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# Soule Kindred Newsletter

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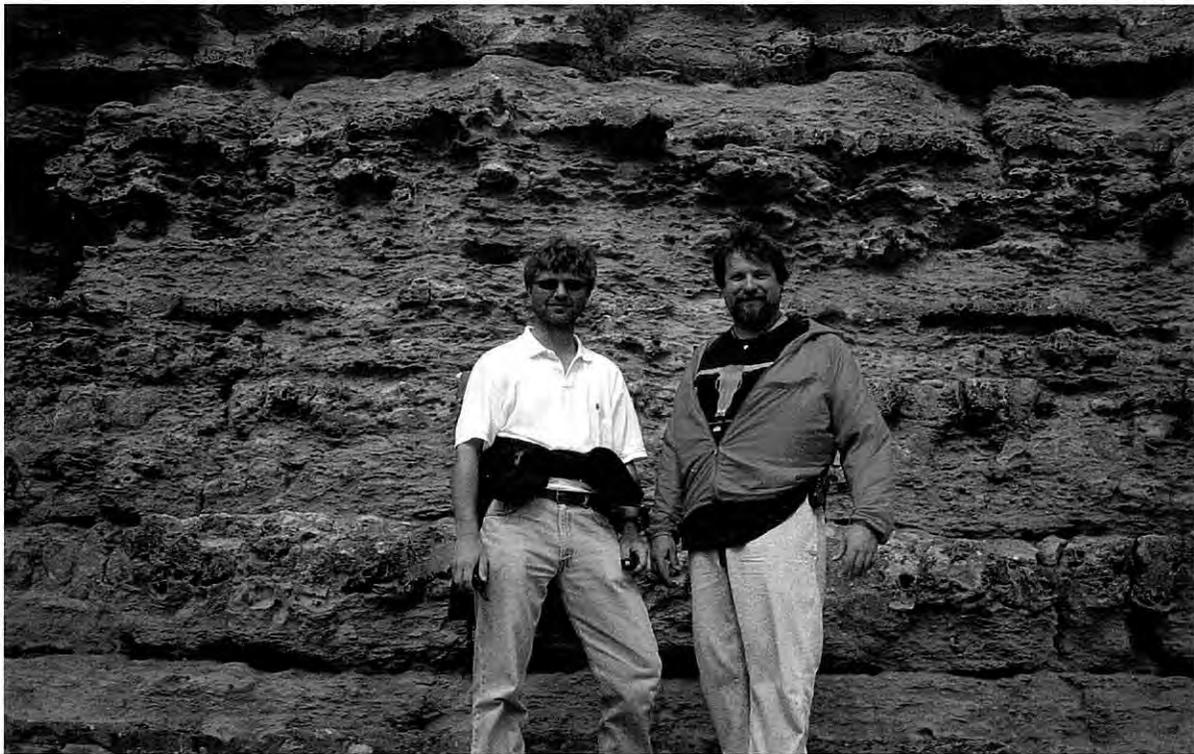
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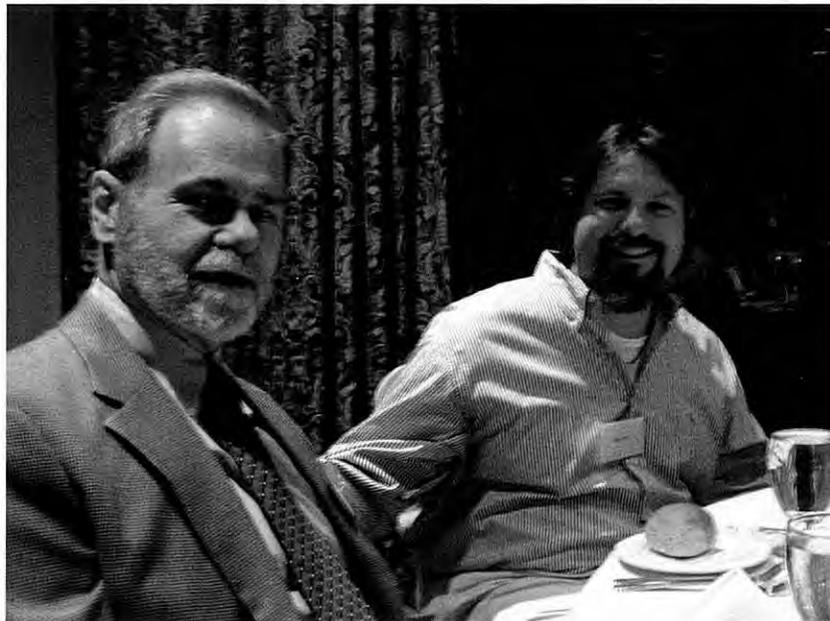
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Dax C. Soule (Right) and Dr. Mark Everett of Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, pose at Pointe du Hoc, Normandy, France where a team from A & M conducted geophysical research on the D-Day battle site this past summer. Erosion is threatening the stability of the famous WWII landmark.



James W. Soule (Left) with his son Dax C. Soule at the 2006 Awards Banquet, Texas A & M University where Dax was recognized as Distinguished Student in Geophysics. The younger Soule has already been informed that he will return with the team to Pointe duc Hoc next summer.

*Photos: Dax C. Soule Collection*

# Autumn Pleasures

For many Soule Kindred, this is the favorite time of year because the American Thanksgiving Holiday is so much a part of our own personal family histories. Food history is part of family and cultural history; therefore, it seems appropriate to share some of those dishes that have become important to us over the years. Several volunteers have offered the following:

## THREE SISTERS SAUTÉE

*Susan Fogg Eisdorfer*

- 1 20 oz. bag of frozen butternut squash chunks
- 1 15 oz. can of dark red kidney beans
- 1 10 oz. box of frozen sweet corn
- 1 large bunch of scallions, washed, trimmed and chopped
- 3 Tbs. homemade garlic infused corn, sunflower or canola oil (See directions below)
- 3 - 4 Tbs. hulled and toasted pumpkin seeds

### Preparation:

Pre-boil the squash and corn separately in lightly salted water until each is just cooked; drain and set aside. Heat infused oil or sauté one large clove of crushed fresh garlic in oil until soft. Add scallions and cook until they start to become soft. Gently mix in the beans, corn and squash. Heat thoroughly, making sure that all of the vegetables are turned in the oil. Test/correct seasoning. Transfer to a serving dish; sprinkle toasted pumpkin seeds on top and serve. (To make infused garlic oil, simply take a small bottle of oil (your choice) and drop several cloves of whole peeled, trimmed garlic into the oil. Allow to sit at room temperature for at least 24 hours or more. When ready to use, remove cloves and store in the refrigerator.)

## TURKEY-LURKEY

*Ethan A. Eisdorfer*

- 2 - 3 cups cooked, cubed turkey
- 1 bunch of washed, trimmed leeks (white part only) cut into 1/4 to 1/2 inch rings
- 2 bunches of fresh green onions washed, trimmed and chopped
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 3 Tbs. canola oil or butter/oil combination
- 2 jars turkey gravy

6 cups hot cooked rice (a blend of wild and white rice is good)

### Preparation:

Cook rice in advance and keep warm.

