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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Dear Cousins,

Here in Wisconsin, the leaves are starting to turn their beautiful autumn colors. And we will also be seeing some changes in Soule Kindred. After my two-year term as president, I will be stepping aside. I hope that you will agree that some good things have been accomplished but I also have a lot of commitments outside of the Kindred and feel that it is time for some new blood.

And after several years of great editing, this is Willis' last issue as editor-in-chief. He has done a great job in putting together a quality newsletter. Chuck Healy will be taking over for the January issue. He is fairly new to Soule Kindred but eager to help out. Please provide him with lots of articles and any other support you can give. It's a big job and probably the most critical to the organization but it sure is a lot easier if the members provide some of the material to include.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Jack Sowles is now the historian and has all of the Kindred historical files. Hopefully, he is delving into the backlog of queries that have accumulated and will be finding answers for some of our "lost Soules".

We also have a web site with our very own domain. It is www.soulekindred.com. I have not had much time to develop the site. With so many web-savvy people in this organization, I'm sure we can find a dynamite web master to design our site and keep it fresh. Any offers can be coordinated with our next president and myself.

I want to thank everyone for their support over the last two years. It has been greatly appreciated. And please continue to be involved in Soule Kindred since the organization is nothing without a strong and active membership!

Christine Schlosser
President, Soule Kindred

"Portraits and Biographies of Famous Americans

From: Ruth E. Hall ruthhall@worldnet.att.net

Joshua Soule was born 8/1/1781 and died 3/6/1867. Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A lineal descendant of George Soule who came over on the Mayflower. He was born in Bristol Maine, the fifth son of Joshua and Mary (Cushman) Soule. Although his parents were Presbyterians, Joshua in 1797 joined the Methodist Episcopal church and in 1799 at the age of seventeen, was admitted on trial to the New York Conference. In 1802 he was ordained Deacon, and the following year, Elder. He served as a pioneer itinerant and presiding Elder in New England until 1816. In that year he was made book agent of the church and in 1818 became the first editor of the Methodist Magazine. Between 1816 and 1820 he was also active in the work of the American Bible society and in 1819 he became a charter member and treasurer of the Missionary and Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, the pioneer missionary body of that denomination. From 1820 to 1824 he held pastorates in the New York and Baltimore Conferences, making his home in Lebanon, Ohio. In 1842 he was fraternal messenger to the British and Irish Wesleyan Conferences. At the age of 26, Soule wrote the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The early methods of vesting the legislative powers of the church in a quadrennial assembly of the preachers had become so unsatisfactory, that at the general conference of 1808, a committee of which Soule was a member was appointed to prepare a more efficient plan. Without any assistance he prepared a draft, which with only a few minor changes was adopted the constitution of the church. His plan provided for a delegated and representative General Conference, which was subject to six restrictive rules, to have legislative authority for the denomination. It also promoted the connectionalism of Methodism, anve to the Methodist polity democratic and stabilizing characteristics. Soule did his work so well as the Father of the Constitution, that there had been only slight inclination on the part of Episcopal Methodism to devise new means of ecclesiastical law making, subsequently, he affected the polity of Methodism by his views concerning the sub-episcopate.

Until 1820 the presiding elders had been appointed by the bishops and not the preachers. Therefore at the General conference of 1820 it was decided the annual conference should elect the presiding elder. At this same conference Soule had been elected Bishop, but when the vote on the sub-episcopate was announced he refused to be consecrated. He insisted that an elective presiding elder-ship was unconstitutional since the fundamental law of the church instructed the bishops to oversee the business of the church. This function, Soule asserted, would be impossible if the presiding elders were not directly responsible to the bishops. His arguments were so pertinent that the delegates resolved to suspend the enforcement of the resolution for four years. By the time of the next General Conference, 1824, the church had approved Soule's constitutional position, and he was again elected bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was an excellent administrator and was recognized as an authority on policy. In 1844, when the General conference sought to dispose Bishop James O. Anderson for his connections with slavery, Soule held that it violated the constitution which he himself had written. Therefore, when at the Louisville Convention in 1845, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized, Soule was present and gave approval to its work. At the first General Conference of that body in 1846, he formally adhered to, and therefore a man born in Maine became the Senior Bishop of the southern branch of the Episcopal Methodist Church. He now moved to Nashville, Tenn. later establishing his home on a farm outside the city, Soule was an active Bishop until 1855. He died in Nashville and was buried in the old City cemetery, but in October of 1876 his remains were re-interred on the campus of Vanderbilt University.

He was married in Providence, RI Sept. 18, 1803 to Sarah Allen, by whom he had eleven children. He was 6 feet tall, muscular, had wide cheek bones, a high forehead, and a head so large that it was necessary to have extra size hats manufactured for him.

Ruth

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6431/>

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Dear Willis:

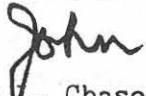
Thanks for printing my January query about my great grandmother, Caroline Amanda Soule, in the July issue of the Newsletter (also printed in the April issue).

Since my original query, I have made some progress in tracking down Caroline Soule. It appears that she was born in Westport, MA, 30 Sept 1812, and died in Falmouth 12 April 1888.

Among some old family papers, I recently found the enclosed two-page statement, addressed to my mother, Ethel James Chase, from a cousin, Daisy Hitch Davies, describing an old wine decanter - apparently a family heirloom, which belonged at one time to the parents of Caroline Soule, Ebenezer Vose Soile and his wife Deborah Mayhew. Further, that Eben Soule was born in Westport in 1780 (day and month not given), and died there 23 May 1814, age 34; that they were married 14 June 1801, and that she died in New Bedford 6 October 1859, age 78.

If any of your readers could supply additional information about Eben Soule and his wife, Deborah Mayhew, I would be grateful.

Sincerely yours,


John L. Chase

October 15, 1934

Ebenezer Vose Sowle was a sea captain and, according to the Sowle (Sowle) Genealogy by Rev. G.T. Ridlon Sr. probably descended from George Soule of the Mayflower. Ebenezer Vose Sowle was born 1780, at Westport, Mass. and died in the same place May 23, 1814 age 34. An old miniature of him is in the possession of a grandson, Henry Hitch, of Bridgeport, Conn., and old daguerreotype of his wife, Deborah Mayhew Sowle, is in the possession of a granddaughter, Sarah Hitch James of West Roxbury, Mass.

He was married to Deborah Mayhew June 14, 1801. She died in New Bedford, Mass. Oct. 6, 1859, age 78.

This old wine decanter marked "E. & D." with S. under it was in the possession of a granddaughter, Susan Hitch Dimmick of Falmouth, Mass. After her death I bought it in the summer of 1934, while in Falmouth, Mass. from one not a member of the family. Since Eben Vose Sowle died in 1814, the decanter is at least 120 years old. If it was a wedding present then the age is 133 years old.

(Mrs. R.P.) Daisy Hitch Davies
82 Geranium Ave.
Floral Park, L.I. N.Y.

NOTE TO ETHEL JAMES CHASE from Daisy Hitch ^{Davis} Hitch:

Ebenezer Vose Sowle and his wife Debora were the great-great parents of your three boys.

If you receive this circular, it indicates that you are a descendant of Ebenezer Vose Sowle and his wife Debora Mayhew Sowle who were the owners of the decanters herein described. The one marked with the initials "E. & D. with S. underneath is for sale (\$15.00).

The other is as old, according to the opinion of our noted art museums. Since, however, this one has no special historical markings like the other which has the initials, it is for sale at half the price. This decanter was also the property of Susan Hitch Dimmick of Falmouth, Mass. who was the granddaughter of Ebenezer Vose Sowle. Price \$7.50- plainer design.

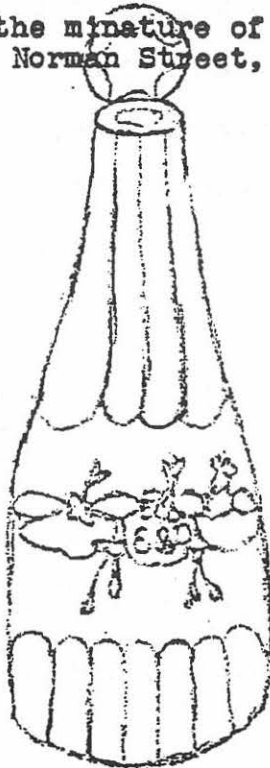
Both these decanters, according to opinion of glass expert in museum to which reference has just been given, are imported glass and probably from Ireland.

