source suggested for a study of this area at this time was the Thomas Gage Papers at the William L. Clements Library, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, especially reports from Major Arthur Browne and Captain John Clarke. He wonders, as I do, if there is anyone who could search these records for a possible mention of William Soule.

For other descendants (and I know there are many) who would like to help in further searching, or would like more information on what has been found, you may write Lewis Kreger at 87 Jobs Pond Road, Portland, CT, 06480. Home phone 860-3424964. I want to commend Lewis for the good research that he has done, and hope that others can help him.



**COL. JOHN E. SOULE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT**

Elizabeth M. Yeckley is the recipient of the Col. John E. Soule Memorial Scholarship. She is attending Western Carolina University pursuing a major in Chemistry-Pre-Veterinary.

Beth was very active in her school music and sports activities. She was also active in her church music program and Daily Vacation Bible School. She worked at a children's choir camp for two years and went on Choir/Mission tours to Toronto, Florida and Alabama. She also worked with Habitat for Humanity.

Beth's parents are William A. and Peggy Watts Yeckley of Statesville, North Carolina. She is the granddaughter of long time Soule Kindred member Leon Yeckley.

Her teachers describe her as an outstanding, persevering and highly motivated student and a joy to have in class.



## GEORGE STANDISH SOULE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Christina N. Baich of Rolling Prairie, Indiana is recipient of the George Standish Soule Memorial Scholarship. Tina is the daughter of Andrew and Kathleen M. Mangold Baich. She is enrolled at Butler University, majoring in Arts Administration-Music.

Christina has been very active in both school and community music programs. She has also been active in French Club, Student Senate and has served as a class officer for 2 years.

Tina was Valedictorian of her class of 137 and was a National Honor Society member and a National Merit Finalist. Her teachers say she is a natural leader with excellent organizational skills.

"She is a deserving young person who makes it her business to be successful, while being typically cheerful and always considerate of others."



*Christina N. Baich*

Dear Ms Haner,

I have enclosed the picture you requested. I hope it is appropriate for your purpose.

I would like to thank you & the Soule Kindred Scholarship Committee for this award. I do have one

question. How much is the award for?

I have no record of that information & need to report that to the Financial Aid Office at Butler. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

*Christina N. Baich*

Christina N. Baich

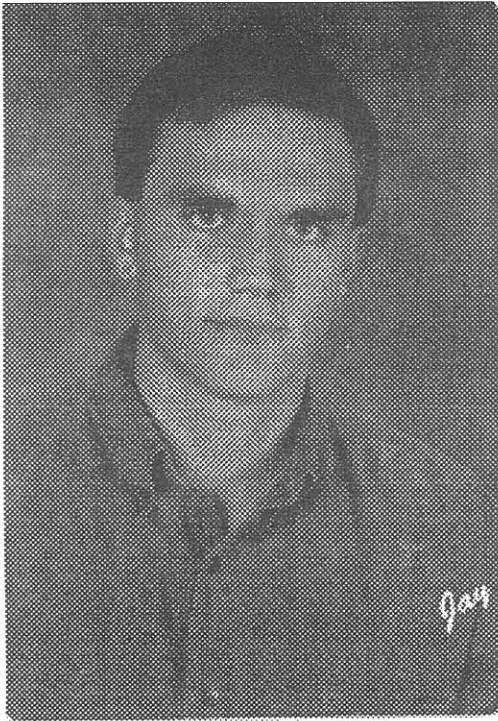
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## AVIS ROBERSON HANER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT



The recipient of the Avis Roberson Haner Award is S. Jay Nordmeyer of Eureka, Kansas. Jay is the son of John L. and Raren Soule Nordmeyer and is attending Flint Hills Technical College, majoring in Electronics.

Jay is a graduate of Hamilton High School in Hamilton, Kansas. He has been Vice President of his class for the last two years and has been active in the Stock Market Club and participated in football, basketball and track.

Jay has been attending Flint Hills Technical College for half days throughout his senior year in high school.

His high school principal says of him, "Jay is a hardworking, sincere caring young man."

10-8-1996

Dear Miss Betty-Jean Haner,

I am writing to thank you for allowing me to receive the Avis Roberson Haner Memorial Scholarship. It is an honor to receive such an award that is connected in honor of our ancestry.

I am currently enrolled in the Technical College at Emporia accompanied by Butler county in order to receive an associates degree in electronics.

Thanks again for the help, I can certainly use it in my education.

Sincerely  
Jay Nordmeyer

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November 18, 1996

Mr. Willis F. Soule  
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Dear Mr. Soule:

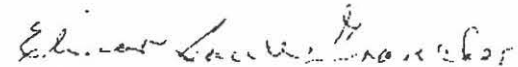
After reading the enjoyable article, **Monuments to the Past**, by Myra Vanderpool Gormley on page 168 of the October 1996 issue I thought Newsletter readers might be interested in a small book, **In Small Things Forgotten**, by James Deetz and published by Anchor Press/Doubleday, Garden City, N.Y.

One of the subjects is tombstones. Ebenezer Soule (1710/11-1792) is mentioned in the book as are Nathaniel Fuller, William Cushman and Nathan Hayward. All were tombstone carvers and examples of their works are shown.

Descendants of these men will find this book interesting. I did, and I'm not a direct descendant.

The Soule Newsletter seems to get better with each edition. Please keep it up by furnishing information such as Ms. Gormley's. And thanks.

Sincerely,

  
Elinor Soule Grancher

## Tracing Family Roots to New England

By Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G.

Courtesy of *Colonial Homes*, February, 1997  
a publication of Hearst Magazines

"There's a little bit of New England in all of us," according to America's oldest genealogical society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, which is located in the heart of Boston's historic Back Bay. Countless Americans can trace their ancestry back to New England some even finding links to Mayflower passengers who arrived in 1620.

Back in 1845, five men - Charles Ewer, Lemuel Shattuck, Samuel Gardner Drake, John Wingate Thornton, and William H. Montague founded a society in which they could talk about history, genealogy, heraldry, and antiquities. Thornton, a lawyer, secured a charter and gave the society its name - the New England Historic Genealogical Society. In less than two years, nearly 200 New Englanders joined the society. One of its primary goals was to create a magazine that would publish hard to find records, report news on the activities of members, and memorialize past heroes of New England. Called *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, the journal's first issue appeared in 1847.

The founders quickly realized that their society had purposes and projects that would take generations to accomplish. They needed to gather a library, establish a headquarters, publish records, and recruit members. For help they turned to former governors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, scholars and lawyers, generous men, and (after 1898) women.

They elicited the aid of a long line of genealogists and local historians who had published the vital records of New England, family genealogies, and town and county histories.

N.E.H.G.S. has continued to prosper and grow, but still at its heart is its research library, which has one of the finest collections anywhere. There are more than 150,000 books, a million manuscripts, microfilm of documents from the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States, and a staff of scholars who aid genealogists. The library subscribes to more than 400 periodicals and offers an expanding collection of references and search aids on compact disc, including Volumes 1 through 148 (1847-1994) of the Register. It has a vast collection of books on New England families, plus many genealogies on Mid-Atlantic, Southern, Canadian, English, and Scottish families. Among its collections are town and county histories, which contain extensive genealogies of families, and regional history. The library has most existing town, county, and regional histories (with biographies of many citizens) for New England, as well as many from New York, Pennsylvania, the Midwest, and the South.

The library's manuscript collection contains nearly one mile of manuscripts, some dating from the 1500s. The collection includes: diaries and letters; account books and business papers; church and town records; sermons; maps, wills, and deeds; unpublished New England town and family genealogies; and the papers of many of the region's best genealogists.

Recently, a Massachusetts woman discovered a mention of long lost family diaries in the library's manuscript collection. Written in Ireland by James Hartshaw between 1826 and 1864, the writings detail daily farm life and Hartshaw's anguish over two of his sons moving to America. The start of the family in this country. By the 1980s, the diaries were in the U.S. and were given to a member of the Hartshaw family living in Iowa. After their rediscovery by the Massachusetts researcher, the diaries were microfilmed by the N.E.H.G.S. and recently were returned to Ireland.

A unique research service offered by N.E.H.G.S. is a search of a home's records - a service often requested by people purchasing an older house. The genealogy of a house can be as fascinating as one of a family.

Membership in the society (currently \$50 a year for an individual) offers unlimited on-site use of the library, including access to the rare book and manuscript collections and free consultation with one of the best genealogical reference staffs in the country; access to the 20,000 volume circulating library; a subscription to the Register, the quarterly 40 page N.E.H.G.S. newsletter published five times a year; and a 10% discount on books published by the society.

For members who cannot travel to Boston, the circulating book collection offers access to numerous volumes in the main collection, many only available through the N.E.H.G.S.

The society's Canadian collection includes every Canadian census from 1666 to 1901, plus the 1921 Newfoundland census, and those of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec.

The library has a major collection of British genealogical books including hundreds of published transcripts of parish registers, indexes to wills, and administrations at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and many lower jurisdictions; county histories and British family genealogies; and town and parish histories. Because so many Americans have Irish ancestors, there is a large collection from Ireland.

Many books in the library's Continental Europe collection cannot be found elsewhere in North America. It has most major sets and annuals covering the European nobility, and rare volumes on heraldry, noted families, and European provincial histories.

The Society sponsors a series of lectures, research trips, and educational weekend seminars throughout the country, including events in Florida and California in February of 1997.

The Society is located at 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3007; (617) 536-5740. Its sales department and circulating library are located at 160 N. Washington St., 4th floor, Boston, MA 02114-2120, email: [34777.3612@compuserve.com](mailto:34777.3612@compuserve.com).

## MILESTONES

### DEATHS:

From the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, October 18, 1996.