Heat oil in a pan and cook leeks, stirring constantly, over medium heat until half cooked. Add scallions and garlic; cook until all are soft. Add turkey cubes and gravy; heat until bubbly throughout. Correct seasoning (salt and pepper) to your liking. Serve over boiled rice.

## SWEET POTATO CORN BREAD

*Anna Bristol*

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Serves 8.



- ¾ lb sweet potatoes (2-3 potatoes) or squash of your choice
- ¾ cup yellow corn meal
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ¾ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. black pepper
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 egg
- ¾ cup buttermilk (or add 1 tsp. vinegar to regular milk)
- 3 tablespoons butter

Cook potatoes in microwave (pierce and roll in plastic wrap). When soft, roll out of plastic wrap, split and let cool. When cooled scoop out the flesh and mash it well, discarding any stringy parts.

Sift dry ingredients into a medium sized bowl.

Add the egg and buttermilk to the sweet potatoes, blending with hand held electric mixer.

In an iron skillet (or 8 ½" square pan), heat the butter until just sizzling – about 2 minutes. Swirl pan to coat well, pour off excess into batter.

Quickly add sweet potato mixture to corn meal mixture and stir just until blended. Pour batter into prepared skillet. Bake 20-30 minutes until lightly golden brown and corn bread has pulled away from the edges. Cut in wedges.

Anna says she does not know to whom this recipe should be attributed. She has used it for about 10 years. It is wonderful with a hearty Autumn soup.

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# Modern, multi-media library had humble roots

By Anna J. Fortenberry

It's been a long time coming from humble beginnings in a small rented trailer on Highway 16, and now three locations later, the East Lincoln Branch Library is finally home.

And it's a home built with the love and vision of many who can trace back to those early cramped quarters with whatever books were available and staffed by volunteers.

The Grand Opening of the Florence Soule Shanklin Memorial Library will be this Sunday, June 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. Those honored will include the planning committee members, the ELBA fundraising committee, library staff and board, friends of the library, and county officials.

But the soul of the library will be present in all the people who had the desire to bring a library to this once rural farm community and the volunteers who kept it operating year after year before it reached this monumental stage.

From Mary Reher, the first volun-

teer librarian to Mary Brown, the current librarian and all those sandwiched in between, this is a vision that has become a reality and made this community proud.

In fact, you won't find as beautiful a library facility in many large cities in a setting that also has future plans for a park like area with walking trails, a gazebo, park benches and an amphitheater.

The dedication ceremony will be held at the library at 7837 Fairfield Forest Road. It will include everything from a flag ceremony to the Library Cheer and comments by officials.

The need for a new, larger facility was explained by one word: growth. The number of registered borrowers in 1994 was 2204. That number had grown to over 6700 by 2001. Circulated books went from 39,907 in 1994 to over 68,000 in 2001. In February 2000, a motion was made before Lincoln County Commission to approve funds for the construction of a new branch library for East Lincoln.

The library site was chosen from four possible locations. Then committee chairman Harold Cadmus worked with the community and the county commission to gather information about each location in June of 2000 for the future site of the library.

A public hearing was held in July with a recommendation in September by the committee for the site location.

The 2.59 acre tract on Fairfield Forest Road was the final choice. It was donated by Walton Shanklin in memory of his wife Florence. The library bears her name. He requested that it always be used for the purpose of a library when he made his gift to the county. The peaceful location was chosen by the Shanklin family as a perfect setting for the library.

The construction process, however, hit several snags as the county faced financial woes. A problem also arose with the county commission changing after the November election. Harold Cadmus resigned as

chairman of the library committee in February 2001 citing a "lack of commitment for the project from the county commission." Many feared the library project was dead.

"The budget is going to drive the decision making," said County Commissioner Jerry Cochrane. He went on to say the gift of land from Shanklin was a "golden opportunity" the county should not pass up.

Commissioner Larry Craig made it clear that a new branch library was not a high priority for the county.

"We already have a library," he said. But by the spring, the library project had new life and began to move forward again. Architects Harold Tarleton and Jack Pinckney of Tarleton-Tankersley Architectural Group, Inc. in Greenville, (now Design Strategies LLC) were putting the final touches on the East Lincoln design by mid-August.

The approximately 6,400-square foot library was estimated to cost about \$750,000 with the county providing the construction funds. (Continued on next page)

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## Community met challenge of furnishing new branch library

(Continued from page 18) However, money for furnishings and fixtures would need to be raised privately. Sylvia Holmes, president of the East Lincoln Betterment Association, agreed to spearhead the fundraising drive that kicked off in September. A goal of \$250,000 was set for everything from bookshelves to computers, tables and chairs.

"The list (for items funded privately) even extends to the doormats," said Holmes, adding the fundraising committee wanted to ensure "quality furnishings that will be durable and last a long time." Several levels of giving were established with larger amounts including recognition plaques and named areas of the library.

Bids were taken beginning in December 2001 until mid-January 2002 for the construction of the building. The contract was awarded to

W.G. Holden Construction Company in Charlotte.

Finally, March 14, 2002, with County commissioners, library committee members, and friends, the official ground breaking was held. An anticipated completion date was for early 2003. Contractors began moving dirt and slowly the dream began to become a reality.

Donations started coming in and the fundraising committee got closer and closer to the furnishings goal. As the library walls started to take shape, the community anticipated the completion. A little over a year after construction began and almost three years from the initial planning stage, the move to the new library was in sight.

On April 24, 2003 in preparation for the move to the new location, the doors closed at the old location. Boxes of books were packed and moved over a two week



period. The bright, open library received the first patrons on May 12, 2003. Young Ethan Runyan and his mom, Ivy were the first to arrive that Monday morning and look over the books and the building. Ethan described the new library as "better than the old one" as he

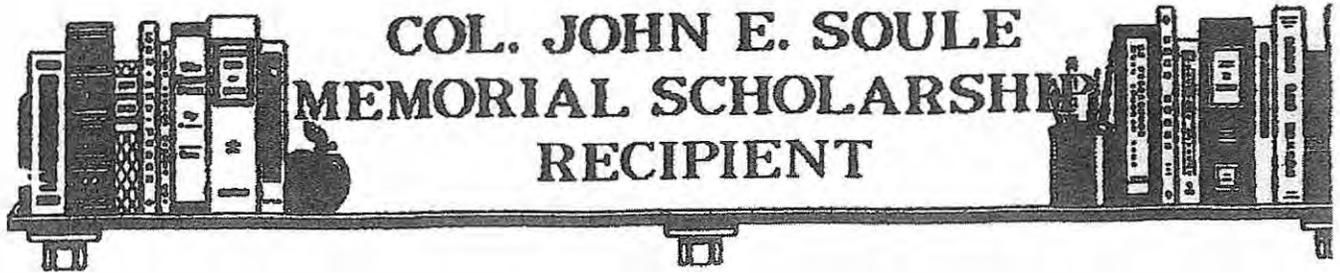
checked out the children's section. He immediately found a favorite spot in a window seat where a huge stuffed lion made his home. The large number of windows and the tall ceilings give the library a feel of openness. The building includes a main room, multipurpose room, a staff sec-

tion, work and storage space, and public restrooms. Areas of books include the children/youth, fiction, non-fiction and reference books. Also are places set aside for reading and tables and chairs for work space. There are eight on-line computers and a printer for public use. A copy machine, periodicals, audio-books, CD's, and audio and video tapes complete the library.