If a reproduction of the photograph of Deborah Mayhew Sowle is desired. it may be had for five dollars (\$5.00). She is a very beautiful old lady. Is dressed in a very full silk dress of the period and wears a cap, as was the custom of the day. All who see it love it and it is especially dear to her descendants.

If a reproduction of the miniature of Ebenezer Vose Sowle is desired, write Miss Carlene Hitch, 438 Norman Street, Bridgeport. Conn.

(Drawing of decanter below)

From Daisy Hitch Davies.



Sent by by Soule Kindred member W. F. Soules, PO Box 250, Lorena, Texas 76655-0250. From the *Dallas Morning News* August, 1998.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

wholesale/distribution

John Soules Sr., President

JOHN SOULES FOODS, INC.-TYLER

LINEAGE

John Soules has been in the meat business for more than 25 years. He began working for his uncle's food brokerage business. One thing led to another, and he wound up buying into, and ultimately owning a small company named Country Jim's Meats. Shortly afterward, he changed the name to John Soules Foods, Inc.

Although some of John Soules Foods' products are sold directly to grocery stores for retail consumption or to institutions such as schools, the majority of their output is sold to the restaurant industry. The company has been a leader in the pre-prepared foods industry.

In April 1994, the company was facing extinction after a catastrophic fire destroyed most of its assets, including the production facility and equipment. The insurance money was not enough to cover the loss. Mr. Soules could easily have quit at this point, but he didn't. The rebuilding process allowed John Soules Foods to acquire bigger, state-of-the-art facilities. The plant accommodates two full shifts with more than 220 employees.

Since he assumed leadership in 1985, the company has grown an average of 50 percent each year. In the short time since the fire, the company has more than doubled in size. Over the past four years, John's leadership has created high, double-digit growth and tripled the company's work force. The business is currently a regional distributor but is in the process of planning for national expansion.



John Soules Sr.

George (1)
John (2)
Moses (3)
Isaac (4)
Moses (5)
William/Bildad (6)
Nealon Soules (7)
Francis Marion (8)
Francis Marion II (9)
Luther Hugh (10)
Marion Edward (11)
John (12)

John is also the nephew of W.F. (Fred) and Sibyl Soules of Lorena, Texas

(*Dallas Morning News*)

Dear Willis;

Thought this may be of interest to several Kindred members and friends.

It is very hot and dry in most all sections of Texas.

W.F. Soules

The Death of a Cemetery

From the Internet: http://www.starnews.com/news/citystate/98/aug/0822N_rhoads.html

Wayne Township graveyard destroyed for warehouse shows final resting places aren't so final under state law.

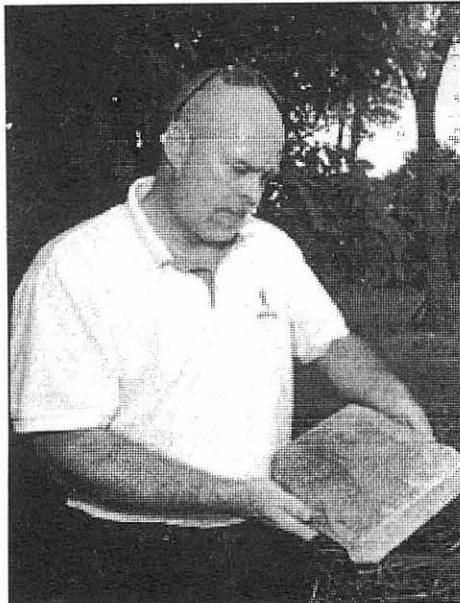
By Bill Shaw

Indianapolis Star/News

INDIANAPOLIS (Aug. 22, 1998) -- Sometime in 1844, James Rhoads, a prominent Wayne Township farmer, died. He was 70. His family members and friends buried him in a grove of walnut trees on a hill overlooking a little creek.

It was the first burial in what would become Rhoads Cemetery. During the next half-century, 43 members of the Rhoads, Foltz, Shute and Rude families would be sent to eternity in the walnut grove.

The tiny cemetery was the scene of extraordinary grief over the years as members of the four families repeatedly journeyed in horse-drawn wagons across the sweeping fields and up the lonesome hill to bury their children.



Staff photo / Kelly Wilkinson

DISTURBED GROUND: Danny J. White found this grave marker while looking at the site of the old Rhoads Cemetery. The grave stone says "Wife of James Rhoads...", being the grave stone for Hannah Rhoads. Duke Investments owns this property now, and White is upset at how the company has excavated this site.

Thomas B. Rhoads was 7 months old in August 1849 when he died of an inflamed brain. Elmer Shute was 2 when he died of a bowel infection in August 1859. Hiram Foltz was an infant. George Foltz was 1. Lillian Rhoads was 2 and died of whooping cough on Aug. 13, 1878. Casey Rhoads died of an inflamed brain when he was 2. Emma Rude died at 18 months.

On and on they died until there were 35 children buried in the peaceful cemetery on the hill.

By the dawn of the 20th century, the burying ceased as the four families either died out or drifted away from Southern Wayne Township. Nobody paid much attention to the old cemetery anymore.

The cemetery and surrounding farmland changed owners several times. Each new owner farmed the fields and tended the old cemetery out of respect for earlier generations of Hoosier families. The farmers could have knocked down the trees, plowed under the tombstones, planted corn on the graves and made a few more dollars at harvest.

But they didn't.

The pace of change in Wayne Township picked up dramatically in 1931 when the Indianapolis airport opened on 900 acres, gobbling up farmland and triggering a development explosion in western Marion County.

Still, the land around the old cemetery remained untouched, save for the annual spring plowing. The burying ground remained unmolested, decade after decade, hidden on the hill in a 60-foot-wide opening in the walnut grove. Danny J. White grew up in the Lafayette Heights neighborhood, just south of the cemetery. In the 1970s, the field around the cemetery served as a dirt bike track for White and his teenage buddies. He crossed it many times walking to Ben Davis High School. The old dead-end dirt road served as a teen-age lovers' lane. Neighborhood families held picnics beneath a massive, gnarled oak tree just east of the cemetery.

White, 41, is a tool and die maker and an Indy Racing League mechanic. He helped fabricate the car Eddie Cheever drove to victory in the 1998 Indianapolis 500.

Every day driving to work along I-465 near the airport, he'd glance to the east through the sprawl of hotels, office buildings, warehouses, parking lots, gas stations and fast food joints, and take comfort that the solitary hill and the dark grove of trees remained in this mass of concrete and asphalt.

"Even when I was a kid the cemetery and the area surrounding it was breathtaking," he recalled.

In the name of development

By 1995, the fields that stretched to the horizon when James Rhoads was buried so long ago had shrunk to 21.2 acres.

Now jet planes scream overhead, and the rumble of nearby I-70 and I-465 is constant. Cement trucks and construction equipment line the old lovers' lane, and new buildings seem to appear daily, landscaped with skinny stick trees, surrounded by acres of asphalt.

One day about 18 months ago, Danny J. White was driving to work and glanced toward the familiar hill and the concealed cemetery. He was startled to see it surrounded by yellow trucks, graders, backhoes and dirt scrapers.

He raced immediately to the cemetery and felt his stomach heave. The tombstones were gone. There were ugly gashes in the earth. The big yellow machines had pulled the graves from the earth.

"It was sickening," he recalled. He was furious. He made dozens of phone calls and fired off angry letters to an assortment of government officials seeking an explanation.

He got one.

It was all quite legal, according to state officials. Now go away and quit bothering us, Danny J. White.

He wondered how such an abomination could occur in conservative, family-values Indiana where, he, like most Hoosiers, was raised to respect the dead and revere their hallowed, final resting place.

"How did this happen?" he asked. "You don't mess with graves." Well, here's what happened, Danny. They do mess with graves.

