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A picture of the family members at the 2002 Soule Kindred Reunion in Mystic, CT.

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March 1, 2003

**Comments from the President**

**Publishing Newsletter:** Unfortunately we were not able to produce a Soule Newsletter the last Quarter of 2002 due to a combination of factors. In studying the numerous factors involved in producing an informative and interesting Soule Newsletter for the members it appeared that an Editorial Board to divide the work would be the best approach. Three members have agreed to serve on this Editorial Board and share in the experience of publishing the future Soule Newsletters as follows:

Christine Hornleth, Editor in Chief  
Tallahassee FL  
Judy Hughes  
Franklin NC  
Anna Lee Bristols  
Perrysburg OH

They are enthusiast and very serious about creating a Soule Newsletter that they can be proud to issue. However, you are a part of this effort. You can submit articles, send letters inquiring about Soule History, suggest changes you would like to see, etc. Let's give them our support and pull together on this project. You may be aware of genealogy or history that would be of interest to others. Let us hear about it! Where to send articles will be included in this Soule Newsletter. Be sure to indicate clearly that any article you submit is for publication or the status of approvals. We do not want to become involved in any copyright problems or publish personal information.

We want to express our appreciation to Frank Flint Soules III who worked so hard to fill in as Acting Newsletter Editor during our search to establish a Soule Newsletter team. Many pressures on Frank ended up with a stay in the hospital, and required him to reduce his work load including publishing the Soule Newsletter. We wish him a rapid recovery and everyone wishes to thank him for his many efforts to meet the demands of the Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

**Luke and Merle Soules Family Foundation Grant:** Work has continued on trying to identify Pilgrim George Soule's mother and father. Genealogy work is not a science and requires a lot of effort to find pieces of information that can be used to re-construct history. Many of the past suggestions have been reviewed without much new information. However, some leads pointing to Kent as the possible seat of the family have been identified and need to be followed up. Although Soule Kindred failed to meet the report deadline in the original proposal for funds, I have prepared a report which has been submitted as of March 1, 2003. Assuming space is available, the entire report will be included in this Soule Newsletter for your information and, hopefully, to stimulate your interest in contributing to this research program.

**Office of Historian:** The office of Historian has been eliminated. A new job description and title will be developed in the near future.

**Soule Family Reunion 2003:** The Soule Family Reunion 2003 will be in San Antonio TX. Although the exact date has not been established, we are working on late September or October. We have conflicts on the first two weeks in September and I would appreciate any information on other periods that may be difficult for people to attend. We are looking forward to learning more about the history of the

Soules families in Texas. San Antonio represents a turning point in establishing the Texas Republic prior to joining the Union. The River Walk in San Antonio is an interesting and inspiring tourist attraction which the member should enjoy very much. We will provide more information as soon as it is available.

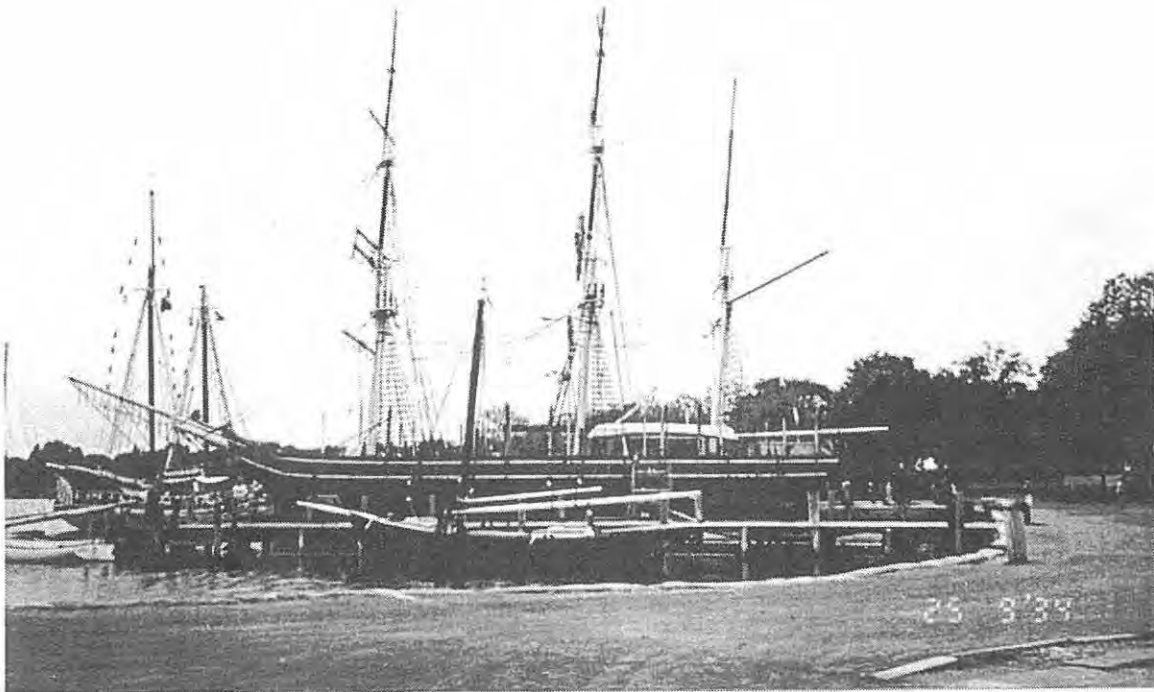
**Scholarship Program:** Working with our young members to achieve their goals is a very important program of the Soule Kindred in America, Inc. In this Soule Newsletter you will find more information on this project by committee Chair, Betty Jean Haner. We also want to welcome Two new members to the Scholarship Committee – Judy Hill and Evan Sowles. Their contribution to this important program will be greatly appreciated.

**Genealogist:** Questions concerning help with Soule genealogy should be directed to Norman Standish – [standish@aeroinc.net](mailto:standish@aeroinc.net) or (815) 493 2307. We will have a job description and someone identified to assume this role in the near future. If you are interested or would like to suggest someone, contact Norman Standish

**Final Comment:** I am always interested in your comments and suggestions. Do not hesitate to contact me.

~~~~~ *NEWSFLASH* ~~~~~

Luther Soules III has agreed to the Dates of Friday, September 26 to Sunday September 28 for the Soule Reunions 2003. The Reunion will be in San Antonio TX.



Tall Ships at Mystic Seaport-2002 Soule Kindred in America Reunion

**Soule Kindred in America, Inc.**  
**Annual Board Meeting**  
**September 27, 2002**

The Board of Directors meeting of Soule Kindred in America, Inc. was called to order by Presiden Norman Standish at 7:45 P.M., September 27, 2002 at the Groton Inn & Suites at Groton, CT.

The following Board Members and Officers were present:

|                   |                     |                   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Eldon W. Carey    | Barbra Johnston     | Carol Soule       |
| Carol Godreau     | Patricia Johnston   | Frank Soule       |
| B.J. Haner        | Margaret Rocke      | Charles J. Sowles |
| Christine M. Hill | Geraldine Schlosser | Norman Standish   |

There was one correction to June 30, 2001 minutes, John Tiffen should have been James Tiffen

The Treasurers report was presented. B.J. Haner said that Life Memberships were put into operating funds as directed by the board in 2001. She suggested that the moneys should go into a savings account and use only the interest each year for operating fund. This is how it is done in the Mayflower Society and New England Women.. This preserves the fund so that each year a portion can be used for operations.

Barbra Johnson moved that Life Membership funds be put into savings accounts in the future and use the interest as operating funds each year and also use the principal when necessary. Gerry Schlosser seconded the motion and it passed.

Because the operating funds will not meet the cost of producing the Newsletter there was a long discussion as to the need to increase dues. There was a discussion as to the possibility of decreasing the cost of the Newsletter. One suggestion was that it be put on a CD. While this would be cheaper, there are members who do not have computers. Therefore it would be necessary to have the Newsletter printed anyway and therefore the cost would not be reduced significantly, since the quantity is not the main cost of printing. Also those present who did have computer noted that reading of the Newsletter on the computer is not desirable.

Other cost cutting methods were discussed, such as not mailing the Newsletter to libraries and not mailing duplicates to families with more than one member.

B.J. Haner moved to increase dues as follows:

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Regular Membership    | \$25.00  |
| Sustaining Membership | \$45.00  |
| Patron Membership     | \$75.00  |
| Life Memberships      | \$300.00 |

PLEASE NOTE: NEW DUES SCHEDULE

Eldon Carey seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Frank Soule moved to accept the Treasurers Report. Carol Soule seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Norman Standish asked for a report from the Membership Committee. There was no member present so no report was given.

Norman Standish asked for a report on the status of the Soule Foundation Grant.

Charles Jack Sowles reported that there had been research done over the Internet, from organizations and libraries. He had bought a computer for use on the project, made 2 trips to Fort Wayne and Chicago and purchased a CD containing New England Marriages.

Phase one of the project is Consolidating information on George Soule in America, Phase two will be Relationships of George Soule to Scottish families.

***Soule Kindred in America, Inc.***  
**Invitation To Join**

The Soule Kindred In America was formed in 1967 by a group of dedicated people who were interested in tracing their ancestry back to George Soule who came to America aboard the Mayflower in 1620. The Soule Kindred is dedicated to preserving and passing this important genealogical information on to anyone interested in tracing their ancestry.

The Soule Kindred is a non-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts in 1972 and has members in France, Great Britain and Canada as well as the United States. Through the diligence of the first president George Soule and first historian, Colonel John Soule, both 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, The Soule Newsletter, information of genealogical value is disseminated to its members.

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

Activities of the Soule Kindred include the annual Soule Kindred reunion which is held in a different city each year. The reunion provides the forum for the annual Soule Kindred meeting and also offers you the opportunity to meet other members, exchange genealogy information and make long lasting friendships. Some members have their own Web pages on the Internet. Many others communicate regularly via e-mail.

There are no restrictions to joining the Soule Kindred. Your name does not have to be Sole, Soule, Soules, Sowl, Sowle, Sowles or even begin with an "S". We have Abraham, Bishop, Haner, Rocke, Turner, Standish and many other names in our membership. The only requirement to join is that you have an interest in determining and tracing you ancestry.

If the idea finding you 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.

If you would like more information, please contact our President, \_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like to join, please send this membership application, along with a check made payable to Soule Kindred in America, Inc. to:

Betty-Jean Haner  
53 New Shaker Road  
Albany, NY 12205-3615

- \$25.00 Regular Member  
 \$45.00 Sustaining Member

- \$75.00 Patron Member  
 \$300.00 Life Member  
 Soule Memorial Scholarship Fund

Please enter my membership to the Soule Kindred in America, Inc. My name and address appears below as I wish it to appear on the *Soule Newsletter* mailing label.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us how you received this Membership application. (member, Church bulletin board, News Letter, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC.**

Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer  
53 New Shaker Road  
Albany, NY 12205-3615

**Annual Report**

For Period June 1, 20001 to August 31, 2002

**Balance on Hand June 1, 2001** **\$80,941.97**

**Receipts**

**Operating Receipts**

|                                      |          |                 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Dues                                 | 5,635.00 |                 |
| Newsletter Sales                     | 52.50    |                 |
| Notepaper Sales                      | 60.00    |                 |
| George Soule Story                   | 39.00    |                 |
| Postcards                            | 14.55    |                 |
| Life Memberships                     | 300.00   |                 |
| Patron Memberships                   | 200.00   |                 |
| Index                                | 10.00    |                 |
| CD Rom Index                         | 350.00   |                 |
| CD Rom Index Hard Copy               | 75.00    |                 |
| Miscellaneous                        | 3.50     |                 |
| Interest on Operating Funds          | 16.81    |                 |
| <b>Total Receipts for Operations</b> |          | <b>6,756.36</b> |

**Scholarship Receipts**

|                                                |          |                 |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Soule Kindred Annual Scholarship Appeal        | 550.00   |                 |
| Life Memberships (designated for scholarships) | 100.00   |                 |
| Avis R Haner Memorial Scholarship              | 250.00   |                 |
| T-shirts & Sweatshirts                         | 152.00   |                 |
| Soule West Picture                             | 15.00    |                 |
| Scholarship Interest                           | 4,055.75 |                 |
| <b>Total Receipts for Scholarships</b>         |          | <b>5,122.75</b> |

**Bequest of Col. John E. Soule**

|                             |          |                 |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Interest on Bequest Account | 2,330.20 |                 |
| <b>Total Bequest Income</b> |          | <b>2,330.20</b> |

**Total Receipts** **14,209.31**

## Expenditures

### Operating Expenditures

|                                                          |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Newsletters (4 issues)                                   | 6,706.83 |
| Office Expense (Treasurer, Membership Sec., Scholarship) | 567.64   |
| Corporate Annual Fees                                    | 15.00    |
| Historian (Postage, Copies, etc.)                        | 467.05   |
| Dues Refund (2 persons paid twice)                       | 25.00    |
| Domaine Name Renewal (2 Years)                           | 70.00    |
| 2001 Reunion Expense                                     | 128.99   |
| New Membership Cards                                     | 52.68    |

**Total Operating Expenditures** 8,033.19

### Scholarships

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Col. John E Soule Memorial Scholarship     | 1,000.00 |
| George Standish Soule Memorial Scholarship | 1,000.00 |
| Avis R Haner Memorial Scholarship          | 250.00   |

**Total Scholarship Awards** 2,250.00

### General Society of Mayflower Descendants

|                                           |          |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| 5 Generation Project-from Bequest Account | 2,000.00 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------|

**2,000.00**

**Total Expenditures**

**12,283.19**

**BALANCE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 1, 2002**

**\$82,868.09**



## Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

### Bank Account Balances As of September 1, 2002

#### Operating Accounts

|                                     |        |               |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1. Savings Account                  | 205.66 |               |
| 2. Checking Account                 | 222.40 |               |
| <b>Total for Operating Accounts</b> |        | <b>428.06</b> |

#### Scholarship Accounts

|                                       |           |                  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 3. CD 5 Generations #1                | 10,000.00 |                  |
| 4. CD 5 Generations #2                | 9,318.07  |                  |
| 5. CD Life Membership #1              | 23,174.83 |                  |
| 6. CD Life Membership #2              | 5,330.08  |                  |
| 7. CD Life Membership #3              | 1,653.77  |                  |
| 8. CD Scholarship Savings             | 4,462.98  |                  |
| <b>Total for Scholarship Accounts</b> |           | <b>53,939.73</b> |

#### Bequest Reserve for Publications and Research

|                                                    |           |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 9. CD Bequest of Col. John E. Soule (Estate Acct.) | 28,500.30 |                  |
| <b>Total for Bequests Accounts</b>                 |           | <b>28,500.30</b> |

**TOTAL OF ALL BANK ACCOUNTS** **\$82,868.09**

All bank accounts are held in the Trustco Bank in Schenectady New York

Notes: 1. The 2001 report covered a 10 month period. The 2002 report covered a 14 month period.