The surrounding garden will keep to the natural look and include wild flowers, azaleas, flowering trees but will also include a formal rose garden. Doug Rohr, Landscape Architect, has designed the plan for the garden. It will be done mostly by volunteer work directed by a garden committee.

And now, this Sunday, June 22, the dedication and ribbon cutting will officially open the new facility at the East Lincoln Branch Library as part of the Gaston/Lincoln Regional Library System.

The Dedication of the Florence Soule Shanklin Memorial Library  
Denver, North Carolina  
See Photo on Back Cover



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

Catherine Briggs Pross is the 2005 recipient of the Col. John E. Soule Memorial Scholarship. She is a student at Johns Hopkins University, majoring in International Relations. She is the daughter of David R and Cynthia Briggs Pross of Weston, Ct.

Catherine's career objective is to represent the United States as a diplomat in the Foreign Service. She has lived in New Delhi, India for 2 years and Geneva, Switzerland for 7 years and has traveled extensively in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Catherine's experiences and activities have been broad both in this country and overseas. She has studied extensively in music and drama, having taken piano, voice and drama lessons and courses for several years. Singing with a women's choir, Chamber Singers and the Northfield Church summer choir performing Gounod's *Messe Solennelle*, *St Cecile* and Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem, Opus 45* with professional singers from Fairfield and New York, have provided a wide variety of performances.



Her piano experiences include 7 concerts with such highlights as *Bach-Two part Invention No. 13*, *Saint-Saens, The Swan* from *Carnival of the Animals*. She also played piano in the pit for *Fiddler on the Roof*. The pianist must learn the entire score. She studied drama at the Summer Acting Institute at the State University of New York, ACTeen in New York City and participated in several other drama programs.

In 2004, she was chosen to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. As reported by her AP Language and composition teacher, Catherine is an exceptional student. She says of her, "It is important to get a picture of Catherine, not only as a student, but as an individual. She has a world view and an intense respect for diverse cultures and diverse perspective on issues." These she has gained through her life experiences, living abroad and through her independent research papers. "She is a deeply caring and compassionate world citizen".

**Congratulations to Catherine Briggs Pross  
2005 Scholarship Winner**

**GEORGE STANDISH SOULE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT**

Alicia Figgs received a George Standish Soule Scholarship award. She is the daughter of Robin and Paula Thole Figgs and granddaughter of longtime Soule Kindred member Susan Soule Thole. Alicia's home is in Topeka, KS.



She is a sophomore at Kansas State University College of Education, majoring in elementary education.

Alicia has been involved with the Navigators and has been chosen to be on the leadership team. During the summer, she spent 8 weeks in Jacksonville, Florida in a training program.

Her community service includes volunteering at Kelly House Nursing Home and the Rescue Mission.

Alicia hopes to visit another country to strengthen her ties with speakers of foreign languages as she plans to work with children through the English as a second language

program.

Reported in her reference letter was the following quote, "The first thing I would say about Alicia is she is very hardworking and diligent in all she does. She always comes with work completed and prepared to participate in discussions. She works numerous hours in the dining center so she often has to miss out on fun activities but she is a faithful worker and always showed up on time when scheduled to work".

Despite all her work hours, Alicia has maintained excellent marks and is a member of Phi Eta Sigma honor Society.

**Congratulations to Alicia Figgs  
2005 Scholarship Winner**



**GEORGE STANDISH SOULE  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENT**

Heather Keldgord was a George Standish-Soule Memorial Scholarship recipient. She is the daughter of Robert E. Keldgord, Jr. and Sally Capdeville Keldgord of Bakersfield, CA and granddaughter of longtime Soule Kindred member Robert E. Keldgord, Sr.



Heather was active in her school community and church. In school, she was in choir, played tennis, bowled and worked on her yearbook, along with several other groups. She participated in Bible Club and Bible Study throughout high school.

Future goals include a bachelor's, masters and doctorate in biology. She hopes to be a biology professor to teach and do research at the university level.

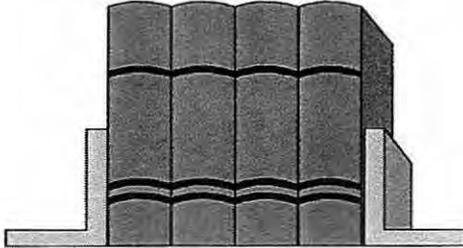
Heather comes highly recommended by her teachers. She "has a true affinity for learning". She is "an outstanding writer both analytically and creatively and her knowledge of and interest in literature are truly commendable."

Her biology teacher says of her, "Heather is extremely intelligent, motivated to the core, and possesses all the good traits for being classified as an outstanding student"

Heather now attends University of California, Davis.

**Congratulations to Heather Keldgord  
2005 Scholarship Winner**

**AVIS ROBERSON HANER MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**



The Avis Roberson Haner award went to Melissa Sanclemente of Framingham, MA. She is the daughter of Charles and Valerie Bernas Sanclemente. Melissa is attending the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth.

Melissa has participated in field hockey throughout her high school career and expects to play in college. She was named Boston Globe All Star and First Team Field Hockey All Star "Best in high school sports."

She has been a teacher's aide and a senior office aide in the vice principal's office. She has worked in a toy store and Barnes and Noble. During summers she has also been a child care provider. In her community, she has worked in the Giving tree true program (for the less fortunate).

Melissa says of herself "I will attend the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth this fall. I have been accepted into an exciting program called Pathways. This is an opportunity for me where I can begin my college education in a supportive learning environment. Working hard to obtain good grades, adapting and contributing to the college campus, trying out for and making the Varsity Field Hockey team are my first year objectives. Her coach says of her "I can honestly say that over the years, I have seen Melissa grow into a mature, highly motivated, responsible young lady."

