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2005 Reunion at Dodge City, KS

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William Warden (see Dir 08)

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Reunion Host 2006 – Rosemary Soule’ Peters (see Dir 08)

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Reunion 2006 was approved at the Soule Kindred Board meeting for Niagara, NY. Rosemary Soule' Peters will host next year's Reunion. Watch for additional information in later Newsletters as the Reunion 2006 plans develop.

Election of Officers

The Board of Directors met and elected the following officers (effective October 15, 2005):

Frank Flint Soule, III, President

Christine Hill, First Vice President

Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer

Margaret Rocke, Secretary

At the General Meeting the following Directors were elected by the members present:

William Warden, Director 08

Rosemary Soule' Peters, Director 08

Elizabeth Soule "Libby" Lunding, Director 08

Call for Volunteers

We need volunteers for Newsletter Editor and Assistant Newsletter Editor. If you would like to volunteer or suggest someone contact: Frank F. Soule – Soule_Frank@yahoo.com.

I apologize to the membership for the tardiness of this newsletter. It serves no purpose to go into lengthy explanations except to say that none of us are getting any younger and health problems were the cause for the editor and me to delay this printing. I take the blame for not handling the issue before I did. I am now acting as newsletter editor and publisher until a new newsletter editor can be appointed. I seek your contributions for the January issue which I will do my best to get out in time. Rosemary Soule' Peters, who is hosting the 2006 Soule Kindred Annual Reunion, has submitted some information concerning this Reunion. There will be more information forthcoming in the next Newsletter.

Caleb Johnson has also submitted another report in the continuing search for Pilgrim George Soule's birth family. Your society is continuing to solicit participation by Soule/Sole/Sowle, etc., men for 25 Marker Y-DNA testing. Due to impressive articles by Caleb Johnson and Louise Walsh Throop in the latest journal of the Sole Society, Soul Search, we now have DNA test results pending for several Englishmen. This is a very important step and we are eagerly awaiting the test results.

You can send your submissions to me at (Soule_Frank@yahoo.com). I always seek your permission to publish your materiel. I do not have word perfect and cannot open those types of files clearly. I can get text (.txt) files, MS-word files (.Doc) and picture files (jpeg, gif, PDF, etc.)

When you submit documents for the newsletter do try to remember to document your sources when and where possible for the sake of your fellow researchers. There are also copyright laws concerning public intellectual and copyrighted materiel information that The Soule Kindred must comply with. Continue to send your information to our Treasurer, Ms. Betty-Jean Haner at Albany, NY or feel free to "snail mail" your information directly to me at 1413 E. Dorothy Drive, Palatine, IL 60074-5749. Deadlines for submission to the newsletter will be March 30th, July 31st, September 30th & December 31st.

Your most humble servant,

Frank F. Soule

**Soule Kindred in America. Inc.
Annual Meeting
June 25, 2005**

The annual meeting of Soule Kindred in America, Inc. was held at the Hampton Inn in Hutchinson, Kansas. Frank Soule called the 37th general meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

The Minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Christine Hill moved the minutes be accepted. Bill Warden seconded. Frank called for vote. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

Frank introduced Bill Warden as the Newsletter editor. Bill requested that members submit articles and obituaries to help him produce a better and more complete Newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was presented by B.J. Haner. She noted that there were more expenditures than income and suggested the need for new members. After a brief discussion Norman Soule' moved the report be accepted and Carol Soule seconded the motion. Frank called for the question and the report was unanimously accepted.

The Luther & Merle Soules Family Foundation Grant Report of Finances was presented by B. J. Haner. Frank mentioned the reports that had been in the Newsletter about the work which has been done in 2004-2005 to date. He also mentioned the following web sites of interest which have links to Caleb Johnson's website. www.mayflower.history and www.soulekindred.org. The object of the Grant is to find George Soule's parents (see Newsletters January 2002, April 2002, and April 2004). Bill Warden moved the report be accepted, Bertha Erickson seconded and the report was unanimously accepted.

B. J. Haner presented the Membership Report. There was a discussion as the number of former members that have no renewed. B. J. It was suggested that a letter to those who have not renewed be sent to see if we could find out why they did not renew.

B. J. also said that there is no Scholarship Report as yet because the reunion is being held prior to the date when scholarship applications are due. Bill Warden asked about the average number of Scholarship applicants. B.J. said usually about 6-8. This year she has received only 1 to date. There have been as many as 17.

Frank announced the officers for the coming year as elected by the Board of Directors.

President	Frank Soule
Vice President	Christine Hill
Secretary	Peg Rocke
Treasurer	B.J. Haner

The election of members for the Board of Directors is done at the General Meeting.

The retiring Directors are:

Gerry Schlosser
Judy Hughes
Christine Hill

Suggestions from the Board for New Directors were:

William Warden
Elizabeth Soule Lunding
Rosemary Soule' Peters

Carol Soule moved that these three people be nominated. Jim Soule seconded the nomination. B.J. Haner moved nominations be closed. The president directed that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

Rosemary Peters invited the group to Niagara Falls, New York for the 2006 reunion. It was suggested that a reunion committee be formed. This committee would have as members:

The current reunion hostess
The 1st next year hostess
The 2nd next year hostess

It was also proposed that the 2007 reunion be held in Cincinnati, Ohio and the 2008 reunion be held in Plymouth, MA

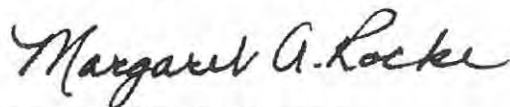
Frank said that we are asking male members with the Soule name (direct male lines to George Soule) to have a DNA test done. This is being done to see if it will help find George Soule's parents.

Bill Warden would like people who have family lineage ancestor research to submit their lineage for the Newsletter. Frank mentioned that the Burial Records of the Sons' of Union Vets of Civil War has information available.

Bill Warden asked that those present stand and introduce themselves. Following the introductions B. J. moved for adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret Locke, Secretary

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

Annual Report

For Period August 1 to May 31, 2005

Balance on Hand July 31, 2004		\$88,722.24
Receipts		
Operating Receipts		
Dues	6,805.00	
Newsletter Sales	7.50	
Notepaper Sales	52.00	
Reunion	2,491.00	
Reunion Song Tapes	40.00	
Postcards/Key Rings/George Soule Story	47.05	
Life Membership	300.00	
Patron Membership	150.00	
Donations	30.00	
Index-Hard Copy	50.00	
Interest on Operating Funds	10.29	
Total Receipts for Operations		9,982.84
Scholarship Receipts		
Soule Kindred Annual Scholarship Appeal	712.50	
T-shirts & Sweatshirts	200.00	
Scholarship Interest	672.48	
Total Receipts for Scholarships		1,584.98
Bequest of Col. John E. Soule		
Interest on Bequest Account # 1	257.73	
Interest on Bequest Account # 2	43.15	
Total Bequest Income		300.88
Total Receipts		11,868.70
Expenditures		
Operating Expenditures		
Newsletters (3 issues) and related expenses for 2005	5,414.89	
Newsletter Copying	169.74	
Office Expense (Treasurer, Membership Sec., Scholarship)	550.42	
Corporate Annual Fees	15.00	
Historian (Postage, Copies, Genealogy etc.)	893.79	
President's Expenses (Trip to Inventory Library)	366.24	
Secretary's Expense (Postage & Labels)	16.20	
Web Page	300.00	
Reunion -2004	2,604.48	
Reunion - 2005	70.00	
Total Operating Expenditures		10400.76
Scholarships		
Col. John E Soule Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00	
George Standish Soule Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00	
Total Scholarship Awards		2,000.00
Total Expenditures		12,400.7
BALANCE ON HAND May 31, 2005		\$88.190.1

Soule Kindred in America, Inc.**Bank Account Balances**

As of June 1, 2005

Operating Accounts

1. Savings Account	212.38	
2. Checking Account	6,239.38	
3. Life Membership Operating Account	1,215.58	
4. Petty Cash for Historian	100.00	
Total for Operating Accounts		\$7,767.34

Scholarship Accounts

5 CD 5 Generations #1	10,000.00	
6. CD 5 Generations #2	9,791.68	
7. CD Scholarship #1	24,814.35	
8. CD Scholarship #2	5,359.10	
9. CD Scholarship #3	1,743.18	
10. CD Scholarship Savings	2,796.21	
Total for Scholarship Accounts		54,504.52