James Rhoads, Thomas, Henry, Casey, Elmer and the other children and eight adults who rested more than 150 years in the safety of the walnut grove became the property of Duke Realty Investments Inc.

Duke, which owns or manages 60 million square feet of real estate in eight states, bought the 21.2 acres and the 360-square-foot cemetery in 1995.

"We purchased the land for development purposes," explained Donna Coppinger, the helpful vice president of marketing for Duke. "We couldn't develop a site with a cemetery on it." Why? "It wasn't what we wanted to do," she said.

Duke will soon level the hill and build a 458,000-square-foot bulk distribution warehouse on the 21.2 acres, obliterating the one-tenth-acre Rhoads Cemetery.

It's legal

Nearly two years ago, after they bought the land Duke hired an archaeology company called NES Inc. in Blue Ash, Ohio, and together they filed the necessary forms with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology to dig up the Rhoads, Foltz, Shute and Rude families.

State laws, which are made by the 150 members of the Indiana General Assembly with extensive guidance from corporate lobbyists, allow property owners to demolish old cemeteries they find on their land. Throw away the tombstones, plant corn or build a warehouse on the graves. It's legal.

DNR's chief archaeologist Rick Jones is monitoring the Duke demolition. He said his agency issues about 10 cemetery relocation permits a year. How many cemeteries simply are destroyed, he doesn't know. "We have no way of knowing," he said.

But throwing away tombstones and paving over graves doesn't require a permit. Just do it. It's legal. In fact, old tombstones often end up in flea markets.

"Most people think cemeteries are forever," Jones explained slowly and uncomfortably. This is not a topic most state officials enjoy discussing. "In Indiana, cemeteries are not forever. If you own the property, you can bulldoze them down. Basically, in Indiana, nothing is sacred." Digging into graves and moving them does require some paperwork, except for farmers who are exempt from even that minor inconvenience.

"Farmers can just throw away the tombstones and plow up the graves," said Jones. "And they do. The Indiana Farm Bureau got the legislature to exempt farmers." A couple years ago, DNR proposed a bill to offer some mild protection for old pioneer cemeteries. Corporate lobbyists smothered the bill in committee, and it never received even token consideration.

The end of Rhoads

Anyway, Duke's cemetery demolition project proceeded under DNR Digging Permit 960062.

NES Inc. archaeologist Jeannine Kreinbrink directed the removal of "remains," once known in another life as James Rhoads, Elmer, Thomas, Casey and others.

Kreinbrink, who now works for Natural and Ethical Environmental Solutions Inc. of Liberty Township, Ohio, did not return phone calls.

She did submit a preliminary report, as required, to the DNR's Rick Jones.

It's a haunting document, complete with photographs of the "remains." In many cases, much remains of the remains, like the perfectly preserved bones of little children, their arms crossed, lying in tiny hexagonal coffins. Pieces of shoes and clothing remain.

The report also contains a diagram of each grave's location, the shape of the coffin and what was in it. Each former person is identified by a letter and a number.

For example, C-2 was the "well-preserved remains of an adult. Sex unknown. Head to west. Arms at side." B- 10 contained the "well-preserved remains of an adult. Arms folded with hands over waist." Mr. D- 1 was obviously a wheat farmer because he was buried with a wheat scythe and a small plate.

Infant D-6 was buried beneath 2.8 feet of dirt in a decorative metal coffin called a sarcophagus with a glass viewing window.

E-7 was an older adult male with a engraved tulip on his coffin and the words "Rest In Peace." A-1 was the "poorly preserved remains of an infant, sex unknown. Few scattered post cranial remains." B-1 was an "adult female 20-35 years. Well-preserved remains." And on it went in graphic detail. Most people were buried under only 2 feet of dirt, symbolically facing the setting sun, the western horizon.

"I feel a connection with these people," Rick Jones said quietly, flipping through the depressing document. "You feel something looking into a child's grave after 150 years. These are people that used to live, walk around and breathe. We're literally looking into the past and I feel a profound sense of respect."

He paused, blinked a couple times.

"This is a serious thing."

Once Elmer and the others were dug up, labeled with numbers and letters, they were shipped to anthropologist Stephen Nawrocki at the University of Indianapolis on the Southside.

He was hired by Duke under terms of digging permit 960062, which required an "osteological" investigation by an anthropologist. That is a study of the bones and "artifacts" for historical significance.

"I haven't been cleared by Duke to discuss this with reporters. I'm just a sub, sub contractor," said Nawrocki. Jeannine Kreinbrink called and told him not to talk, he said. Her firm is paying his fees.

When will your report be done, doctor?

"I don't know."

Once his report is complete, DNR will either order Duke to rebury the "remains" somewhere else or they will "be kept in a lab for future study," said Jones.

Last December, Blair D. Carmosino, Development Services Director, Duke Construction Inc., fired off a stern letter to DNR officials.

"Duke's schedule for construction start-up in this project area is rapidly approaching, so it is imperative that the (DNR) properly issue a clearance letter for this project area." Part of the reason for delay was DNR's displeasure with Jeannine Kreinbrink's preliminary report. Jon C. Smith, director of DNR's Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, found about 40 points in her report he wanted explained, corrected or expanded upon -- like what did Duke plan to do with the "unwanted" headstones they dug up? On July 22, DNR issued a conditional permit to begin "ground disturbing activities" but demanded an archaeologist be present in case additional "human remains" are uncovered.

"We'll probably start drainage work and soil things soon," said Donna Coppinger, the Duke marketing person. "Site preparation before winter means if we can get the site ready, we construct our industrial warehouse product this winter. The building will be 1,032 feet long and 440 feet wide." This is good news? "It is good news. We're good corporate neighbors," she said.

Property of Duke

The other day Danny J. White visited the old cemetery one last time before the ancient walnuts and solitary oak are bulldozed, the hill flattened and the "final" resting place for 35 kids and eight adults is erased from the face of the earth.

He hiked through the alfalfa field, brimming with buzzing bees, butterflies and summer wildflowers and up the hill. He rummaged around through the dense brush at the edge of the cemetery. Day lilies planted 150 years ago around the graves still flourish.

"Look what I found," he said suddenly, emerging from the brush with the broken top half of a tombstone bearing the words "WIFE OF JAMES RHOADS. DIED." He found it in a bulldozed pile of dirt between two old tires, beer cans and soda pop bottles.

What to do? Surely the DNR would want Mrs. Rhoads' broken tombstone. It couldn't be left in the pile of tires and broken glass. Somebody might steal it. It might be demolished in "site preparation." It could be lost forever, a historic treasure, the last poignant symbol of a person's life, sacrificed on the altar of economic development and corporate neighborliness.

A quick phone call to DNR research archaeologist Amy L. Johnson provided the answer.

"Put it back," she said firmly.

What?

"Put it back," she said again.

Why?

"It belongs to Duke. It is their property."

James Rhoads' wife's name was believed to be Hannah, and she died on July 24, 1849, at age 85. Her husband, remember, was the first person buried in the cemetery in August 1844.

Her broken tombstone, which was carefully placed in the Hoosier soil during solemn, no doubt tearful, ceremonies 149 long summers ago, was returned to the pile of bulldozed dirt, tires, broken glass, beer and pop bottles.

It belonged to Duke.

It's the law.

THE RECORDING OF A CEMETERY

by Thelma Greene Reagan

From: RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery>

Today we walked where others walked
On a lonely, windswept hill,
Today we talked where other cried
For Loved Ones whose lives are stilled.

Today our hearts were touched
By graves of tiny babies;
Snatched from the arms of loving kin,
In the heartbreak of the ages.

Today we saw where the grandparents lay
In the last sleep of their time;
Lying under the trees and clouds -
Their beds kissed by the sun and wind.

Today we wondered about an unmarked spot;
Who lies beneath this hollowed ground?
Was it a babe, child, young or old?
No indication could be found.

Today we saw where Mom and Dad lay.
We had been here once before
On a day we'd all like to forget,
But will remember forever more.

Today we recorded for kith and kin
The graves of ancestors past;
To be preserved for generations hence,
A record we hope will last.

Cherish it, my friend; preserve it, my friend,
For stones sometimes crumble to dust
And generations of folks yet to come
Will be grateful for your trust.