2. \$3,655.46 was transferred from the col. John E. Soule Estate Account in September 2002 to cover expenditures previously made for publication and research items. This includes \$3000 paid to Society of Mayflower Descendants for research on the 5 Generation's project and research funds for the historian.

Respectfully Submitted.



Betty-Jean Haner

September 21, 2002

I have reviewed the financial records of the Soule Kindred of America for the period June 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002 and made such test checks that I felt appropriate to verify their accuracy.

These records included the ledger of accounts detailing all receipts and all bank passbooks, check book and bank statements from the Trustco Bank. I found that the records of receipts and disbursements were properly and completely recorded and maintained in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

I therefore concur with the accuracy of the Annual Report of the Treasurer submitted to the Board of Directors covering the 14 month period ending August 31, 2002.

Harrison C. Leland  
Assistant Treasurer

## Dear Editorial Staff:

*MORE AND MORE ORGANIZATIONS ARE GOING TO THE "ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER" VIA E-MAIL. PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR SOULE KINDRED TO EXPLORE. IT WOULD GREATLY REDUCE COSTS OF PRODUCTIONS, DISTRIBUTION AND TIME.*

*MEMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT OUT ANYTHING THEY WOULD WANT IN HARD COPY — AND COULD SAVE THE REST TO DISK, OR SAVE IT ALL.*

*I INTERESTED IN YOUR RESPONSE,*



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*WARREN*  
*(call lower case)*  
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To: Frank F. Soule

From: Frank J. Sowl

Dear newsletter editor,(Sowle, Sowl, Soule, Sowls)

When reading the April Newsletter the question popped in my mind again. Do any of the Soule Kindred know how and when the spelling of their names came to change.

In my case a great many wrongly put an S on Sowl, incorrectly. I observe the Historian Charles J. Sowles does and I wonder if that the way it came down to him and if he can shed any light on the spellings.

My line: George, Nathaniel, Sylvanus, William, Edward, William, Elijah, William, David A., Charles Franklin, Frank.

Our sons are Frank K, Jeffrey Lee, Jonathan David and Kerry Thomas

Elijah came from Conn. and pioneered in Ohio, Illinois and then to Wisconsin in 1842. He was a pioneer here in Argyle.

We have a Sowl reunion every 3 years, this year (2002) the reunion will be held here in Argyle on August 11. We welcome all good Sowls, and even if they aren't so good.

In the 5 generation book it appears that Edward took the spelling of Sowl. Is the next generation book out yet?

A note of interest: We have a tiny cemetery that is the property of the Sowl family. In it are buried our Elijah, his wife Lucinda and many other Sowls. Our last grandson has been named "Elijah".

Thank You, *Frank J. Sowl*

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## SOLE, SOOL OR SOO-LAY ?

BY GEORGE ERNEST BOWMAN \*

How did George Soule, the Mayflower Passenger, and his contemporaries, pronounce his name? Was it Sole, to rhyme with coal; or Sool, to rhyme with cool; or Soo-lay', with the accent on the last syllable?

In the fourth volume of this magazine, at page 98, will be found a photographic reproduction of the original will of John Barnes of Plymouth. This will was dated 6 March, 1667/8, and one of the witnesses was George Soule, "Senr". An examination of this reproduction, or of the original autograph signatures of the witnesses, will show that the surname was plainly spelled "Soule", and the addition of "Senr" proves that this witness was George<sup>1</sup> Soule of the Mayflower, not his son George<sup>2</sup>. There is not the slightest indication of any accent, to suggest that the word was French and pronounced Soo-lay', as claimed by a few descendants. The absence of an accent is merely negative evidence, but there is an abundance of positive evidence that the common pronunciation of this name, during the life-time of George<sup>1</sup> Soule of the Mayflower, and for many years after his death, made it rhyme with coal, hole, bowl, etc.

In studying old records we must constantly bear in mind that the recording officers frequently were men of little education, and that their spelling was often an expression of their idea of the sound of a name, rather than of their knowledge of its proper orthography. If, therefore, we find a name spelled in a number of different ways, each one of which can be pronounced to rhyme with coal, hole, bowl, etc., and, further, find that this pronunciation is the only one which can be used for one-third of the forms discovered, there can be no doubt about the common pronunciation of the name.

In sixteen years' study of the original records of Plymouth Colony and the counties and towns into which it was gradually subdivided, I have not found a single instance, prior to 1750, in which the spelling of the name Soule indicated any pronunciation which would not rhyme with coal. The date 1750, seventy years after the death of George<sup>1</sup> Soule of the Mayflower, is mentioned in order to be very conservative. The constantly widening territory in which male descendants of George<sup>1</sup> Soule were found made it impossible to examine every record and determine the date on which the pronunciation "Sool", to rhyme with cool, was adopted by some of the descendants.

An examination of the thousands of pages of original records which have already been literally printed in this magazine, and of a great many original records not to be found in print, has disclosed six ways of spelling this name: Soule, Soull, Soul, Sole, Soal, Sowle, all of which may be pronounced to rhyme with coal.

The earliest contemporary use of the name, in records relating to Plymouth Colony, is in the record of the Division of Cattle in 1623. It is there spelled Soule. [Ante, 1 : 228] Gov. Bradford, in his list of the Mayflower Passengers, written in 1651, uses the form Sowle, but in the same list writes: "aboute a hundred sowls came over in this first ship" [Ante, 1 : 9, 11, 12], showing that he pronounced the surname as if it rhymed with coal; and the frequent occurrence on the original records of the forms Soul, Sole and Soal, with the numerous autograph signatures in the forms Soul and Sole, furnish conclusive evidence that for several generations the name Soule was pronounced to rhyme with coal, hole, etc.

## GIVEN NAMES

by Col. John Soule

One clue always noted by an experienced genealogist is the repetition of unusual given names within a family. A son is often named after his father, a grandson after his grandfather, and so on. Consequently, cousins are inclined to turn up with similar if not identical distinctive names.

The same tradition is undoubtedly followed but becomes far less obvious when more common-place names appear.

Your family historian has a card index of members of the Soule-Sowle families filed alphabetically by given names; chronologically by birth date within the same given name. This scheme, with a geographical cross-index (for earlier generations only), facilitates identification and the combining of two or more tid-bits of information concerning the same person. As of 31 December 1966 there were an estimated (by bulk measurement of lineal drawer space used) about 7,500 such cards in our files. Most of these cards cover individuals born in 1850 or earlier as we have heretofore concentrated on straightening out and recording the early history of the family. Sometimes one card represents the entire history of one single individual; more frequently a man and his wife; even occasionally a man with his wife and children. Conversely, multiple cards turn up from time to time on the

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\* Editor's note: George Ernest Bowman was a member of the early New York Society of Mayflower Descendants, the founder and State No. 1 of the Massachusetts Society and a notably accurate and well informed authority on Mayflower family histories. We are inclined to accept anything he says as fully authentic and dependable. The article on this page first appeared in "The Mayflower Descendant," Vol. XIV, No. 3, p 129, 130, July 1912.

GIVEN NAMES - continued -

same individual - perhaps one on his birth, another on his marriage and possibly a third on his death - possibly one or more regarding military service or civic achievement if he was a man of prominence in the history of his community.

§ For those interested in the given name favored by our ancestors, we have made a rough estimate of the most frequently found cards of like names. To provide a basis for comparison, we have also counted the number of entries under the same given names found in the recently compiled index to Ridlon's "SOULE GENEALOGY." This tabulation purports to establish only the frequency of use of common given names and highlights the problems involved in identifying individuals with these most common names:

| Given Names                                        | Our Cards | Ridlon Index |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| John or Jack                                       | 380       | 369          |
| Will, William or Willie                            | 350       | 403          |
| George                                             | 265       | 443          |
| Charles                                            | 180       | 260          |
| James                                              | 175       | 210          |
| Maria, Marie, Mary or Polly                        | 175       | 705          |
| Joseph                                             | 150       | 169          |
| Henry                                              | 148       | 147          |
| Benjamin                                           | 145       | 150          |
| Nathan or Nathaniel                                | 120       | 142          |
| Thomas or Tom                                      | 120       | 132          |
| David                                              | 115       | 109          |
| Sara, Sarah or Sally                               | 115       | 491          |
| Eliza, Elizabeth, Lizzie, Bess,<br>Betty or Betsey | 110       | 469          |
| Isaac                                              | 105       | 77           |
| Samuel                                             | 95        | 139          |
| Jonathan                                           | 85        | 67           |
| Abigail, Abbie or Abby                             | 70        | 159          |
| Frank, Franklin or Francis                         | 70        | 149          |
| Eben and Ebenezer                                  | 65        | 83           |
| Robert                                             | 60        | 93           |
| Lydia                                              | 60        | 89           |
| Daniel                                             | 55        | 106          |
| Jacob                                              | 55        | 56           |
| Joshua or Josiah                                   | 50        | 106          |
| Hiram                                              | 48        | 35           |

SOULES IN THE NEWS

ELIZABETH SOULE, Cambridge Scholar, is joining the English faculty of Fordham Univ. She will be with "a separate experimental college in which about 30 students a year will live and study for 3 years with a dozen faculty members and devise their own curriculum." TIME 1/20/67

Editor's note: We need YOUR help to make this column a success. If YOU know or read of any Soules (even those who have married into other names) in the News, please send us the article. Especially welcome is news of Graduations, Weddings, Births, etc.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS  
by Col. John Soule

- Q. What luck have you had in proving that WILLIAM SOULES (1766-1820) of Vigo County, Indiana, was in fact BILDAD<sup>o</sup> SOULE or SOULES who was born 17 Sept. 1766 in Massachusetts & served in the American Revolution?
- A. We think that the circumstantial evidence available has considerable weight and there is a strong possibility that this is really a valid line. Unfortunately, however, proof which would be acceptable to any of the patriotic-hereditary societies has not yet been found. We are still trying as opportunity presents.
- Q. We've been trying without success to trace a SOULE Revolutionary War soldier in my husband's Mayflower Society lineage. Do you have any data that might help?
- A. Yes, this is an easy one. JAMES<sup>6</sup> SOULE or SOWLE (1761-1821) enlisted 1 Sep 1779 and was discharged 21 Nov 1779; total service 2 months and 21 days. (See Massachusetts Soldiers & Sailors in the Revolution 14:647 and DAR no. 471, 341).

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***Membership Secretary's Report September 2002***

335 Regular Members  
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33 2001 didn't renew  
12 Net gain of regular & life members

***Of 33 members who did not renew***

8 were new in 2001  
5 were new in 2000  
5 were new in 1999  
2 were new in 1998  
1 were new in 1997  
0 were new in 1996  
1 were new in 1995  
9 were from 1986-1995  
2 were long term members from 1985 and before

***Some statistics on renewal patterns over the years:***

58 members did not renew in 1998  
40 members did not renew in 1999  
51 members did not renew in 2000  
41 members did not renew in 2001  
33 members did not renew in 2002

I have answered 212 letters since the last reunion.

Respectfully submitted,

*B. J. Haner*

Betty-Jean Haner  
Membership Secretary



## SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA REUNIONS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>LOCATION</u>    | <u>HOSTS</u>                        |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1969        | Plymouth, MA       | Col. John and George Standish Soule |
| 1970        | Plymouth, MA       | William N. Soule                    |
| 1971        | Duxbury, MA        | George Soule & Fred Soules          |
| 1972        | Plymouth, MA       | George Soule & Fred Soules          |
| 1973        | San Antonio TX     | Betty Harris                        |
| 1974        | Indianapolis, IN   | Mary Thomas Grismore                |
| 1975        | Duxbury, MA        | Kenneth C. Tiffin                   |
| 1976        | Philadelphia, PA   | George Standish Soule               |
| 1977        | Phoenix, AZ        | Mr. & Mrs. Howard M. Soule          |
| 1978        | Duxbury, MA        | Kenneth C. Tiffin                   |
| 1979        | Pensacola, FL      | Miss Sally Harrison & Committee     |
| 1980        | Waco, TX           | Fred & Sibyl Soules                 |
| 1981        | Plymouth, MA       | Fred & Sibyl Soules                 |
| 1982        | Cincinnati, OH     | Linda Soule Preston                 |
| 1983        | Santa Fe, NM       | Glenn Whitecotten                   |
| 1984        | Plymouth, MA       | Glenn Whitecotten                   |
| 1985        | Minneapolis, MN    | Ben George Soule                    |
| 1986        | Minneapolis, MN    | James Soule                         |
| 1987        | Plymouth, MA       | George Standish Soule               |
| 1988        | Seattle, WA        | James Soule                         |
| 1989        | Des Moines, IA     | Helen & Richard Gallentine          |
| 1990        | Montreal, Canada   | Carol, Monica and Stanley Soule     |
| 1991        | Annapolis, MD      | Shirley Hatch                       |
| 1992        | Reno, NV           | Ron Soule                           |
| 1993        | Plymouth, MA       | Jeanette & Fred Taylor              |
| 1994        | St. Augustine, FL  | Norman and Florence Soule'          |
| 1995        | Burlington, VT     | Carol, Monica and Stanley Soule     |
| 1996        | Plymouth MA        | Chet and Mary Anne Witters          |
| 1997        | Madison, IN        | Barbara Johnston                    |
| 1998        | Vero Beach, FL     | Margaret Roche                      |
| 1999        | Lanark, IL         | Norman W. Standish                  |
| 2000        | Ventura, CA        | Maria Elana Allstott                |
| 2001        | Hendersonville, NC | Mary Soule Kelly                    |
| * 2002      | Mystic, CT         | Barbara Johnston + Carol Godreau.   |

### HOW MANY HAVE YOU ATTENDED?

I've attended 31 of 33 Reunions and will be attending this year also.