### **Blanchard, Jeanette**

(Nee Sowle) formerly of W65 N705 St. John Avenue, CEDARBURG, passed away quietly on Wednesday, October 16, 1996 at the age of 84 years. She was the daughter of Claude R. and Luetta Sowle and was raised in Tomah, Wisconsin. Jeanette received a Nursing Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1932. She married Porter Bevan Blanchard, M.D. in 1933 and shortly thereafter moved to Cedarburg, where she spent the remainder of her life raising her family and giving to her community. She is preceded in death by her husband, her oldest son, Bert Blanchard, her grandson, Bobby Blanchard, Jr., her sisters, Helen Roeder and Nancy Edna Potekhan and her brother, Claude R. Sowle, Jr. Survivors include sons, Robert (Mary) Blanchard, William (Paivi) Blanchard and Nancy (Edwin) Watts. Other survivors include 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Geraldine Schlosser and numerous other family members. Funeral Service Sunday, Oct. 20, 2 PM at Community United Methodist Church (Cedarburg). Interment Zur Ruhe Cemetery. Family will receive friends at the church Sunday 12:30 PM until time of Service and after the Service. The family wishes to thank all of the caring personnel at Lasata Care Center, especially Chrissy Speerbrecher. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Community United Methodist Church, Cedarburg or Habitat for Humanity which was Jeanette's favorite charity.

MUELLER FUNERAL HOME  
CEDARBURG

From Geraldine (Sowle) Schlosser, Tomah, WI

I lost my loving sister in October. In my early years she was my role model and mentor. Although she left for college when I was only 9, she has remained close to me for the rest of my life, until the last few years when she could no longer communicate. We joined Soule Kindred at about the same time, and attended our first reunion in Plymouth in 1981. Jean did not embrace genealogical pursuits as I did, but constantly supported me in my efforts -- buying a copy of Ridlon, and all the back issues of the Newsletter when I became editor. There are so many memories of the vivacious, caring person she was, and I miss her greatly.

## MILESTONES

Submitted by Mrs. Chris (Bertha)  
Erickson, RR1, Box 40 Eureka, KS

### SARAH DANIELLE AND CURTIS ROYCE SNELL

On 30 Dec 1995, Sarah Danielle Snell and Curtis Royce Snell were killed in a tragic airplane accident along with their paternal grandparents in Calif.

The Grandparents had taken them on a Christmas trip to Arizona. The Grandfather was the pilot. Something unexplained happened during the landing upon their return.

Sarah Danielle was 10 years old. Her birth was 28 May 1985.

Curtis Royce was 8 years old. His birth was 23 July 1987.

They were the grandchildren of Eugene and Phyllis (Soule) Enos of Marion, Kansas.

Their lineage is:  
George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>,  
George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>,  
Gilbert Randall<sup>7</sup>, Freeman  
Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>,  
Phyllis (Soule) Enos<sup>10</sup>,  
Terri (Enos) Snell<sup>11</sup>,  
Sarah Danielle and Curtis  
Royce Snell.

Erickson. Chris attended the Ivanpah Rural school and he lived in Greenwood county all of his life Except for a few months that he served in the US Army during the latter part of World War I and was stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas. His division had their orders and were preparing to go to the war zone when the Armistice was signed. His entire life was spent working in farming and ranching. On December 28, 1940, he was united in marriage to Bertha M. Soule at Yates Center, Kansas. Chris was a member of VFW Oost 2712 and attended the Upper Fall River Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; two sons, Maurice and his wife Sue of Eureka, KS and Dean and his wife Patsy of Jackson, Wyoming; two daughters, Charlotte Turner and husband Willie of Blanchard, Oklahoma and Christine Hill. And husband Stanley of Hutchinson, Kansas; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 1993 at the Campbell-Kelley Funeral Home with pastor Mark Gruner of Christ Lutheran Church officiating. Interment followed in the Upper Fall River Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his name with the Prairie Hills Health Care Center activity fund. Contributions may be left at Prairie Hills or the funeral home.

*The Eureka Herald, July 28, 1994.*

### SARAH SOULE

Sarah Emma Soule, 91, of Eureka, died Thursday, July 21, 1994, at Medicalodge of Eureka.

She was born May 27, 1903, in Butler County, the daughter of B.H. and Addie B. (Ward) Cronk. She was raised in Butler County and attended rural schools there including the Pontiac School. The family moved to Arkansas for one year during her teen years, and then returned to Butler County.

On January 27, 1920, she was united in marriage to Freeman Wilber Soule at Carthage, Mo. To this union, 16 children were born. They lived in Butler County until moving to Greenwood County in 1929. Freeman preceded her in death on May 19, 1961. Sarah was a homemaker and spent her time caring for her family. She moved to Emporia, for one and one-half years before returning to Eureka to live at Medicalodge in July 1993.

Survivors include four sons, Merle of Mount Vernon, Ill., Jerry of Madison, Bill and Dick, both of Eureka; 10 daughters, Bertha Erickson, Eleanor Jacoby, Karen Nordmeyer, Thedda Olson and Sharron Urton, all of Eureka, Betty Uhl of Hamilton, Phyllis Enos of Marion, Susan Thole of Stafford, Joan Talkington of Madison and Florence Sellers of Florence; 59 grandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two daughters, Carol Christine and Sandra Jean, one grandson, one great-granddaughter, two

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From the memorial tract,  
Campbell-Kelly Funeral Home,  
Inc., Eureka, KS.

### OLIVER CHRISTOPHER ERICKSON

Oliver Christopher (Chris) Erickson died Saturday, February 27, 1993 at the Prairie Hills Health Care Center at the age of 97 years. He was born September 27, 1895 in Northwest Greenwood county, Kansas the son of Ole and Eliza (Paulson)



great-great-granddaughters, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held July 25 at the Campbell-Kelley Funeral Home in Eureka, with Dr. Gilbert Daniel, pastor of the Christian and Congregational Church officiating. Interment followed in the Economy Cemetery, rural El Dorado.

A memorial has been established in her name with the Eureka Carnegie Library. Contributions may be left at or sent in care of the library or the funeral home.

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*The Eureka Herald*, September 15, 1994.

### CASSANDRA OLIVER

Cassandra "Sandy" Lea Oliver, 22, Okla., died August 31, 1994.

She was born June 23, 1972, in Tulsa, Okla., the daughter of Lloyd and Charlotte Oliver. She was a 1992 graduate of Bridgecreek High School. She had also attended other schools including Mid-America Vo-Tech and Marantha Church School in the Blanchard, Okla., area. She had attended OCCC and was planning to return this year. Sandy worked in the church nursery and participated in college and single groups at Crossroads Cathedral Church in Oklahoma City.

Survivors include her mother and step-father, Charlotte and Willie Turner; sister, Cathy Oliver; brother, Chris Oliver; grandmother Bertha Erickson, of Eureka; one niece and nephew.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Kimberly, father, Lloyd

and grandfather, Chris Erickson.

Funeral services were held September 6, 1994, at Crossroads Cathedral, with Brother Dan Barrick officiating and assisted by Danny Cavette O.M.H. pastor. Interment followed in the Blanchard Cemetery. Services were by the Eisenhour Funeral Home in Blanchard, Okla.

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*The Eureka Herald*, June 6, 1996.

### CHARLOTTE TURNER

Charlotte Ann Turner, 50, of Blanchard, Okla., died May 27, 1996, at her home.

She was born the daughter of Chris and Bertha (Soule) Erickson at El Dorado. On June 28, 1984 she was united in marriage to Willie Turner. They lived in Blanchard for several years. Charlotte was a member of the Crossroads Cathedral in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Survivors include her husband, Willie, of the home; mother, Bertha Erickson of Eureka; son Chris Oliver of Blanchard, Okla., daughter, Cathy Crownover of Purcell, Okla.; sister Christine Hill of Hutchinson; brothers, Dean Erickson of Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Maurice Erickson of Eureka; two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Kimberly Dawn and Cassandra Oliver and her father, Chris Erickson.

*The Daily Gazette*, Wednesday, October 16, 1996. Sorry, I do not know for certainty who sent this.

### Anne Soules

**MAYFIELD** - Mrs. Anne C. Soules, 83, of Mayfield died Monday at Nathan Littauer Hospital, Gloversville, after being stricken at home.

Born and educated in Gloversville, Mrs. Soules was a glove worker for several glove shops and later an assembly line worker for Coleco Industries. Most recently, she was a teachers aide at the Kingsboro School in Gloversville retiring in 1990.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. Her husband, Arthur F. Soules Sr., whom she married Feb. 10, 1934 died In 1991.

Survivors include a son, Arthur J. Soules of Gloversville; a daughter Beverly Ashbey of Mayfield, four brothers, Anthony and Carmen Christiano, both of Gloversville, Frank Christiano of Orlando, Fla., and Nicholas Christiano of Long Beach, Calif.; two sisters, Mary Van Nostrand of Mayfield and Caroline Yerina of Gloversville; five grand children; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at the John W. Finocan Funeral Home, 13 Prospect Ave. Gloversville, and at 9:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, where a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated.

Burial will be in Ferndale Cemetery, Johnstown.

Calling hours will be 2 to 4 this afternoon and 7 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.

January 6, 1997

Miss Betty-Jean Haner  
53 New Shaker Road  
Albany, NY 12205

Dear Betty-Jean:

Enclosed is a check for my dues for 1997.

My family and I enjoyed and appreciated the article by Fred Soules, which was published in the Fall issue of "Soule Kindred." Nealon Soules, who moved from Indiana to Texas in 1939, was my great-great grandfather. My father, Elmer Virgil Soules, was a son of Hugh Soules (one of twelve children born to Francis Marion Soules [Nealon's son]).

It is with deepest sorrow that I inform you about the death of our daughter, Amy Elizabeth Soules Moch. She was born on June 13, 1976, and died on July 28, 1996, at the age of 20 years. Amy was the recipient of the 1994 Col. John Edward Soule Memorial Scholarship. She was married on March 16, 1996, to Michael Joseph Moch, and is survived by her husband; her parents, Jay and Glenda Soules; a brother, Michael Jason Soules; her maternal grandparents, Boulden and Alma Green, and a host of loving family and friends.