Bequest Reserve for Publications and Research

11. CD Bequest of Col. John E. Soule (Estate Acct.)	20,763.76	
12. Bequest Savings Account	5,154.56	
Total for Bequests Accounts		25,918.32

TOTAL OF ALL BANK ACCOUNTS**88,190.18**

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

- Notes: 1. The 2004 report covered a 11 month period.
2. The 2005 report covered a 10 month period

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty-Jean Haner

Luther and Merle Soules Family Foundation Grant

Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

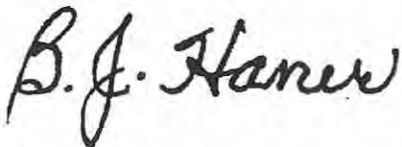
Frank Flint Soule III, Administrators

Report of Finances by B. J. Haner

For Period ending May 31, 2005

Beginning Balance-Checking Account	\$4,520.83
Expenses	
Caleb Johnson Research for Soule Kindred	1,250.00
Balance in checking Account 5/31/05	\$3,270.83
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$3,270.83

Respectfully Submitted



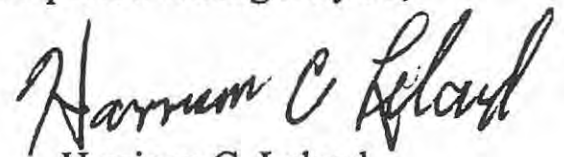
B.J. Haner
Treasurer, Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

June 15, 2005

I have reviewed the financial records of the Soule Kindred in America for the period August 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005 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 or 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 10 month period ending May 31, 2005.



Harrison C. Leland
Assistant Treasurer

SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC.

Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer
and Membership Secretary
53 New Shaker Road
Albany, New York 12205-3615

Membership Secretary's Report June 2005

272 Regular Members
103 Life Members
31 Libraries & Family Soc.
406 Total Membership

19 New Members
35 2004 didn't renew
8 Net loss of regular & life members

Of 35 members who did not renew

7 were new in 2004
5 were new in 2003
4 were new in 2002
2 were new in 2001
15 were new from 1986 to 2000
2 were long term members from 1985 and before

Some statistics on renewal patterns over the years

51 did not renew in 2000
41 did not renew in 2001
33 did not renew in 2002
66 did not renew in 2003
31 did not renew in 2004
35 did not renew in 2005

I have answered 253 letters since the last reunion

Respectfully submitted,



Betty-Jean Haner
Membership Secretary



From the Treasurer...

B. J. HANER, TREASURER

SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC

Jan. 2002

To: The Membership

From: B.J.

Re: Dues Structure

Some people have inquired about our Dues Schedule. What do the different Amounts mean.

Regular Member \$25.00 - This is basic dues covering cost of Newsletter.

Sustaining Member - A member who wishes to contribute a little extra help to the organization.

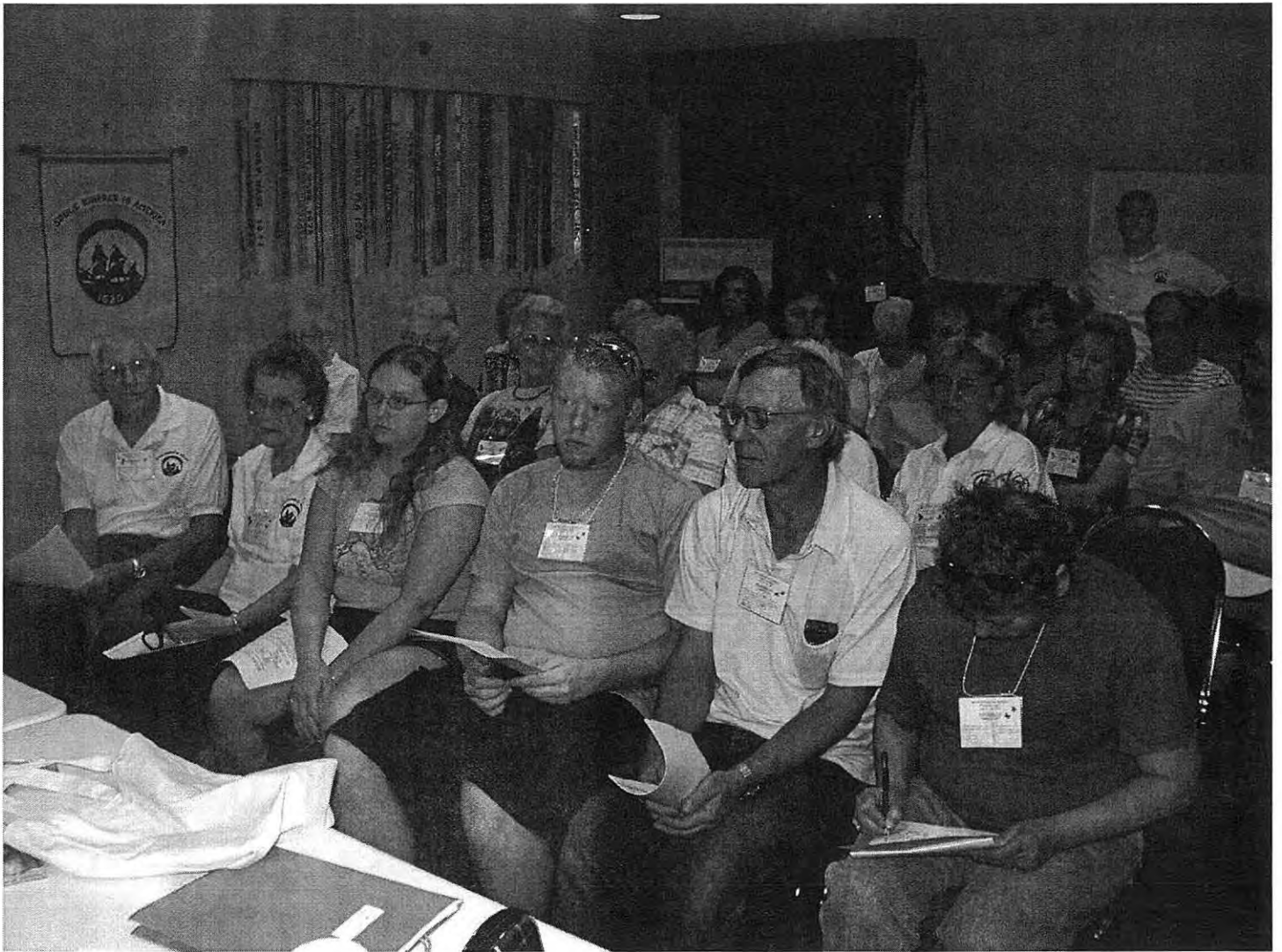
Patron Member - Prior to Oct. 2001, these moneys went into the Scholarship Fund. NOW because of a vote at the annual meeting, these funds go into the general fund.

The above are all annual dues.

Life Membership - A one time fee so that dues are no longer required. The money from Life Memberships prior to Oct. 2001 went into the scholarship fund. NOW because of a vote at the annual, this money also goes into the general fund. This plan is operational for one year and then the plan will be revisited. \$ 300.00

B.J. Haner

518-869-8368



At the Annual Business Meeting, Hutchinson, KS

Application to join Soule Kindred In America, Inc.

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

The Soule Kindred in America, Inc. is a non-profit organization incorporated in Massachusetts in 1972 with members in Europe, Canada and throughout the United States. Through the diligence of the first presidents, George Soule, Colonel John Soule, both direct descendants of Pilgrim George Soule, a great heritage was found to have been left by our founding fathers.

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 Mayflower passenger George Soule. Through the quarterly Soule Kindred Newsletter genealogical information is contributed and distributed to our membership.

Activities of the Soule Kindred include the annual Soule Kindred Reunion held in different cities across the United States and Canada. The Reunion provides a forum for the annual meeting, an opportunity to meet "cousins", exchange genealogy information and to make lasting friendships. Some members maintain their own web sites while others communicate regularly via Email and regular mail. Our main web site is: www.soulekindred.org.

There are no restrictions to joining Soule Kindred. Your name does not have to be Soule, Soules, Sole, Sowl and Sowles or even begin with an "S". The only requirement is that you have an interest in determining and tracing your ancestry. If the idea of finding your roots and meeting new "cousins" appeals to you, we invite you to send in your application and join us.