**Congratulations to Melissa Sanclemente  
2005 Scholarship Winner**

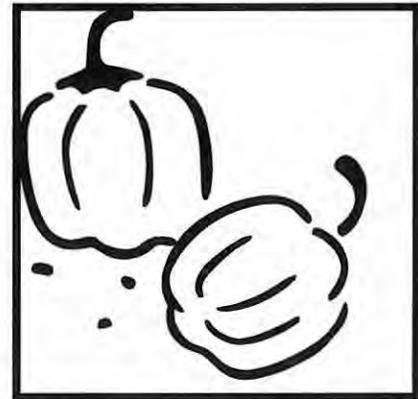


**Descent of Harry L. DeVoe, Jr. from George Soule**

- 1) George SOULE of the Mayflower m. Mary BUCKET/BECKET
- 2) Susannah SOULE m. Francis WEST
- 3) Susannah WEST ((b. ?, d. 1758) m. Moses BARBER (b. 1652, d. 1733 at Kingstown, RI) on 24 March 1692 in Kingstown, RI
- 4) Dinah BARBER (b. 5 January 1693 at Kingston, RI, d.?) m. Edmund WILCOX (b. 1692, d.?) on 14 June 1716 at Westerly, RI.
- 5) Lydia WILCOX (b. 6 April 1725 at Westerly, RI, d. after 27 January 1777) m. Stephen SAUNDERS, Jr. (b. 3 August 1722 at Westerly, RI, d. 11 January 1777) on 12 August 1744 at Westerly, RI.
- 6) Stephen SAUNDERS, Jr. (b. 28 April 1749 at Westerly, RI, d. 30 September 1839 at Westerly, RI) m. Tacy STILLMAN (14 April 1755 at Westerly, RI, d. 20 September 1828 at Westerly, RI) on 11 January 1777.
- 7) Esther SAUNDERS (b. 26 April 1778 at Westerly, RI, d. 15 May 1810 Westerly, RI) m. John UTTER (b. 18 October 1779 at Hopkinton, RI, d. 31 March 1863 at Adams Center, NY) on 5 September 1801 at Hopkinton, RI.
- 8) James Noyes UTTER (b. 10 October 1802 at Hopkinton, RI, d. 26 May 1883 at Warwick, RI) m. Mary Ann AILMAN (b. 26 August 1809 at Newport, RI, d. 27 July 1842 at Newport, RI) on 28 November 1833 at Newport, RI.
- 9) John UTTER (b. 28 August 1836 at Newport, RI, d. 9 July 1915 at Warwick, RI) m. Anna Whitmarsh SPENCER (b. 13 October 18 1842 at Boston, MA, d. 2 February 1922 at Providence, RI) on 11 July 1867 at Newport, RI.
- 10) Katherine Minerva UTTER (b. 4 October 1872 at Central Falls, RI, d. 26 July 1966 at Providence, RI) m. Lewis Anthony Waterman (b. 24 March 1871 at Providence, RI, d. 12 January 1923 at Providence, RI) on 24 August 1896 at Providence, RI.
- 11) Margaret WATERMAN (b. 24 July 1905 at Providence, RI, d.?) m. Harry Leslie DeVoe (b. 9 June 1904 in Pawtucket, RI, d. 8 December 1978 at Providence, RI) on 16 July 1932 at Providence, RI.
- 12) Harry L. DeVoe, Jr. (Living) m. Mary Ruth Woods (Living)

Wishing All of Our Readership  
a Meaningful  
and Delicious

**Happy  
Thanksgiving!**



**Query: Barrows/Smith/Sowl**

Need to find Wm. SOWL'S father Elijah SOWL, born April, 1787, died 19 May 1854. His wife, Lucinda SMITH, was born 1791. Wm. SOWL was born in Chester, OH in 1820. He married Frances BARROWS in Chester, OH in 1840. His family emigrated to WI in 1842, settling in Mud Branch and later in Argyle. Would like to find information on this family. Need to find documentation to take this family back to the Mayflower. CONTACT: Juliette Sowl, 804 Highland, Argyle, WI 53504

A big **Thank You** to the volunteer proof readers who helped make the June/July issue possible. They are Chris Hill, Sarah Hill and Jim Soule.

B. J. HANER, TREASURER

SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC.

Dear Editor,

I received word of the death of:

Dorothy Jean Soules Edwards  
She died Sept. 11, 2004. Dorothy had been a member since Nov. 1970. Notice was sent by her son Weldon L. Edwards also a Soule Kindred member. Dorothy was a cousin of Fred Soules, former Pres. of SK.

Also received notification via the Post Office of the death of Mrs. Avon J. (Emogene) Sowle. Mrs. Sowle had been a member since 1969.

## UPDATE

# SOULE KINDRED REUNION

**SAVE THE DATES:  
JUNE 17 - 20, 2007**

**ACCOMODATION:  
MILLS HOUSE HOTEL  
CHARLESTON, SC  
\$159.00 PER DOUBLE ROOM**

**ACTIVITIES:  
DAY 1 - NATHANIEL RUSSELL HOUSE  
DAY 2 - PLANTATIONS TOUR  
DAY 3 - FORT SUMTER TOUR**

**REUNION HOSTS:  
HARRY L. AND MARY RUTH DEVOE, JR.**

**KEEP TUNED.....  
FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION!!**

## Alice Ann Rocke



Alice passed away on July 4, 2006 wrapped in the love of family and friends. She was born on January 11, 1954 to James Robert and Mary Lockard, the youngest of three children. She grew up in Pueblo, Colorado, migrating to Alaska in 1998.

Alice graduated from the University of Southern Colorado and recently earned her Master's Degree from the University of Arkansas. She worked a variety of jobs from pressman to professional chef

to vocational rehabilitation counselor, making life-long friends along the way. She met Dave Rocke while working at Waterfall Resort in 1985 and they were later married on October 10, 1998. Together they started Family Air.

Always surrounded by people, she treasured time spent with her husband, family and friends. Her cats also held a special place in her heart. Alice enjoyed travel, gardening, reading, scrapbooking, art and music. She was passionate about her work, her beliefs and was always an enthusiastic supporter of her husband and his diverse talents. Her sense of humor, loyalty, and encouragement made her a valued friend and associate.

She is survived by her husband Dave, brothers Ken (Diane) and Jim Lockard, mother and father-in law Ken and Peg Rocke, nephews Richard and Seth Lockard, niece Erin Johnson and a multitude of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Her spirit, her courage, and her love of life are an inspiration. She was well loved and will be missed.

A memorial service may be planned later to celebrate her life.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to:

First City Council on Cancer  
PO Box 8832  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

David is the son of Secretary of Soule Kindred in America, Inc., Margaret Rocke, and the nephew of Treasurer, B.J. Haner.

His lineage is:

1. George, 2. Susanna, 3. Susanna West, 4. Benjamin Barber, 5. Ruth Barber, 6. Ketura Kenyon, 7. Ira Roberson, 8. Henry F. Roberson, 9. Albert H. Roberson, 10. Avis H. Roberson Haner, 11. Margaret Haner Rocke, 12. David A. Rocke

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### **Refuge adds Erie Marsh to 'necklace'**

ERIE - North America's first international wildlife refuge is doubling in size today.

The Nature Conservancy in Michigan said it is enrolling its 2,217-acre Erie Marsh Preserve in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, pushing the refuges total acreage to 4,339 acres.

"We definitely wanted to be part of something bigger," said Melissa Soule, spokesman for Nature Conservancy in Michigan. "What's bigger than being part of the greening of the Detroit River and being part of North America's first international wildlife refuge?"

The fledgling refuge turns 5 in December. Spanning from the Detroit-Windsor corridor down to southern Monroe County, it was created in large part by legislation introduced by U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D., Dearborn) and Democratic U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow of Michigan.