Sincerely,

Jay T. Soules  
1304 Bristol Drive  
Sweetwater, Texas 79556

**DEATHS: (continued)**

Soule Kindred:

Submitted by Cora (Soule) Penney, 15 Surrey Lane, E. Northport, New York and Ralph L. Soule, 10 Hillon Ave, Northport, New York.

**ELSIE (SOULE) BAHNKE**

Elsie (Soule) Bahnke, 91, died on Nov. 8, 1996 at the Western Reserve Convalescent home in Kirland, Ohio.

Born May 25, 1905 in Rock Creek Wyo, she was a former resident of Cleveland.

Elsie was a direct descendent of George Soule, who came to America aboard the Mayflower.

She was a retired sales clerk for the former May Co. and former Baily Co.

Survivors are her daughter Joline Donovan, son Stuart and wife Doris of Willoughby Hills. Grand children, Chris, Lisa, Nora, Stephen and Laura; six great-grandchildren.

Sisters, Gertrude (Soule) Lewis, Etta (Soule) Gravatt, Cora (Soule) Penney and Lois (Soule) Busch. Brothers; Freeman Soule and Ralph Soule.

Her husband, Henry; son, Leonard; and sister Viola (Soule) Lush are deceased.

The Rev. Michael J. Teston of the Willoughby Hills Methodist Church officiated.

Internment at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bedford Heights, Ohio.

Her lineage is: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert<sup>7</sup>, Freeman<sup>8</sup>, Ralph<sup>9</sup>, Elsie<sup>10</sup>.

Submitted by Mrs. James V. Fiori, 928 Neal Road, Endicott, NY 13760-1246. From the *Press & Sun Bulletin*, Tuesday, March 5, 1996

**GRACE SCHULT SOULE  
OF BINGHAMTON**

Grace Soule, 76, formerly of Owego died March 3, 1996 at her home in Binghamton. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Mabel Hyatt; one brother, Elmer Schult and his wife Cynthia; several nieces, nephews, and a close friend, Harold Leverknight.

In following her request, there will be no services, Arrangements by Richards Funeral Home, Owego

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Submitted by Mrs. Mabel H. (Soules) Walter (Mrs. Emil F. Walters, Jr.), 190 Greenway Blvd., Churchville, NY 14428-9213.

Our son passed away December 9, 1992,  
My husband passed away June 16, 1995

## MILESTONES

### BIRTHS, BIRTHDAYS AND NEW BEGINNINGS:

Sent in by Geraldine (Sowle) Schlosser, Tomah, Wisconsin. From the *Detroit Free Press*, Sunday, December 15, 1996. Geraldine received this from her cousin Vivilore Hitchman of Dearborn, Michigan. No lineage available.

#### AMBER DANIELLE SOWLE

Amber celebrated her first birthday at a pool party and barbecue on June 29.

She preferred learning to swim to eating. She's the daughter of **Ramona** and **David Sowle** of Detroit and is shown with siblings **David II**, 6, **Matthew**, 3, and new sister **Katelyn**, who was born a week before the party.

Special guests were grandmother **Wilma Rogers** and uncle **Bob Rogers** of Detroit. In what's become a family tradition, the Sowle kids all call their grandmother "Honey" instead of grandma.



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Submitted by Valorie Evans Rathbone, RR2, Box 55, Hamilton, NY 13346. "Here is an update on another branch of my family (actually my cousin's family.)"

**Wesley Robert Knichel** - Born: 26 Sept 1996 to **Erika (Vuskalns) & Michael Knichel**.

**Ashley Josephine Knichel** - Born: 24 Sept 1995; Died 28 Nov 1995.

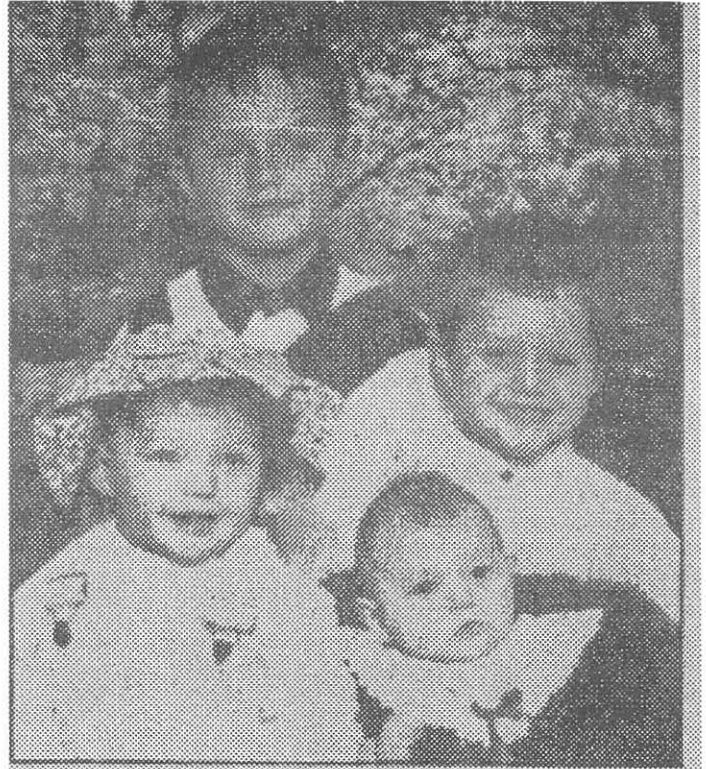
**Heather Naomi Knichel** - Born: 3 Jan 1994.

Their lineage is: George<sup>1</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>2</sup>, Silvanus<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>7</sup>, Luther<sup>8</sup>, Josephine<sup>9</sup>, Robert G. Brown<sup>10</sup>, Roxana B. Vuskalns<sup>11</sup>, Erika V. Knichel<sup>12</sup>.

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Submitted by Elizabeth S. Gill, 758 SE Seahouse Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34983.

"My first grandchild, **Megan Elizabeth Gill** arrived on June 17, 1996 in Virginia. Her dad is in the Navy stationed aboard the USS Phoenix submarine.



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Submitted by Harold J. (Jack) Soule, 48 Pleasant St., Barre VT 05641.

Marriage: **Harold J. Soule** and **Anita V. Swan** on August 31, 1996 at Barre, VT.

Granddaughters: **Emma Katherine Rivers** - Born: 5 Oct 1995 to **Sheila (Soule) Rivers** and **Christopher Rivers** at Burlington, VT.

**Christina Joy Soule** - Born: 8 Dec 1995 to **Sonia Korotish** and **David C. Soule** at Burlington, VT.

Their lineage is: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, Nathan<sup>3</sup>, Timothy<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Timothy<sup>6</sup>, Salmon<sup>7</sup>, Horace W.<sup>8</sup>, Horace A.<sup>9</sup>, Harold J. Soule<sup>10</sup>, Emma Katherine Rivers and Christina Joy Soule<sup>11</sup>.

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## MILESTONES

### BIRTHS, BIRTHDAYS AND NEW BEGINNINGS: (continued)

Submitted by Mrs. Chris (Bertha) Erickson, RR1, Box 40 Eureka, KS.

**Skyler Dean Erickson** - Born: 21 May 1996. Son of **Brad** and **Janet (Haynes) Erickson** in Powell Wyoming.

His lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, Bertha Erickson<sup>10</sup>, Dean Erickson<sup>11</sup>, Brad Erickson<sup>12</sup>, Skyler Dean<sup>13</sup>.

**Greg Newsom** - Born: 11 Sept 1994. Son of **Derek** and **Kelly (Enos) Newsom** at Lewis, Kansas.

His lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, Phyllis (Soule) Enos<sup>10</sup>, Kelly (Enos) Newsom<sup>11</sup>, Greg Newsom<sup>12</sup>.

**Jacob Evan Wright** - Born: 30 Apr 1996. Son of **Timothy** and **Kristi (Enos) Wright** at Emporia, Kansas.

His lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, Phyllis (Soule) Enos<sup>10</sup>, Kristi (Enos) Newsom<sup>11</sup>, Jacob Evan Wright<sup>12</sup>.

**Emilea Beth Allen** - Born: 29 Nov 1995. Daughter of **Todd** and **Gwendolyn (Soule) Allen** at Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Her lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, Merle Soule<sup>10</sup>, Gwendolyn (Soule) Allen<sup>11</sup>, Emilea Beth Allen<sup>12</sup>.

**Karli Elizabeth Soule** - Born: 13 Feb 1996. Daughter of **Merle Duane** and **Jackie Sue (Bird) Soule** at Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Her lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, Merle Soule<sup>10</sup>, Jackie Sue (Bird) Soule<sup>11</sup>, Karli Elizabeth Soule<sup>12</sup>.