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In 1977, I was planning to attend but ended up in the Hospital.  
 In 1980, the Reunion was held during the last week of school and I could not be absent then.

\* Hope to see you there.

*S. J. Hanes*



## GEORGE STANDISH SOULE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Brenda Marie Thomas is the recipient of the George Standish Soule Memorial Scholarship. Brenda hails from The Woodlands, Texas. She is the daughter of Nancy E. Bell and Richard G Thomas. She is now a student at Texas A& M University in College Station, enrolled in the Chemical Engineering program.



She graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Woodlands High School. Most of her courses were honors and advanced placement courses. Brenda's English teacher describes her as curious, determined and passionate. "It was a joy to teach her as she delights in the discovery of literature. She also looked forward to reading her papers as "her writing was mature and her analysis was compelling.

Among the activities Brenda participated in were concert and marching band, French Club, Mu Alpha Theta, an honorary math society and National Honor Society. She also was a science tutor for a fourth grade ESL student, and a math tutor for three years.

Some of Brenda's hobbies include lawn care, sewing, needlecrafts and reading.

In addition to her heavy academic schedule, she worked part time for 2 years at Cinimark U.S. A. as a concession representative.



# COL. JOHN E. SOULE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Brian P Carter, son of Carol A Shadis and Alden R. Carter is the recipient of the Col. John E. Soule Memorial Scholarship. His home is in Marshfield, WI and he is attending the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, studying architecture.

Brian's art teacher says of him, "Brian is an excellent student and a tremendously gifted artist. He easily excels in creativity, perceptiveness and common sense."



These statements are borne out in Brian's own statement where he says of himself, "I feel that I have been a well rounded high school student, maintaining a 4.275 GPA in mostly honors courses, while playing 3 sports." Outside of school, he became an Eagle Scout, co-owned a lawn care service for 2 years, and in the past year has been maintenance man and night manager of Oakview Home, a foster home for elderly women.

His math teacher and basketball coach says, "Brian demonstrates numerous qualities that will help him be successful in future endeavors. These qualities include leadership, academic excellence, athletic excellence, and school and community involvement.

Brian's list of accomplishments and honors is impressive. Besides scouting and sports, he has been active in art programs and leadership projects. During summers, he attended Peninsula Art School taking courses in silversmith and watercolor. He also attended Architecture camp at University of WI in the summer of 2001. "I have wanted to be an architect almost as long as I can remember. I am told I have a knack for spatial relationships and my art has won a number of local, regional and state awards."

Brian put together one of the most impressive applications for the scholarship that the committee has had the pleasure to read. He is proud of his family and his Soule heritage.

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Chris Soule

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Jim Shea Jr., Tristan Gale and Chris Soule**

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Stop by to meet and have the opportunity to have your photo taken with these remarkable Olympians.

**TODAY**  
**Wednesday, March 20**  
**2-3:30 p.m.**  
**Booth G-150**  
**(gold lot)**



Sue (Soule) Thole (11th generation from George Soule, the Pilgrim), daughter of Wilber and Sarah (Cronk) Soule and her husband, Harold, were in Las Vegas, NV for a heavy equipment show in March, 2002.

At the show, New Holland sponsored the appearance of three 2002 Winter Olympic medalists. Since one of those had the last name of Soule, Sue took advantage of the opportunity to meet and have her picture taken with him. Chris Soule, son of Gale and Susan Soule, Trumbull, CT was the winner of the bronze medal in Skeleton at the 2002 Winter Olympics Games held in Salt Lake City, UT. Chris is also the current National Champion.

When meeting Chris, Sue greeted him by saying "I think we may be cousins. My maiden name was Soule." Chris responded by indication that his ancestor had come on the Mayflower. Since Sue is an eleventh generation descendant of George Soule, the Pilgrim, she knew she had meet a cousin. Chris indicated there were several Soule families in his home area, most of whom are farmers.

Also at the show were Jim Shea, Jr. & Tristan Gale who were Gold Medal winners in the Skeleton at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Before meeting Chris, Sue had visited with the lady who was monitoring the entrance to the area for pictures with the Olympians. She had told this woman about their common name. As Sue departed from the picture session, she was stopped and introduced to James T, Soules of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. James was familiar with the Soule Kindred.

Since returning to Kansas, Sue has corresponded with Chris and his mother.

# Soule skeleton winner

The Associated Press

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland — American Chris Soule beat Canada's Jeff Pain by a half-second to win a World Cup skeleton race Friday.

Soule had a combined time of two minutes, 20.68 seconds on

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the St. Moritz run, finishing 0.45 of a second ahead of Pain. Austria's Walter Stern was third.

Soule moved within six points of Pain (215-209) in the overall World Cup standings with one race remaining.

In the women's competition, Michelle Kelly led a Canadian sweep of the top four spots, finishing first in 2:24.97.

Melissa Hollingsworth was second in 2:25.09, and Lindsay Alcock was third. American Tristan Gale finished eighth in 2:26.38.

In the overall standings, Alcock leads the overall standings with 164 points. Kelly is second with 153, and Gale is third at 126.

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- II. Proven Lineage to George Soule - Mayflower Passenger. (on separate sheet)
- III. What college or training program do you expect to attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- IV. Have you been accepted by this college or training program? \_\_\_\_\_
- V. What will be your major field of study? \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. List school and community activities below:
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- IX. A transcript of student's grades is requested to be forwarded with this application.
- X. All applications must be received by Chairman of Scholarship Committee by July 1st of applicant's Senior year, or of year of application.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**First Report**

**Study of the Genealogy of Pilgrim George Soule's Parents and  
Forefathers  
And  
Connections to the Soule Families of Scotland**

**March 3, 2003**

**Prepared by**

**Dr. Norman W. Standish**

**Sponsored by The Luke and Merle Soules Family Foundation**

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**The Parents of Pilgrim George Soule**

In studying Pilgrim George Soule's family line, it is appropriate to acknowledge others who have made major efforts to unravel this genealogical mystery. Colonel John E. Soule and Milton E. Terry, PhD spent considerable time researching reference sources to compile the Mayflower Families in Progress records for Volume III of the *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* published by The Mayflower Society in 1980 with support from the Soule Kindred in America, Inc. Colonel John Soule concentrated on male descendants and Milton Perry on the female descendants of Pilgrim George Soule. In addition, Colonel John Soule was a major contributor to the founding of the Soule Kindred in America, Inc. *George Soule of the Mayflower and His Descendants for Four Generations* revised by Robert S. Wakefield, FASG contributed to the expansion of the information base in 1999. *George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants in the Fifth and Sixth Generation* as revised by Louise Walsh Throop, M.B.A. was published in 2000. All have contributed many hours to enhance our understanding of the greater Soule Family in America.

The initial step in our current effort, supported by the Luke and Merle Soule Family Foundation, was to review these earlier efforts and identify suggestions and clues to the mystery surrounding Pilgrim George Soule's parents and forefathers. A major effort to summarize the knowledge base on George Soule was made by Colonel John E. Soule in 1969 and published in a booklet *The Story of George Soule* by Mrs. Edwin S. Harris. In order to present this in an accurate way, the entire article has been reproduced from Mrs. Harris' pamphlet.

## **George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants**

By Colonel John Soule (1969)

*(Taken from The Story of George Soule by Mrs. Edwin S. Harris)*

GEORGE SOULE, the 1620 Pilgrim, was born in England, possibly in Eckington, County of Worcestershire. Dr. Charles Edward Banks, the late noted authority on the subject says (p80 "English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers" 1929) he is "tentatively identified as the son of John Soule of Eckington, Worcester, and probably a kinsman to Robert Soule, a wealthy London salter, who died in 1590 a native of Eckington." Various authors have placed the date of his birth between 1590 and 1600 – let's say circa 1597. We are reasonably certain as this is written (March 1967), that no record has actually been found confirming either date or place (see COMMENTARY following this biographical sketch.) We do know that George Soule died in Duxbury, Plymouth County, Massachusetts probably in January 1680 (new style) as the inventory of his estate was taken 22 Jan 1679 (old style) in 1 Feb 1680 (new style). (See appended excerpts from *The Mayflower Descendant* 2:81-84.) According to Banks "the name of Mary Bucket (undoubtedly a variant of Beckett) the wife of George Soule, who came in the *Anne* (arrived Plymouth on 31 Jul 1623) should be looked for in the parish of St. Boltoph, Aldersgate, London." (We would suspect from this that Dr. Banks did not look.) It seems safe to assume that George & Mary were married at Plymouth and probably in 1623 shortly after her arrival. In fact, Ridlon (p186) theorizes that they had known each other in London and that a

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matrimonial understanding brought her to America, although Ridlon definitely is in error concerning her arrival in 1622. (see Samuel Eliot Morison's 1952 edition of William Bradford's *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647* (pp 43n, 125, 127, 130-2, 148n and 154.) George Soule received a land lot for building in 1623 indicating the probability that he was at least considering marriage if not already married at that time. This lot was situated on the south side of the brook to baywards (*Plymouth Colony Records* 12:4). We can be reasonably certain that the marriage took place no later than 1626 since the family of George Soule included his wife Mary and son Zachariah on 22 May 1627 when their names were listed in the division of Cattle (*Plymouth Colony Records* 12:12.) (Mary died at Duxbury in December 1676.)

In listing the passengers in the *Mayflower*, Bradford says (Morrison edition p 441) "Mr. Edward Winslow, Elizabeth his wife and two men-servants called George Soule and Elias Story; also a little girl was put to him called Ellen, the sister of Richard More." Later (on p444) Bradford wrote "One of his servants died, as also the little girl, soon after the ships arrival. But his man George Soule is still living and hath eight children." Here is a minor puzzle. Morison theorizes that the first quotation was written about 1647-48; the second about 1650. Since George & Mary (Bucket) Soule had nine children, was Bradford in error in his count or was Morison in error in placing this writing in 1650? Or was their youngest child born after that date? A frequently repeated explanation of the Winslow-Soule relationship places the latter as a tutor of the Winslow children. It is much more logical and concomitant with the times if the term "servant" is read as "employee." Winslow was a relatively wealthy man and one of the financial backers of the Plimoth Colony venture. We find that he made repeated voyages between Plymouth and England, and had no children until after George Soule married and had his own family (see Hubert Kinney Shaw's 1956 *Families of the Pilgrims* and *Plymouth Colony Records*.) We also know that George Soule was the 35<sup>th</sup> of the 41 signers of the Mayflower Compact of 11 Nov 1620 (see *Soule Newsletter* 1:1.)

In July 1627 George Soule was one of a group of fifty-eight "Purchasers or Old Comers" who assumed the Colony's debt to "The Adventurers" who were the promoters and capitalists who financed the voyage of the Mayflower and other early ventures and expenses of the colony. In return, the former group was granted trading concessions in Maine, at Cape Ann, Buzzards Bay and subsequently on the Connecticut River. The General Court, the governing body of the colony, voted 5 Mar 1639-40 to pay these "Purchasers or Old Comers" for the surrender of their patent (see Morison pp37, 184-196 and 429; also *Plymouth Colony Records*.)

The date of the removal of George Soule and his family from Plymouth to Duxbury, or Ducksborrow as it was called originally, has not been established. However, we are of the opinion that it was some years earlier than the frequently cited date of 1645. According to the Plymouth Colony Records he was named with 88 others on the Plymouth Tax List of 2 Jan 1632-33; was a freeman of the incorporation of Plymouth in 1633; taxed 00:09:00 on 25 Mar 1633; was ordered 1 Jul 1633 to mow grass for cow near his dwelling house; again on the Plymouth Tax List with 80 others 2 Jan 1633-34 and was taxed 00:09:00 on 27 Mar 1634; on 14 Mar 1635-36 assigned land for haying for 1636; and 6 Oct 1636 The General Court granted to Will Bradford for

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Constant and Thomas Southworth “land now in occupation of George Soule and thence to swamp on north side of Eeel River.” Obviously still of Plymouth, he was ordered by The General Court on 10 May 1637 to provide “heigh wayes” from his house next the river Eeel thence over the river by bridge. Soon thereafter his interests shifted to Duxbury as he was assigned a garden place on “Ducksborrow sie \* \* to lye to his ground at Powder Point” on 4 Dec 1637; and on 7 May 1638 he was granted one acre at the watering place and two additional acres at “Pouder Point.” In the trek to Duxbury, George Soule was following rather than leading a trend. As early as 1632 Bradford wrote (Morison pp 252-53) “Also the people of the Plantation began to grow in their outward estates, by reason of the flowing of many people into the country, especially into the Bay of the Massachusetts. By which means cattle and corn rose to a great price, by which many were much enriched and commodities grew plentiful. And yet in other regards this benefit turned to their hurt, and this accession of strength to their weakness. For now as their stocks increased and the increase vendible, there was no longer any holding them together, but now they must of necessity go to their great lots. They could not otherwise keep their cattle, and having oxen grown they must have land for plowing and tillage. Duxbury was granted permission to establish it’s own church in 1632 (Morison p253) and became a separate town on 7 Jun 1637 (*Plymouth Colony Records* 2:62). George Soule may have been living in Duxbury 5 May 1640 when he was appointed to view and measure meadows at Greenes Harbor and on 2 Nov 1640 when he was granted by the General Court “meadow he desires against Mr. Prince’ land at Greenes Harbor.” It may be of interest that Greenes Harbor became Rexhame on 2 Mar 1640, later Marshfield (*Plymouth Colony Records* 11:37).