Mr. Dingell is to join some 140 dignitaries today at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, Mich., to mark the joint management agreement the Nature Conservancy is entering into with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A boat ride along the refuge's Detroit River Conservation Corridor will follow. Among those joining Mr. Dingell are U.S. Rep. John Conyers (D., Detroit) and Jeff Watson, a member of Canada's Parliament.

Erie Marsh, which the Nature Conservancy has owned since 1978, contains 11 percent of southeastern Michigan remaining marshland. Significant plants include the American lotus and swamp rose mallow, which are listed as state-threatened.

Much of the property is especially valuable coastal marsh, occupied by great blue herons, migrating ducks and geese, raptors, egrets, black-crowned night herons, and other birds.

Erie Marsh is a spot where two of North America's most important avian migration routes meet, the Atlantic Flyway and the Mississippi Flyway. Nearly 3 million birds fly through Detroit River corridors each year. The river also contains at least 117 species of fish.

Mr. Dingell and U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D., Toledo) have said they dream of being able to someday have most of western Lake Erie connected as one big emerald necklace that includes the Detroit River refuge and the 45-year-old Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in northwest Ohio.

Ms. Soule said the property adds another link in the chain. It is by far the largest parcel to be entered under the international wildlife refuge umbrella. The Nature Conservancy 'will maintain ownership, but allow it to be jointly managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service so that the land can be eligible for federal money.

John Hartig, who manages the U.S. side of the refuge for the agency, said the agreement "has everything to do with the partnerships we're trying to promote."

"By bringing the Fish and Wildlife Service into the fold, we open up new pots of money, he said- "We have access to some money they don't and they have access to some money we don't".

Expanding the refuge means enhanced recreation opportunities for nearly 7 million people in the Detroit- Windsor-Monroe-Toledo metropolitan area who live within a 45-minute drive of the Detroit River shoreline, he said.

Mr. Dingell said in a statement that it is "personally gratifying to see the refuge grow and expand." Helen Taylor, the Nature Conservancy's state director in Michigan, said the expansion is "an exciting step forward."



Shirley reports that the old Soule Homestead in Middleboro, MA serves as an educational center where adults can go to learn hand braided rug making, dowsing, quilting and chair caning. Children learn games, crafts, ecology/nature and old time farming. A children's Story Hour is offered in co-operation with the local public library. In addition, there are regularly scheduled musical events for all to enjoy.



The cemetery cards from the office of the Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River, MA shown below are provided to assist anyone doing research on this particular family. Cemetery research is an under used and potentially rich resource for family historians.

Photo by Shirley Thomas Denison

NAME	
Soule, Resolved	
Lot Number	175 Intermment No. 2,145
Location of Lot	Almond Path
Date of Death	January 22, 1873
Date of Intermment	May 21, 1873
Age	63 Years 4 Months 6 Days
Place of Death	Fall River, Mass.
Undertaker	
Owner of Lot	Hezakiah A. Cook
Removed	

NAME	
Soule, Sophia T.	
Lot Number	902 Intermment No. 10,438
Location of Lot	Linden Avenue
Date of Death	March 19, 1894
Date of Intermment	March 22, 1894
Age	83 Years 2 Months 9 Days
Place of Death	Fall River, Mass.
Undertaker	
Owner of Lot	Sophia T. Soule
Removed	

Soule Newsletter Editor  
Ms Susan Fogg Eisdorfer

Dear Ms. Eisdorfer:

Congratulations and thanks for taking on this very important task of editing the Soule Newsletter.

On a recent stroll thru the very attractive Oak Grove Cemetery in Fall River, MA I noticed a Soule stone. Enclosed are the two photos I made of it. I then stopped at the Cemetery office and obtained the enclosed information. I thought that possibly this might be of interest to one of our readers.

I am also enclosing a newspaper article which shows that the old Soule homestead is getting plenty of use.

Sincerely

Shirley Thomas Denison

Now is the time to purchase your copy of In Search of GEORGE SOULE of the Mayflower if you haven't already done so. Nils Wilkes, Eckington, Worcestershire, England, became interested in George Soule when, as parish clerk for Trinity Church in Eckington, he received inquiries about Eckington as a possible birth place for George Soule. This book is the result of his 4 year search in the public record office of Worcestershire and parish registers of Eckington and those parishes bordering on Eckington.

The book, published in May, 1986, was for distribution to members of the Soule Kindred who visited Eckington. Mr. Wilkes gave permission to the Soule Kindred to reproduce the book for distribution in the United States. The reproduction is an 8 ½ x 11 paper bound book of 71 pages. The cost is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 for postage, making the total \$28.00 per book.

This is an excellent addition to any collection of Soule Family history, and a must for a serious researcher of George Soule's origins. Consider purchasing a copy for a gift, or for a genealogical library near you. An order blank is below. Make your check payable to Soule Kindred and send to:

B.J. Haner  
53 New Shaker Rd  
Albany, NY 12205-3615



I would like:

\_\_\_\_\_ copy(ies) of In Search of George Soule of the Mayflower by Nils Wilkes.

I am enclosing a check payable to Soule Kindred in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Y-DNA SOULE REPORT

by Louise Walsh Throop, Project Administrator

We now have 18 men with matching Y-DNA test results, and three of these being the extended Y-DNA37 testing. Only 3 men have any variations in their test results, and those are very minor. The Haplogroup is I, which indicates Nordic or Viking distant ancestry.

The spelling of the current surnames varies from Sowl, to Soule(s), Sowle(s), and Soule'.

There is a very distant match to a known Throop Y-DNA test, indicating a common ancestor some 5,000 years ago. William Throope, the immigrant ca 1660, came from the area of Lound, Sutton, Scrooby and Bawtry in Nottinghamshire. Thus it is possible George Soule came from the same area.

All three sons of George-1 Soule are represented by the test results, with 6 of the 12 Soule grandsons of George-1 Soule represented. We still need more testing through the 7 sons of John-2 Soule as only 2 are represented so far.

We currently await test results for two more men. Please encourage more Soule men to join the SOULE Y-DNA Project which is housed with familytreedna.com (put SOULE into the search box on the website).

Y-DNA WEST/WASTE REPORT

by Louise Walsh Throop, Project Administrator

To date, two West men have matched, giving us Y-DNA proof that Francis West (m. Susanna Soule) is not related to the other Francis West (m. 1639 Marjery Reaves). Pouff! There goes the legend of royal descent!!

The haplogroup for Francis West who married Susannah Soule is R1b1, which just happens to be the modal European haplogroup. Thus many false Y-DNA test matches can occur to persons with other surnames. It is essential that test participants use the Y-DNA37 test.

Please encourage West men to join the project, which is housed with familytreedna.com (put WASTE into the search box). Waste is an alternate pronunciation of West way back when.....