MILESTONES

Recieved from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Soule, 10 Hilton Avenue, Northport, New York, 11768-1614. The name of the newspaper was not given.

Grace Winifred Lewis

Jan. 16, 1925 — Aug. 30, 1998

Grace Winifred Lewis, age 73, died August 30, 1998 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was born on January 16, 1925 in Kemmerer to William and Gertrude A. (Soule) Lewis. She was a member of the Catholic church.

She is survived by sisters: Betty DesRosiers of Kemmerer, Kay G. Ide of Beaverton, Oregon, and Relta Cox of Benton, Kansas; brothers Richard Lewis of Kemmerer, Duane Lewis of Helena, Montana and Roland Lewis of Kemmerer.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, September 5, 1998 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. Crandall Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL OF THIS STUFF?

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A message on the Internet caught my eye the other day and I can't get it out of my mind. A West Coast genealogist had been exchanging information with a researcher in Virginia for some time. Then it happened. Her last message bounced - it couldn't be delivered as the address no longer existed. Fortunately she had received a number of family group sheets from her correspondent which listed a telephone number. When she called the number a man answered, so she asked for her Internet friend and, after a slight hesitation was told, "Oh, Mary Ann passed away three weeks ago." Shocked, but ever gracious, she expressed her sympathy and commented how close this long-distance relationship had become and how it will be missed by her. The husband explained that he was sorry that he couldn't be of any help because he really didn't know much about what his wife was doing with her genealogy.

Perhaps you too have noticed at genealogical gatherings that the average age of the participants is something in excess of 39 years, at least judging by hair color. Most of us really don't have a lot of time to devote to our hobby until after the kids are grown, out of school and we've retired. Then it is no longer a hobby, it becomes an obsession. At some point in our continuous search for dead people, our ancestors, we recognize our own mortality and start to think about a permanent home for our research. If our children or grandchildren appear to be interested, we have it made, but frequently that's not the case. Then what happens to our "stuff"?

Genealogists are usually pretty smart people, until it comes to providing for the distribution of their genealogical assets. The latter, in my case anyway, is a room full of books, journals, magazines, pamphlets, maps, photographs, brochures, newsletters, computer equipment and furniture (desk, chairs, file cabinets, tables, lamps, etc.). The files are loaded with folders bearing family and town names, historic events, and a bunch labeled "MISC." There are miles of computer printouts, hundreds of photocopies, and many "original" vital records. My desk is usually loaded with correspondence awaiting an answer - either mine or from someone else. What should my wife do with all this stuff when I make the ultimate research trip - a personal meeting with my ancestors?

Some of our brighter colleagues say "My college library is getting all my stuff" or it's going to the local public library or to the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City or even to the Library of Congress. Well, I hate to be the one to tell you this, but unless you are a celebrity or a huge financial donor, these institutions probably won't want your material--they just don't have room for it. They would be grateful for a copy of your book, but they might not want the manuscript or research notes. The FHL would appreciate a GEDCOM disk of your genealogy database files, but it doesn't want your paper pedigree charts or family group sheets.

So what are your spouse and children to do with all of your stuff? They could really do a couple of dumb things with it if you don't provide guidance to them while you still can. It could be placed in the weekly trash collection and don't say "They wouldn't do that because it unfortunately happens all the time. How about a garage sale? Now that is really scary, but it also happens every day. Remember all those old photos and tintypes you have seen in flea markets? How about all those bargain genealogy books you bought because you got to that garage sale before the dealers did? They all had to come from someplace.

What should you do to insure the sane distribution of your genealogical assets? Perhaps the first thing is to make a record of what you have and then try to keep it current. Show the acquisition date and how much you paid for each item on the inventory sheets. This is especially helpful for artifacts, collections, and books. A photographic record of these items, including those of rare books, could also be useful. Microfilm, microfiche and complete photocopies of books and some records have value. Back issues of many journals, newsletters, and magazines are also in demand by genealogists and therefore have value. However, if you don't tell them what is valuable, your heirs probably won't know.

Now that you have identified your assets, you need to tell someone what you want done with them. Maybe the simplest way is to prepare a letter to your heirs, but remember this lacks the force of law. If they want to, they can toss everything in the trash. A better way to provide for the distribution is in your will, particularly if you also designate sufficient funds to carry out your wishes. Your Last Will and Testament is also where you may make specific bequests: your copy of the 1898 edition of Burke's Peerage to your FGS Conference roommate or your old roll-top desk to your newest granddaughter. Your wishes can now be enforced by the courts, if necessary.

If you still want to have any of your assets given to your alma mater or a local library or anywhere else, personally contact that agency and discuss the possibility--right now. It won't come as a surprise to them and they should be able to advise you immediately of any conditions of acceptance. If you can support those conditions, ask for a written acknowledgment that can be placed with your will.

Some other things that you can do right now are to distribute copies of your research among your family, friends, and, perhaps, local or national libraries. This is simple if you have progressed to the book-writing stage, but don't be too concerned if you haven't. Many genealogists assemble their pedigree charts, group sheets, pertinent vital records, selected family photographs, and other important documents in notebook form. They write a brief introduction, provide a table of contents, and sometimes an index before having copies made for distribution. Afterwards, the notebook can be kept current with a new year's letter which might include new charts and photos.

Computerized genealogical data can be distributed in the same way on diskette. Sometimes an envelope or jacket is provided in the notebook described above to house data disks. Another way some researchers try to insure the safeguarding of their electronic data is to submit it to the LDS Ancestral File (TM) or one or more of the other commercial collections. If you don't know how to do this, consult your local genealogical society or Family History Center or even the public library for instructions.

Another thing you can do right now to benefit your heirs is to clean up your files. Eliminate unnecessary correspondence and duplicate copies of records. Toss out all those old printouts you made in 1984 on your Apple IIe computer. Sell all the "Genealogical Helper" magazines you have saved since 1973, because you will never open one of them again and you know it. If you get 50 cents each for them you can have a pretty good dinner. Give away all that old computer software that is taking up room on your bookshelves--it's probably not worth anything anyway. Label your photographs, and diskettes too.

I find it a bit morbid, but you may wish to write your epitaph and select your tombstone now to insure future researchers will not encounter some of the same problems that you've had.

If you decide to follow some of these suggestions, when you do eventually meet your ancestors they may thank you for perpetuating their memory. They may also show you where you made some of your mistakes and be able to fill in a few of the blank spaces in your previous research.

Remember, do it now; there may be no tomorrow.

WRITING GENEALOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE

by Doug Smith, Senior Producer

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From: RootsWeb Genealogical Data Cooperative

<http://www.rootsweb.com>

Like many hobbyists I learned good research habits by making mistakes or achieving success. Letter writing was no different. The responses to my first letters were embarrassing. The clerks who read my letters found them unclear or lacking in important information required to locate the record. After more than a few returned requests I did my best to follow these simple rules:

- Determine the correct address for the agency that can provide a certified copy of an official record.
- Always know the correct cost of the record or search you want. Send the payment in an acceptable form. I always send payment in the form of a money order. Virtually everyone accepts money orders since they are as good as cash.
- When I anticipate writing lots of letters to a specific area I purchase a phone book for that town or county.
- Be specific about the record you ask for and always include enough information about the person in the record you expect to find. When you send for a birth record, also mention the mother's maiden name and the father's name as well as any dates or places that might be used to confirm the identity of a person.
- Provide as much information as you can on one page. The longer the letter the less likely you are to get a good response. Be neat. Make sure your letter is easy to read.
- Keep in mind that official records are not kept primarily for genealogical purposes. Registrars are busy with the work of the courts and other public agencies.
- Don't write with a chip on your shoulder. An angry, pushy, or demanding attitude gets you nothing. Look at it this way: in most cases you will be writing for information where you don't pay taxes. The fee you pay for the record probably doesn't cover the entire cost of the search. Your success depends on how well you write the letter and in the quality of the information you supply. An angry letter is going to get very little notice. Angry letters can also ruin the next search for the next family historian who mails a request to that same clerk.
- Always send a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) with each request. I do this even if the cost of the record should include return postage.