If you would like more information, please contact our President, Frank Flint Soule, at 1413 E. Dorothy Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-5749 otherwise please copy and send this membership application, along with a check made payable to Soule Kindred in America, Inc., to Betty-Jean Haner, membership chair, 53 New Shaker Road, Albany, New York 12205-3615

- \$7.50 Student Membership to age 22 \$12.50 members 23 to age 30
 \$25.00 Regular Member \$75.00 Patron Member
 \$45.00 Sustaining Member \$300.00 Life Member Soule Memorial Scholarship Fund

NAME _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address (optional) _____

Please tell us how you received this membership application (existing member, Newsletter, etc.)

MEMBERS: Please make extra copies of this introduction and pass them out to interested people. Be sure to include your name in the "Introduced by:" area.

Soule Kindred

_____ *Generation* _____ *Family*

Soule Descendant: _____

Ancestral Line: _____

Parentage: son/dau of _____ and _____

Birth or Baptism: was b. _____ at _____

Death: died _____ at _____

Burial: buried at _____ *cemetery*

Residence & Removals: Resided _____

Occupation: _____

Military Service: _____

Other biographical data: _____

He/she married: _____

on _____ at _____

Parentage: son/dau of _____ and _____

Birth or Baptism: He/She was b. _____ at _____

Death: and died _____ at _____

Burial: buried at _____

Biographical: _____

For Soule Kindred Newsletter, July 2005

SOULE FAMILY Y-DNA25 REPORT

By Louise Walsh Throop

As Group Administrator of the Soule Family Project through FamilyTreeDNA, I am pleased to report that we have been making progress since beginning this project earlier this year.

The Y-DNA25 test looks at "junk" DNA on a man's Y-chromosome for patterns at 25 locations on the Y-chromosome. This test is analogous to testing the mortar on a brick wall, where the mortar is the "junk" DNA and the bricks are the genes. This Y-DNA25 test does not yield any medically significant information. It is used to indicate a direct lineage to a common male ancestor.

To date, six brave men have participated. All are descended through George Soule's two sons, George-2 or Nathaniel-2. Four of these men have identical test results, which are a string of numbers representing each of the 25 locations tested. Two more men have test results with one minor variation each from the "standard" result of the first four men. In this case, a small variation is good!!!

While the Y-DNA25 test tells us is that these six men descend from a common paternal ancestor, the test does not tell us who he is or when he lived. Nonetheless, since most have known lineages back to George Soule, we can assume for the present that the common male ancestor is George Soule, who is back 10-13 generations for most people.

Like the test results from other Mayflower family Y-DNA projects, there is not much deviation from the "standard" test result for descendants from George Soule. See the Howland family report in the latest Howland Quarterly. For current descendants from Mayflower passengers, there are only about 10-14 generations represented, which is barely enough time for small variations to develop in the Y-DNA locations tested.

The next phase in the Soule Family Y-DNA Project is to find men descended through George Soule's son John-2 so that all three male branches are represented in this Project. Please encourage Soule men who are descended through son John-2 Soule to join the Project. They can sign up at www.FamilyTreeDNA.com or call FamilyTreeDNA at: (713) 868-1438 and ask to join the Soule group.

The Soule Family Y-DNA Project can also expand to men who have lineages to other English So(u)l(e)(s) families. We are looking for any man with a lineage back to a known geographic spot in England and who has a Y-DNA test result similar to the "standard" result for men descended from George Soule!! Will this man be living in the United States or Canada, or overseas, perhaps in Australia???

❧ >> **Team Liddell *et al*** << ❧
"No Longer Separated by Oceans and Centuries"

Genealogy in the Digital Age

(An Essay Gift for the Soule Kindred in America Families
from Team Liddell *et al*)

By James Wallace Liddell (December 2004)

❧Foreword:

First, permit me here to remark as a representative of Team Liddell *et al* that we consider it a signal honor that our fledgling organization has been asked by the president of Soule Kindred in America, Inc., a Mayflower Family and all that this symbolizes, to offer our advice on methods for organizing a group's activities based on the Web.

To better relate what we have done in these matters, we need to explain why we have implemented certain measures on the Web and what we are as an organization, for these considerations have shaped everything else.

We first realized only during April 2004 that our then small number of e-mail-communicating Mid-South Liddells and their kin, a mere six or so at that time, was turning into an organization, in fact if not in name, and that we were certainly something more than casual correspondents. But we had no idea then that in a mere two months more our tiny digital-hearthside gathering of close relatives would begin evolving into a worldwide organization that includes possibly-related members who have not the slightest understanding of their various kinships among themselves and for some, no knowledge at all of even their families' histories.

This unexpected and rapid growth literally drove the Team to "learn its way" into creating what we, today, believe is a rational and efficient Web-based digital network and system designed to support our still growing array of volunteer-based activities--and, most importantly, to also provide the Team and each member total privacy and complete protection against any possible threat to any aspect of our well-being.

But before continuing on to further develop these points, Team Liddell *et al* pauses here to gratefully acknowledge the huge benefits we have gained in our early months through contact with your current president, Frank Flint Soule of Illinois, and several of your other officers, both national and state-level. Their relating your organization's own less-than-pleasant experiences in the past with "professional genealogists", clear descriptions of your own organization's structure, and the valuable jump-start we received from information on your collateral Norman Scottish line--the descendants of Nicholas de Soulis of Liddesdale in the borderland of Scotland--greatly accelerated our understanding of what we needed to do to better service our own organizational needs and explore our families' still murky histories and ultimate origins.

Team Liddell *et al* is and shall remain permanently grateful for your association's friendliness and keen insights. And we also appreciate receiving the present assignment, for this essay contains information we never before have assembled in one document. In short, we have gained yet another asset by preparing this essay for you. In fact, we think enough of this essay's value that a copy will be prominently placed in our archives as part of our member-education files following its gift to each of you in SKA, Inc. This gift represents only one small portion of our gratitude and demonstrates our desire to be of future service to you in any way we can.

❧Concerning Team Liddell *et al*:

First, please understand that there are thousands of Liddells, Liddles, Lidells, Lydells, Lytels, Littles and so forth--totaling up to 90 variant surnames--presently scattered throughout the world. Many of the bearers of these surnames are busily pursuing their research and already confidently *tracing back* to their origins in the British Isles. --But others in this group have little more than fragments of documentation, if any at all--or only family legends that do little more than *point back* to the British Isles. Still, once these things are worked out, many of these various paths are certain to ultimately involve southern Scotland and northern England--and for all of us, hopefully and finally, they each will lead to Liddesdale and a common hearth.

Liddesdale, a place name which is also a surname for one of these lines, is an ancient border region of south central Scotland, and is the name from which we and others believe our ancestors derived their various surnames and then migrated from over the centuries. Blood kinship among the modern bearers of these surnames, however, is an important question, and a possible kinship to the knighted de Soulis families of Liddesdale and Normandy is unlikely to ever be completely resolved, but both issues greatly formed the decisions that led to the launch of the Team's DNA/mtDNA Study on 15 October 2004.

Incidentally, the Team's Study is already providing fruitful answers. From a few test scores received only two weeks ago at this writing, the four initial results presently in hand have already answered several of our most fundamental questions, but also have raised new, even more fundamental ones that we must now address. One new question we face is that one of our lines--this writer's, incidentally--may be Norman in origin since it definitely is not Celtic. Further testing of the three distant relatives in the Team who are members of this line will provide a more precise reading in this matter. These tests have been ordered in the past week by all three men.

The main point here, however, is that the Study even at this early stage could not have become possible so quickly without the Team's rapid growth both in size and in its use of the Web during the past eight months!

The writer's own line came from Roxburghshire Scotland to North America in the Chesapeake Bay area definitely by the 1740s and this line very likely has some earlier, related Liddell "pioneers" in Maryland in the 1650s. Nearly all "old-line" Liddells residing in the southern United States of America (defined as pre-War Between the States) descend from these earliest known Liddells. (To give a context for that statement, it should be noted, for example, that the War Between the States is closer in time for the old-line Southern Liddells, today, than the War is to the earliest indicated-kinship Liddells' arrival in North America.)

The Southern Liddell families and their close kin have solid records showing that at least two Liddell brothers, James and John and their families, were well-settled by the 1750s in the then-developing "Old 96 District" portion of western South Carolina where six brothers, sons of one of the pair of brothers, James Liddell/b. 1712—Scotland, served in the Continental Line, including two with Marion Marion the Swamp Fox, and two each at the historically important battles of King's Mountain and Cowpens. All were wounded and three died during combat in the American War for Independence. From the three surviving sons of James, plus those of John, his brother, whose sons' military service is not known to the writer at this moment, descend all currently known old-line Southern Liddells and their kin--for the Liddell women proved exceptionally fruitful generation after generation in the bountifully God-blessed lands of the South.