In 1639 Plymouth Colony established representative government after finding it no longer practicable to have all the colonists participate as individuals. George Soule appeared before The General Court on 27 Sep 1642 as one of the two “Deputies” or representatives from Duxbury. Consequently, it seems logical to presume that he must have become a resident well before his assumption of that office. Other Plymouth Colony Records show that George Soule was selected as a grand juryman for Duxbury on 7 Mar 1642/43 (2:53); was on the list of freemen in Duxbury in 1643 (8:175); sworn to “The Grand Inquest” 6 Jun 1643 (2:56); appoint to review and make record of land 4 Jun 1645 (2:88); committeeman (deputy) of General Court 28 Oct 1645; again 3 Mar 1645/46, 7 July 1646, 5 Jun 1651, 7 Jun 1653 and 6 Jun 1654. Note here that the Colony did not permit it’s officers to be elected for more than one year at a time to prevent the formation of an entrenched bureaucracy. Other public assignments included his appearance on 7 Mar 1653/54 when he “acted” regarding the confederation with Massachusetts (*Plymouth Colony Records* 3:44); and, what has generally been given considerable weight of importance by other writers on the subject, his appointment 5 Jun 1650 to a committee of The General Court on making and repealing laws (*Plymouth Colony Records* 11:56 and 59). An interesting earlier assignment came 20 Oct 1646 when with Anthony Thatcher he formed “a committee to draw up an order concerning disorderly drinking of tobacco” (*Plymouth Colony Records* 2:108).



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We can find only two court cases in which George Soule was personally involved – both times as plaintiff and prevailing both times. On 3 Jan 1636/7 the jury found for him on his complaint against Nathaniel Thomas “who trespassed and attached two heifers” (*Plymouth County Records* 7:4) and on 27 Oct 1674 son-in-law John Peterson was fined on complaint of George Soule regarding lands at Powder Point in Duxbury (*Colony Records* 7:193). George Soule was a member of the jury on 1 Jun 1647 hearing the complaint of Thomas Prence against Edward Holeman and Nicolas Hodges (*Colony Records* 7:117). He and Josiah Winslow took inventory 26 Sep 1651 of the estate of William Thomas of Marshfield (*NEH&GR*. 4:319); was one of the jurors on 3 Jun 1656 deciding the divisions of lands of Arthur Howland and Thomas Chillingsworth, deceased (*Colony Records* 3:102); was appointed 1 Jun 1658 to set boundary between Mr. Bourne’s and Anthony Snowes’ lands at Marshfield (*Colony Records* 3:138); a juror on 3 Mar 1662/63 in action between Richard Church and John Thompson as plaintiffs against Captain Willett (*Colony Records* 7:108); and was a witness 6 Mar 1667/68 to the will of John Barnes of Plymouth (*NEH&GR* 7:236).

George Soule is also found in court in close support of his family. One 7 Mar 1653/54 he appeared to request a continuance for his son John (*Plymouth Colony Records* 3:47) and on Mar 1667/68 George Soule Sr., joined by his son John, gave bond in amount of 10:00:00 for son Nathaniel (*Colony Records* 4:179).

George Soule was involved in a large number of land transactions. A few of them pertinent to establishing his places of residence have already been mentioned. Most of the others appear immaterial and irrelevant to his biography. However, it does seem important that he, with a number of others, purchased extensive lands from the Indians on 29 Nov 1652 in the area which became Dartmouth 8 Jun 1664. His interest in these lands were conveyed to sons Nathaniel and George (*Boston Court Records* #1128 and #8324). When Bridgewater was set off from Duxbury on 3 Jun 1656 (*Plymouth Colony Records* 3:101) he was one of the original proprietors of that town but soon disposed of his property there. George Soule, with others was also an original purchaser of “Middleberry” or Middleboro on 7 Mar 1661 of the so called “Twenty-Six Men’s Purchase” confirmed 3 Jun 1662 by the Plymouth General Court; also Lot 21 “bounded with two red oak trees marked” on Pochade Neck near Nemasket (Indian name for Middleboro) circa 1663/64. In 1668, George Soule conveyed his lands in Middleboro to his sons-in-law Francis Walker and John Haskell, Sr., and their wives Elizabeth (Soule) Walker and Patience (Soule ) Haskell. The remainder of his “housing and lands whatsoever” were bequeathed by his will to his son John as were his personal effects. The same document bequeathed a small amount of cash to his daughters Susanah and Mary who were not there identified as married.

Early in 1637, the Pequot (sometimes Pequin or Pequod) Indians “fell openly upon the English at Connecticut.” In response to a plea for assistance, the Plymouth General Court agreed forthwith to send fifty men. George Soule volunteered for this service on 7 Jun 1637 (*Plymouth Colony Records* 1:60) as one of 42 men under Lieutenant William Holmes and Reverend Thomas Prence as chaplain “but when they were ready to march \*\*\* they had word to stay; for the enemy was as good as

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vanquished and there would be not need (*Morison pp 294 and 295*). Several reliable sources report that five years later George Soule was appointed to the committee for offensive and defensive war. However, we failed to find reference to this in the Plymouth Colony Records. Both George and his son Zachariah appear in the August 1643 roster of Duxbury men aged 16 to 60 and able to bear arms (*Plymouth County Records 8:189 and NEH&GR 4:256*). His only other military service appears during King Phillip's War in 1675 when an eye witness identified George Soule as a member of the party which occupied the fort at Middleboro for about six weeks (*Weston's 1906 History of Middleboro p35*). Admitting that George Soule, Sr. was an original proprietor of Middleboro, the disposal of his property there in 1668 coupled with his advancing age tend to raise doubts in our mind as to his actual presence. Perhaps his son George Soule, Jr. (1639-1704) was the one in Middleboro fort party in 1675.

In the matter of religion, we've never found any valid evidence to support the often Cited claim that George Soule was a French Huguenot or even of French Huguenot descent. Since we do not even know for certain the date and place of his birth nor the identity of his ancestors, it would appear presumptuous to assign arbitrarily such a background unless or until clearly established by facts rather than theory. Certainly, after migration to America he has appeared to conform fully to the precepts and membership requirements of the First Parish Church in Plymouth; later to the church at Duxbury although his wife Mary was fined 10 shillings on 1 Mar 1658-59 for absence from church. The many impassioned and obviously prejudiced writings of the era and arguments over mere semantics make it difficult to provide a brief and objective evaluation or definition of the local churches. It is generally accepted that the "puritans" espoused "purification" or reform of the established English Church whereas "separatists" desired complete separation. Bradford (*Morison p 153*) denies that the Pilgrims were separatists. None-the-less our Pilgrim forebears of Plymouth Colony were to a large measure responsible solely to themselves and to their own interpretation of the written word of God with no bishop or other hierarchy of supervision. In the light of 1967 standards at least, their vaunted religious freedom must be suspect. Laws were passed against the Baptists in 1644 and several of them were cruelly dealt with. The Quakers were also persecuted, more particularly from 1656 to 1662, four being put to death and many others whippen, imprisoned, branded or banished during that period. The last decade of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century was also marked by the witchcraft delusion, mainly in Salem village during 1691 and 1692. In all, some 32 persons were executed on charges of witchcraft. The Pilgrims were significantly serious and cold blooded in the interpretation and execution of what they considered to be the laws of God. One Thomas Granger, aged about 16 or 17, was executed at Plymouth on 8 Sep 1642 for unnatural sexual relations with several animals and the animals were destroyed with no use made of their flesh to avoid spreading sin (*Morison pp316, 319-21, 322n, 404-12.*)

The children of George and Mary (Bucket or Beckett) Soule were probably all born at Plymouth although some of the younger ones may have been born at Duxbury. Birth dates of some of their children have been established by historic information, but dates for the remainder, as well as, the sequence are given below in somewhat arbitrary but presumed logical placement.

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1. Zachariah<sup>2</sup> Soule was born no earlier than 1624 and no later than May 1627; say circa 1624 to 1626.
2. Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> Soule was perhaps the next child and therefore presumed to have been born 1627-28.
3. Patience<sup>2</sup> Soule was perhaps the next child and therefore presumed to have been born circa 1630.
4. John<sup>2</sup> Soule was born circa 1632.
5. Susannah<sup>2</sup> Soule was perhaps the next child and therefore presumed to have been born circa 1634.
6. Mary<sup>2</sup> Soule was perhaps the next child and therefore presumed to have been born circa 1636.
7. Nathaniel<sup>2</sup> Soule was perhaps the next child and therefore presumed to have been born circa 1637 or 1638.
8. George<sup>2</sup> Soule was probably born in 1639 or thereabouts.
9. Benjamin<sup>2</sup> Soule was perhaps the youngest and therefore presumed to have been born circa 1641. We do know that he was killed during King Phillip's War in action with the Indians before Pawtucket on Sunday, 26 Mar 1676. However, there is no evidence that he ever married or left issue.

Commentary

- (1) Every effort has been made to assure completeness and accuracy on the foregoing biography of GEORGE SOULE, Sr. The following source and reference material have been consulted and considered:

*Plymouth County Records* – "Records of the Colony of New Plymouth in New England (1620 – 1692)." Edited by Nathaniel P. Shurtleff and David Pulsifer.

*Mourt's Relation* – edit 1865 by H. M. Dexter.

*Story of the Old Colony of New Plymouth (1620 -1692).*

*Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts*, Prepared by Kevin H. White, Secretary of the Commonwealth – 1966.

*Of Plymouth Plantation 1620 – 1647* by William Bradford – Edited with an Introduction and Notes by Samuel Elliot Morison, Professor of American History, Harvard University – 1952.

*Families of the Pilgrims* – Compiled for the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants by Hubert Kinney Shaw (1956).

*Plymouth Church Record (1620 – 1859)* – Boston 1920 *English Ancestry and Homes of the Pilgrim Fathers* by Dr. Charles Edward Banks – 1929

*Saints and Strangers* by George F. Willison – 1945.

*The Truth About the Pilgrims* by Francis R. Stoddard – 1952

*New England Historical & Genealogical Register* to date.

*The Mayflower Descendant* (all issues published).

*Plymouth County Probate Records and Plymouth County Deeds.*

*History of the Town of Middleboro, Massachusetts* by Thomas Weston – 1906.

*History of the Town of Duxbury with Genealogical Register* by Justin Winsor – 1849.

*Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth* by W. T. Davis – 1883.

*Massachusetts Records* – Richard LeBaron Bowen – 1957.

*The Dartmouth, Mass., Branch of the Soule Family* – Waldo Chamberlain Sprague, late of Wollaston, Mass, - *The American Genealogist*, Vol. 38 (1962 p164 et. seq.)

*Soule, Sowle, and Soule's History* – Rev. Gideon T. Ridlon, Sr. – 1926.

*Encyclopaedia Britannica.*

Voluminous correspondence with individuals who claim to have authentic information – but have never been able to offer specific citations to source.

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- (2) It is quite interesting to note the way the printed word is revised from time to time to achieve perhaps an involuntary but non-the-less substantive change in meaning. A classic example exists in connections with the parentage and birthplace of George Soule of the Mayflower. Dr. Charles Edward Banks in 1929 concluded that George was born "possibly in Eckington" and tentatively identified him as the son of John Soule of that place. By 1945, Willison citing Banks as his authority, eliminated these qualifications as did Stoddard in 1952, again citing Banks. Thus, we read that he really was born in Eckington, that his father certainly was John Soule. Others have found "evidence" of the name of the wife of John Soule but have been unable to state from whence came that evidence. A similar situation exists concerning his birth date. Banks and his plagiarizers prefer about 1600, but Ridlon with some logic contends that if our George had been in his minority at the time of the writing of the Mayflower Compact, he would not have been one of the signers so he prefers a date "as early as 1590." To compromise, we have recorded "about 1597", circa 1597 or ca 1597. Fortunately, these arguments may soon become academic or moot as the *Genealogical Helper* for March 1967 reports that the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints (the Mormons) have stepped up the microfilming in the British Isles of church and government records of interest to genealogists; also that their *Records-Tabulation (R-Tab) program* has so far extracted more than five million names with dates, places, land relationships from the birth, christening and burial entries contained in over 1500 English parish registers. This information is being transferred to an electronic data processing system. Presumably it should not be too many years before the data concerning George Soule and his ancestors can be retrieved through this source.

**Work Report on Luke and Merle Soules Family Grant Program  
(Progress to March 1, 2003)**

Goal No. 1: Establish a base of existing information in America on Pilgrim George Soule.

- a) The *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations* including the 1999 and 2000 books in progress have only limited information prior to George Soule. The focus of these books are on the descendants rather than the forefathers of George Soule. Their comments on the birth place of George Soule point to Eckingham (Eckington). However, this information is questioned by many and does not seem to fit well because of conflicting dates.
- b) Contact was made with Louise Walsh Throop by Bob Bishop in 2001. She has been revising the booklets for The Mayflower Society on the Fifth and Sixth Generation.
- c) George Alan Soule, Carleton College made some effort to locate history on George Soule during an extend residence in England. However, contact by Charles Jack Soule did not provide additional information for our study.
- d) Elinor Soule Grancher, Spokane WA contacted us with information on the relationship of the Scottish Douglas Clan which claims Soule as a Sept. Subsequent to this, letters were written to contacts at the Douglas Clan both in United States and Scotland. At this time, we do not have a response from them. We do plan to follow up on this lead.