Things have improved a lot since I started in the 1980s. The Palladium Interactive Records Requester <http://www.uftree.com> is an excellent genealogical utility for creating and tracking my correspondence. It contains many of the addresses you will need for vital record searches in the U.S. and abroad. (Records Requester comes with default letters in 13 languages.) You can edit letters that the program creates to reflect your writing style, and even keep copies of the letters for later review. The handy correspondence log in the product not only tracks the letters it creates, it lets me log all my correspondence. For sure, I'll never write the same letter twice. My correspondence is clearer and includes all the important information.

Researching Plantation Records

By Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G.

Courtesy of *Colonial Homes*, November, 1998

A publication of Hearst Magazines

Plantation records reveal nearly every aspect of plantation life in America during the early to mid-19th century, particularly business operations and day-to-day labor routines. Family affairs, the roles and thoughts of women, racial attitudes, relations between slaves and masters, social and cultural life, and the values shared by members of the planter class, often are revealed in these papers.

Enormous collections of plantation records exist, but they are scattered, seldom indexed, and found mostly in the South. These manuscripts consist of such items as business records, account books, overseers' reports, daybooks, slave lists, and private letters exchanged among family members and friends. Although they help genealogists in establishing lineage's, their greatest value is in the rich historical background they provide about a family's history.

Surviving documents come from the South's larger tobacco, cotton, sugar, and rice plantations; however, a large number of records pertain to more modest estates. Keep in mind that not all plantations had fanciful names such as "Twelve Oaks." Someone's ancestors might have been employed or toiled as slaves on what was simply called the "Smith place."

African Americans hoping to find mention of their ancestors in plantation records may be disappointed because these records are unpredictable in content. A plantation's daybook may contain mundane entries about weather, crops, and livestock; nevertheless other entries may give helpful details about work performed by slaves and identify them by name. However, ascertaining the identity of an ancestor can be complicated, because many former slaves chose to change their names after they were emancipated.

Many plantation owners considered their slaves property to be mortgaged or rented, and they kept careful records of such matters. In addition, births often were recorded, because a child born of a slave mother became the property of the mother's owner. Many plantation records have been passed down from generation to generation and still are held by the descendants of plantation owners—in which case, they usually are not available to the public.

The largest collection of records that has been microfilmed is the "Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations," by Kenneth M. Stampp, Professor Emeritus, University of California at Berkeley. All or parts of this collection can be found in various genealogical and university libraries, in historical societies' collections, as well as in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. There are a few helpful guides to the Stampp collection, such as one by the late David Thackery, a curator at Chicago's Newberry Library, who compiled a list of many of the plantation owners in the collection.

The Southern Historical Collection, a compilation of ante-bellum plantation records, and Civil War and Reconstruction materials, covers topics as diverse as journalism, business history, legal history, and African Americana.

In addition to searching by the plantation owner's surname, also check under plantation name, if known. A search for surname, locality, and subject in the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), available on CD-ROM in libraries, may turn up references to material in genealogical and local history periodicals. The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has back issues of periodicals indexed in PERSI.

What can be found in the typical plantation collection? A collection of papers from the Wimbish family, owner of plantations in North Carolina and Virginia, that I found in the Southern Historical Collection consists of 1,298 items arranged by name of individual and type of document. It includes correspondence, a diary, a volume on agricultural operations, as well as family birth, marriage, and death records.

Ancestors In The Newspapers

By Myra Vanderpool Gormley, C.G.
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Newspapers first appeared in America in the 17th century, but it was not until the 18th century that they were published regularly and continuously in Boston, Philadelphia, New York City, and most major cities in the original 13 Colonies. While some indexes and abstracts of newspapers are available, for the most part be prepared to search for news of your ancestors page by page in old newspapers. Sounds like a daunting task? It becomes pleasurable as you observe the advertisements, prices, products, and language of your ancestors' days. Newspapers provide interesting and vital information about families from the cradle to the grave.

The 18th-century newspapers probably will contain information about your ancestors only if they were prominent, had high-profile dealings in trade and politics, or were involved in a crime. Nineteenth- and early 20th-century newspapers are more helpful with birth, death, divorce, marriage, and anniversary notices. If your great-grandparents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, such an item might have appeared in the local society news. In such stories, the names of children, spouses, and places of residence may be mentioned. Family reunions often were included in local news, with details on extended family members.

Legal notices concerning estates may indicate death dates and names of the heirs. Advertisements might reveal information about an ancestor's professional activities. For example, drugstore ads often peddled miracle cures for common ills, as well as traditional treatments, providing information about an ancestor's business. Much local news appeared in want ads, personal notices, and commercial ads. You also may find references to ancestors in news of fraternal organization, church, and political party activities. Local newspapers published everything from court dockets to county fair ribbon winners and lists of taxpayers, jurors, and draftees.

Searching through an 1890s newspaper for a mention of my great-grandfather who died in Indian Territory in 1900, I stumbled across his name in a list of jurors for a sex-scandal case. Of course, I had to read all the details of the trial. It made the time-consuming project worthwhile.

Many states have collected and microfilmed the newspapers published in their locales. Microfilm copies of many newspapers are available at state archives, libraries, and state historical societies. In many instances they may be borrowed through interlibrary loan. The United States Newspaper Program National Union List is available on microfiche at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. This list is an inventory of newspapers collected by the Library of Congress and 20 states as of 1985.

Some indexes exist. One of the most comprehensive, a subject index started in 1851, is *The New York Times Index: A Book of Record*. Other resources are the 22-volume *Personal Names Index to The New York Times Index 1851-1974* and six-volume 1975 to 1993 supplement, as well as *The New York Times Obituaries Index*, covering the years 1858 to 1978.

Union lists, which are catalogs arranged by region or community describing the holdings of multiple libraries and repositories, can be invaluable. Consult *American Newspapers, 1821-1936: Union Lists of Files Available in the United States and Canada*, by Winifred Gregory. For newspapers dating from 1689 to 1820, see *History and Bibliography of American Newspapers* by Clarence S. Brigham. *Newspapers in Microfilm, United States*, published by the Library of Congress explains what is available on microfilm and at what locations. Union lists of newspapers for most states are available and can provide information on specific libraries, historical societies, newspaper offices, and private collections. For example, the Illinois State Historical Society in Springfield has one of the largest newspaper collections in the country.

Finally, many religious denominations and minority communities published newspapers that contain information, particularly in obituaries, not available in other sources.

E-MAIL

From: Anna/Del Bristol [SMTP:DABRISTOLS@wcnet.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 1998 2:45 AM
To: soulewf@dot.state.sc.us
Subject: Lutts and Heston

Hello Cousins!

I am in receipt of the second Soule Kindred newsletter and share it with my 8 siblings. Thanks to the Internet, I discovered there are links across the country with Soule kin.

For 25 years my great-aunt Elizabeth (Betty) King, wife of Del King, both now deceased and formerly of Silver Springs, Maryland, researched the Lutts and Heston connections to George Soule. She met with success, but we do not know the whereabouts of her research. They were childless.

I do not know how to attempt locating registration with the Mayflower Society since it seems they do not answer direct inquiries. Am I in error? Are there published listing of families who have successfully documented their lineage to Mayflower passengers? Where can I find them? The local Toledo-Lucas County Library offers "some books from 1981 from a couple of states".

We are planning a trip to Plymouth this August and I would like to arrive armed with more than a smile on my face and a yearning to discover more about our forebears.

My goal is to update my aunt's research by adding the current generations. How do I proceed with surety?

I am delighted that the Soule Kindred exists and anticipate adding our lineage in the future.

What are your recommendations for a visit to Plymouth in exploration of its history and that of George and Mary Soule?

Respectfully yours,
Anna Lee (Lutts Heston Gregory) Bristol

From: "Charles Jack \"Jack\" Sowles" <twolions@wworld.com>
To: DABRISTOLS@wcnet.org
Cc: soulewf@juno.com
Date: Sat, 11 Jul 1998 13:40:55 -0700
Subject: Soule Kindred Research

Hi Anna & Del:

Got Will's email just this am-apparently sent a week ago but our email server has been down at least since last Mon. Hope he's back on line for the duration now.