Other Liddells entered through New York harbor in the early years of our nation and also before, and still others passed into the Caribbean and Canada in a process beginning well before either 1776 or the 1650s, and is still on-going, including more recently again into the South from all directions of the compass, and commingling with other lines and similar surnames elsewhere in the world as well. Indeed, each in the host of modern Liddesdale-derived surname-bearers and their kin all have their own direct ancestors who also went out into much of the world in similar processes during these same historical periods--and some of these lines are present today in Team Liddell *et al*.

In short, bearers of what the Team has come to give name to as the Liddesdale-derived Surname Cluster eventually spread throughout the British Empire and its former colonies as that mighty entity swelled and ebbed, and gradually spun off a host of new nations.

Today, our surname cluster—and, even in its short life, today's Team as well, for that matter—Is present throughout the English-speaking world and even beyond. --In the case of the Team, this represents a labor of a mere eight months that has depended exclusively on the vast capabilities and resources of the Web. That, and the continuing expressions of interest and goodwill that the initial group of Mid-South Liddells and their kin, and only slightly later, the Southern Liddells in general, as well, have demonstrated toward all the others, related or not, bearers of the same surname or not.

This essay sets out why these two factors, alone, have spurred the Team's momentum and given force to its overall effort and success in its Web activities. (Please note here that Team Liddell *et al* is not incorporated, has no officers or dues, has no plans for enacting any of these measures, and is completely volunteer.)

While the writer's own Southern-Liddell line is solidly documented back to Scotland, most of the other Team members are not so favored. This is a regrettable situation but this very point is the reason Team Liddell *et al* is a growing organization. The Mid-South Liddells and their kin as well as the broader body of the Southern Liddells and their kin can do nothing but benefit by continuing to build up the Team since, by assisting the genealogists of these other lines and surname spellings to better understand their own lines, the first groups gain in understanding themselves the better.

But even the real genealogists in this writer's own family--for he doesn't count himself a genealogist, but instead, as more a historian, organizationalist, and investigative reporter/editor--run into that infamous "brick wall" of the destroyed or incomplete records of pre-1500s Scotland and northern England. The presence of this barrier explains why

the Southern Liddells' sizable storehouse of their own lines' genealogical knowledge—a thoroughly cross-checked and referenced long-lines database, and their knowledge of the problems facing everyone interested in Liddesdale as a point of possible origin is central to the Team's ability to attract members.

This storehouse and the participation of the larger family of the old-line Southern Liddells in Team Liddell *et al* is the same as providing guides and a good map that the newer members in the Team can use to address their own problems and set to work in a more efficient manner to find solutions.

The Team's present-day genealogy files began accumulating three hundred years ago when the early Southern Liddells began recording their families' events in their family Bibles, a number still in possession of their descendents. But as the generations passed and living memories were lost, the ever scattering descendants were forced to turn to church and courthouse records to reconstruct what had been lost or forgotten—while ever harking to their oral legends, old letters and other documents. Eventually, there was a very sizable collection of repeatedly cross-checked material accumulated in these variously related families.

For example, a member of one of their lines, Cheryl Hayes, who is a Team member as well, has six filing cabinets of records that were assembled over a lifetime by her aunt in Georgia. This was Xime Parsons who died only two years ago and who had an early “team” of her own which started its compiling work in the 1950s. Incidentally, one member of Xime's team also is a member of the present-day Team--Wedford “Jack” Jackson Liddell.

Jack has literally seen it all, from Xime's manual portable typewriter to his own digital computer, to the Team's physical-records digital scanning project, and to his and our use of the Web. And now, through his active involvement in this latest Team, to even his being asked to advise a Mayflower Family on the best way to use this Web.

Digitally speaking, of course!

Today, many of the types of records that Xime and Jack and others began using a half-century ago to compile and to create what has become an important part of today's Team's treasure-house of genealogy records are now plentifully distributed across the Web in literally thousands of websites. Today, the kin and assumed kin in our Team don't have to use their summer vacations to go back to Mississippi or South Carolina or Annapolis or New York or Sidney or Glasgow or Liverpool or Dublin—or Roxburgh—to look up the information they need to understand their families' histories. Instead, all of the families represented in Team Liddell *et al* can simply click onto the Web to access its seemingly limitless assets and the Team's own ever growing on-line digital resources and programs stored in its various on-line sites.

Our early experiences:

Before there was a Team Liddell *et al*, there was a Team Liddell, and before that was the aforementioned circle of Liddell-kin correspondents. These Mid-South Liddell relatives began contributing in late 2003 to a project which this writer was assembling in his home computer with the intent of distributing as a merged file back to the others. This was a potpourri of randomly acquired Liddell-related records which some Liddell kin had and some Liddell kin didn't have, and which was identified as The Liddell Collection. It was, simply, a assortment of useful “stuff” meant to be shared with no thought to the outside world because of the newness of it all and the unsuspected power of the Web we were using to communicate among ourselves.

The Liddell Collection was a single file that began being issued in early 2004 as an email attachment to each Liddell cousin approximately once a month. However, there were just two issues of The Liddell Collection. The April Edition, a sizable 300K single file, was four times the size of the February Edition and with that rapid growth in just 60-odd days, these Liddells and their kin knew they had already reached the end of the road for that technique.

But it was during those two months that these Liddells also began encountering other Liddells and Liddell kin on the Web who were searching for guidance, advice and answers to their own genealogy questions. By early May 2004, the original correspondents' address list was expanding to include these then-strangers. —Luckily for all concerned in this process, those who “had” were willing to share with and assist those who “lacked”.

These two happenstances, the rapidly exploding size of The Liddell Collection and the realization that other Liddells and their kin were out there in the world and in need of assistance, were the first two steps leading to the eight-months morphization of the original small circle of cousins into today's worldwide Team Liddell *et al*.

The general dissatisfaction with The Liddell Collection email-attachment approach led one of the Team's first international members—Steven Knowles, a Australian—to suggest using a Yahoo Groups site as a substitute for the Collection e-mail attachment. It turned out that Steven is an expert on the Yahoo Groups system, and so, he subsequently was recruited by the others to serve as the Team's Groups Guru, a position he still holds.

From his timely suggestion has come everything else that has enabled the Team to become a Web-based *activity* instead of a mere Web *user*.

☞What is a Yahoo Groups site?

(Please excuse the unavoidably clumsy referrals to the Team's Group sites in the following discussions. There is a site-name common to all three, along with a site-specific identifying number which is added to this word. But, because of security concerns, the actual site names are not provided in this essay.)

The Yahoo Groups sites are provided totally free by Yahoo just for the asking in any desired number. Each has a 20-megabyte capacity and a huge array of built-in services, including a chat room, databases, photo galleries, editable calendar, a message board and a private, specialized e-mail system. Yahoo can afford to provide these free sites by its selling non-intrusive advertisements which appear in the margins of computer screens in a tasteful and acceptable manner much in the same manner as the ads in a newspaper are displayed.

For those who don't mind paying a small annual fee, any of these sites can be considerably upgraded in size from the initial 20-meg capacity.

An additional desirable feature for private organizations is that the Yahoo Group sites can be set up as "non-directory-listed"—which means that no search engine in the world can find them and reveal their addresses to strangers. Additionally, access to these sites can be limited to "invitation-only" participants. (All of the Team's Group sites are both non-listed and invitation-only accessible.) Together, these two features effectively doubly-deny site access to strangers, these undesirable visitors including the spammers, hackers and other Web parasites of every ilk.

The Team's first Yahoo Group site was opened to the membership in May, the next in August and the third in October.

With these sites now in operation, no longer does each Team member have to keep his/her email in-box relatively empty in anticipation of the next edition of The Liddell Collection. Nor do the members any longer have to store those files in their computers and then have to search through this accumulated mass (mess?) for a needed but elusive record.

Instead, now that the Group sites are in play, each time a new file is uploaded into one of the folders at one of the Team's Group sites, a brief e-mail message announcing the new file and providing a brief description of it is issued automatically by the Yahoo background system to that particular site's list of members, who can then read the file at the site whenever it is convenient--and who also can rest assured that the file will always be there on-line, 24/7-available for possible future re-reading or even downloading.

(These announcements contain a Yahoo system-created blue "click line" that the member can use to immediately go to the file to read it! And, each member can control the frequency with which these messages are received—from "real-time" to "daily summary" to "none".)