- e) An interesting lead was developed on the Gale Group ancestry at the Boston Public Library. This indicates Kent as a potential site of George Soule's forefathers. The information on his birth is referenced to *Plymouth Colony - Its History and People 1620-1691*, Vol III, Anne Borden Harding (1980). His birth date is given as 1593-1600 in Eckington, Worchester England which is consistent with other sources. It lists his mother as Mary Iddenden b. 1573, Hawkherst, Kent, England (her father was John Iddenden b. 1540, Cranbrook, Kent England.)

George Soule's father is listed as Thomas Soule. Although no information is given on Thomas Soule, the mother and father of Thomas Soule are listed as follows: Father John Soule b. 1540, Hawkhurst, Kent England and Mother Maria Whitfield b. 1554, Hawkhurst, Kent England, m. 1565. Reference: Slack, Myers, Schniede@went Family Tree.

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Note: A branch of the Soule Family has been reported as located in Kent. However, none of the information listed has been checked and is subject to review. Initial attempts to contact the individuals who submitted this information to Gale Group have not been successful.

- f) J. Hughes plans to contact the Tartan Museum in North Carolina to see if they can provide information on the Douglas Clan relationship with the Soule Family.
- g) Another reference by Victor Bird on Gales Group search lists George Soule b. 1595, d. 3/5/1679-1680. Married Mary Becket b. 1602 (Bothol Ph's Aldergate, London England), d. 12/1676 Duxbury MA. Attempts to contact V. Bird to determine the sources he has employed have not been successful.

Goal No. 2: Initiate contact with sources for information on George Soule in Great Britain.

- a) Dr. Barry Vann is a history professor from California. He is working on a book related to his earlier publication on *South's Celtic Culture*. Contact has been made inquiring if he would be willing to devote time to searching out some of the connections between the Scottish and English Soule families. We need to follow up on this project as he appears willing to work with us.
- b) Contact with Bob Sole, Editor The Journal of The Sole Society, The Sole Society – England has been established. He provided the names of three people with common interest in our goal which we will contact.
- c) One contact provided by Bob Sole was Maureen Storey. Charles Jack Sowle has communicated with her, but the results have essentially re-enforced some of the concerns about the identification of Eckington England as the birth place of George Soule because of the conflicting dates with that George Soule. I feel that it is interesting that she mentions the Kent Soule family in her review of the information.
- d) At this time, no effort has been made to contact Oxford University on the DNA study on Soule. This could be useful in pinning down general geographical location of our Soule Family during the period of time of interest to us.

Note: Several articles have been attached to this report which will provide a flavor of the effort up to this point.

Additional information: Contact Norman Standish, (815) 493 2307 or

**Soule Kindred Treasurer's Report**

A copy of the present financial status of funds provided by Luke and Merle Family Foundation for the study of Pilgrim George Soule's forefathers is attached to this report.

|                                              |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Funds committed to date (March 1, 2003)      | \$ 2,048.75        |
| (\$ 177.04 – in Charles Jack Sowles account) |                    |
| Funds in the Treasurers Account              | <u>\$ 7,951.25</u> |
| Total funds for project                      | \$10,000.00        |

(See attached Treasurers Report submitted to the Soule Kindred of America, Inc. Board Meeting at the Mystic CN on September 25, 2002.)

**Luther and Merle Soule Family Foundation Grant**

**Soule Kindred in America Inc.**

Charles Jack Soule, Administrator

Report of Finances by B. J. Haner

|                                                  |          |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance                                |          | \$ 0.00            |
| Grant                                            |          | 10,000.00          |
| Expenditures                                     |          |                    |
| Computer                                         | 1,548.75 |                    |
| Expense Check to Charles Jack Soule              | 500.00   |                    |
| Total                                            |          | 2,048.75           |
| <b>Balance in Checking Account</b>               |          | <b>\$ 7,951.25</b> |
| <b>Expense Account</b>                           |          |                    |
| Check from Grant Funds                           |          | \$ 500.00          |
| Expenditures from Expense Fund                   |          |                    |
| Investigative Trip to Fort Wayne, IN             | 119.40   |                    |
| CD "New England Marriages"                       | 89.99    |                    |
| Investigative Trip to Chicago and Fort Wayne, IN | 113.52   |                    |
| Total                                            |          | 322.91             |
| <b>Balance in Expense Account</b>                |          | <b>177.04</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL AVAILABLE</b>                           |          | <b>\$ 8128.29</b>  |

*Betty-Jean Haner, Treas.  
Soule Kindred*

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## The Declaration of Arbroath (English Translation)

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*To the most Holy Father and Lord in Christ, the Lord John, by divine providence Supreme Pontiff of the Holy Roman and Universal Church, his humble and devout sons Duncan, Earl of Fife, Thomas Randolph, Earl of Moray, Lord of Man and of Annandale, Patrick Dunbar, Earl of March, Malise, Earl of Strathearn, Malcolm, Earl of Lennox, William, Earl of Ross, Magnus, Earl of Caithness and Orkney, and William, Earl of Sutherland; Walter, Steward of Scotland, William Soules, Butler of Scotland, James, Lord of Douglas, Roger Mowbray, David, Lord of Brechin, David Graham, Ingram Umfraville, John Menteith, guardian of the earldom of Menteith, Alexander Fraser, Gilbert Hay, Constable of Scotland, Robert Keith, Marischal of Scotland, Henry St Clair, John Graham, David Lindsay, William Oliphant, Patrick Graham, John Fenton, William Abernethy, David Wemyss, William Mushet, Fergus of Ardrossan, Eustace Maxwell, William Ramsay, William Mowat, Alan Murray, Donald Campbell, John Cameron, Reginald Cheyne, Alexander Seton, Andrew Leslie, and Alexander Straiton, and the other barons and freeholders and the whole community of the realm of Scotland send all manner of filial reverence, with devout kisses of his blessed feet.*

*Most Holy Father and Lord, we know and from the chronicles and books of the ancients we find that among other famous nations our own, the Scots, has been graced with widespread renown. They journeyed from Greater Scythia by way of the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Pillars of Hercules, and dwelt for a long course of time in Spain among the most savage tribes, but nowhere could they be subdued by any race, however barbarous. Thence they came, twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea, to their home in the west where they still live today. The Britons they first drove out, the Picts they utterly destroyed, and, even though very often assailed by the Norwegians, the Danes and the English, they took possession of that home with many victories and untold efforts; and, as the historians of old time bear witness, they have held it free of all bondage ever since. In their kingdom there have reigned one hundred and thirteen kings of their own royal stock, the line unbroken a single foreigner.*

*The high qualities and deserts of these people, were they not otherwise manifest, gain glory enough from this: that the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Lord Jesus Christ, after His Passion and Resurrection, called them, even though settled in the uttermost parts of the earth, almost the first to His most holy faith. Nor would He have them confirmed in that faith by merely anyone but by the first of His Apostles -- by calling, though second or third in rank -- the most gentle Saint Andrew, the Blessed Peter's brother, and desired him to keep them under his protection as their patron forever.*

*The Most Holy Fathers your predecessors gave careful heed to these things and*

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*bestowed many favours and numerous privileges on this same kingdom and people, as being the special charge of the Blessed Peter's brother. Thus our nation under their protection did indeed live in freedom and peace up to the time when that mighty prince the King of the English, Edward, the father of the one who reigns today, when our kingdom had no head and our people harboured no malice or treachery and were then unused to wars or invasions, came in the guise of a friend and ally to harass them as an enemy. The deeds of cruelty, massacre, violence, pillage, arson, imprisoning prelates, burning down monasteries, robbing and killing monks and nuns, and yet other outrages without number which he committed against our people, sparing neither age nor sex, religion nor rank, no one could describe nor fully imagine unless he had seen them with his own eyes.*

*But from these countless evils we have been set free, by the help of Him Who though He afflicts yet heals and restores, by our most tireless Prince, King and Lord, the Lord Robert. He, that his people and his heritage might be delivered out of the hands of our enemies, met toil and fatigue, hunger and peril, like another Macabaeus or Joshua and bore them cheerfully. Him, too, divine providence, his right of succession according to our laws and customs which we shall maintain to the death, and the due consent and assent of us all have made our Prince and King. To him, as to the man by whom salvation has been wrought unto our people, we are bound both by law and by his merits that our freedom may be still maintained, and by him, come what may, we mean to stand.*

*Yet if he should give up what he has begun, and agree to make us or our kingdom subject to the King of England or the English, we should exert ourselves at once to drive him out as our enemy and a subverter of his own rights and ours, and make some other man who was well able to defend us our King; for, as long as but a hundred of us remain alive, never will we on any conditions be brought under English rule. It is in truth not for glory, nor riches, nor honours that we are fighting, but for freedom -- for that alone, which no honest man gives up but with life itself.*

*Therefore it is, Reverend Father and Lord, that we beseech your Holiness with our most earnest prayers and suppliant hearts, inasmuch as you will in your sincerity and goodness consider all this, that, since with Him Whose Vice-Regent on earth you are there is neither weighing nor distinction of Jew and Greek, Scotsman or Englishman, you will look with the eyes of a father on the troubles and privation brought by the English upon us and upon the Church of God. May it please you to admonish and exhort the King of the English, who ought to be satisfied with what belongs to him since England used once to be enough for seven kings or more, to leave us Scots in peace, who live in this poor little Scotland, beyond which there is no dwelling-place at all, and covet nothing but our own. We are sincerely willing to do anything for him, having regard to our condition, that we can, to win peace for ourselves.*

*This truly concerns you, Holy Father, since you see the savagery of the heathen raging against the Christians, as the sins of Christians have indeed deserved, and the frontiers of Christendom being pressed inward every day; and how much it will tarnish your Holiness's memory if (which God forbid) the Church*



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*suffers eclipse or scandal in any branch of it during your time, you must perceive. Then rouse the Christian princes who for false reasons pretend that they cannot go to help of the Holy Land because of wars they have on hand with their neighbours. The real reason that prevents them is that in making war on their smaller neighbours they find quicker profit and weaker resistance. But how cheerfully our Lord the King and we too would go there if the King of the English would leave us in peace, He from Whom nothing is hidden well knows; and we profess and declare it to you as the Vicar of Christ and to all Christendom.*

*But if your Holiness puts too much faith in the tales the English tell and will not give sincere belief to all this, nor refrain from favouring them to our prejudice, then the slaughter of bodies, the perdition of souls, and all the other misfortunes that will follow, inflicted by them on us and by us on them, will, we believe, be surely laid by the Most High to your charge.*

*To conclude, we are and shall ever be, as far as duty calls us, ready to do your will in all things, as obedient sons to you as His Vicar; and to Him as the Supreme King and Judge we commit the maintenance of our cause, csating our cares upon Him and firmly trusting that He will inspire us with courage and bring our enemies to nought.*

*May the Most High preserve you to his Holy Church in holiness and health and grant you length of days.*

*Given at the monastery of Arbroath in Scotland on the sixth day of the month of April in the year of grace thirteen hundred and twenty and the fifteenth year of the reign of our King aforesaid.*

Endorsed: Letter directed to our Lord the Supreme Pontiff by the community of Scotland.

Additional names written on some of the seal tags: Alexander Lamberton, Edward Keith, John Inchmartin, Thomas Menzies, John Durrant, Thomas Morham (and one illegible).

### **Dear Members From Your Editorial Staff**

The next few pages are a compilation of Soule family birth, marriage, and death announcements in our new column titled KINDRED NEWS. Due to the space constraints of this issue, we beg the forgiveness of our members who sent actual newspaper clippings, which are of interest to our publication, for not being able to fit them within the pages of this issue. It is our intention to include them along with any new announcements in our next issue. The KINDRED NEWS will, in the meantime, mention these important events in brief. We would like to request that anyone who would like us to include newspaper clippings to please include the name and date of the specific publication which published these facts, so that we may have a more exact historical record of the announcement and so that we may give credit to the publication responsible for its printing.

B. J. HANER, TREASURER

SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC.  
February 11, 2003

To: All Soule Kindred Members

It is with sorrow that I report the following deaths.

Joseph A. Bachman of Mt. Lebanon, PA died June 18, 02. He had been a member since 1989.

Ann S. Bishop, wife of Past President Robert M. Bishop died Dec. 26, 02. She lived in Scotch Plains, NJ and Avon, FL., and had been a member since 1999.

Hilda Carter Fletcher of Altoona, WI, a member since 1998 died at 91 yrs. on May 13, 02.

Irene S. Jones of Pueblo, CO., a member since 1972 died in Feb. 2002. She and 3 sisters attended many of the early reunions.

Ferne A. Hopson of Sun City, AZ died Nov. 30, 02. She had been a member since 1977.

Barbara Soule Larson of San Antonio, TX died July 6, 02. She had been a S.K. member since 1971.

Margaret E. Owen a Life Member since 1988 died in April 2002. She was from Toronto, Ont. Canada.

Joseph A. Soule of Altamonte Springs, FL. died Oct. 21, 02. Joe had been a member since 1975. He had attended several reunions.

Robert Soules, our Membership Ch. for several years died in May 2002. He was from Riverside, CA and attended our reunion in Ojai, CA. He had been a member since 1992.

B. J. Haner

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## **Kindred News**

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### BIRTHS

Miriam Emma Albright was born 3 September 2002 and is the daughter of Susan and Michael Albright. Susan is the granddaughter of Suzanne S. and Donald W. Albright of Langley, WA, and is a 12<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of George "The Pilgrim" Soule. She is also descended from William Brewster on her mother's side.

Ann Margaret Demaray was born 8 December 2001 and is the daughter of Janice (Krauss) and Timothy Demaray.

Calla Ray Eisdorfer was born 2 November 2002. Calla is the daughter of Ian Oliver Eisdorfer of Flagstaff, AZ, and granddaughter of Susan Fogg Eisdorfer. Calla and her sister, Chloe Kimian Eisdorfer, are 14<sup>th</sup> generation descendants of George "the Pilgrim" Soule.