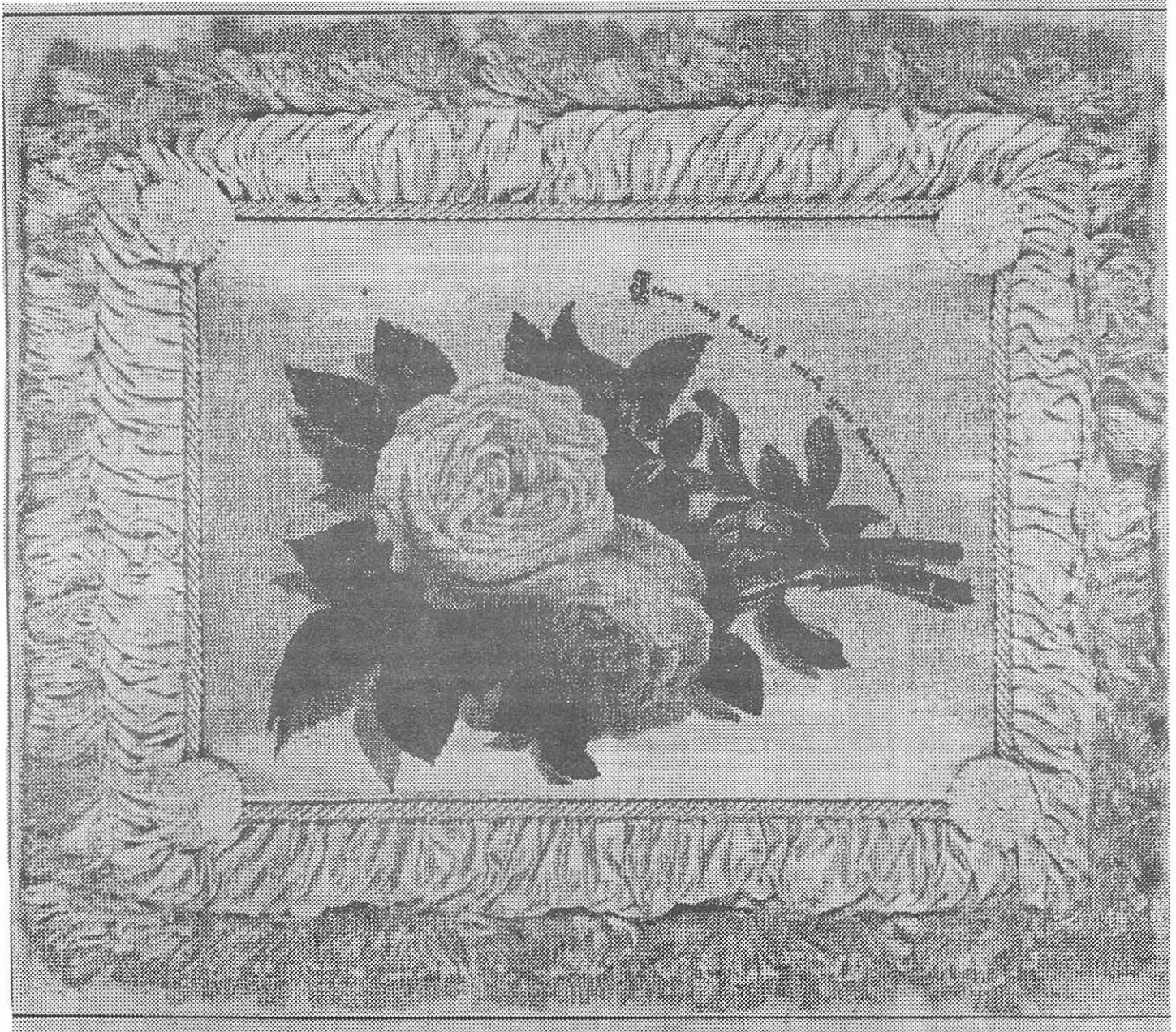
**Thedda Marie Soule** and **Clark Betten** were united in marriage on 8 July 1995 at Eureka, Kansas.

Her lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, Thedda Marie<sup>10</sup>.

**Wanda Joan Soule** and **Jasen Brian Bough** were united in marriage on 20 Sept 1996 at Kingman, Kansas.

Her lineage: George<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Gilbert Randell<sup>7</sup>, Freeman Gilbert<sup>8</sup>, Freeman Wilber<sup>9</sup>, William Wilber Soule<sup>10</sup>, Wanda Joan Soule<sup>11</sup>.

Received from *Soule Kindred* member Lewis S. Kreger via Betty-Jean Haner. Originally published in the *Portland Press Herald* (Portland, CT) February 10, 1996.

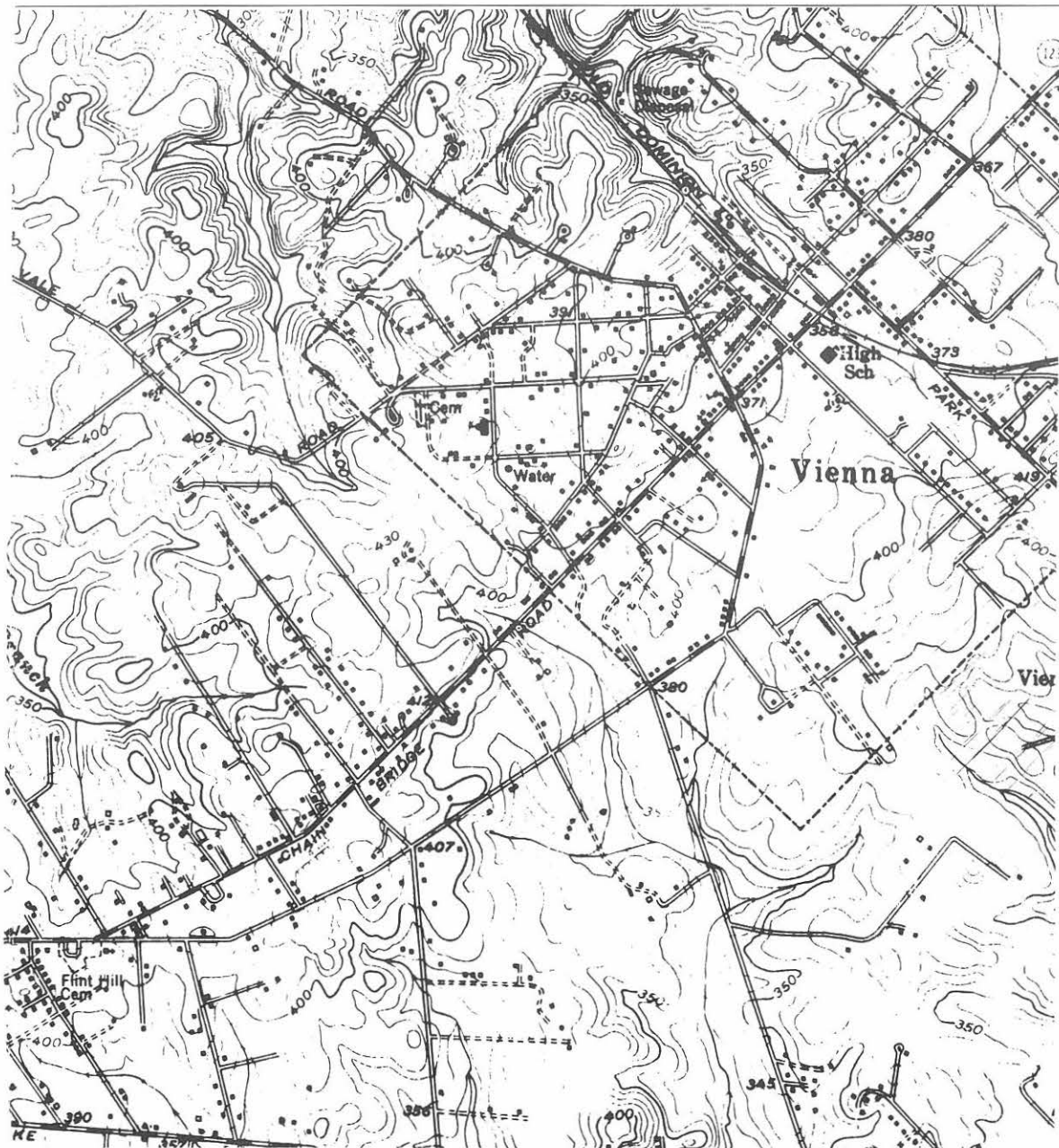


This silk Valentine, with a patent date of Feb. 14, 1882, carries a pencil inscription "To Wify" and the notation that it was from Capt. Alonzo K. Soule to his wife Deborah. Research shows that an Alonzo Soule, who married Deborah Sinnett, was lost at sea in November 1882. Thus this was his last Valentine to his wife. This is but one of the many stories to be told by the more than 2 million manuscripts, 125,000 books, 70,000 photographs, 3,500 maps and atlases and 8,200 other objects in the collection of the Maine Historical Society. The society is raising funds to finance and expand its "Center for Maine History" on its one-acre "history campus" at 485-489 Congress St., Portland. To learn more about the center and its campaign, call 774-1822.

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# Maps Can Help You Trace Your Family Tree

How to Use Maps in Genealogy



**Maps are only one of many sources you may need to complete a family tree.**

In genealogy, maps are most often used as clues to where public or other records about an ancestor are likely to be found. Searching for maps seldom begins until a newcomer to genealogy has mastered basic genealogical routines.

**Introductory books on genealogy suggest timesaving ways to plan, gather, organize, and record findings.**

To learn basic genealogical disciplines, it's best to start with the most concise, easy-to-read books, gazetteers, articles, pamphlets, and other sources that apply directly to the kind of research you plan.

Books on the shelves of your local library may not include ones that best serve your purpose. Yet, many local and all major libraries have the latest edition of *Books in Print*. Its subject guide gives the titles, authors, publishers, and prices of hundreds of books on genealogy. The books range from basic guidelines to special aspects of genealogy.

Many libraries also have directories that give the names and addresses of local, State, regional, and national associations of genealogists, historians, and ethnic groups. One or more such groups may be able to help you find ways to deal with special aspects of your research.

Many local libraries also have a copy of the pamphlet *Where to Write for Birth, Death, Divorce, and Marriage Records*. If not, you can purchase a copy from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

**Before searching for maps, gather as many facts about family history and customs as possible.**

You may then need old and new maps to help track down facts about a branch of your family.

**How can maps help?**

New and old maps often reveal changing place names, and they may also show changes in the boundaries of nations and their subdivisions. They rarely name individual landowners or residents.

In the United States, birth, death, property, and some other kinds of records are normally kept by county governments. If you can name the place where a kin lived, new or old maps of that place may also show the county seat where useful data about your kin may be obtained.

**Searches for data about an ancestor are often complicated by changes in the names and boundaries of places.**

*The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) is the Nation's official data base for place names.* GNIS is maintained by the U.S. Geological Survey and can often provide information on name changes. This data base contains two million entries. They include the names of places that no longer exist as well as other or secondary names for existing places.

This automated system also contains the names of every type of feature except roads and highways. It is especially useful for genealogical research because it contains entries for very small and scattered communities as well as churches and cemeteries, including entries for those that no longer exist.

Complete listings or special searches, for example, for churches in a particular county, are available in high-quality bound listings or on magnetic media. There is a nominal charge for this service.