The two men tested so far are descended through two different sons of Susanna Soule West. The exciting part is that there are slight differences in the Y-DNA results which indicate that at least 2 of the 5 West descendancies may have unique changes which will identify each branch. This finding can mean that West men, perhaps with an undocumented lineage, can determine by a Y-DNA test which branch of the Soule-West descendency they descend from. Please encourage West men to join the Y-DNA project They will be descended from one of these

grandsons of George-1 Soule:

- Francis West-3 (m. Sarah (Downing?) Hilliard),
- Richard Waste/West-3 (m. Mary Samson, Elizabeth Cannedy),
- Peter West?,
- John West?,
- William West-3 (m. Abiah Sprague, Jane Tanner),
- Thomas West-3 (m. Dorcas Rathbun), or
- Clement West-3 (m. Sarah).

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George Soule Gravesite  
Old Burying Ground, Duxbury, MA

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— 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](http://www.soulekindred.org).

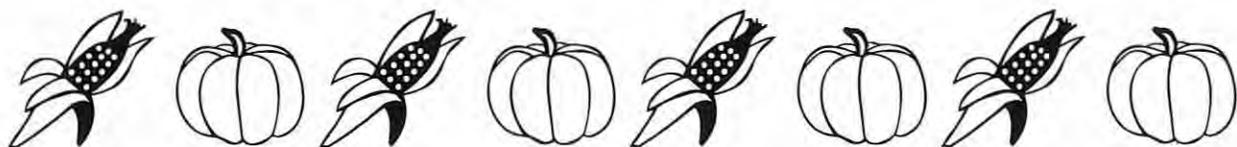
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### Ichabod West Will Found

MFIP Compiler Louise Walsh Throop has uncovered new material which will eventually be added to the George Soule of the Mayflower publication series (now up to the fifth generation). This new information should be of great interest to Soule-West descendants, especially to those with a family tradition of a West family of 24 children by two wives. Her discovery was finding the will of Ichabod West, in the fourth generation from George Soule, and his 24 children.

Since finding his will about two months ago with 17 children named, Louise has developed a summary of this family. Soule Kindred is pleased to present these findings to our readership. Louise welcomes all comments and help in identifying missing vital records for this line.

ICHABOD WEST-4 (Thomas West-3, Susannah-2 Soule, George-1 Soule)

m1. Swansea 1736 SARAH WHEATON, daughter of Samuel and Experience (Pierce) Wheaton.

m2. probably Pawling NY ca 1759/60 ABIGAIL -----, who was b. ca 1738 d 1810-20?? VT?? (perhaps in 1810 with son Noah West in Danville (Caledonia) VT)...

The children are identified in the will of Ichabod West [Bennington VT District PR 1:359].

Children (1-12 by Sarah, 13-24 by Abigail):

1. JAMES WEST-5 b. 3 Mar 1738 d. bef ca 1764 (apparently dy)
2. ICHABOD WEST-5 b. Swansea 4 July 1739 d. Hoosick (Rensselaer) NY 3 Aug 1836 m. ca 1767 SUSANNA MCLEOD children: 3, probably more
3. child b. ca 1741? dy??
4. PRUDENCE WEST-5 b. Swansea 22 Dec 1742 d. Shaftsbury VT? 1800+ m. ca 1764 MASHER MARTIN; did she m2. ?? after 1806??? children: 7 children?
5. child b. ca 1744 d. ca 1744
6. LEVI WEST-5 b. Swansea 29 Mar 1745 d. Shaftsbury VT before 8 Sept 1790 m. ca 1769 LUCY DEVOTION, who m2. before 28 Mar 1791 Abner RICE children: 5
7. BARNARD/BARNET WEST-5 b. Swansea 16 Apr 1747 d. perhaps 1810+ when in Erie, Erie Co. PA??? m. perhaps Floyd, Oneida Co., NY?? ca 1796 as in Floyd NY for 1800, and perhaps for 1810 in Erie, Erie Co., PA?? children: 6 in 1810 census

8. child b. ca 1749 dy??
9. WILLIAM WEST-5 b. 20 May 1752 d. 30 Mar 1829 m. 1785 PHEBE GOFF for 1800 in Rome, Oneida Co., NY children: 8 given by William's widow in her pension application
10. EBENEZER WEST-5 b. 1754 d. 31 July 1836 m. ca 1779 TABITHA ----- of Hampton, Washington Co. NY children: 2 or more???
11. child b. ca 1756 dy?? probably Pawling NY
12. child b. ca 1758 dy?? probably Pawling NY
13. SARAH WEST-5 b. ca 1761 unm??? alive 27 June 1786 (father's will; she gets psalm book)
14. THOMAS WEST-5 b. ca 1762 d. 1790-1800??? perhaps 1800 in Woodstock, Windsor Co. VT for 1790 in Shaftsbury VT with (3,1,3) so probably had younger siblings in his household (and mother??) m. ca 1786???
17. ELIZABETH WEST-5 b. ca 176 d. 1833 Athens OH? m. ca 1782 WAREHAM GIBBS for 1800 in Hebron, Washington Co., NY children: Maybe none???
15. JAMES WEST-5 b. ca 1764 d. after 28 Sept 1838, when of Grafton, Rensselaer Co., NY for 1790 he was in Stephentown, Albany Co., NY with (1,2,4), so perhaps with several younger siblings m. ca 1784???
18. ABIGAIL WEST-5 b. ca 1770 unm??? d. after 27 June 1786
16. DANIEL WEST-5 b. ca 1766 d. 1830-40 m. 1789 SARAH WHITFORD m2. ca 1815?? for 1800 in Hampton, Washington Co., NY children: 7???
19. JERUSHA WEST-5 b. ca 1772 d. Wells VT? 26 Sept 1850 m. ca 1790 ABNER STEVENS for 1800 in Wells, Rutland Co., VT children: 7??
20. SAMUEL WEST-5 b. 30 June 1774 d. 24 Feb 1858 m. ca 1798 EXPERIENCE BOSWORTH for 1800 in Hampton, Washington Co., NY children: 6

21. NOAH WEST-5 b. 17 Apr 1776 d. Athens, OH 15 May 1835 m. Fair Haven VT?? ca 1812 MARY ANN GIBBS for 1820 in Elk, Athens Co., OH and in family to Iowa...  
children: 8 (many m. in OH)

22. DAVID WEST-5 b. ca 1777 d. after 27 June 1786 m. perhaps ca 1806 REBECCA CLARK??? perhaps for 1820 in Weybridge, Addison Co., VT  
children: ??

23. child b. ca 1778 dy???

24. ESTHER WEST-5 b. Shaftsbury VT? 23 June 1779 (but ca 1782 in 1850 census) d. Alexandria, Jefferson Co., NY? 1850+ m. Wells VT 23 June 1799 RUFUS STEVENS  
children: probably 11 ..need names!!

There is still much work to do on these fifth generation families and changes occur frequently, mostly now in birth order.....maybe in the next year the missing documentation will be found. You can help by adding what you may know about Ichabod and his brood should you come accross him in your own genealogical materials.

Louise Throop can be reached at LWThroop@aol.com.