Another Group-site security feature is designed to provide privacy protection to the Team's members is that only the first few characters of their email address is revealed inside the Yahoo Group site's list of approved-member participants. This means that no one can copy the email address(es) of anyone else who has been admitted into that particular site. An additional item to note here is that each member can choose to use an alias while being approved into a Group site, although this now is discouraged since there is no real need to use an alias because of the other security measures already in place.

☞The design of the Team's Group sites and how they work:

The uses of each of the Group sites presently under discussion varies by site--for each is dedicated either as a histories-and-reference files collection, scanned documents center, or as a collection of large-scale genealogy databases. In this way, these three sites—which currently contain more than 700 individual files in all--totally solve the inadequacies of The Liddell Collection e-mail attachment system that was previously attempted.

Additionally, these three *Teamwide member-accessible* sites are all "linked", each to the others. This is a Yahoo feature which allows a member who has invitation-membership at the other sites to instantly leap from one to any of the other Group sites in this series and back without having to log-on and -off at each site.

This system of links plus the individual approval of site-membership allows the Team to temporarily admit non-members to a particular site as a good-will-building courtesy, perhaps to allow the reading of a particular files collection. The temporary membership can later be cancelled permanently. The Team has been done this several times for individuals planning a Scotland pilgrimage, but this must always be decided on a case-by-case basis, and advisedly.

Administratively, each in this initial set of Yahoo Group sites has the same three "Moderators" (volunteer Team members) who insure proper member admissions and the operation of these sites. The Moderators are the Team's webmaster, database manager and general manager. (The Team editor, who--as it has worked out--took to usually to being the one who handles the bulk of the members' invitation responses at each site once he was given the site-powers of a Moderator.)

A Digression to Discuss the Moderators

The Team believes it is advisable that any incorporated organization's officers must choose only the most trustworthy and accommodating, task-skillful volunteers each for the Moderator positions and that the board and the workers not be the same individuals. (In choosing these Moderators, remember that it is to know truth, itself, to understand that there are a sizable number of maladjusted and deceiving individuals who drift about in the world of genealogy and always leave ruins and bruised feelings in their wake.)

It is also wise that once goals and rules have been established by a board for the Moderator volunteers to use as a guide they be left unfettered by too exacting an association overview while making their day-to-day decisions and conducting their work. Contact with them about their activities should be limited to having the general manager meet with the association's board once a year to present a "State of the Digital Work" report and otherwise serve only informally under the association's current president. In other words, the Moderators' programs should be their own and not necessarily those of the president.

Seven additional Yahoo Group sites were set in operation by the Team in November 2004. These are the Vaults--which are solely used for *Team members' limited-access* files storage--and were created in two series, each with a distinctly different nature.

Vaults 1 through 4 are reserved for use by the Moderators. These non-directory-listed storage sites are accessible by only the first three Moderators and used to store the backup copies of all files contained in the first series of three "Teamwide member-accessible" Group sites and all the files associated with maintaining the Team's public Websites (which are totally different in nature, intent and design from all of the literally secret Yahoo Group sites).

By setting up these four Vaults and implementing the above-described administrative arrangements, the Team has guaranteed to itself the survival of its now sizable file collections independently of house or office fires and other disasters, hard-drive crashings, or the demise of any one or two at once of the Moderators.

Following the establishment of the four Vaults described above, the Team then set up three more storage sites for use by its general membership.

A slightly different naming scheme was implemented so that these sites can be easily distinguished from the first four Vaults in e-mail messages—for example, if the first series begins with Vault1 or, to save keystrokes while typing messages—V1, the second series starts with VaultFive (VFive). This newest Vault series is managed by the same Moderators as the first.

This new activity constitutes a new Team service and the free use of these Vaults is available to all Team members who want to store back-up copies of their personal genealogy files in complete safety and privacy. These Vaults also are linked but this chain of linkages is independent of the first four Vaults, and in this Vault series only the moderators can use the linkable system to move among the sites. Rank-and-file members are denied use of the links feature at these three sites since they have no need to use this feature. This either/or links capability is yet another built-in Yahoo Groups feature.

Other than the Moderators, each of these three Vault sites can be accessed *only* by the member(s) storing files in each one.

In order to store files in these Vaults, a member is required to provide the name and physical address of an heir-designate for the files, and is asked to mention the stored files in their wills and to give their executor complete instructions on how to notify the Team to release the files to the heir-designate according to law. This may seem ridiculous to require but feelings can run hard among heirs when it comes to the family's genealogy records and the Team doesn't wish to get involved in any intra-family disputes—thus, the estate requirement.

These inheritance details must be added to the beginning of each file before it can be uploaded to a Vault and is also displayed in each file's description and/or folder description.

This understanding also includes the firm assurance that the Team will not place any member's *storage* files on display, allow access to them by other members, or otherwise use the files in any manner. And, further, the Team pledges to not use these files in any way.

The Team's database manager additionally "burns" and retains CD copies of these files, subject to the same rules as the storage sites.

One more item is important for mentioning here. The Team's database manager, Gary Liddell, who is also one of the lead genealogists in the Team, has developed the capacity to scan old-style physical records and convert them into digital files, complete with a detail-log of the contents of each collection. This is a time-consuming process, so the Team requires that these files must be accessible afterwards by the Team for research purposes and for citing, even though the

files, themselves, will not be placed on open display at any the Group sites. Instead, these files are intended for storage-only in the Vaults subject to the Team-access proviso, and otherwise, to the member-owner's estate rules.

Once scanned, all documents are returned to the owner(s) via a package delivery service.

One more Team site is currently in the discussion stage. It will be used solely for sending out the Teamwide Messages (see digital communication section below). At present, the Team's actual membership e-mailing list is kept in one member's private Yahoo email account with one other member possessing the password to it. This is not a satisfactory arrangement since the use of this private address attracts members *away from* the Team sites and strangers *to* it, and also, this practice too greatly emphasizes this member in the Team's activities.

☞The Team's use of public websites:

Team Liddell *et al* is only now (December 2004) finding time to establish websites, but it also deliberately avoided them in the past because it primarily was still an inward-looking organization intent on transferring its genealogy assets to the Group sites and also busy at creating a large new body of history essays, map collections and other harvestings from the Web that were judged to be of immediate importance to the Team's members.

Because of the vastly varied interests and needs of the Team's members, this proved to be a very considerable task--but one which is now largely completed and amounts to some 45 megabytes of files of various types (approximately 700 files, overall). This is a sizable holding by any measure, and is one that continues to grow but now at a slower pace because the most important portions are now posted on-line at the Group sites for easy Team-member use.

Since the Team's main reason for finally going to public websites is to recruit new Surname Cluster participants for its DNA/mtDNA Study, there was no need for websites before the Study was launched in mid-October 2004.

As a result of the Study activity, 14 public websites are in development or are already in operation. This includes four each at Geocities, Tripod and Rootsweb, plus one website specifically designed for the Study at www.geocities.com/teamliddelldna and, finally, a casual site at another location which is being developed as the members' "fun place". Team-webmaster Bill Liddle--he refers to himself as the Team's *webservant*, a term most assuredly adopted to express his deep faith, but perhaps, privately, also because of the weight of his project--handles their development and operation.

Because of the rather unique nature and makeup of the Team's membership and the manner in which it gains its members, the 12 Geo-Tri-Roots websites have a very limited application. Basically, they are nothing more than advertisements for the DNA/mtDNA Study with an e-mail communication link to the Team's Moderators for whenever a visitor at one of these "ad" sites wants more information than is offered at the site.

In other words, there is no direct digital link between the public websites and the Team's private Group sites. Instead, the public-website visitor's email goes only to the Team's central e-mail address account, which exists independently of all of the other Group sites.

—As in all other matters, the Team's security considerations override everything else.

Because of the Team's deliberate decision to have only e-mail connections between the public websites and the rest of the Team's assets, the safety of the latter—the Group sites and their files, limited membership information and administrative arrangements—are absolutely protected from spammers, viruses, hackers, etc. No outsider can even permanently damage the Team's public sites because there is nothing at any of them which cannot be easily replaced within hours from the first Vault where the Moderators keep backup copies of all of the public websites' setup files.

☞Periodic digital communications is important:

E-mail addresses pose a member-retention problem for organizations because they change frequently. The dot.com world is still consolidating with the weaker companies either selling out or closing their doors, and each cession of business frequently means an e-mail system is lost to its users and they must go somewhere else and start over.