Jack Lawrence Emry was born 5 September 2002 in Overland Park, KS. Jack is the son of Becky (Soule) and Jack Emry of Olathe, KS and the grandson of Patricia and Richard Soule of Eureka, KS and Dallas, TX, Sue Flowers of El Dorado, and Jack H. Emry of Wichita and Marilou and Tim Callison of Mulvane; and great-grandson of Leota Hamman or Enid, OK. His Soule ancestry includes George Soule (1), George Soule (2), William Soule (3), George Soule (4), George Soule (5), Joseph Soule (6), Gilbert Randell (7), Freeman Gilbert (8), Freeman Wilber (9), Richard Allen (10), Rebecca (Soule) Emry (11), and Jack Lawrence Emry (12).

Eathen Thomas Patterson, grandson of Shirley Patterson and the late Dwight T. Patterson was born 9 October 2002.

Darcy Ann Sommerville was born 25 July 2001 to Leslie Ann (Talkington) Sommerville and Shawn Michael Sommerville. Darcy is the grandchild of Dale Talkington, great-grandchild of Joan Talkington, and 13<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of George, "the Pilgrim", Soule.

Emma Jean Young was born 20 April 2002 to Kerri Lee (Stapleford) Young and Tyson Ray Young. Emma is the

great-granddaughter of Merle Louis Soule and grand-niece of Bertha Erickson and 13<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of George, "the Pilgrim", Soule.

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## MARRIAGES

Jessica Rae Booth, daughter of Joni and Dusty Booth of Eureka, KS, married Marcus Kent Cornett, son of Rita (Soule) and Kevin Cornett, also of Eureka, KS, on 27 July 2002 in Eureka, KS. Marcus is a 12<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of George, "the Pilgrim", Soule and the grandson of Margaret McMullen, Karon and Kent Cornett, and Marie and Merle Soule.

Valeda Clark, descendant of George Soule(1), Nathaniel Soule (2), Sylvanus Soule (3), William Soule (4), Joseph Soule (5), Harriet Evers (7), Adolphus (8), Flora Mae Millard, (9), Lowell (10), Doris Clark (11), Valeda Clark (12) married Brent Murr in Black Forest, CO on August 21, 2001.

Timothy Merle Soule, son of Merle Louis and Margaret (Soule) McMullen and nephew of Bertha Erickson, married Kristy Sue Rickenberg, daughter of Ted and Susan Rickenberg.

## OBITUARIES

Laura Alger, wife of Kenneth Alger died. Kenneth Alger was the son of the late David C. Alger and his brother, the late Harry B. Alger, were the last entries in the classic Soule Family History, long since out of print, but most likely available in a good genealogy library.

Joseph Albert Bachman died on 18 June 2002 at his home in Lebanon, PA. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his mother, Mae, four children and one grandchild. He was a member of Soule Kindred since 1989 and was also a member of Sons of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society.

Anne Selene Bishop, member of many historical societies, died in December, 2002 in Scotch Plains, NJ. She was born

# Anne S. Bishop, 80, delighted in recipes

BY JUDITH LUCAS  
STAR-LEDGER STAFF

Anne Selene Bishop came from a generation in which women raised their children and tended to their husbands.

But Mrs. Bishop wanted to do more, so she wrote cookbooks, collected art and antiques and traveled the world.

"She never worked for money but she did a lot," said her husband, Robert Bishop.

Mrs. Bishop, 80, died Thursday at her home in Scotch Plains. She had been suffering with cancer.

Born and raised in Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Bishop never lost her gracious Southern manner or her native twang.

"She was a sweet, sweet lady," said her friend Jeannette Miller of Westfield. "I will miss her Southern charm, her attentiveness. She would go out of her way to make you feel comfortable."

Mrs. Bishop was married for 59 years. She met Robert Bishop in 1943 when she was a sophomore at Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University, and he was an aviation cadet volunteering on campus in Nashville. They married within months of meeting. →

and raised in Nashville, TN and had been married for 59 years to Soule Kindred's Immediate Past President, Robert Bishop. In addition to her husband, Anne is survived by daughters, Regina, Anne Selene Bennett of Woodstock, CT, and Elizabeth Speed of Charlotte, NC; sons, Donald of Beijing, China; Robert Jr. of Canton, OH; and Rowan of Westbrook, Maine. A sister, two brothers, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

Hilda Carter Fletcher of Altoona, WI died at 91 years of age on 13 May 2002. She had been a Soule Kindred member since 1998.

Fern A. Hopson of Sun City, AZ, a Soule Kindred member since 1977, died 30 November 2002. She was very active in Eastern Star and Kings Daughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Argyle Hopson and her parents. She is survived by her son, Kenneth D. Hopson and his wife, Ruth of Phoenix, AZ; a sister, Helen Gray of Peoria, AZ; and many nieces and nephews.

Helen Irene Sevier Jones, a Soule Kindred Member since 1972, died 3 February 2002 in Pueblo, CO. She is survived by a daughter, Linda Tompkins of Pueblo and a son and daughter-in-law, David and Mary Jo Jones of Arvada, CO. Four grandsons and three great-grandchildren also survive. Helen Irene attended several Soule Kindred reunions with her sisters, Ruby Strayer, Faye Daily, and the late Marian O'Connell.

Barbara Ann Soule Larson died 6 July 2002. She is survived by her husband Walter Eugene Larson; Three daughters, Amy Catherine Larson Ismail, Susan Elizabeth Larson Gregg, Jenny Margaret Larson Huse, and Sara Emilie Larson, one son, Lars Walter Soule Larson; and four grandchildren, Sayeda Frah Ismail, Kevin Dwight Huse, Nadia Amber Ismail, and Kyle Thomas Huse. Her Soule Kindred Membership will be maintained by Sara Emilie Larson.

Marian Lucille Sevier O'Connell, member of Soule Kindred since 1975 and life member since 1983 died 28 April 1999 in Chevy Chase, MD. She was born 22 July 1915 in Beaver City, NB and has served several years as Secretary of Soule

## Bishop...

The Bishops had six children from 1945 to 1967. Whenever she had the time, Mrs. Bishop read about Colonial history, collected antique furniture and hand-painted engravings of birds and old cookbooks. Then she started writing books showcasing recipes used in Colonial times.

In 1975 it was "The Groaning Board" full of Colonial recipes adapted for today's cooking style. In 1982 came the "Pleasures of Colonial Cooking," featuring recipes used in the 1700s.

And in 1983, Mrs. Bishop co-wrote "The Victorian Seaside Cookbook" full of recipes taken from hotels along the New Jersey Shore. The book is still in print.

Then in 1994, Mrs. Bishop put together her final cookbook, "Florence Croftt Bishop: Her Life, Her Times, Her Recipes," featuring her mother-in-law's recipes.

She was not a professional chef but she could have been, her family said, because she could put together culinary delights without even glancing at a recipe.

"She was the sweetest person in the world," said her daughter Regina Bergeland of New York City. "She always encouraged us to do whatever we could and that anything's possible."

The Southern transplant moved to Fanwood in 1955. The family moved to Westfield in 1966 and settled in Scotch Plains in 1990.

Everywhere she lived, Mrs. Bishop joined a local historical society.

She participated in these groups, giving lectures and cooking lessons to members and visitors. She joined several groups, including the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy, First Families of Tennessee, Boston and New York



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Kindred. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas L. O'Connell who died in 1972 and two sisters, Ruby Strayer and Marie Sevier. She is survived by two sons, Robert L. O'Connell of Kensington, MD and William E. O'Connell of Palm Springs, CA; two sister, Faye Daily of midland, TX and Irene Jones of Pueblo, CO; and two grandchildren, Catherine E. O'Connell and Matthew T. O'Connell of Kensington, MD.

Margaret E. Owen, a Life Member of Soule Kindred since 1998 died in April 2002. She was from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Dwight T. Patterson died 29 June 2002. He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Sowles) Patterson, of Leonard, MI, a Soule Kindred Member.

Mildred Stafford Soule, mother of Maude and Ben Soule, died 26 September 2001.

Joseph Allen Soule, a member of Soule Kindred in America since 1975 died 21 October 2001 in a hospital in Orlando, FL. He and his wife attended several annual Soule Kindred Reunions.

Joseph resided in Altamonte Springs and was proud to tell people that he was a 10<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of George "The Pilgrim" Soule.

Mabel (Dingman) Soule died 2 February 2001. She was the wife of Russell Soule.

Mildred Stafford Soule, mother of Maude and Ben Soule, died 26 September 2001.

Robert Soules, former Membership Chairman of Soule Kindred, died in May 2002.

Roy Leon Soule, age 71, died 24 January 2002. Survivors include his wife, Maxine; sons Rod of Orlando, FL and Rex of Arkansas City; daughters Cheryl Stratton of Wichita, Cindy Truex of Rochester, MN, Toni Tester of Arkansas City; and 10 grandchildren. He was a tenth generation descendant of George "The Pilgrim" Soule [George (1), George (2), William, (4) George, (5) George, (6) Joseph, (7)

## Bishop...

Culinary Historians, the Woman's Club of Westfield and the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Mrs. Bishop also studied genealogy, tracing her roots to the 1600s, when her ancestors settled in Tennessee.

Mrs. Bishop was also able to indulge another passion: travel. With her husband who retired as a senior vice president of the New York Stock Exchange, the couple spent time in places like Argentina, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Korea, Japan, Egypt, Kenya, Austria, Hungary and Singapore.

"She was interested in everything," said her friend Sally Brown of Westfield. "She was always very cheerful."

Mrs. Bishop was also "a good Catholic" so she resigned in protest from the Westfield chapter of League of Women Voters when the national organization decided to support abortion rights.

"She thought it was not their business," said Robert Bishop. "Their job was to get out the vote."

In addition to her husband Robert and daughter Regina, Mrs. Bishop is survived by three sons, Donald of Beijing, China, Robert Jr. of Canton, Ohio, and Rowan of Westbrook, Maine; daughters, Anne Selene Bennett of Woodstock, Conn., and Elizabeth Speed of Charlotte, N.C.; two brothers, John and Manson and a sister Patricia Maraz, all of Nashville, Tenn; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be offered at 11 a.m. today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

## CELEBRATIONS

Genevieve Larson Barksdale, daughter of Elizabeth Sowls Larson and A. T. Larson was 91 years old on 13 September 2002. She is the last child of couple still living. She resides in Kingwood, TX, near Houston. She is the aunt of Norma (Mrs. Robert L.) Pugh and the sister of the late Norman Larson who died in 1994.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sowl Reunion was held on 11 August 2001 at the American legion Park in Argyle , WI.

Aletha and Bob Masbruch celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 27 December 2002. Many friends and relatives were in attendance to celebrate with them. Many congratulatory greetings were received.

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Gilbert Randell, (8) Freeman Gilbert, (() Freeman Wilber,  
(10) Roy Leon.

Russell Victor Soule, father of Maude and Ben Soule, died  
14 March 2001.

#### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Ethan Aaron Eisdorfer, son of Susan Fogg Eisdorfer has  
been accepted at the College of William and Mary in  
Williamsburg, VA. He will begin his studies there in January,  
2003.

Veronica Ellen Mead graduated from Gilboa Central and is  
currently attending Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY,  
pursuing studies in child psychology. She is the  
granddaughter of Clarence Soule of Jewett, NY.

#### HONORS/AWARDS

Susan Fogg Eisdorfer of Bridgewater, NJ, was elected to the  
New Jersey Mayflower Board of Assistants in November,  
2002. She also serves in the capacity of Membership.

Russ Kenyon of Sun City Center, FL, has received  
acceptance for his George Soule line and Isaac Allerton line  
and is now a member of The General Society of Mayflower  
Descendants (General Number 71062 and Florida Number  
3883).

Charles Lewis Beal has recently had his Revolutionary War  
ancestors directly related to George "The Pilgrim" Soule  
approved by the Sons of the American Revolution. Charles  
helped write a local history book, "the Civil War Legacy of  
Santa Ana" that was published in April 2002. The  
publication received the George Washington Honor Medal  
from the *Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge* and included  
Charles' research on the Santa Ana Grand Army of the  
Republic.

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**KUDOS**



Soule Kindred member Lorraine Deuel Gilchrist has recently been accepted as National Member #70528 in the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Following is her line of descent from George Soule.

### **Lorraine Deuel Gilchrist's Descent From Mayflower George Soule**

1. **George SOULE** b. 1593/1600, ENG, m. **Mary BECKET?**, d. Abt Dec 1676, Duxbury, Plymouth, MA. George died Abt Jan 1679, Duxbury, Plymouth, MA.
2. **George SOULE** b. Abt 1639, Duxbury?, MA, m. **Deborah \_\_\_\_\_**, b. Abt 1648, d. Feb 1710, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. George died Abt May 1704, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA.
3. **William SOULE** b. Bef 1671, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA, m. **Hannah \_\_\_\_\_**, d. 1729/1734, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA. William died Abt Apr 1723, Tiverton?, Newport, RI.
4. **William SOULE** b. 28 Aug 1692, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA, m. **Rachel ALLEN**, b. 8 Jan 1692, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA, (daughter of Increase ALLEN and Rachel \_\_\_\_\_). William died Abt Oct 1734, Tiverton, RI.
5. **Thankful SOULE** b. 9 Feb 1718/19, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA, m. **John BENNETT**, (son of Robert BENNETT and Amey MANCHESTER) d. 1769, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA.
6. **Mary BENNETT** b. Sep 1758, Dartmouth, Bristol, MA, m. **Abraham DEUEL**, b. Abt 1753, Dartmouth?, Bristol, MA, (son of Abraham DEUEL and Elizabeth JONES) d. May 1838, Saratoga, Saratoga, NY. Mary died 23 Feb 1817, Saratoga, NY.
7. **Timothy DEUEL** b. Abt 1790, Saratoga, NY, m. **Maria Lansing CLUTE**, b. 28 Oct 1792, Schuylerville, Saratoga, NY, (daughter of Evert CLUTE and Sarah SYBRANT) d. Saratoga, NY. Timothy died 17 Sep 1850, Saratoga, Saratoga, NY, buried: Saratoga, NY.