Anna I'll need some additional information before I can start any kind of a search for you on the Soule;King/ connection. I've done a quick look for some of the names you mentioned in your mail and I did find one promising lead that of a Frank M. LUTTS who married a Soule lady named Mary Eliza Soule. Does this give you any hope?

Actually, I've got an awful lot of Soule Kindred information right here in the Soule Kindred Archives, plus an additional "awful lot" more in my own library so there's hope for finding your connection.

SOULE KINDRED NEWSLETTER, VOL. XXXII, NO. 4, OCTOBER, 1998

Since you've mentioned an aunt and uncle who may have lived around Wash. D. C. / Silver Springs, MD. Years ago, I did some research for a man in MI which led me to an Ezra C. Soules of Washington, D.C. (ca Civil War era) Does this "ring any bells" for you? If it does, I'll have to delve into my past research records.

I'm going to need your snail mail address, and a phone number if we're going to be able to get anything going research wise. O.K? I take it from your mention of Toledo? Lucas that you're living in Ohio in the area of Toledo. Am I right? We have a couple of good Soule Kindred researchers right in your "back yard." This will suffice. I hope to introduce myself and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Charles J. "Jack" SOWLES
Historian, Soule Kindred in America (Newly appointed- you're my first official Customer)
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From: CHARLES.E.HEALY@monsanto.com
To: soulewf@juno.com, cschloss@execpc.com
Date: 20 Jul 1998 13:53:46 -0500
Subject: Newsletter Editor

I have just recently joined Soule Kindred of America and am interested in getting involved. I notice from the April 1998 newsletter that we may still need a newsletter editor. Time depending I am interested. So, please let me know if that need still exists and, if so, what would be involved.

My home e-mail is cehealy@aol.com, or I can also be reached at this address at work. Phone numbers should you wish to talk are 314-542-0587 (home) and 314-694-8859 (work). I hope to hear from you at your convenience.

Chuck

From: Chris Schlosser <cschloss@execpc.com>
To: Will Soule <soulewf@juno.com>
Date: Tue, 21 Jul 1998 19:43:17 -0500
Subject: [Fwd: Newsletter Editor]

I am working at getting soulekindred.org registered with internic and getting a website set up with www.hiway.com. They will host any website and this way it should be easier to pass along the responsibility as time goes on.

Hope all is well with you and you are surviving the heat!!

Member Joann Rhome Herring sent her list below of people who are doing research on various surnames. Appearing below each e-mail address are the surnames of interest to that person. Will

From: Joann Rhome Herring <quilter2@alaska.net>
To: RmBishop@aol.com, quilter2@alaska.net
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Date: Wed, 22 Jul 1998 12:59:47 -0800
Subject: Crandall, Greene, Coggeshall, Butter, West, Johnson, Mowry, Hazard, Brown, Soule

As far as I can tell, we are all cousins through different lines with Bob in Scotch Plains, NJ.

Joann in Alaska

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From: "CJ" <cmaddox@sitevision.com>
To: <soulewf@juno.com>

Date: Fri, 24 Jul 1998 09:51:49 -0400

Subject: July Soule kindred newsletter

Hello: Just wanted to thank you for an apparent mention in your newsletter for the Mayflower site, etc. One of your members was kind enough to drop me an email about it.

Thanks again, and have a good day.

CJ Maddox

<http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/enquirer>

<http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/mayflower>

<http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/freebkns>

<http://www.maddoxinteractive.com>

From: Frank Soule <FFSOULE@UOP.COM>

To: twolions@wworld.com

Cc: soulewf@juno.com

Date: Wed, 29 Jul 1998 16:21:38 -0500

Subject: Census & Mailing

I am mailing to you via U.S.P.S:

- 1.) copy of Certified Copy of my Gr,Gr Grandfather's death certificate which lists WILLIAM & DORA SOULES(sic) as HIS parents.
- 2.) "Soule Kindred Family Data Charts"
 - a. update on previously filed SK#3764-more info,etc.
 - b. NEW chart on William Soule(s) SK#"0" & how do I get a new # assigned? Do I E-mail Jim Schlosser? Or do you assign numbers? Do you need more documentation?
- 3.) The list of Soules listed in various census (1790-1880)

Yes, I will assist you in whatever it was that you were referring to. I think it was Census Databank or something similar. I do not have experience with the software that you mentioned (Broderbund,Family Tree maker,etc), but I'm sure that can be resolved.

Sincerely yours,
Frank the Flint

From: "CJ" <cmaddox@sitevision.com>

To: soulewf@juno.com

Date: Mon, 3 Aug 1998 13:27:09 -0400

Subject: Mayflower, New England MA updates and new site!

Hello all:

First thanks for all your great comments and visits! We now have some 50,000 page views a month and some 15,000 users per month. It meant, however that our server provider was bogging down a bit, so we acquired a new domain and a new provider that should be able to take anything that comes our way! You should be passed along effortlessly.

Here's what's been added to the sites:

Massachusetts Enquirer

<http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com/enquirer> (Be sure to bookmark the new address!)

Ghost Spooks Rhode Island

Wills To Die For--The Strange & Curious

A Walk To Witch Hill

An 1875 Visit To Salem

Been Warned?

Better Get Out Of Town

Black Death Ravages London

To "Bundle" Or Not to "Bundle"

Quaker Mary Dyer Hanged

Casco, ME Massacre--A Son Writes Home

and some things we probably left off!

Mayflower & New England Families

<http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com> (Be sure to bookmark the new address!)

Brewster, Cooke, Rogers & Winslow Through 2nd Generation & Children

More New Wills & Deeds (Mullins, More, Doty, Eaton, Dean, etc)

The Disposition Of Indian Children Following King Philip's War

Disposition of Indian Populations Following King Philip's War

Bumstead Diary, Continued

Early Plymouth Marriages (Part 1)

Saybrook Connecticut Vital Records

Barnstable Proprietors

Bridgewater Proprietors

Sudbury Proprietors

Dartmouth Purchase

New Links

Important Connecticut Dates

And More!

Any snags, please let us know. Have a great day

CJ Maddox

<http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com>

<http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com/enquirer>

<http://www.mayflowerfamilies.com/freebkins>

<http://www.maddoxinteractive.com>

From: "Anna/Del Bristol" <DABRISTOLS@wcnnet.org>

To: "Jack Soule" <twolions@wwwworld.com>

Cc: "Will" <soulewf@juno.com>

Date: Mon, 3 Aug 1998 21:06:48 -0500

Subject: Lutts-Heston Genealogy

Hello Jack,

At long last I have some time to devote to my inquiry. It was serendipitous that the computer caused delays because I was able to locate some valuable information.

My great-aunt Elizabeth King stated that "...Col. Soule thinks we could prove ancestry to join the Mayflower Society. Too late for me but perhaps some of the younger kinfolk will be interested." Dated 6/9/1974.

On another scrap of paper is: Kindred Number 2915112 Soule Genealogy. Does this indicate anything to you?

There is a genealogy of sorts listed on another piece of paper:

1. George Soule - Mary Becket
2. John Soule - Rebecca Simmons
3. Moses Soule - Mercy Southworth
4. Isaac Soule - Agatha Perry
5. Moses Soule - Eleanor Williams
6. Charles Williams Soule - (1) Dorothy Clark (e) (2) Chloe Preston
7. Charles Williams Soule, Jr. - Anna Weed
8. Charles Williams Soule III - Eliza Ann Prouty
9. Mary Eliza Soule - Frank Melville Lutts
10. Idel Lutts - Jesse LaVant Heston
11. Ruth Evelyn Gregory - John Gregory (these are my parents)

And, on yet another scrap of paper, "...We are related to Alice Mullins, William Mullins and their daughter Priscilla who married John Alden."

Plus, "The July issue of Soule Kindred Newsletter had the missing link which traced our lineage back to George Soule. I was really thrilled." this was dated only Sept. 20. Could you possibly tell me which issue this was that I might order a copy?

This information was provided by my mom's two cousins who have snippets of genealogy from Aunt Betty King. They were kind enough to send them as well as photographs.

My greatest pleasure was receiving a post card of the "Home of Frank Melville Lutts" since I collect post cards of my hometown of Norwalk, Ohio. F. M. Lutts was my great-grandfather.