And—always worrisome to the Team—these bands of the lost frequently forget sending their new address to their old friends.

Team Liddell *et al* keeps current with its members by maintaining and distributing a restricted-use Team Address Book file which contains each member's proper name, email address(es), their state or province and nation of residence, their indicated interest in the DNA/mtDNA Study, the size of the member's genealogy files and the member's major area of research interest. (It is hoped that the Book serves to also increase member-to-member contacts.)

The Team Address Book also contains a "lost member" list in hope that a vanished member might later correspond with a current member and the new address is passed back to the Team.

The Book is distributed as an attachment to a Teamwide Message whenever three or four new members have been added. There is no set distribution schedule but it is currently working out to be once every six weeks or so.

The Team issues a Teamwide Message whenever new developments are worth announcing. Again, there is no set schedule but this is working out currently to be once a month on average. (The messages have a distinctive design to make them stand out. The header's design is similar to the header on this essay. A facts-rich footer is used as well, which includes the Study site address and the e-mail address for the Command Center.)

The establishment of a regular newsletter has been avoided by the Team for several reasons which won't be discussed here other than to note that there is a concern that a regularly appearing e-publication would eventually grow stale and turn into an annoyance for the members.

The Team's basic policy is to not send out messages except when there is something important to relate and to constantly assure the members of this caring attitude toward their in-boxes. (For example, there were no TMs during September or October, but four have already sent during this December—so far!)

☞ The Team's e-mail accounts and their system:

The Team uses six different Yahoo e-mail addresses for various purposes. As with all other Yahoo e-mail accounts, each one has 250 megabytes of storage and a truly vast array of features that is far too varied to list, but a brief mention of the Bookmarks section, which is common to all Yahoo e-mail accounts, is worth noting.

One of the Team's six Yahoo email addresses is informally designated as the Command Center and all the Team's general public e-mail is directed to this site as well as a number of Team functions. All of the Core Worker/Moderators are issued the passwords necessary to access each aspect of the Command Center and all can use it equally freely.

As with all other Yahoo email accounts, the Command Center has a Bookmarks section that contains comprehensive lists of all of the Team's assets that have Web addresses, and each is easily "one-click"-accessible from its Bookmark listing.

As an memory-prompt, the comment lines built into each Bookmark listing contain the necessary passwords for each remote site and remarks about that site's intended use. (A backup copy of all this information has been compiled in an e-mail message which was e-mailed by the Team to itself and then stored at each of the Team's e-mail accounts.) This action eliminates the risk of human-memory loss or damage or loss by accident or through the actions of a new Moderator.

The Command Center also serves as the DNA/mtDNA Study e-mail address and has a large array of folders in the mail section for segregating the various categories of Study-related e-mail and other registration, and/or important correspondence messages relating to other subjects so that each Worker can scan-read through the entire collection quickly and easily.

In short, everything important to the Team's activities is written down and backed up in multiple copies that are stored in several Team-possessed on-line sites. More importantly, all of this material is hidden from the outside world, and is completely inaccessible by it as well.

☞ Other Team activities:

The Team's DNA/mtDNA Study necessitated the establishment of a Team Liddell *et al* "project page" within the FamilyTreeDNA.com site. This page stands independent of all other Team assets in that it can be visited by both Team members and the general public to order testing kits. It does provide a "one-click" link to the Team's DNA/mtDNA Study website (see the above websites section), and, to encourage outsiders' contact, the Team added its Command Post e-mail address to this page's descriptive text so that the page now provides two means of communication with the Team.

The Team provides a low-key education program for members who are beginner genealogists at one of its Group sites and some of its more experienced members are willing to offer advice to these new-starts when asked. (All of this material is readily available but largely replies on self-education efforts by the fledgling genealogists.)

The Team is attempted to establish a presence at Ancestry.com/Rootsweb.com but this is a difficult process because these companies are hostile to discussions of DNA/mtDNA studies on their message boards. So far, the Team has succeeded in assuming administrator-status on the Liddell surname message board.

The DNA/mtDNA study has led the Team to actively consider establishing a Family Medical History Archive. This is very much in the talking stage only, but it would possibly be a basic, very secure on-line, Team-managed registry recording the dates of death, causes of death and the onset dates for some serious medical event such as heart attacks, cancer and related terminal illnesses for individuals in the Team members' families. The thought underlying this discussion is that such a registry may be of use to future generations of our descendants in foretelling the possibility of developing some medical condition and at what likely age.

Toward this end, the Team has begun collecting blood types from all Study participants. This information may later become the basis for the medical archive's records. (This also provides the Team a small degree of double-check on the kinships suggested by the test results.)

The Team has a retired newspaper editor, Jack Wardlaw, in its ranks who reviews and edits all text files slated for uploading to the Group sites. (Members are encouraged to contribute files to the Group sites. So far, these have ranged from family genealogy charts to custom-written essays.)

The Team is currently trying to recruit a volunteer member to serve as the records manager and backup interpreter for the DNA/mtDNA Study.

Further down the road lies the organization of a formal general membership recruiting and retention program but nothing has been done so far in this direction. It is certain, however, that this activity will be heavily based on the digital capabilities and skills already accumulated within the Team.

Conclusion:

Team Liddell *et al* believes that the practice of genealogy is truly only now at its dawning because this new thing called the Web affords each and all of us the power to leap effortlessly across the globe instantly, even while seated in wheelchairs or lying in nursing home beds, and to access material never before seen in such riches.

Just as the computer is nothing more than a tool--a mere typewriter with a memory, attached phone line and a picture screen--so is the Web nothing more than a tool--a mere means to communicate—and whoever adopts its use and uses it well becomes the possessor of the place where the Greek mathematician said he needed to stand in order to use his lever to move the world.

The Web is, truly, this powerful



THE SEARCH FOR THE ENGLISH ORIGINS OF
MAYFLOWER PASSENGER GEORGE SOULE
PART 3: TODDINGTON, TINGRITH, AND FLITWICK, BEDFORDSHIRE

By Caleb Johnson

In part one and two of this article, it was shown that all the George Soules with ties to Eckington, co. Worcester, could be eliminated as candidates for the *Mayflower* passenger of the same name. It was also shown that all the other known George Soules elsewhere in Worcester, Gloucester, and Hereford could be eliminated, with the possible exception of George Soule of Redmarly d'Abitot. But that George was baptized on 24 March 1593/4, which is a few years earlier than what should be expected for someone still apprenticed in 1620. In this article, the Soule families of Bedfordshire will be investigated.

It has been widely speculated that the *Mayflower* passenger George Soule could be the George Soule baptized on 9 February 1594/5 at Tingrith, Bedfordshire. This was suggested on my own "Mayflower Web Pages" as early as 1997. Prior to that, the Tingrith Soules' possible *Mayflower* connection was mentioned in an article by Don Steel that appeared in *Soul Search* in March 1993, the journal of the Sole Society. In the article, the author notes of George Soule of Tingrith: "this is the very George whom in my *Kindred Souls* article I suggested might be the George Soule who was on the *Mayflower*."

Going even further back, to 1926, G.T. Ridlon mentions the Tingrith Soules, including this George, in his book, *History, Biography and Genealogy of the Families Named Soule, Sowle and Soulis*. Charles Banks, in an editorial note in Ridlon's book, reports:

A yeoman family of Sole was found in this county [Bedfordshire] living in the three adjoining parishes of Flitwick, Tingrith and Toddington as early as 1550, having a George born 1552, a nephew George (son of his brother William) born 1594, who had in turn a son George born 1615, but these later Georges are accounted for as living in Flitwick long after the emigrant sailed from Southampton. The first George was buried 1629, the second was churchwarden in 1620 and later, and the third George, besides being too young, was taxed in Tingrith when the Pilgrim was ending his days in Plymouth.

Based partly on the conclusions of Charles Banks' analysis, many researchers have not bothered to follow up, concluding that all the George Soules in Tingrith/Flitwick were accounted for. But as will be seen shortly, Charles Banks' analysis was wrong on one key point: George Soule son of William of Tingrith was *not* the same man as the George Soule of neighboring Flitwick.