*The boundaries of many political jurisdictions where early Americans lived have changed one or more times. Some American families lived in the same locale*



for hundreds of years. Yet, the name of the place may have changed over time. Many counties have been subdivided several times, but family records were most often kept where they were originally filed.

This can greatly complicate your work. In one case, for example, the place where a family lived for the entire 19th century was over time part of seven different counties. In such a case, you might have to query all seven courthouses to obtain data needed about members of the family. Copies of records were rarely acquired by a succeeding county.

*Similar, but even more complex problems arise when you must search for personal records in the archives of faraway lands. The names and boundaries of countries seem to be forever in flux and many public and private record centers disappear or move from place to place.*

#### **Some places are hard to find.**

Some have changed names one or more times. Some are too small to be shown on a map or noted in a gazetteer. Some areas have been redeveloped. And some are now ghost towns.

Some of these places may be noted on an old map. The location of some others may be found in such sources as lists of abandoned post offices, local histories, government records, microfilm records or clippings from old newspapers, old city directories, or old county atlases kept in the library or archives of a town, city, or county in the region.

If you know the ward, district, neighborhood, or street of a city where an ancestor lived, an old map used in conjunction with a new map of the city may expedite your search for needed facts.

#### **Books that show changes in county boundaries can help locate likely sources of records about relatives.**

A librarian near where you live may be able to suggest someone who has access to such sources as *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*: Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1988.

This 445-page book shows all U.S. county boundaries from 1790 to 1920. On each of nearly 400 maps, old county lines are superimposed over modern ones to highlight boundary changes at 10-year intervals.

#### **Separate books or papers have been published about the "genealogy" of each of a large number of States, counties, and other areas.**

For example:

*Abstracts of the Earliest Wills Upon Record in the County of Suffolk, Massachusetts*: Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1984.

*Surnames in Ireland, Special Report On [together with] Varieties and Synonymes of Surnames and Christian Names in Ireland*: Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 2 vols., indexed, 1901, 1909 (reprinted 1988).

Some old and new postal directories and some other sources name the county seat of each place listed.

#### **To find useful maps, you must have strong clues as to where and when your ancestors lived.**

It will be worthwhile to gain access to modern and old maps of each ancestral site. You should try to find an old map that shows an area as it was close to the time your ancestor lived there.

The best maps for your purpose are ones that—

- show in great detail an area around the place where your relative lived
- show its location within a county or other jurisdiction
- name and show the borders of neighboring areas.

A plat book in a town hall or county courthouse or an old fire insurance map may show an outline of your ancestor's house and its placement on your ancestor's property.

Such maps should help to picture where relatives were born, resided, attended school, worked, shopped, voted, traveled over land or water, courted, married, raised families, and were laid to rest. You may need later maps of the same or other places to track down ensuing generations.

Maps usually suggest some patterns of settlement and movement, but rule out others. For example, topographic and other relief maps may show hills or mountains that impeded migration or access to certain areas. Rivers bridged now may not have been bridged when kin lived nearby. Yet, a river can aid migratory travel, sometimes because it is easier to travel on water than through dense forests and undergrowth, and it is even possible that your ancestors traveled by waterway to market, to attend church or school, or to pursue a host of other interests. Yet, crossing a river could be difficult for a person not prepared for such a venture.

Maps covering larger areas may suggest various kinds of trade, employment, social, recreational, or other interactions among the peoples of neighboring towns, settlements, or other locales. Analysis of such maps may lead to expanding the scope of research beyond nearby county, State, provincial, or national boundaries.

**A local library is a good place to begin your search for maps, atlases, gazetteers, local directories, and other sources that pertain to locales of interest.**

Most public libraries have encyclopedias; atlases; some books on genealogy; lists of books in print; and directories of local, State, national, and international organizations that can be helpful to genealogists.

Many kinds of local maps of towns, counties, and States may be found at local, State, or regional libraries, museums, or historical archives.

Local libraries or historical groups may be the only places where you can find some old city and business directories; old city, county, and regional atlases; and files of obituaries and other articles from microfilm copies of local newspapers.

Most local librarians can help you gain access to the rich holdings of the U.S. Geological Survey, National Archives, Library of Congress, and international sources of maps and other resources needed by genealogists.

A local librarian may also be able to refer you to sources that can help you learn the present name of a foreign place where records about an ancestor might be found.

The reference sections of many libraries also have these useful directories:

*Directory of Historical Societies of the United States and Canada: American Association for State and Local History, Nashville, TN, 1990. This directory lists about 1,000 sources in a genealogy index.*

*Official Museum Directory [American Association of Museums]: National Register Publishing Company, Wilmette, IL, 1989.*

### Some historical atlases

*A Genealogical and Historical Atlas of the United States of America*: Everton Publishers, Logan, UT, 1976.

*Atlas of American History*: Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1943, 294 p.

*Historical Atlas and Chronology of County Boundaries, 1788-1980*: G.K. Hall, Boston, 1984, 5 vols.

*Historical U.S. County Outline Map Collection, 1840-1980*: Department of Geography, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, 1984.

*Township Atlas of the United States*: Androit Associates, McLean, VA, 1979.

*A Series of County Outline Maps of the Southeastern United States for the Period 1790-1980*: Department of Geography, University of North Carolina, 1973.

### Selected place-name sources

Specific inquiries by mail or phone:

The USGS GNIS will respond to written and phone inquiries about present, past, and secondary names and locations of any of more than two million place and geographic feature names, large and small, in the United States. GNIS lists the names and locations of churches and cemeteries, including many that no longer exist. To use this free service, write to the U.S. Geological Survey, Branch of Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston, VA 22092 or telephone 703-648-4544.

General:

*Chambers World Gazetteer: A-Z of Geographical Information*: Cambridge University Press, 1988.

*Columbia Lipincott Gazetteer of the World*: Columbia University Press and J.B. Lippincott, 1962.

*Gazetteers and Glossaries of Geographical Names of the Member Countries of the United Nations and the Agencies in Relationship with the United Nations: Bibliography, 1946-1976*: Wiesbaden: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1984.

*Geographic Names and the Federal Government: A Bibliography*: Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, 1990.

*Names on the Globe*: Oxford University Press, New York, 1975.

*Names on the Land: A Historical Account of Place-Naming*: Houghton Mifflin, Boston, 1967, 3d ed.

*Webster's New Geographical Dictionary*: G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, MA, 1988.

States of the United States:  
(small sample of available publications):

*A Gazetteer of Maryland and Delaware* [1904] (reprint): Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1976.

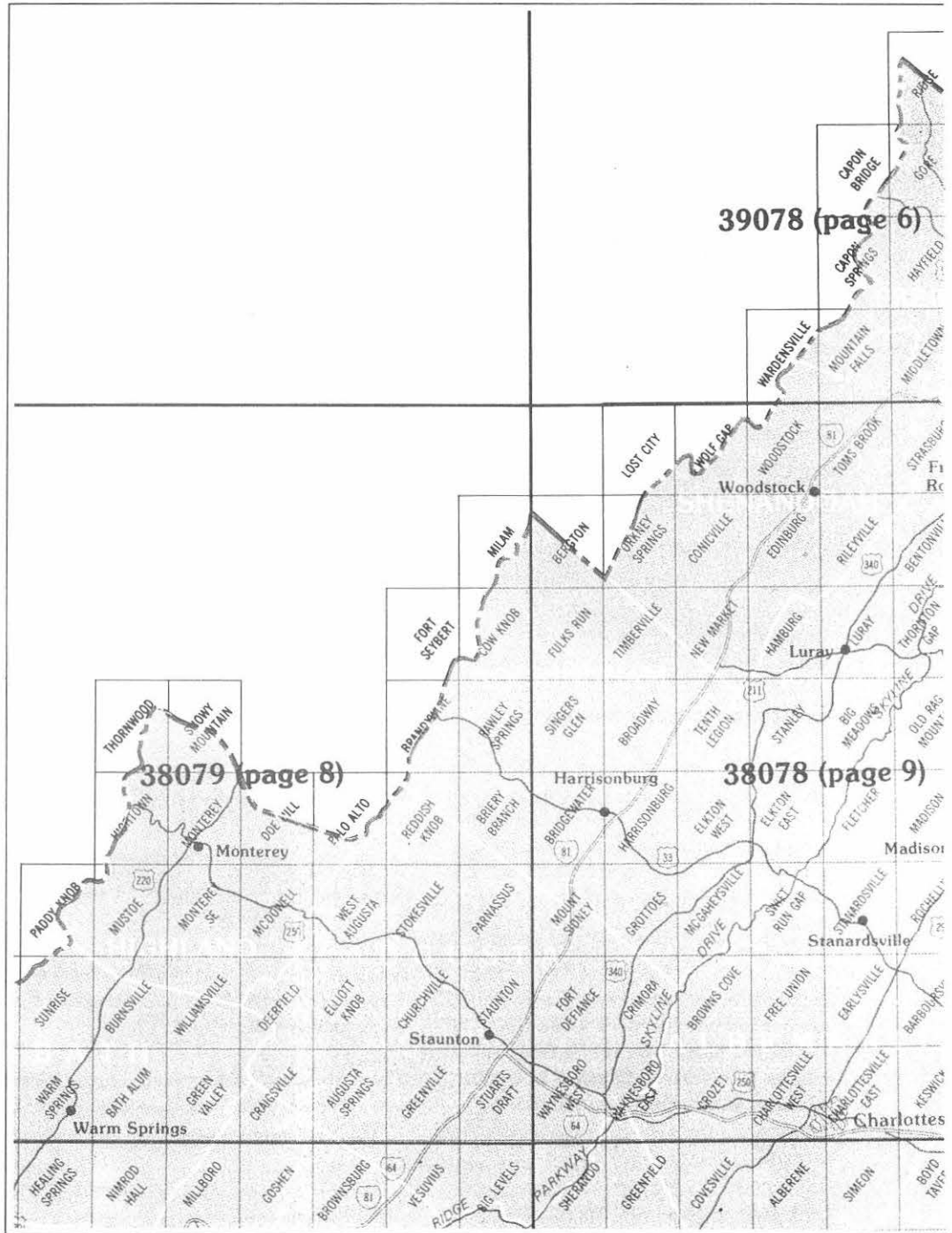
*A Gazetteer of Virginia and West Virginia* [1904] (reprint): Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1975.