Any light you can shed on the above will be most sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Bristol

From: Charles Jack "Jack" Sowles <twolions@wworld.com>
To: Anna/Del Bristol <DABRISTOLS@wcnet.org>
Subject: Re: Lutts-Heston Genealogy

Hi Anna!

I goy your email yesterday and it was finally great for us to get some communication established. I'm pretty sure I can help you with this research but I'll need to take a closer look before I make any recommendations to you. I'm sure there will be some "good stuff" in the Soule Kindred Archives which I'll copy out for you, so I'll need your postal address so I can send you a package when I get one organized. Meantime-Why don't you do some "cogitating" about where your aunt got the information you've acquired from her, and about whether she may have been one of our previous contributors to what is now the Soule Kindred Archives. Basically I'm looking for a couple of more hints on how to get statted but please believe me, you've done very well with hints already. I've got a good pile of hints to begin with.

For now, this is an acknowledgenemt that I've recefived your email and that I'll get on the project.

Sincerely,
Charles J. "Jack" SOWLES
Historian Soule Kindred in America

From: Frank Soule <FFSOULE@UOP.COM>
To: soulewf@juno.com
Date: Mon, 10 Aug 1998 10:01:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Census & Mailing -Reply

Hi Willis,

I am back from vacation to the UP of Michigan. I had a long discussion with Jack Sowles and will be assisting his office on the Census project. I will not be attending the Annual meeting this year @ Vero Beach, FL but will be sending an E-mail to the President, Christine Schlosser, to support the "Electronization" of the Kindred Historian office. Hopefully you received a copy of the Census stuff I sent to you AND Jack. IF you publish some or all of it you may want to get the white-out OUT. I made several notes in the margins, not realizing that I would send it to the Kindred.

It is Monday, after a week off. Did I send you, Willis, a copy of the Census database? I know Jack Sowles got it as he acknowledged it on the phone last night. I may have just copied you on the E-mail.

Sincerely,
Frank Flint Soule (III)

From: "Ruth E. Hall" <ruthhall@worldnet.att.net>
To: "soulewf@juno.com" <soulewf@juno.com>
Date: Sat, 05 Sep 1998 07:18:12 -0400
Subject: Soule mailing list

Hi Willis,

Sorry to bother you again, but I have been getting questions about the Soule mailing list. I think some people are not sure just what it is. Would you please put the following message in the Soule Kindred Newsletter instead of the original one? Hopefully it will explain a little better what the mailing list is all about. :-) Thanks,

Announcing a new mailing list for name of Soule, Sowle, Sole, and all other variants. This mailing list is for the discussion, stories, and exchange of information for the Soules who are on line. Also to post queries pertaining to the name. This list is in no way intended to interfere with the fine Soule Kindred Newsletters.

To subscribe: Send an email message to:

SOULE-L-request@rootsweb.com

Simply put the word subscribe in the body of the message and nothing else. Please turn off any signature files and html as they will not be accepted. If your email program insists on a subject line simply put the subscribe in that line too. Thank you.

Ruth Hall

From: "Ruth E. Hall" <ruthhall@worldnet.att.net>
To: SOULE-L@rootsweb.com
Date: Sat, 12 Sep 1998 13:20:48 -0400
Subject: Alexander Soule

Hi folks,

Last time I looked our list now has 31 subscribers. YAY!! Welcome to our new folks. We are small but steadily growing. Please feel free to post any stories, tidbits of info or queries:-) If you don't get an answer to your question post again in a week or two.

Here is a copy of the census record for Alexander Soule, Austin Twp, Sanilac County, Michigan in 1870.

Soule, Alexander 35-farmer-b. Maine

Susan 30- b. England

James 12-b. Michigan

George 9-b. Michigan

Bertha 8-b. Michigan
William 6-b. Michigan
Lucy 4-b. Michigan
Arthur 2-b. Michigan
Susan May 1-b. Michigan

Ruth Hall

From: LEng110132@aol.com
To: SOULE-L@rootsweb.com
Date: Thu, 10 Sep 1998 00:52:59 EDT
Subject: Soules/Sowles

Hi,
I'm looking for an Orrin M. SOWLES, b. 7-5-1842. He was from Delhi, Delaware County, NY. He married Elma J. WHEELER from Bloomville, Delaware County, NY. They had one son, Alvah Charles Sowles, b. 12-16-1883 in Bloomville, d. 12-4-1928 and married Jennie Laura Clark, Albany, NY on 9-20-1911.

This is all I have. So far both the Sowles and this Wheeler line have been very illusive! Any help or info would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.

Linda

From: Neil Smith <nsmith2@lightspeed.net>
for <soulewf@juno.com>; Mon, 14 Sep 1998 19:09:41 -0400 (EDT)
To: SOULE-L@rootsweb.com
Date: Mon, 14 Sep 1998 16:04:02 -0700
Subject: Descendants of Patience 1640 Soule

Does anyone have information on descendants of Johathan Barret, Jr. (1760-1839) who is a descendant of Patience.

Sincerely,
H. Neil Smith
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From: "Michael J Hanna" <mhanna@citlink.net>
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To: SOULE-L@rootsweb.com
Date: Tue, 15 Sep 1998 10:37:03 -0700
Subject: Soule information in New York

Hi: I am trying to reconstruct our family in Newark, Wayne county, NY. Is there anyone out there that recognizes this Soule line?

This is my Soule information, it is all that I have. Listed below this information is some Soule information copied from the Wayne County Gen Web site:

Descendants of Benjamin Soule

Generation No. 1

1. BENJAMIN1 SOULE was born Abt. 1806. He married ANNATJE LYKE, daughter

of DAVID LYKE and ARIANJE WHITBECK. (She is referred to by Hannah Soule)

Notes for BENJAMIN SOULE:

SOURCE: LDS Microfilm #532616 Cemetery the Churc at Spencer town

Soule, Amos L. (see Stickels)

Soule, George M. , son of Rev. Ebenezer Soule, Died November 18, 1848 aged

31 years

More About BENJAMIN SOULE:

Moved: Bet. 1840 - 1950, Relocated from Chatham to Newark, N. Y.

Occupation: Farmer

Notes for ANNATJE LYKE:

Source: Churchtown St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, Churchtown - Claverak District, N. Y. Volume one; A974.739 fc56lg; LDS Microfilm #0534192. Sponsors: John Shaver & Elisabeth Barnet

Child of BENJAMIN SOULE and ANNATJE LYKE is:

i. NANCY A.2 SOULE, b. Abt. 1830.

INFORMATION FROM DIRECTORY ON WAYNE COUNTY GEN WEB SITE.

DIRECTORY OF THE TOWN OF ROSE - 1867 -1868

Soule, Ira, cabinet maker

Soule, Ira T., house and sign painter

SAVANNAH, WAYNE COUNTY, N. Y. :1867 -1868

Soule, A. Titus (Soule Brothers)

Soule Bros. (Rowland and A. Titus) farmers 150

Soule, Rowland (Soule Brothers)

Soule, Wm. G., agent for the Kirby Reaper and Mower, and for Foster's Grain

Drill and Plaster Sower, and farmer 50, leases 50

Mike and Tena Hanna

God Bless You!

<<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/h/a/n/Tena-M-Hanna/index.html>>

From: Dave Kenney <dkenney@telusplanet.net>

To: Will Soule <Soulewf@juno.com>

Date: Wed, 16 Sep 98 15:43:50 -0500

I just received your name as the contact for the George Soule Newsletter. I've never seen one - what can you tell me about it and why would I want one? I believe I am descended from George, but have not yet proved it to the Mayflower Society. In case you're interested (or really bored), here's the names in my proposed line

1. George Soule & Mary Beckett
2. Francis West & Susannah Soule
3. Susannah West & Moses Barber
4. Thomas Barber & Avis Tanner
5. Jonathan Barney & Mary Barber
6. William Barney & Sarah Ellis
7. Jacob Barney & Margaret Steward
8. Martin Ellis Barney & Jennet Sutherland
9. John Jacob Barney & Rossana Murray

10. John Alexander Barney & Helen Langridge
11. John Frederick Russell Kenney & Kathleen Mary Barney
12. Roy Alfred Kenney & Gladys Doris Miles
13. David Alfred Roy Kenney & Judy Nickoli

Thanks, Dave Kenney

From: "Ruth E. Hall" <ruthhall@worldnet.att.net>
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To: SOULE-L@rootsweb.com
Date: Tue, 22 Sep 1998 09:40:50 -0400
Subject: Helpful sites

Hi fellow rooters :-)

Here are some sites on the web that may be helpful for your Soule research.