The key family involved here is that of William Soule of Tingrith. He was living in Tingrith as early as 1587, when his eldest son William was baptized. Between 1587 and 1597, he had six children at Tingrith, two of whom died young. In October 1607, he is mentioned twice, simply in passing, as a landholder in the terrier of all possessions belonging to the rectory of Tingrith.¹ He was also enumerated as a churchwarden for the year 1608. He was not found in any of the many other Tingrith records that were examined, probably because, as a laborer, he was not in a position to be frequently mentioned in local records.² William Soule made out a will on 4 July 1611, calling himself "Wm Sowle of Tingrithe in the countye of Beds Laborer."³ Somewhat humorously, his will states that he was "deceased in body but of good and perfect mind"! He was still alive though, at least for a few months: he was buried 19 October 1611, and his will was administered 6 November 1611. In his will, he names his executors "William Sowle my eldest sonne and Joane Sowle my wyfe," and later makes bequeaths

¹Bedfordshire Records Office, "Terrier of all the possessions belonging to the rectory of Tingrith" (5 James I).

²William Soule and son George Soule are not found in any Tingrith tax records. They are not mentioned in any Tingrith wills from 1570-1650. They were not found in any chancery lawsuits. They were not found in Tingrith manorial records (searched: court rolls SC 2/153/1,21,26,47).

³Will of William Soule, Bedfordshire Records Office 1611/156.

William Soule's will is somewhat unique, in that he bequeaths to his four youngest children 20 shillings a year for five years, to be paid out to each child successively. Since he died in 1611, his daughter Katherine began receiving her 20 shillings per year in 1612, and her payments would have continued through 1616, when it then moved to daughter Mary, who would have received her 20 shillings per year between 1617-1621; then son George was up next—he should receive his money during the five year period beginning in 1621. Lastly, daughter Constance was to receive her share, from 1626 to 1630.

From William Soule's will, and from the parish registers of Tingrith, we can reconstruct his family as follows. William Soule and wife Joan had the following children; all but Katherine were baptized at Tingrith, Bedfordshire:

- i. Katherine (not found in parish registers, but mentioned in father's will).
- ii. William, bp. 2 December 1587.
- iii. Mary, bp. 19 April 1590.
- iv. Joan, bp. 20 February 1591/2; buried 8 August 1597.
- v. Alice, bp. 23 December 1593; buried 1 January 1593/4.
- vi. George, bp. 9 February 1594/5. This is the person we want to look at more closely as a possible candidate to have been the *Mayflower* passenger.
- vii. Constance, bp. 21 August 1597.

Following William Soule's death, widow Joan Soule remarried to Robert Springfield on 30 April 1612. No further trace of the Springfield family could be found; they may have moved out of the area.

It has, until now, been generally assumed that young George Soule of Tingrith ended up in neighboring Flitwick. The parish registers of Flitwick, Bedfordshire, reveal the assumed family:

George Soule of Flitwick, Bedfordshire, had the following children.

- i. George, bp. 28 February 1614/5.
- ii. Dinesse, 4 October 1618.
- iii. John, 11 February 1621.
- iv. [son], 14 December 1623.

Since this George Soule had his first child of record in 1614/5, when the George Soule of Tingrith was twenty one years old, it would seem reasonable to suspect they were the same man; and, if they were the same man, then he clearly was not the *Mayflower* passenger. This was the conclusion reached by Charles Banks in 1926.

But, in fact, George Soule of Tingrith and George Soule of Flitwick were not the same man. The proof of this comes from will of widow Agnes Soule of Flitwick, dated 17 May 1632, and proved 22 November 1639.⁴ Agnes was the widow of the George Soule who was buried in Flitwick in February 1629/1630. In her will, she mentions her son George, and her grandchildren from son George: namely Dionesse, John, George, and Edmond. Agnes is clearly the mother of George Soule of Flitwick, and grandmother of his children Dinesse, John, George, and Edmond. George Soule of Flitwick was the son of George and Agnes Soule, whereas George Soule of Tingrith was the son of William and Joan Soule: they are not the same man.

We can now see that there were at least *three* George Soules in Flitwick during the early 17th century. They were:

- (1) George Soule, born about 1552, buried 6 February 1629/30. According to a chancery lawsuit⁵ of 1624, he was brother of John Soule of Toddington, from which he bought land in 1597. He (or possibly his son) was the churchwarden at Flitwick from 1618-1620, and in 1624. He was taxed in

⁴ Bedfordshire Records Office, Wills and Administrations, 1639/112.

⁵Public Records Office, Chancery Proceedings, C2/Jas I/S16/50 [17 November 1624].

1625 and 1628.⁶ He married a woman named Agnes probably about 1580; she made out her will in 1632 and died in 1639. They had at least four children: Robert, George (next), Frances (who married Robert Crawley), and Johan (who married Thomas Cripsey alias Barnett).

- (2) George Soule, born say 1585, son of George and Agnes Soule. He had four children: George [1614/5, see next], Dinesse [1618], John [1621], and Edmond [1623]. He was churchwarden in 1636, executor of his mother's will in 1639, and was taxed in 1641.⁷
- (3) George Soule baptized at Flitwick on 28 February 1614/5.

Clearly, none of these George Soules was the *Mayflower* passenger. They were all living in Flitwick after the *Mayflower* sailed in 1620, and none are in the correct age range either. With the Flitwick Soules out of the picture, let us return to Tingrith.

When William Soule of Tingrith died, he willed £5 to his son George, to be paid out in 20 shilling increments that would have begun in 1621 and lasted through 1626. His widow Joan remarried in April 1612 to Robert Springfield. What happened to George Soule of Tingrith, who was then about seventeen years of age? He either would have remained in the household of Robert Springfield, or he would have been apprenticed out. Where the Springfield family went has not been determined. They do not appear to have remained in Tingrith, as there is no record of them seen following the 1612 marriage. Springfield is a very uncommon surname in Bedfordshire—in fact, the IGI lists no other Springfields, in any time period, anywhere in Bedfordshire.

Recalling that John Soule of Toddington (brother of the eldest George Soule of Flitwick, and possibly the brother of William Soule of Tingrith) had some landholdings in co. Hertford, I searched this county as well for the Springfield surname. It is interesting to note that the only notable Springfields in Hertford were from the parish of Baldock—the same parish that was the origin of Elizabeth, the wife of *Mayflower* passenger Richard Warren, who himself was also likely from the area.

Another interesting item that may be worth noting: In Henlow, Bedfordshire, on 28 July 1605, a William Soule married Joan Allen. Could this possibly be George Soule's eldest brother William, who would then have been about eighteen? Eighteen is somewhat younger than would be expected for a marriage. However, just four months after their marriage, wife Joan gave birth to their first child: so it may well be that William Soule was constrained by Joan's unplanned pregnancy to get married earlier than may have been normal. If this indeed is George Soule's eldest brother, then the connection with Henlow is most intriguing: this is the home parish of the Samson, Tilley, and Cooper families of the *Mayflower*.

George Soule of Tingrith would seem to be a good candidate to have been the *Mayflower* passenger. First, George Soule of Tingrith was baptized 6 February 1594/5. This puts his birth generally within the 1595-1599 range that we established in Part I of this series of articles. *Mayflower* passenger George Soule came as an apprentice, a condition that most frequently happened to youngest sons, especially when a father had passed away before they had reached adulthood. George Soule of Tingrith's father William died in November 1611, so that condition is met as well. Apprenticeships typically ended when the individual turned twenty-five; George Soule of Tingrith would have turned twenty-five in February 1620: which seems to be evidence to the negative, since George was still indentured in November 1620, well after his 25th birthday had come and gone. However, it should be remembered that George Soule of Tingrith had a small inheritance from his father—an inheritance that was to be dispersed over five years, in 20 shilling increments, beginning in 1621. Perhaps this fact could have played a role in the decision to indenture George until that year.

Additionally, George Soule of Tingrith disappears from all Tingrith records following his father's will of 1611. It has been shown that he was not any of the George Soules recorded in neighboring Flitwick, as had been previously assumed. His mother Joan married Robert Springfield, who might possibly be from the vicinity of Baldock, Hertfordshire, a small parish with known *Mayflower* connections. There are also other Springfields to be found in Great Burstead, Essex, another parish with known *Mayflower* connections (Christopher Martin), as well as in London (where Edward Winslow, his future master, resided for a time). And his elder brother

⁶E179/72/270 [16 Dec 1628, taxed 4s], E179/72/271 [24 August 1628, taxed 8s], E179/72/291 [10 May 1625, taxed 4s].

⁷E179/72/283 [1 July 1641, taxed 8s].