*A List of Places Included in 19th Century Virginia Directories*: Virginia State Library, Richmond, 1960.

*The Placenames of Maryland. Their Origin and Meaning*: Maryland Historical Society, 1984.

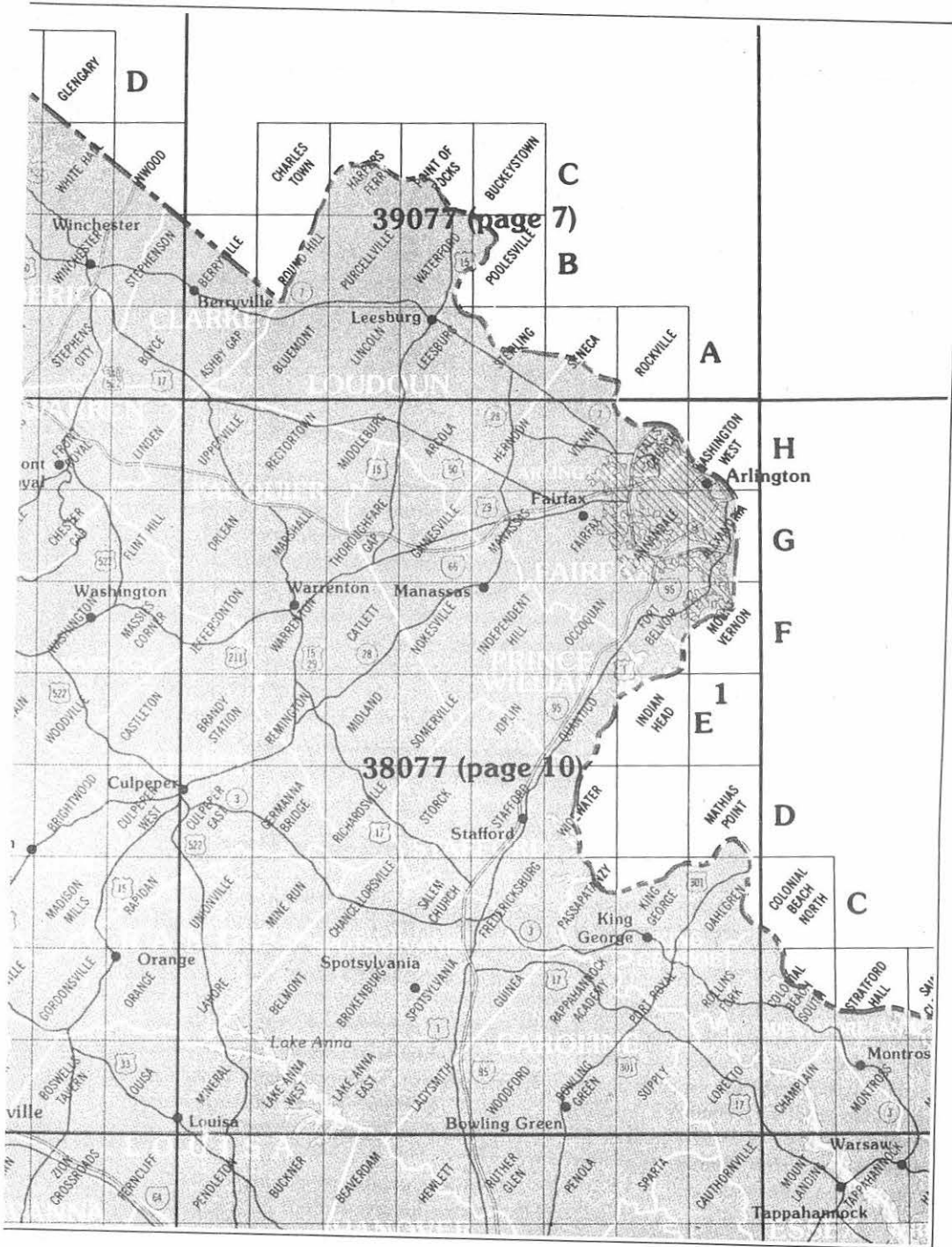
United States:

*Bibliography of Place-Name Literature, United States and Canada*: American Library Association, Chicago, 1982, 3d ed.



Section of "7.5-Minute Quadrangle Names," insert from the USGS index for Virginia. This helpful guide includes county seats (indicated by black dots) and the index page on which you will find lists of available

maps covering your area of interest. The county seat for the Vienna quadrangle, shown on the cover, is Fairfax. Information on how to obtain USGS State indexes is on page 9.



*National Gazetteer of the United States of America, Concise 1990*, U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1200-US: U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1990.

International:

*Parish Maps of the Counties of England and Wales*, Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Logan, Utah: Everton, 1977.

*Shtetl Finder: Jewish Communities in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries in the Pale of Settlement of Russia and Poland, and in Lithuania, Latvia, Galicia, and Bukovina, with Names of Residents*: Heritage Books, Bowie, MD, 1989.

Some directories of map collections

Many libraries have the current edition of *The Map Catalog*: Vantage Press, a division of Random House, New York, 1990. This handbook describes features and sources of a worldwide range of new and old maps, atlases, and related products. Has sections on researching old maps, history maps, maps of the United States and of foreign countries, State and provincial maps, county maps, urban maps and city plans, boundary maps, census maps, railroad maps, topographic maps, and many other kinds of maps.

*World Mapping Today*: Butterworths, London, 1987. A large, 583-page book that describes the mapping programs of each country in the world and gives the names and addresses of each country's principal mapping agencies. Section 4 on Map Evaluation provides information on how to interpret and use maps.

*Map Collections in the United States and Canada: A Directory*: Special Libraries Association, New York, 1984, 4th ed.

*Guide to U.S. Map Resources, 2nd Edition*: American Library Association, Chicago, 1990.

*Directory of Canadian Map Collections/ Répertoire des collections de cartes canadiennes*: Association of Canadian Map Libraries, 1980, 4th ed.

*World Directory of Map Collections* compiled by the Section of Geography and Map Libraries, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions: K.G. Saur, Munich, 1986.

Some map bibliographies

*Historical Geography of the United States: A Guide to Information Sources*: Gale Research, Detroit, 1982 (see especially p. 3-51).

*Checklist of Printed Maps of the Middle West to 1900*: G.K. Hall, Boston, 1981-82, 14 vols.

*Bibliography of Cartography, Geography and Map Division*, Library of Congress: G.K. Hall, Boston, 1973, 5 vols. *First Supplement*, 1980, 2 vols.

U.S. Geological Survey Maps

In 1879, the Geological Survey's new library began to accumulate its holdings of topographic and many other kinds of maps of the United States and its territories.

*Copies of maps from the Survey's library can be ordered as photo blowups from roll microfilm of out-of-print maps of the United States, its territories, and outlying areas. Scales of copies are not exact.*

To order a photocopy of a map in the Survey's library, describe the kind of map you are seeking as completely as you can, contact any Earth Science Information Center, or call 1-800-USA-MAPS.

*You can order current USGS maps directly from the Survey or from a local map dealer:*

The Geological Survey publishes and updates—

- More than 53,000 large-scale topographic maps (1:24,000, 1:25,000, and 1:20,000 for Puerto Rico) together show most local areas of the United States and its territories, with the exception of Alaska's 2,400 maps at 1:63,360. Each map names and shows in fairly rich detail every settled area and other features within the map's boundaries.

- Topographic maps of selected counties at scales of 1:50,000 or 1:100,000.

You can purchase these and other USGS maps from the USGS or a local map dealer.

For each State, the USGS publishes an *Index to Topographic and Other Map Coverage and [State] Catalog of Topographic and other Published Maps [all scales]*. To obtain a free index and catalog for one or more States, contact any Earth Science Information Center, or call 1-800-USA-MAPS.

### **Geography and Map Division Library of Congress**

This division holds and has direct access to almost 4 million maps, 51,000 atlases, 8,000 reference works, and a large number of related materials in other formats.

The division draws on these vast resources to provide cartographic and geographic information to Congress, Federal and local governments, the scholarly community, and the public.

No single catalog includes the division's total holdings, but card and book catalogs provide access to its collections.

The atlas collection includes representative volumes of all significant publishers of atlases over the past five centuries. The atlases cover individual continents, countries, States, counties, cities, and other geographic regions, as well as the world. They range in scope from general to topical.

Of major interest to genealogists are land ownership records kept by Federal, State, county, and local government agencies. A good source for early county maps is *Land Ownership Maps: A Checklist of Nineteenth Century United States County Maps in the Library of Congress*, 1967.

Old and new large- and small-scale planimetric, topographic, and other kinds of maps are available for every part of the United States and for most other areas of the world.

Among the many county maps and city and town plans are some 700,000 large-scale Sanborn fire insurance maps. Since 1867, the firm has issued and periodically updated detailed plans of 12,000 U.S. cities and towns. Some areas are represented by as many as eight different editions. This collection is an unrivaled cartographic and historic record of America's urban settlement and growth over more than a century.

### *Reference services*

Reference service is available to the public in the Geography and Map Reading Room and by telephone or correspondence.

The collections are for reference use only. Maps and atlases are not available for sale or free distribution.

The Geography and Map Division will respond to requests that cannot be answered by a library or other source in your locality. In many cases, the division can tell you the present name of a place where you believe

an ancestor once lived, and sometimes it can suggest places where vital and other records about your ancestor may be on file. It is not possible, however, for the division to undertake extensive research projects or to assist students in preparing term papers, bibliographies, or other academic assignments.

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This large reading room is open to the public Monday–Friday (8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.). It is in Room LM B01 of the library's James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Avenue, SE., Washington, DC.