8. **Horace DEUEL** b. 1828, Saratoga, NY, m. **Elizabeth Ann WILCOX**, b. 16 Jun 1834, Saratoga, NY, (daughter of Joseph WILCOX and Lovina ROGERS) d. 22 Jan 1862, Saratoga, NY. Horace died Abt 1892, Saratoga, NY.
9. **Eugene Irving DEUEL** b. 1 Aug 1854, Saratoga, NY, m. **Julia Bell SAPP**, b. 6 Apr 1872, Fayette, TX, (daughter of William Oscar SAPP and Mary Jane SANDERS) d. 29 Aug 1952, Pasadena, Los Angeles, CA. Eugene died 1 Jun 1908, Galeana, Chihuahua, Chihuahua, MX.
10. **Horace Oscar DEUEL** b. 30 Mar 1899, Eagle Pass, Maverick, TX, m. (1) 1 Apr 1920, in Las Cruces, Dona Ana, NM, **Ila Mae Lorene JONES**, b. 17 Nov 1902, Parks, Stephens, OK, (daughter of James Kenneth JONES and Clara Emma RACE) d. 21 Aug 1986, Fresno, Fresno, CA (div.). Horace died 24 Aug 1986, Chaparral, Otero, NM, buried: El Paso, El Paso, TX.
11. **Ila Mae Lorraine DEUEL** b. 7 Jan 1921, El Paso, El Paso, TX, m. (1) 28 May 1937, in Las Cruces, Dona Ana, NM, **Earle Gower HOOKER Jr.**, b. 17 Apr 1917, Hot Springs, Garland, AR, (son of

Earl Gower HOOKER and Elizabeth Hoffman KENNEDY) m. (2) 20 Jul 1962, in Redlands, San Bernardino, CA, **James Joseph GILCHRIST**, b. 30 Apr 1914, El Paso, El Paso, TX, (son of John R. GILCHRIST and Sarah E. LEIGHTON) d. 28 Jun 1981, Loma Linda, San Bernardino, CA.

Children by Earle Gower HOOKER Jr.:

12. i **Robert Earle HOOKER** b. 16 Jul 1938.
- ii **Darrell Raye HOOKER** b. 3 Jul 1942, El Paso, El Paso, TX, m. 21 Aug 1961, in El Paso, El Paso, TX, Judy Carol DUMAS.
- iii **Terrell Gower HOOKER** b. 21 Oct 1947, El Paso, El Paso, TX, m. Becky SHARP. Terrell died 24 May 1974, San Diego, San Diego, CA, buried: El Paso, El Paso, TX, Restlawn Cem.

12. **Robert Earle HOOKER** b. 16 Jul 1938, El Paso, El Paso, TX, m. 18 Jul 1959, in Reno, Washoe, NV, **Wilma Elizabeth TAYLOR**, b. 23 Apr 1939, Stockton, San Joaquin, CA, (daughter of Monroe Richard TAYLOR and Aubrey STEELMAN).

Children:

- i **Robert Earle Jr. HOOKER** b. 15 Feb 1960, San Jose, Santa Clara, CA.
13. ii **Troy Alan HOOKER** b. 12 Nov 1961.

13. **Troy Alan HOOKER** b. 12 Nov 1961, San Jose, Santa Clara, CA, m. 30 May 1982, in Reno, Washoe, NV, **Carol Elizabeth WOOD**, b. 29 Nov 1962, San Jose, Santa Clara, CA, (daughter of Edward Charles WOOD and Jeanine Ann DORSTEWITZ).

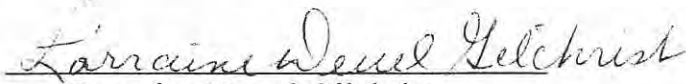
Children:

- i **Sarah Elizabeth HOOKER** b. 30 Aug 1990, Carson City, Ormsby, NV.
- ii **Jason Allen HOOKER** b. 31 May 1993, Reno, Washoe, NV.

6 June 2002

As my Soule lineage has not appeared previously in the Soule Kindred Newsletter, I thought my recent acceptance in the Society of Mayflower Descendants offered an opportunity to have it published therein. I believe the data to be accurate and it should require no editing on your part. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts.

Lorraine Deuel Gilchrist  
P.O. Box 37  
Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

  
Lorraine Deuel Gilchrist

# Pilgrim property donated to town

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\*Sent by Charles F. Soule. He, and his wife Elna, donated the property. Charles has been a member of SK since 1987. His parents, Albert and Alberta N. Soule were charter members of SK and helped organize and run the early reunions.

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■ The 40-acre parcel in Middleboro, originally owned by a passenger on the Mayflower, will be used as conservation land.

**By Mary Julius**  
ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

MIDDLEBORO — A piece of land originally owned by a Pilgrim who came over on the Mayflower has been given to the town for conservation use.

"When it comes to historical significance, it's a pretty special piece of property," said Historical Commission member Joe Freitas.

The about 40-acre, two-lot par-

cel between Cedar and Fuller streets is part of the first major purchase of land in Middleboro, called the Twenty Six Men's Purchase of 1661, and is being donated by Charles E. and Elna Soule of Nantucket, formerly of Middleboro. There is a deeded right-of-way to the property across a field at 94 Cedar St., about a quarter mile north of the junction of Soule and Cedar streets, on the left.

Except for a few years, the property has been in the Soule family since 1661, when it was bought by George Soule, a Pilgrim and one of the men involved in the 1661 land purchase. The Soules have donated the land to the Conservation Commission and re-

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## Pilgrim property donated to town

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quested the land be named the "Pilgrim George Soule Conservation Area."

"That's an incredible amount of time for a piece of land to stay in a family," Freitas said. "It's certainly worthy of preservation with that family name."

George Soule was born about 1600 and came over on the Mayflower from a small town in England called Eckington.

"He was an indentured servant to Edward Winslow, who was also a passenger on the Mayflower," Charles Soule said. "An indentured servant was someone who didn't have the money to pay their own way. John Alden was also an indentured servant. They had to work for someone for about two years, and then they were free."

George Soule was also a signer of the Mayflower Compact, Charles said.

"Not all the passengers were allowed to sign the Compact, but even as an indentured servant, he signed it," Charles said.

George Soule married Mary Beckett, who came over on a later boat. While George was involved in the Twenty Six Men's Purchase, he actually lived and died in Duxbury.

"But his son and his grandchildren lived in Middleboro," he said.

Soule said the land, which was given to him about 25 years ago by his mother, also a Soule descendant, had been farmland more than 50 years ago and is now woodland and a small portion of wetland.

"I wouldn't feel right about seeing it developed," Soule said. "I'd like to see it remain as conservation land. I think George would have liked that, too."

Selectmen voted Monday night to give their ap-

proval to the land donation. According to the assessor's office, the assessed values of the two lots are \$42,900 and \$52,800.

"We will honor his request to call it the Pilgrim George Soule Conservation Area," said Conservation Agent Rosemarie Correia.

Correia said the land, which is about a quarter mile from the Soule Homestead, will be used for passive recreation.

"There are all kinds of trails on the property for horseback riding and walking," Correia said. "It adds to the whole series of trail systems and walking areas in Middleboro and now it will always remain as open space."

Correia said there were no restrictions on the deed about hunting.

"When we purchased the Morgan property, there was a restriction about hunting, and when we purchased the Pratt Farm, because of its proximity to the center of town, people in town voted not to have hunting," Correia said. "This will not have any restrictions."

Correia said the property is near the Great Cedar Swamp and Little Cedar Swamp and is important for wildlife habitat.

"I'm very excited about this," said Kathleen S. Anderson of Middleboro, a member of the state's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee. "Every bit saved is a treasure."

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## A Chance Encounter with a Soule

Margaret is my Soule Cousin. We met, as so often happens, while I was working on genealogy. This was my first foray into the field and I began contacting people I had heard about who might 'know something'.

Margaret did know something, and to this day three years later, she keeps sharing. She isn't withholding information, mind you, she just doesn't always realize that I could somehow use it, enjoy hearing her stories, or seeing the pictures she owns. I like to tell her she is doling out gems.

In brief, this is a story of two families: Soule and Schumacher. Margaret's great-grandfather was Ferdinand Schumacher, also known as the "Cereal King." Think of rolled oats, think of the company he started in Akron, Ohio, that was to evolve into Quaker Oats. Yes, the "Cereal King" was her great-grandpappy.

Our connection is through her grandmother Abigail Coe Soule Schumacher and Abby's sister, Mary Eliza Lutts, my great-grandmother. Abby gave birth in 1890 to Hilda and seven years later Abby died during an unsuccessful childbirth at 35 years of age. The following generations did not know a great deal about some of these ancestors, just some family stories and a few old photos held dear.

I began researching Abby and her father-in-law Ferdinand. This led to the discovery of the marriage license that resulted in the October 7, 1851, marriage of Hermine Schumacher to her cousin Ferdinand Schumacher. Gosh, she didn't even have to get new monograms on her stationary!

These precious tidbits were mailed to Oklahoma where Margaret and her husband (John) of 62 years reside. She had been busy as well. An envelope arrived with a photograph of Abigail; I was gratified to see the serene face of my g-g-aunt.

Soon an envelope arrived from Margaret's daughter Carol in Florida; this one held more wonders for me. The group family photo is identified as: Back row, l-r: Wallace Austin or Charles Richard, Mary Eliza, Arthur James, Front Row, l-r: Abigail Coe, Charles Williams Soule (father), Eliza Ann Prouty Soule (mother). [Group photo of 6 persons.]

Franz Schumacher (seated), Abigail with baby Hilda Hermine, the men standing are unidentified college students. [Group photo with baby.]

This is their family line:

George (1), John (2), Moses (3), Isaac (4), Moses (5), Charles (6), Charles (7), Charles (8), Abigail (9), Hilda Schumacher (10), Margaret McBride (11), plus two succeeding generations.

Mine follows the same course until (9), and then it is Mary Eliza (9), Idel Lutts (10), Ruth Heston (11), Anna Gregory (12).

A chance letter, exchanged email and postal addresses, look what it brings you: Family, friends, and connection to our Soule heritage.

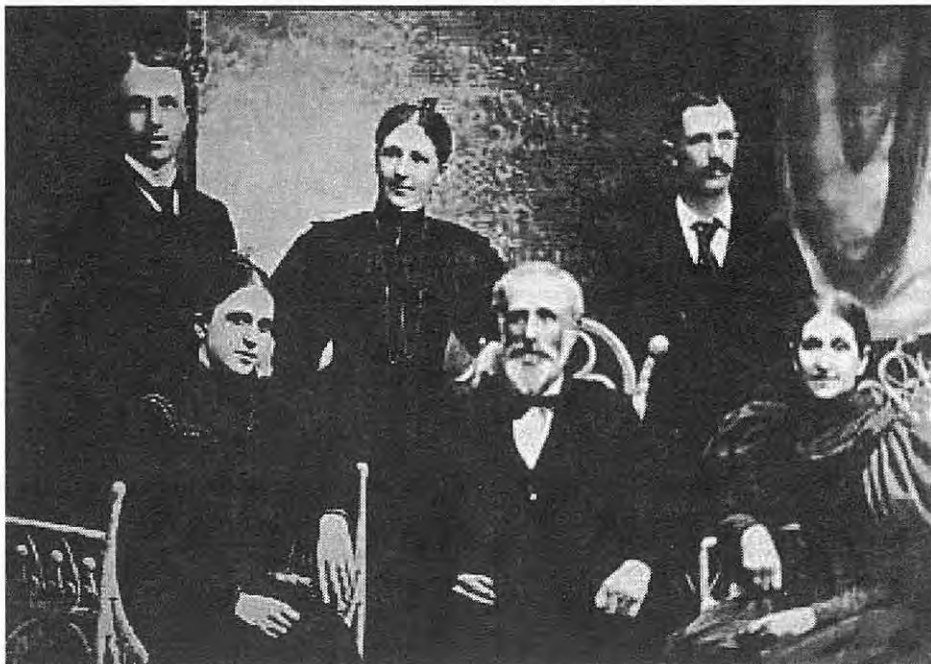
Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Bristol



Franz Schumacher (seated), Abigail with baby Hilda Hermine; the men standing are unidentified college students.

Note: These family photos were submitted by Anna Lee Bristol, of the new Soule Newsletter Editorial Board.

Back row, l to r.: Wallace Austin or Charles Richard, Mary Eliza, Arthur James, Front row, l. to r.: Abigail Coe, Charles William Soule (father), Eliza Ann Prouty Soule (mother).



## That Amazing Woman – Caroline A. Soule Upon the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death

A recent foray into the life of Ferdinand Schumacher, the “Cereal King” of Akron, Ohio, led me to learn about a remarkable woman, Caroline Augusta White Soule.

Caroline was a woman who loved words and lived her commitment to Universalism. She combined these passions into a life of daunting achievement.

A moving example of her writing is this tribute to her fellow Iowans. Upon hearing of the heavy losses sustained by Iowa’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Caroline penned these impromptu words (untitled poem?) to commemorate the gallant conduct of her state’s soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Pleasant Hill in Louisiana. This was the last major battle, in terms of numbers of men involved, of the Louisiana phase of the Red River Campaign. Although Major-General N. P. Banks won this battle, he retreated, wishing to get his army out of west Louisiana before any greater calamity occurred. Iowa’s 32<sup>nd</sup> Regiment showed great heroism and courage that April 9, 1864 and their fame spread across the state.

Cold are the sleepers  
Wrapt in their shrouds;  
Pale are the weepers  
The battle has bowed;  
Softly they slumber,  
Our soldiers in death;  
While hearts without number  
Cry, with hushed breath;  
O God, are they dead!

Pale are the sleepers,  
Like marble they lie;  
Sad are the weepers,  
Tear-stained their eyes;  
Quiet they slumber,  
Soldiers entombed,  
While heard without number,  
All shrouded in gloom,  
O are they gorier.