Soule Kindred Newsletter, this is an excellent newsletter and well worth the money. Check out their site at:
<http://www.execpc.com/~cschloss/>

Mayflower Web Pages-History and Genealogy. This is Caleb Johnson's site for anything pertaining to the Mayflower, Wills, Passenger lists etc.. Very well done and informative.
<http://members.aol.com/calebj/mayflower.html>

Mayflower, MA and New England Families.
<http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/mayflower/>

Soule Family Genealogy Forum. Good place to post queries.
<http://www.genforum.com/soule/>

The Sole Society, A British Family History Society
<http://village.vossnet.co.uk./t/timsoles/sole.htm>

Some web pages of soule researchers:

Mine of course :-)
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6431/Soule.html>

Cook Kin's Genealogy Page
<http://members.aol.com/cookkin/welcome.html>

Joann's Home Page
<http://www.angelfire.com/mi/robynn/>

Paul McBride's Page
<http://www.tiac.net/users/pmcbride/genweb.html>

Soule Index Page
<http://home.inreach.com/verdoorn/genealogy/names8.htm#SOULE>

Sue's George Soule Line
<http://members.aol.com/glasshall/soule.html>

Joan's Genealogy Site
<http://home.inreach.com/verdoorn/>

Enjoy! Ruth

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To: SOULE-L@rootsweb.com
Date: Sun, 27 Sep 1998 16:09:17 -0400
Subject: Avon, Maine Soule's

Hi folks,

The following is transcribed from a copy sent to me by Flossie Dere from East Wilton, Maine. Some places are hard to read but I will do my best.:-)

Avon, Franklin, Maine Births or Christenings-1743-1850--Batch # C 50353-1--Page 27

Births or Christenings--Dates--Given--Relative--Parents or other data--Serial number.

Soule, Brn 14/Nov/1743 Joshua ,son , 00291-8

Soule, Brn 22/Dec/1744 Mary, Daughter, 00293-7

Soule, Brn 27/Dec/1765 Luther, Son , Joshua Soule and Mary, 00294-3

Right under Joshua Soule and Mary it says"See burial or death entry 20/May/1770

Soule, Brn. 28/Aug./1768, Allethia, Daughter, Joshua Soule and Mary, 00295-5

Soule, Brn., 7/Feb/1769, "Polly", Daughter, 00303-0

Soule, Brn. 8/Sep/1771, Joseph, Son, Joshua Soule and Mary, 00296-7

Soule, Brn. 22/Nov./1774, William, Son, Joshua Soule and Mary, 00297-9

Soule, Brn. 28/Nov/1775, Peggy, Daughter, 00467-8

Soule, Brn. 7/Oct/1776, Ruba, Daughter, Joshua soule and Mary, 00298-0

Soule, Brn. 1/Oct/1779, James, Son, Joshua Soule and Mary

Under Joshua and Mary is:'see burial or death entry 30/Mar/1806

Soule, Brn. 1/Aug/1781, Joshua, Son, Joshua Soule and Mary,00300-5

Soule, Brn. 2/Jul/1784,,Nathan? Son., Joshua Soule and Mary

Soule, Brn. 1/Oct/1786 Polly, Daughter, Joshua Soule and Mary, 00302-9

Soule, Brn. 8/Mar/1791, David Thompson, Son, William Soule and Polly

Soule, Brn. 4/Aug/1794, Isaac Thompson, Son, William Soule and Polly, 00305-4

Soule, Brn. 22/Jul/1797, Joshua, Son, Polly Soule,00381-9

Soule, Brn. 27/Aug/1798, Luther, son, Willam Soule and Polly, 00306-6

Soule Brn. 9/Nov/1801, Thomas, Son, James Soule and Peggy, 00469-1

Soule, Brn. 11/Aug./1802, Polly, Daughter, Polly Soule, 00382-0

Soule, Brn. 7/Oct/1803, William, Son, William soule and Polly, 00307-8

Soule, Brn 9/Feb./1804, Judith, Daughter, James Soule and Peggy, 00470-8

Soule, Brn. 10/Jul/1804, Maria, Daughter, Joshua Soule and Sarah Allen, 00483-6, Page 28

Soule, Brn. 1/Aug/1804, Joseph, Son, Polly Soule, 00283-2

Soule, Brn. 22/Apr/1806 Elizabeth, Daughter, William Soule and Polly 00309-1

Soule, Brn. 6/Dec/1806, Joshua, Son, Joshua Soule and Sarah Allen, 00484-8

Soule, Brn 11/Apr/1823, Albert Lourcing, Son, Luther Soule and Abigail, 00195-1

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GENEALOGY WEB SITES

California Genealogical Society	http://www.netcom.com/~dwilma/cgsdir.html or http://pw2.netcom.com/~dwilma/cgs.html
California Historical Society	http://www.calhist.org/
Cook, Francis lineage, et.al.	http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/mayflower/mayflower
Genealogy Online	http://www.genealogy.org
Hall, Mary Susan	http://members.aol.com/glasshall
Hall, Ruth E.	http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6431/
Herring, Joann Rhome	http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/h/e/r/Joann-R-Herring/
Mayflower Society Web Site	http://www.mayflower.org/ http://www.mayflower.org/synopsis.htm (preliminary lineage form)
Mayflower Web Site (Caleb Johnson)	http://members.aol.com/calebj/mayflower.html
Mayflower Web Sites (C. J. Maddux)	http://www.maddoxinteractive.com http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/enquirer http://www.maddoxinteractive.com/mayflower
National Archives	http://www.nara.gov/
National Genealogical Society	http://www.genealogy.org/~orgs/
New York State Archives Naturalization & Related Records	http://unix6.nysed.gov/holding/fact/natur-fa.htm
Oregon genealogical research	http://www.rootsweb.com/~genepool/oregon.html
Oregon State Archives	http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/
Pony Express information	http://www.ccnet.com/~xptom/
Rootsweb Genealogical Data Cooperative	http://www.rootsweb.com
Sole Society (United Kingdom)	http://village.vossnet.co.uk/t/timsoles/sole.htm
Soule Family Genealogy Forum	http://www.genforum.com/soule/
Soule Kindred Web Site	http://www.soulekindred.org
Verdoorn, Joan Soule	http://home.inreach.com/verdoorn (Alburg, Vermont Soule lineages)
Wells Fargo Co. (Pony Express)	http://wellsfargo.com/
United States Geological Survey (Maps)	http://www.usgs.gov

EDITOR'S NOTES

I thought it fitting that I put my page at the end of this, my last issue.

The January issue will be the first one for our new editor, Charles "Chuck" E. Healy. I am sure he would be most appreciative if you would send him any news items, genealogy articles, etc., for his first issue. Please send them to:

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Creve Coeur, MO 63141

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In the last few years, the coming of the Internet, the World Wide Web (WWW) and e-mail to the Soule Kindred was inevitable. As President Chris mentioned in her letter, we now have our own domain name on the Internet. The domain name gives us a presence and front page visibility (so to speak) on the Internet. Our domain name gives us exclusive rights to use the Internet name of www.soulekindred.com. However, an Internet web site will not replace the *Soule Kindred Newsletter*. It is simply another source of information about the Soule Kindred and another place for members to contribute information. Future issues of the newsletter will probably contain more information about our web site.

After this issue, I plan on resuming research on my lineage and getting caught up on correspondence. I hope you enjoyed my efforts on the newsletter.

Thank you and happy researching!

Willis F. Soule

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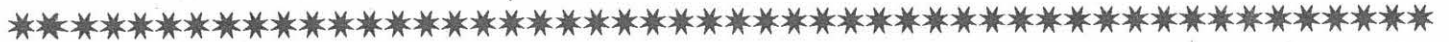
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