In the reading room, geographic and cartographic bibliographies, reference books, gazetteers, and current issues of cartographic and geographic journals are readily available for consultation. You can draw upon the resources of the library in the reading room, but loans to the public are not authorized.

#### *Photocopies of maps and plates*

Subject to copyright or other restrictions, photocopies of maps and plates from atlases may be ordered through the library's Photoduplication Service.

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Library of Congress  
Washington, DC 20540

Another helpful Library of Congress publication is *The Geography and Map Division: A Guide to Its Collections and Services*. This booklet describes some noteworthy items in the library's collection. You can order it (specify stock number 030-004-00015-9) from:

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U.S. Government Printing Office  
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*Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives*. This 304-page illustrated guide was revised in 1985. Chapter 20 on Cartographic Records describes holdings of the National Archives that are of special value to genealogists—

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- **Other Cartographic Records:** small-scale civil division maps, postal route maps, Geological Survey topographic quadrangle maps, area and county soil maps, tax assessment maps, maps relating to captured and abandoned property, and maps pertaining to American Indians.

This guide can be ordered from the Publications Sales Branch of the National Archives, or from the National Archives Trust Fund, NEPS Dept. 735, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384 (hard cover \$35, softcover \$25, plus \$3 postage).

*The Archives, A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches*, Szucs and Luebking, 1988. This guide describes the holdings of the National Archives Field Branches located in 11 principal cities in the United States. The field branches hold in microfilm format national and regional records of interest to genealogists.

The guide can be ordered from Ancestry Publishing, P.O. Box 476, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

*Other National Archives publications about cartographic records*

*Civil War Maps*, 1964.

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*Transportation in Nineteenth-Century America: A Survey of the Cartographic Records in the National Archives of the United States*, 1975.

*Preliminary Inventory of the Cartographic Records of the Bureau of the Census*, 1958.

### Followup hints

Directories and pamphlets are only general guides, but they will help direct you to the right map collection to suit your needs.

In making inquiries, give as much information as possible—including the geographic coordinates of the area.

Give the State, county, and town or township; the publisher, year and place of publication; and the edition of the map or volume of maps, if possible.

Specify the kind of information that you want on the map and the approximate area of coverage.

The map researcher then will be able to indicate if that particular map—or one like it—exists in that particular collection.

Once you have decided which source to investigate more fully, you are ready to begin inquiries.

*Acknowledgments:*

The U.S. Geological Survey would like to thank the following for their assistance:

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Ronald E. Grim, Reference and Bibliography Section, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Genealogical Publishing Company, 1001 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Riley Moffat, "Genealogy and Maps: Some Reference Resources," *Western Association of Map Libraries Information Bulletin*, Vol. 12, No. 1, Nov. 1980, Santa Barbara, Calif.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Received from *Soule Kindred* member Lewis S. Kreger via Betty-Jean Haner. Sorry, I didn't get the pictures he mentions.

Lewis S. Kreger  
87 Jobs Pond Road  
Portland, CT 06480

Thursday, May 30, 1996

Betty-Jean Haner  
Soule Kindred  
53 New Shaker Road  
Albany, NY 12205

Dear Ms. Haner:

I've enclosed two photographs: One of The Soule United Methodist Church and the other (across the road from the church) of The Soule Cemetery gates. My wife took these photos last month (April 1996) when we came upon them while meandering through Hyde County, NC.

I'm a new member of the Soule Kindred, so please forgive me if this is "old hat" to you folks.

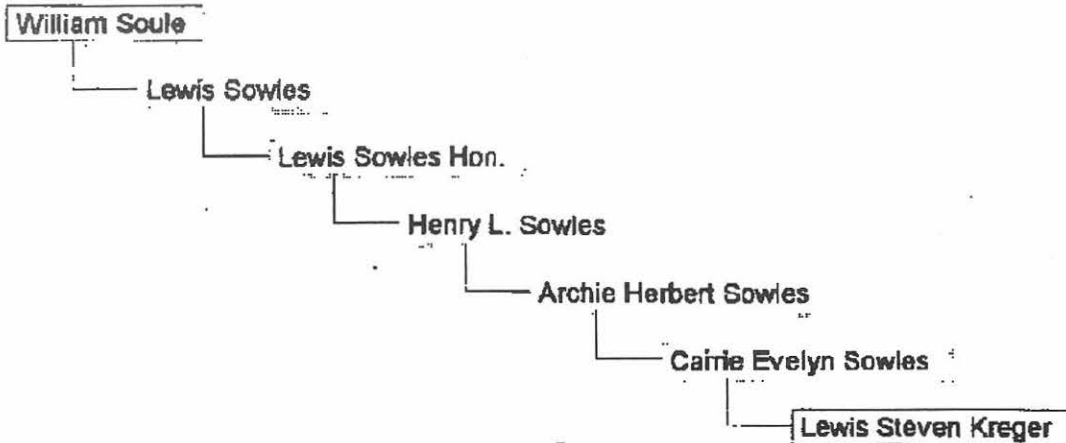
We stopped to ask for information at a local Historical Society desk at an old home nearby. And we wrote it all down so we could tell you about it. Well, now we are home and have the photos but can not find our notes. I'll give you the information as best I remember. If you really don't have this already, I'll fill in the blanks for you next time I'm down there.

The Soule Methodist Church was founded by a Bishop [Ezekiel (I mistrust my memory)] Soule. It is in the tiny village of Lake Comfort, on NC Hwy. 264 at the intersection with NC Hwy. 94, on the south shore of Lake Mattamuskeet. As far as we could tell, there were no Soule's in the Soule Cemetery.

Anyway, hope you can use the photos.

The information you have provided so far leads me to assume my lineage is:

William the Loyalist,



We're still working on it.

Thanks.

Lewis Kreger

## CORRESPONDENCE


Nicole Soules letter appears on the following pages. *Will*

Willis F. Soule, Editor  
Soule Kindred Newsletter  
114 Coronado, Road  
West Columbia, SC 29169

Dear Willis;

The enclosed letter was written by my 13 year old Grand-Niece as a school project. As she is a member of the GENERAL SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDENTS, she was given this assignment. Needless to say, she made an "A". If you can find room, the family would love to see it in the NEWSLETTER.

Thanks for publishing my family history in the October Issue.

  
W.F. Soules  
P.O. Box 250  
Lorena, TX 76655

*Plymouth, Massachusetts Colony  
August 23, 1621*

*Dear Elizabeth,*

*I am in the new land now, and I must say it is even more beautiful than I imagined. However I think the voyage here was the most terrifying experience of my life. When we got on board everyone packed their things away and found a space to stay in the boat. A few families were put in cabins, but the rest stayed in the 'tween decks. There was barely enough room for a small mattress for each person!*

*Our bodies were sore from sitting so long and I always felt cramped inside the ship. We were wet and cold frequently and especially when the boat started to leak, which was later repaired. The men had enough to worry about already so I dare not complain.*

*Many of us have gotten severely ill and even died. Unfortunately Mrs. Harper and her daughter Ann died. This awful incident made me panicky when my little Rebecca got sick. Thanks to God she did recover. Maybe she got sick because of the food we ate, small portions of pork or any other meat that was available and hard biscuits.*

*Then a storm hit us. The waves crashed hard against the sides of the ship, swaying her back and forth, left and right. After the storm a miracle happened. A baby was born to the Hopkins family. The baby was named Oceanus.*

*Our days grew colder. The thought of supplies running out was constantly on my mind. One glorious day one of the sailors shouted "Land ho" from above in the top lookouts. When we finally got on ground we realized that winter was here and not spring as we had expected. Anyhow we dropped down on our knees in the icy snow and prayed to God on our safe arrival. All of the women quickly washed the filthy clothes while the men, including my husband, explored the land.*

*Again sickness and death plagued us. Many more people died of illness and lack of shelter from the cold. Since we could not start to build our homes many people were exposed to freezing weather.*

*This new place will be called Plymouth, like our Plymouth in England. The land is rocky and filled with mountains. The soil is poor and the weather is cold. Now most of the men are farmers since no other profession is yet available. The men are also working hard to clear the land so that houses can be built. The men are also trying to fish but are for the most part unskilled about fishing in these areas. They are all accustomed to the waters of England and the types of fish that live there.*

*The men have now made up a contract called the Mayflower compact. The Mayflower compact is a set of laws which are to be followed by all while on the ship and when we settle on land. I suppose they have made this up so that there is not complete chaos. There will probably be some changes in the laws as the years pass.*

*We hope to build farms, clearing the wilderness to plant corn, beans, and squash to feed our families. We would also like to plant tobacco to sell to England, but the climate may be too cold here for that crop. Another possibility might be hemp, to make rope which England so desperately needs. Right now our Economy is not very strong, but after some years of hard work and sacrifice we hope to prosper.*

*It brings me such joy knowing that we are now able to pray to God without being persecuted. Your King is extremely narrow-minded! Our own society will be built here. Free of all the fancy rubbish of the Church of England.*

*We thought we were the only inhabitants of the island but we were wrong. Indians have been spotted but thanks to God there is peace between us. They have helped us in many good ways. Showing our men how to hunt and fish properly. My husband is very grateful. Our little Plymouth will progress with everyone's hard work.*

*In early spring they started to build more houses. Our family has a good spot where the grass dances with the wind and a cool stream sits near by. I managed to save some flower seeds from England and have*

*planted them in the ground. Hopefully soon my roses will start to bloom. Our home is simple but I love it. On the side of our home we have a neat little vegetable garden with carrots, beans, and many kinds of herbs.*

*We are planning on teaching our children Timothy, Rebecca, Stephen, and Faith at home. Then we will probably send Timothy and Stephen to college in England. My daughters will probably marry some young man in the colony.*

*It feels so good knowing that we have our religion to ourselves here. We may pray however we wish. I hope someday England will be the same. Our family misses you oh so much and wish you and your family were here to share our joy.*

*With Love,  
Nicole Soules*

## CORRESPONDENCE

The marriage announcement mentioned below must have gotten lost in the mail. Consequently, I didn't publish this marriage in any of the newsletters of 1996. With further details, I would gladly publish the announcement.