Calm are the sleepers,  
Taking their rest;  
Sad are the weepers,  
Joyless their breast  
Softly they slumber,  
Our soldiers today,  
While hearts without number

Cry, only this way  
Can our battles be won!

This is their Soule lineage:

- (1) George Soule - Mary Becket
- (2) George Soule - Deborah -----
- (3) Nathan Soule - Mary Gifford
- (4) George Soule - Avis Tibbitts
- (5) Nathan Soule - Sarah Birdsall
- (6) Latten Soule - Lydia Leech
- (7) Clement Soule - Mary O'Dell
- (8) Henry Birdsall Soule - Caroline Augusta White  
(Caroline’s parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth  
Merselis White, Albany, NY)
- (9) Frank Soule - Carrie Bay
- (10) Frank Richard Soule - Helen Gertrude Retzer
- (11) Mary Elizabeth Soule - Carl Owen Jones
- (12) John Stephen Jones

Caroline White (1824-1903) wed Henry Birdsall Soule (1815-1852), a Universalist minister. From this union there were five children: Sarah, Henry, Frank, Eugene, and Lizzie.

Sarah married James Kintzley in Boone, Iowa, and died there in 1906. Frank moved to Missouri where he died in 1916. Lizzie apparently died before the family moved to Iowa.

It is noteworthy that their son Henry joined the Union Army in April of 1863 in Davenport, Iowa. The day he joined he reported to the post hospital with diphtheria and he died about six weeks later. He never wore his uniform and Caroline collected a survivor's pension from the US Government for the rest of her life.

Eugene met a most unfortunate death just five weeks before his mother's “Dedication Hymn” at Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, in 1872. Eugene had been on a prairie chicken hunt, a much-anticipated annual event for the town of Boone. On the last day of the hunt when he arrived with his group, he jumped down off his wagon and was celebrating his group's victory for having killed the most chickens. He slapped his leg during the celebration and his hunting dog thought he was being summoned. The dog jumped down off the wagon and onto Eugene. Gene's rifle discharged, causing him to shoot himself in the face, dying instantly in front of the horrified townspeople. The article states there was never another chicken hunt in the county.

Caroline taught school after Henry succumbed to smallpox in 1852. She moved the family to a log cabin in Boonsboro, Iowa, to live less expensively and during that time wrote two novels (see below).

She then married Arden Benjamin Holcomb in 1855. Their son was Sumner White Holcomb, born in 1857. She and Holcomb divorced after seven years of marriage.

"I find her amazing. The things she did and the places she traveled would have taken an extraordinary woman in any time. The fact that she did them in the mid- and latter 19th century is incredible. I think there is a lot more to know about Caroline. From Civil War records of her pension I know that she was in California for a time and she founded a Universalist church in Nebraska." These remarks are from Caroline's g-g-g-grandson, Stephen Jones, who supplied much of the biographical background and lineage herein, and I am grateful to him for his assistance. Additional insight has come from Alan Seaburg who has been her biographer.

A partial listing of Caroline's accomplishments include:

- ØWrote a biography of her husband, "Memoir of H. B. Soule"
- ØPublished two novels, "The Pet of the Settlement" and "Wine or Water: a Tale of New England"
- ØChief editor of "The Christian Leader", a New York State Universalist newspaper
- ØEdited the "Guiding Star", a semi-monthly for church school pupils
- ØHelped organized the Women's Centenary Aid Association
- ØShe was the only woman missionary sent to Scotland by the Universalist church
- ØShe was the first woman ordained in the United Kingdom, 1880 in Glasgow, Scotland

Caroline spent almost all of the last 25 years of her life in Scotland where she had moved for her health. Her life was lived in deepest faith, and one hundred years after her passing, she remains an amazing woman of notable achievements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Bristol

There are photos to accompany this article of both Caroline and Henry. They can be found on the website:

### News From Bertha

The annual Reunion of the Freeman Wilber Soule descendants was held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Halverson School near Eureka, Kansas.

There were 80 in attendance. Twelve of the fourteen brothers and sisters were present.

They were Bertha Erickson, Betty Uhl, Eleanor Jacoby, Phyllis Enos, Susan Thole, Joan Talkington, Theda Better, Jerry Soule, Karen Nordmeyer, Bill Soule, Florence Soule, and Dick Soule.

Those unable to attend were Merle Soule from Illinois and Sharron Urton of Eureka.

*Bertha Erickson  
from Eureka, Ks.*

*Christmas  
Blessings*

*New Year's  
Greetings*



As I begin this newsletter in Argyle I can look out the window and see the historic Sowl/Threadgold cemetery on the hill. It was established in 1845 by Robert Threadgold, Argyle pioneer.

The Sowl reunions, begun in 1975 continue to attract new cousins. One Sowl has returned to his roots. Frank Sowl with wife Juliette moved from Bayfield, WI on Oct. 1, 2001.

The Sowls in America began with George Soule of the Mayflower who landed in Plymouth, MA in 1620. He was the 35th signer of the Mayflower Compact. Our lineage is George Soule (1), Nathaniel (2), Sylvanus (3), William (4), Edward (5), William (6), Elijah (7), William (8). The Soule Kindred, based in Plymouth, and through their historian helped us trace this lineage.

The Sowls in Argyle began with Elijah who emigrated west and finally settling in Lafayette County before 1842. He came with wife Lucinda and offspring John, William, Lyman, Joseph, Marilla, and Caroline. Robert Threadgold soon married Marilla. Baby Thomas, age 2 mo., was the first to be buried up on the hill followed by Joseph who was 16. Lyman "went west" early on. Caroline, who had married a Humphrey in Ohio, lived in Argyle but no descendants are known to us. Descendants of John, William, and Marilla have represented their "Sowl" at the reunions over the years. Scores of them, along with Threadgolds, come from all over the USA.

On a sunny Sunday in August, 2002, 51 plus "cousins" gathered at the American Legion Park in Argyle for a 16th Sowl Reunion coming from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Colorado.

After a delicious pot luck dinner Sec/treasurer Charles Sowl called a meeting to order. Minutes of the '99 reunion were read. Charles requested the family list be updated. The treasury is in good shape now. Several generous donations brought the balance to \$368 after disbursements. (the 2002 collection came to \$150) Thank you all for this.)

Charles called on the group to introduce their family and identify their line. William and John's line were represented.



Juliette then gave a cemetery report. After getting the Sowl/Threadgold cemetery placed on the registry of Historic Cemeteries by obtaining a certified survey (paid for all of you) she was informed that the county no longer had funds for maintenance. (This spring and summer Frank mowed the grass several times. Later he, Juliette, Lucy and Chuck Huber washed the stones, whacked the weeds and, finally, they laid bisqueen over the stones for winter protection.)

The group then held elections. The new slate of officers is Lucy Huber, President, Charles and Juliette to share Secretary/Treasurer.

The next reunion will be in Blanchardville, WI on the second Sunday in August, 2004.

The meeting was then adjourned and after group pictures many went on a pilgrimage to our little cemetery. (if any of you took pictures send some to Juliette for our reunion scrapbook. Her film got run over!)

Over 150 years have elapsed since Elijah and his family set foot in Lafayette County. Our family won't forget him as, happily, our son Kerry and wife Debby have named our 10th grandchild ELIJAH!

The picture is the Sowl's in the Argyle Sesquicentennial Parade August 7, 1994. Frank and Juliette are carrying the banner with Mound Sowl and the family of Pearl (Sowl) Nyborg in the wagon.

The following list is to memorialize those folks who had formerly enjoyed the reunions and have now passed on.

Gertrude L. Sowl  
Dick and Darlene Sowl  
Neva Sowl  
Leman Petrie  
Lee Mound and Emma Sowl  
Harry Sowl  
LeRoy and Stella Rood  
Ella Tschabold  
La Vonne Leombrune  
Robert Threadgold  
Helen Anderson  
Grace Frisch  
Josie Hessler  
Hayden Sowl  
Eunice Skoog  
Milt Ness  
Hazel Kruger  
Robert Sowl  
Carson Sowl  
William Sowl  
Hannah Sowl  
Bobbie Knight  
Lloyd and Thelma Dearth  
Lucy Sowl

Bertha Sowl  
Ralph Sowl  
Maynard Petrie  
Norman Larson

p.s. I have wonderful old pictures of William and Frances Sowl and Perry Sowl with his children and grandchildren. I can make copies. (Marilla too!)

fondly, *Juliette Sowl (and Frank)*

Juliette Sowl, co-secretary  
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608-543-9900

December 1, 2002

Genevieve Larson Barksdale (Daughter of Elizabeth Sowl Larson and A.T. Larson) was 91 years old Sept. 13, 2002. She is the last child living. She lives in the Houston, Tx. area (Kingwood, Tx.) She is my Aunt, sister of my father, Norman Larson. (Died in 1994)

On August 11, 2002 Sowl Cousins met for the 16th Sowl Reunion at the American Legion Park in Argyle, W.V. about 51 cousins attended. The Sowls in Argyle began with Elijah who emigrated west and finally settling in Lafayette Co. before 1842. At the Reunion, William and John's lines were represented (Frank & Juliette Sowl (William's line) my line is from John. (Elijah was John's father, his son, Thomas was my Great Grandfather. Frank and Juliette Sowl and family keep up the historic Sowl/Threadgold Cemetery. It was established in 1845 by Robert Threadgold (son-in-law of Elijah Sowl) Argyle pioneers. Frank and Juliette Sowl have moved back to Frank's boyhood town from Bayfield, W.V. They work so hard to keep the Sowl Cousins interested in family history.

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Message Board Post:

The family of another Charles Soule that resided in Otsego County, New York claimed that their ancestor was indeed the son of Charles W. Soule, Sr. Rev. War Vet. late of Otsego County, New York. They entered their information in the DAR, Mayflower Descendants and other various local books.

I found this documentation in the complete Pension File of Charles W. Soule found at Western Reserve Library, Cleveland, Ohio. There are many other copies of Pension Files at other libraries but not necessarily are they complete files which lack very important letters and documents.

Documentation as follows:

Know all men by these presents that we Charles W. Soule Junior of Sandusky County and State of Ohio, Mary Barton, wife of Ezra Barton (formerly Mary Soule) of Chenango County and State of New York and Loretta Soule by her guardian Eliahim R. Ford of Otsego County and State of New York heirs at Law of Charles W. Soule or as his name was or is written in his Pension Certificate Charles Soule late of Oneonta in the County of Otsego aforesaid deceased late a Pensioner of the United States do hereby constitute and appoint William H. Fleming our true and lawful attorney for us and each of us and in our name to receive from the agent of the United States for paying pensions in the City of New York and State of New York the sum or sums of money that may be due us or either of us for the arrears of Pension due Charles W. Soule or Charles Soule as written in his Pension Certificate our Father from the 4th day of March 1831 to the 3d day of July in the year 1831 on which day he died.

Witness the hand and seal of the said Charles W. Soule, Junior this 25 day of March 1836.

Charles W. Soule Jr.

Sealed and delivered in Presence of -----Gorham, and James Robinson

Witness the hand and seal of the said Mary Barton formerly  
Mary Soule this 15 day of August 1836

Mary Barton and Eliakim

R. Ford

Sealed and delivered in presence of Charles B. Post and Clark Baker.

The State of Ohio, Sandusky County Personally came before me, James  
Robinson an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid,  
Charles W. Soule who acknowledged the within power of attorney to be his  
free and voluntary act and did for the purposes where in expressed taken  
signed and acknowledged before me this 25th day of March A.D. 1836

James Robinson Justice  
of the Peace

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New addition: Faith Dianne Gaudlitz. B. June 4, 2002, 7 lbs. 9 oz,  
19 inches; born in Meridian MS to Derek and Lauren Gaudlitz,  
Grandparents: Larry and Melissa Larson, G-Grandparents: Albert  
Larson and Elizabeth Soule. Faith is 4 1/2 mo. old in photo!

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SOULE KINDRED NEWSLETTER



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*Generation*

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**Soule Descendant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Ancestral**

**Line:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Parentage:** son/dau of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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**Death:** died \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Burial:** buried at \_\_\_\_\_ *cemetery*

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on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Parentage:** son/dau of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth or Baptism:** He/She was b. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Death:** and died \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

**Burial:** buried at \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographical:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Children of: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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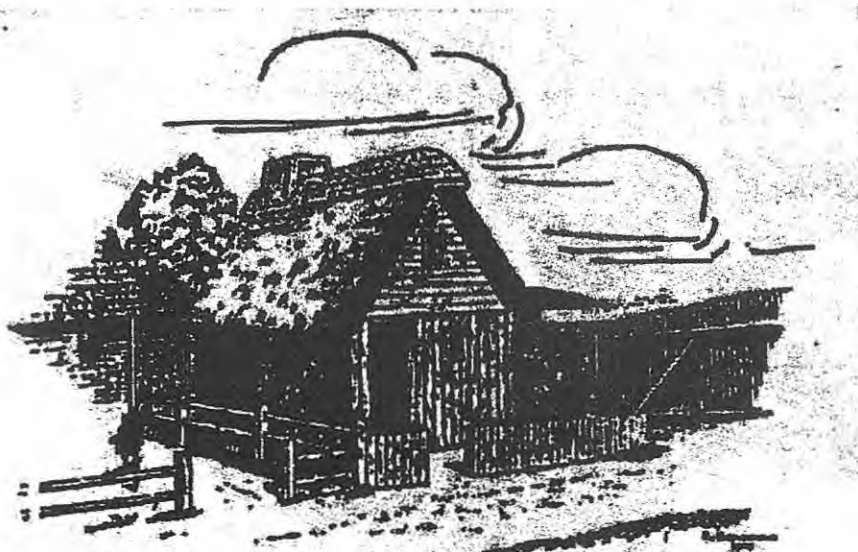
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