Dear Betty-jean,  
This is a photo of  
Susan (Sowles) Pinckney,  
Matthew  
She was born in 1819  
in N.Y. the daughter of  
Abner Soule & Bridget  
Photo taken in Michigan  
ca 1900



Great-grandmother of Faye (Mallory)  
This is some of her line  
Children with Elijah Pinckney  
all born in Michigan  
Back Row  
Ellen (Mellie), Mary, Martha  
front row George Emerson  
Pinckney (my grandfather)  
mother Susan and  
Frank Pinckney

Sent In by Faye Mallory Cline

*Lewiston, Maine, Wednesday, January 18, 2006*

## PHILIP H. SOULE

1941 - 2006

SUTTON, Vt. — Philip H. Soule, 64, of 33 Palmer St., Brunswick, died Sunday, Jan. 15, the result of a fall while visiting friends in Sutton, Vt.

He was born in Bangor on May 7, 1941, a son of William and June Good Soule. He graduated from Deering High School, Northfield Academy and the University of Maine, Class of 1964.

He was married to Maureen Smith in Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 6, 1994.

He leaves a loving family who will miss him dearly. He was the father of local businessman Travis Soule. He was a dedicated and beloved member of the Bowdoin College community, thanks to his nearly 40-year coaching career at the college. While at the University of Maine, he had a distinguished college football career that included two All-Maine selections as an offensive lineman. As a high school athlete, he set the Maine state record in the shot put at a meet held at Whittier Field in Brunswick.

After teaching English and coaching a variety of sports at Fryeburg Academy, he joined the Bowdoin coaching staff in 1967 and never left.

In addition to coaching the Bowdoin offensive and defen-

sive line for decades, he also had coaching stints in virtually every other sport at the college, including head jobs

in wrestling, baseball and squash. He has also served as an assistant in track and lacrosse, among other sports. In 2004, he was inducted into the Bowdoin College Athletic Hall of Honor along with his father, William '36 and three broth-



ers; Paul '66, Morton '68, and James '77.

A national champion canoe racer, he also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was a volunteer with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen, of Brunswick; his parents of Woolwich; his first wife, Joanne, of Portland; a daughter, Kristen Sturtevant and her husband, Adam, of Gorham; three sons, Travis and his wife, Karen, of New Gloucester, William and his wife, Wendy, of South Portland and Morton and his wife, Yvonne, of Portland; three brothers, Paul and his wife, Gail, of Cumberland, Mort and his wife, Margy, of Portland, and Jim and his wife, Lydia, of South Portland; 10 grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins; and his extended family in Ohio.

SOULE — Philip H. Friends and family are invited to visit 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brackett Funeral Home, 29 Federal St., Brunswick. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 132 McKeen St., Brunswick, with the Rev. Stephen Concannon officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society, One Main St., Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086

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Charles Beal (Resources & Development Management Department), stands in the Right of Way Engineering office. Beal won the Orange County History Test featured in last month's *Connection*.

## And the Winner Is...

While he may be an Engineering Technician Specialist with the Resources and Development Management Department (RDMD) during the week, Charles Beal satisfies his zeal for history on the weekends scouring local cemeteries for Civil War Veterans' gravesites.

So it is no surprise that Beal's interest was stirred when he came across the Orange County history quiz featured in the last *Connection*. Using his knowledge and online resources, he was able to correctly answer 13 questions out of a possible 15.

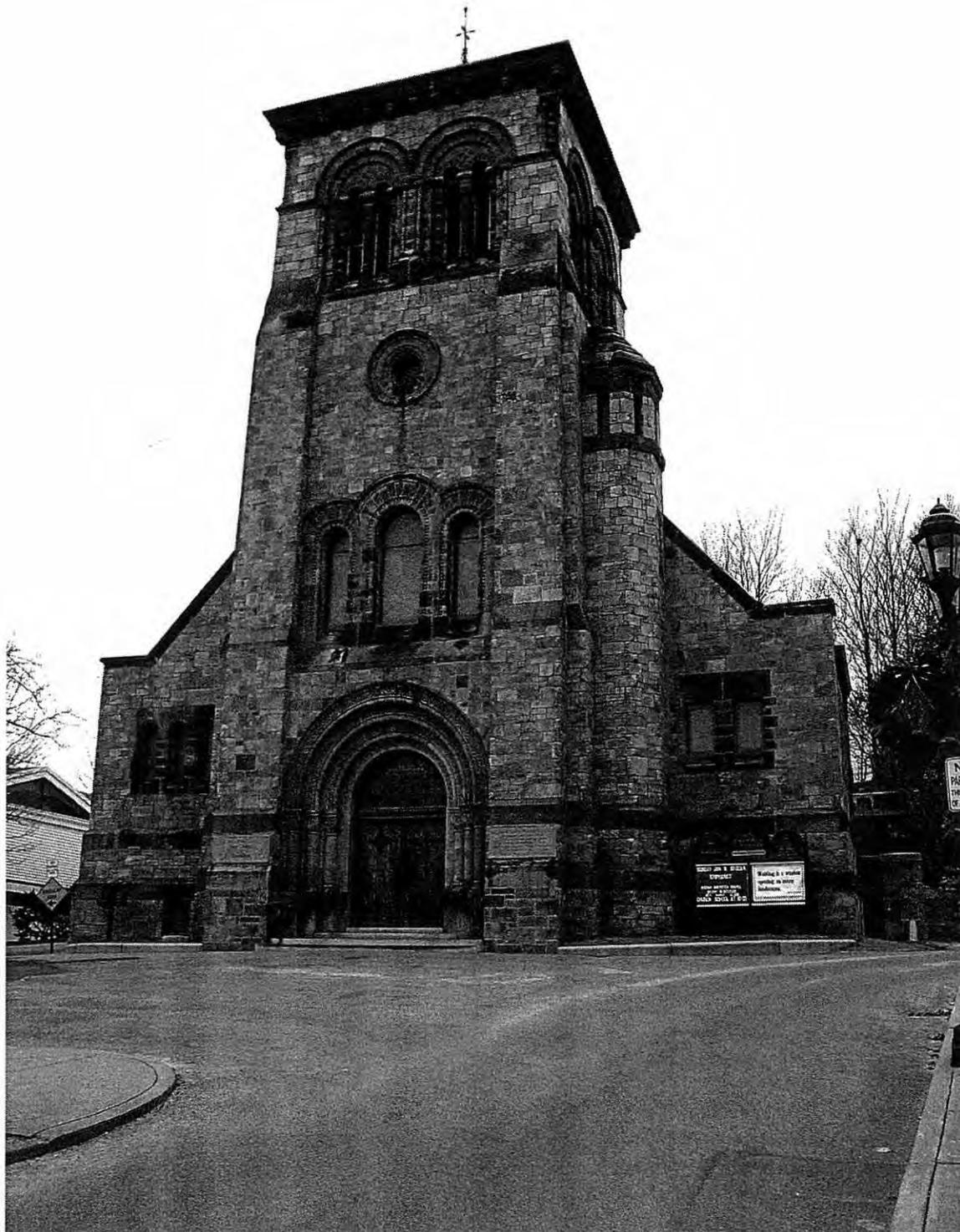
Beal started with the County in 1978 in the Sheriff-Coroner's Department where he served as a Deputy Sheriff until 1982. After having earned degrees in criminal justice at Santa Ana College and Cal State Fullerton, he returned to the County in 1988 in the Survey Division of the Environmental Management Agency, currently a part of RDMD, and moved to RDMD/ Right of Way Engineering in 1999. He has since returned to college to complete other courses in land surveying.