William is possibly the man who appears in Henlow, marrying rather early in 1605: Henlow is another small parish from which a large group of *Mayflower* passengers hailed. If George Soule of Tingrith can be shown to have had a connection to another *Mayflower* family, or even to a parish with known *Mayflower* connections, this would be an important finding.

It should also be noted, on the contrary, that the George Soule of the *Mayflower* did not name any children William or Joan, nor did he use the names Alice or Constance either. If George Soule of the *Mayflower* were truly the man from Tingrith, one would have expected to see these names occur within his own children. The fact the names do not occur is not disproof, of course, but does cast some circumstantial doubt on the matter, as does the fact that George Soule of Tingrith would have been older than twenty-five (albeit just slightly) during his apprenticeship with Edward Winslow. While certainly a promising candidate, George Soule of Tingrith is in no way proven to be the *Mayflower* passenger. Further evidence must be gathered to tie him to some *Mayflower* family or community, and other George Soules will need to be investigated. The search continues ...

This is information from Rosemary Soule' Peters who is our 2006 Reunion Coordinator.

Hi Frank,

Sending you the info for the upcoming Reunion

Soule Kindred of America
2006 Reunion

Who: All Soule cousins, family & friends are welcome
What: The 2006 Soule Kindred in America Reunion
When: June 21, 2006 - June 25, 2006
Where: Niagara Falls, NY
Host: Rosemary Soule' Peters - 716-992-9076 or rosedenny2@netzero.com

The Reunion Headquarters will be at the Days Inn at the Falls, 443 Main St., Niagara Falls, NY. Reservations should be made through the hotel at 716-284-8801 or 1-800-777-2280 and request the special convention rate for the Soule Kindred.

Room rates are:

Wed., June 21, 2006 - Fri., June 23, 2006	\$69.00
Sat., June 24, 2006	\$99.00

Air Travel:

Buffalo Niagara International Airport is approximately 25 miles from the Days Inn. Buffalo is served by Air Tran, Atlantic Coast, American, Delta, Continental, Northwest, Southwest, United and US Airways.

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The January News letter will have the schedule and info.
Bring your barrels and let's go over the FALLS!

Rosemary

Mary Gifford Kira
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May 22, 2005

Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer
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Dear Ms. Haner,

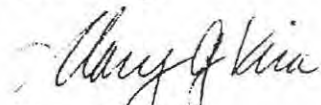
Your letter to my mother concerning my father, Alexander Gifford has been forwarded to me. I am enclosing a copy of his obituary as you have requested.

Unfortunately, my mother passed away 6 days before my father did, last June. My husband and I were in Lordsburg when it happened. My mother had been in declining health for a number of years. She was in a nursing home only a half mile from my father's house and he would visit her often.

He was a remarkably strong man. One of his Soule ancestors lived to be 96 and had 12 children who all lived to adulthood. This was back in the late 1600's! I guess he must have inherited some of those genes as he died only two and a half weeks short of his 97th birthday. After a fall in early June, he was admitted to the same nursing home as my mother, but after her passing, his decline was very rapid.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Marv G. Kira

Alexander Gibbs Gifford III, 96, of Lordsburg, N.M. passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at Sunshine Haven Nursing Home. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Lordsburg Funeral Home. Services will take place on July 14th, 10 A.M. at the Methodist Church in Lordsburg.

Mr. Gifford was born July 12, 1907, in Warren, R.I. He was the son of Alexander Gibbs Gifford II and Carrie Dale (Gardner) Gifford. He married Bertha Warren Norman December 5, 1944, in Denver, CO. His beloved wife preceded him in death by six days. He is survived by three children: Mary Gifford Kira and her husband Gene of Valley Center, CA; Ruth Gifford Hoogenboom and her husband John of Moretown, VT; and Alexander Gibbs Gifford IV and his wife Christine of Wilton, CT; grandchildren, Gifford Kira, Abigail Kira, John Hoogenboom, Ann Hoogenboom, Jeffrey Hoogenboom, Elizabeth Gifford, Alexander Gifford V, Sarah Gifford, William Gifford, and numerous cousins.

As a child he was raised in the towns of Warren, R.I., Gleasondale, MA, and Hudson, MA. He earned his B.A. from Boston University in 1930 and his M.A. in history from the University of Wisconsin. After completing his studies he spent three years in Europe where he taught school in Bulgaria and also studied at the Universities of Innsbruck and Vienna.

Upon returning to the U.S. in 1935, he took a position as first Academic Dean of Students at Vermont College, Montpelier, VT, followed by teaching positions at Keene State College, Keene, N.H., and then Chester, MA, where he stayed until he entered the Army Air Force after the outbreak of World War II. During the war, he was stationed in Arizona, Denver, CO, the Galápagos Islands, and Puerto Rico. After his military discharge, he and his bride returned to Chester, and in the spring of 1947 he accepted a position in Darien, CT, where he taught Junior High School History and Geography until his retirement in 1977.

He and Bertha owned homes in Darien, CT, and Middleburg, N.Y., and in 1979 they became "snowbirds," wintering in Lordsburg, N.M., until 1999 when they settled there permanently.

He was active in the Masons in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Mexico, and also in V.F.W. and he was a member of S.A.R. and the Mayflower Society.

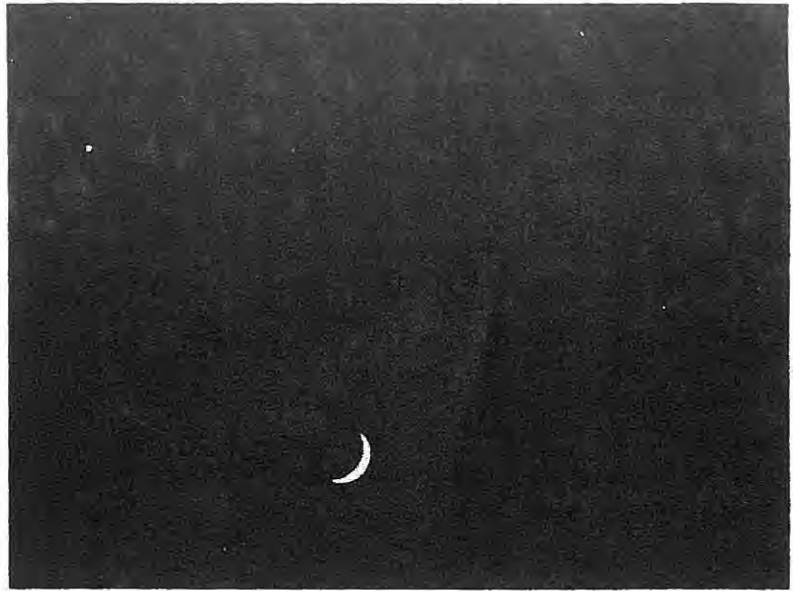
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lordsburg Senior Center, 317 E 4th St., Lordsburg, NM 88045. Committal will take place August 9th at the family plot in Maple Grove Cemetery, Westport, MA.

Lordsburg Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Gifford was our 81st Life Member. He joined Soule Kindred Dec. 24, 1986 and became a Life Member May 24, 1988. He and Mrs. Gifford attended a couple reunions in Plymouth.

**Moon/Venus/Jupiter/Spica
Eve's Hill, Sedona, Arizona**

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FROM UPON EVE'S HILL

**Drawn deeply from a well of the Ancients
This sip of soma awakens feelings
Thought to exist no more.
Lift hearts to glorious esteem,
That sensuous yearnings may find home there.**

**Exalted by favor and circumstance,
Sacred Dance seen above is felt within
These bones where Soul does dwell.
Let knowledge be flesh embodied
And crucible's dew poured upon the World.**

**Dancing with steps pounding rhythmically
He brings promise of boldness and treasure,
She sings her lilting song
To fulfill bounty and pleasure.
Set heart and body in sacred splendor!**

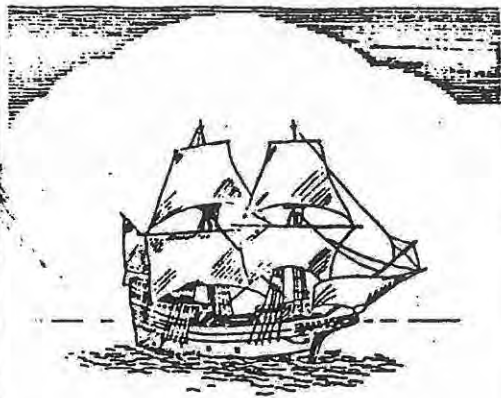
**Gregg K. Gregory
September 6, 2005**

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