To all members, the Soule Kindred reunion pictures that appeared in the December 1996 issue (Vol. 30, No. 4) were received from Jim and Geraldine Schlosser and myself. Geraldine is our historian and her address is on the inside front cover under the heading "Family Historian". Her color prints were taken with a 35mm camera.

For reference, my pictures are: top of page 150, bottom of page 153, pages 154 through 158 and page 160. My pictures were taken with a digital imaging camera and you must have a computer to view them. I'd be happy to supply the pictures with full details on how to view them on your computer if you are interested in obtaining copies. The pictures display much nicer on a computer than on printed paper. The newsletter printer had trouble re-producing them. *Will*

December 30, 1996

Soule Kindred

Dear Willis:

I wrote you sometime ago about our son's wedding announcement to go into the newsletter. On his bride Susan Bradfute - I mentioned that she was decended from a Mayflower passenger by the name of Chilton. She was mistaken, and on a recent trip to Texas where they are living her mother showed me her papers and it wasen't Chilton but William Brewster. Sorry about this. If you have time and are going to use this I hope you change this and its not too late. Susan and Michael Albright were married on April 26, 1996 - her maiden name again was Bradfute.

Also, you wouldn't know where we could get copies of pictures of the dinner pictured in the last newsletter? Also I wondered if someone had a copy of the Susannah group picture?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Albright

P.S. we are recovering from our massive snowfall. Alot for Seattle area!





**SOULE KINDRED NEWSLETTER TOPIC INDEX**  
Volume XXX - 1996

This is an index of articles that appeared in Volume 30 [1996] in the newsletter. The topics that are listed usually occupied much of a page. More than one topic on a page are included when the material appears to be important in tracing a Soule lineage.

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RECORDING OF FAMILY DATA

By Geraldine Sowle Schlosser, Soule Kindred Historian

One of the objectives of the Soule Kindred is the gathering of information pertaining to the descendants of Pilgrim George Soule. Volume 3 of the book series, *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants covers the first 5 generations of George Soule. This book covers descendants to about the year 1800. Our ancestors 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 on the following pages is printed in each issue of the *Soule Newsletter*. I may be able to help you with that "missing link." So please keep the information coming on the Family Data Charts.

I 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 Pilgrim George Soule.) 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 descended through a female line - Soule women who marry tend to become lost Soules.

I'll give a short explanation of how to fill out the form. An example follows the blank form.

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. Leave the upper right "Family" space blank if the surname of your descendant is Soule, Sowle, or a variant. I'll assign a code number for closely related family groups. If the "Soule Descendant" has a different surname, enter the name in the upper right "Family" space.
3. In the "Ancestral Line" area enter the lineage back to Pilgrim George Soule. I suggest you leave this blank unless you have an approved Mayflower Lineage or other positive proof.
4. When writing dates, follow the genealogical style - first the day in numbers, then the month in letters, and then the full year, for example: 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. I 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 the "Verified by" blank for my use.
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:

Geraldine Sowle Schlosser, Historian  
801 E. Brownell Street  
Tomah, WI 54660-2201

SOULE KINDRED FAMILY DATA CHART

	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	was b _____ at _____	
Death	died _____ at _____	
Burial	buried at _____ Cemetery	
Biographical	_____	
	_____	
Other marriages	_____	
	_____	

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Children of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Names in full, date and place of birth, marriage, death and to whom married


This record was compiled by \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sources of data \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_

**EXAMPLE DATA CHART**  
**SOULE KINDRED FAMILY DATA CHART**

	Generation	Family
Soule Descendant	<u>DECALVUS WYATT SOWLE</u>	
Ancestral Line	( _____ )	
Parentage Birth or Baptism	Son/Dau. of <u>Stephen</u> and <u>Sylvia</u> ( <u>Chamberlain</u> ) <u>SOWLE</u>	
Death	was b <u>6 Sept 1823</u> at <u>South Gilboa, Blenheim Township, Schoharie County, NY</u>	
Burial Residences and removals	died <u>30 May 1893</u> at <u>Humboldt Nebraska</u>	
Occupation	buried at <u>Humboldt, Nebraska</u> <u>Humboldt City</u> Cemetery	
Military service	Resided <u>South Gilboa, Blenheim Township, Schoharie Co., NY until 1850, Hollisterville, Salem Township, Wayne Co., PA to 1862, Rochester, WI to 1866, Smith Center, KS, Beatrice, NE and Humboldt, NE until time of death.</u>	
Other biographical data	<u>Town Millwright of Hollisterville, PA; Carpenter, Beatrice, NE; "Physician" (from census records), Humboldt, NE</u>	
	<u>No military service</u>	
	<u>From History of Richardson County, Nebraska (ca. 1890) "...At this place we ran against our old friend, D. W. Sowles, who is one of the best mechanics in the West, and planner of the finest piece of engineering work in the Big Blue Valley. Time has dealt tenderly with him and he is the same frank, open-hearted, good fellow as of yore. "D. W." is a good soul."</u>	
	He/She married <u>ELIZABETH LUCIA HOSFORD</u>	
Parentage Birth or Baptism	on <u>25 Jun 1850</u> at <u>the home of her parents in Jewett, Greene County, NY</u>	
Death	Son/Dau. of <u>Willis Andrews</u> and <u>Lucia</u> ( <u>Osborne</u> ) <u>HOSFORD</u>	
Burial	was b <u>27 Oct 1827</u> at <u>Town of Jewett, Greene County, NY</u>	
Biographical	died <u>3 Mar 1867</u> at <u>Marysville, KS</u>	
Other marriages	buried at <u>Marysville, KS</u> <u>Unknown</u> Cemetery	
	<u>Decalvus Wyatt Sowle sired a child, Homer L. Sowle b. 26 Mar 1872 by Elizabeth (Dewerse) Wilson, Beatrice, NE.</u>	
	<u>Married 2nd: 9 Oct 1876 to Emerancy (McClure) Clay, on McClure family farm, Pawnee Co., NE. Three children of that union: Stephen Gilman, Rachel "Lillie" Lillian and Julia Miriam Sowle.</u>	

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**EXAMPLE DATA CHART**

Children of Decalvus Wyatt and Elizabeth Lucia ( Hosford ) SOWLE

Names in full, date and place of birth, marriage, death and to whom married

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|-----|---|
| (1) | Willis H. Sowle, b. 8 Apr 1851, Hollisterville, PA, d. 24 Sept 1853, Hollisterville, PA.  |
| (2) | George Monroe Sowle, b. 4 June 1853, Hollisterville, PA, d. 20 Mar 1884 Humboldt, NE. Buried Pleasant View Cem.<br>Married Letitia Margaret Learned 27 Sept 1877, Falls City, NE by Reverend Britt. |
| (3) | Ada Helen Sowle, b. 24 Feb 1856, Hollisterville, PA, d. 19 Oct 1952, Humboldt, NE. Buried Humboldt City Cem., NE<br>Married Charles Benton Gridley.   |
| (4) | Mary Elizabeth Sowle, b. 7 Sept 1858, Hollisterville, PA, d. 29 May 1860, Hollisterville, PA  |
| (5) | Irving Washington Sowle, b. 5 Jan 1860, Hollisterville, PA, d. 27 Feb 1883. Bur. Mt. Tabor Cem. Portland, OR  |
| (6) | Charles F. Sowle, b. 6 May 1862, Wilkes Barre, PA, d. 4 Mar 1923, Portland, OR  |
| (7) | William W. Sowle, b. 8 July 1865, Rochester, WI, d. 8 Mar 1958, Pendleton Naval Hospital, CA. Buried Fort Riley Cemetery, KS. Married Jessie A. Barkley.  |

This record was compiled by Willis F. Soule, 114 Coronado Road, West Columbia, SC 29202

of \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2 Jan 1996

Sources of data Family Records, Federal census, various Town Clerk records in Schoharie, Greene, Ulster and Delaware Counties, NY,  
Town Clerk records in Honesdale, Wayne Co., PA, History of Richardson County, NE, National Archives, Washington, DC

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_



## SUGGESTIONS AND ITEMS TO CONSIDER IN WRITING YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Your birth: when, where, parents, surrounding circumstances and conditions.
2. Your childhood: health, diseases, accidents, playmates, trips, associations with your brother 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 births, place of birth, accomplishments, names of spouses, data 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 sorrow, 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.
9. 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, 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.
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 obligation to their country, church and family: your suggestions to your progeny 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 regarding God, etc.

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, grandchildren, 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 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 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.

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

SOULE KINDRED MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Soule Kindred In America was formed in 1967 by a group of dedicated people who were interested in preserving and passing information on to future generations. . The Soule Kindred is a non-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts in 1972. Through the diligence of the first president George Soule and Colonel John Soule, direct descendants of the Mayflower George Soule, a great heritage was found to have been left by our founding fathers.

Through the Soule Kindred quarterly publication, *Soule Newsletter*, information of genealogical value is disseminated to its members. Reading back issues of the *Soule Newsletter* is like walking through American and European History, after all, Europe is where most of our ancestors lived. Current news items about Soule Kindred members' activities bring "cousin to cousin" closer.

Genealogy records are available through the Soule Kindred historian to assist those interested in tracing their family roots. The Soule Kindred has microfilm records containing hundreds of names and information back to the Mayflower passenger George Soule.

Soule Kindred membership lists are published annually leading you to a whole new world of "cousins."

The annual Soule Kindred Reunion, held in a different city each year, offers an opportunity to meet your new "cousins" and make long lasting friendships.

There are no restrictions to joining the Soule Kindred. Your name does not have to be Sole, Soule, Sowle, Soules, or even begin with an "S." We have Jones, Abraham, Boyd, Edwards, Myers, Turner and many other names in our membership.

If the idea finding your roots and meeting new "cousins" appeals to you, we invite you to send in your application and join with us in researching and celebrating our fascinating heritage.

Please send this membership application along with a check made payable to Soule Kindred In America, Inc. To:

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