Local history took on a new dimension for Beal in 1993 when he began researching his genealogy and ancestors who fought in the Civil War. His passion grew and eventually drove him to become involved with the local chapter of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Through his involvement and research, he learned that there are 784 Civil War soldiers buried throughout nine local cemeteries.

Over a period of two years, Beal has surveyed and plotted 507 graves of Civil War soldiers using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. And he vows to do the same for the remaining 277. Beal has even gone so far as to apply to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to send a first-ever headstone for a few of the soldiers who were lying in unmarked graves. Other gravesites that had damaged headstones have received new replacement markers, courtesy of the VA and a result of Beal's persistence.

Congratulation to Charles who has recently passed his state exam and is now a Professional Land Surveyor in the State of California. This article was re-printed with permission of *County Connections Newsletter* and is published by Orange County, California.

Charles Beal is a member of both Soule Kindred and Chilton's Children.



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**Jean Ann Smith**  
*May 18, 1941 - April 29, 2004*

Jean Ann Smith, 62, of Torrington, died April 29, 2004, in Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Berean Church in Mitchell, Neb., with the Rev. Don Mathis officiating. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Morrill, Neb. A medical memorial has been established at Pinnacle Bank in Torrington.

She was born May 18, 1941, at Scottsbluff, Neb., to Leslie and Irene (Franklin) Cline. She received her education in Scottsbluff and graduated from Scottsbluff High School in 1960.

She married Stanley Smith on Oct. 12, 1960. She was a member of the North Hills Baptist Church.



Jean Ann Smith

Survivors include her husband, children; Grant and wife, Lisa Smith of New Braunfels, Texas, Brenda and husband, Jonathan Ladd of Calgary, Alberta, and Justin and wife, Holly Smith of Lincoln, Neb., grandchildren: Karisse and Daniel Leis, Calab, Lindsay, Sarah Smith and Sadie Smith; brothers and sisters Chuck, David and Chris Cline and Hattie Jo Grubbs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Les and Eddie and a sister, Wanda Smelter.

↳ Eldie

↳ Smelter

*Jean A. Smith had been a member of Soule Kindred since April 20, 1989.*

*Book Review by Anna Bristol*

"1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus" by Charles C. Mann, 465 pgs., Alfred A. Knopf, publisher, 2005

Charles Mann's study of the Americas is radically different than our previous understanding of the history of the Western Hemisphere prior to the arrival of the Europeans in 1492. Archaeologists and anthropologists have spent the last thirty years proving many long-standing assumptions wrong. "Mann reveals how a new generation of researchers equipped with novel scientific techniques came to previously unheard-of conclusions."

We are taken on an exploration of history through ten chapters, divided into three parts: Numbers from Nowhere?, Very Old Bones, and Landscape with Figures.

The opening chapter, Why Billington Survived, is of special interest to the author (and our readership) since Billington was his ancestor who arrived on the Mayflower.

Why did Billington (and the remaining Mayflower passengers) survive? Mann credits Native Americans, particularly the

sachem Massasoit, political-military leader of the Wampanoag confederation, Samoset, sachem of an allied northern group, and Tisquantum (Squanto), a distrusted captive who served as an interpreter.

As a political measure Massasoit was striving to protect his weakened people (smallpox decimated their numbers) from their longtime enemies, the Narragansett (smallpox did not reach their villages), an alliance to the west. Massasoit would permit the Mayflower's passengers to stay for an unlimited time, providing they formed an alliance with the Wampanoag against the Narragansett.

The Billington family was characterized by William Bradford as "one of the profanest" in Plymouth colony. Mann explained that John Billington's family not only survived that first winter, but that he was a hunter and trapper who likely was more able to feed his family. Billington was hanged in 1630 for shooting somebody in a quarrel. Says Mann, "My family has always claimed that he was framed — but we would say that, wouldn't we?"

February 21, 2006

Dear Soule Kindred,

I happened across a copy of the Soule Kindred Newsletter (Vol. 10, #4, P. ~~10~~<sup>142-181</sup> for 10/76) and feel that I should offer the following explanation for a correction you may or may not wish to include in future editions of your newsletter. Be assured that I have no objections to your use of this information in any way you feel proper and necessary. Your members may appreciate being reminded that the truth is sometimes elusive but that it eventually emerges however long it takes...

My mother was Louise L. Soule (9/6/06-10/28/92), and she did marry a William Allen Lyons. She was a single mother whose relationship with a Walter I. Jordan the summer of 1925 resulted in her pregnancy and my birth 3/6/26. She probably met WAL sometime after my birth, and there was talk that he planned to adopt me, hence the use of the last name Lyons. That marriage ended in divorce, but I continued to use that last name not knowing that my legal name was Robert Walter Soule. As you know, the last name of a child born out of wedlock is the same as the mother's maiden name.

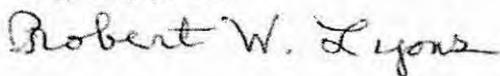
All this came to light when I enlisted in the U.S. Air Corps and was required to produce a birth certificate authenticating my birth date and my age at the time of enlistment. I went through my service time as well as my first year of college as Robert Walter Soule but changed my name to Robert Walter Lyons legally in 1947. Talk about red tape!! I wish I had a copy of the 2-page, single-spaced typed diatribe I sent to my mother when I learned the truth of my origin. We survived it and went on to have an agreeable relationship throughout the rest of her life.

She never re-married and spent her entire working life in the travel industry and retired at age 84. My wife and I moved her from NYC to the Brunswick area where she died suddenly of a heart attack. She was a remarkable woman, and I regret deeply that it took me all too long to recognize it. She was a founder of a women's travel club in NYC (the 41° 74° club, a designation that approximates the latitude and longitude of NYC). At age 33 she had her office very close to Grand Central Station and employed two women. Quite remarkable for a young single mother who realized that Maine was no place for her. The day she died we found her passport in her purse, so she was obviously ready for her next voyage...

If you have any wish for additional information about Kathryn M. Soule, Henchman S. Soule, or me, I would be happy to supply it. It has brought me little in material riches, but I have enjoyed an interesting and some say an unusual life...

My apologies for going on and on, but seeing the many names in the Newsletter made me wonder about the innumerable stories that lie hidden from view...

Very truly yours,



Robert W. Lyons (11th generation through my mother)  
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Mr. Lyons remembers his mother favorite saying, "I have places to go, people to meet and things to do."

I have thoroughly enjoyed being your President from the San Antonio, Texas annual Reunion in 2003 to the Niagara, New York Reunion in 2006.

I was able to secure the services of renowned Mayflower researcher, Mr. Caleb Johnson, to search for Pilgrim George Soule's English origins. The funds to support his research were from the grant that we received five years ago. Mr. Johnson acknowledged our contribution to his research on page 8 of the introduction of his newest book, The Mayflower and Her Passengers by Caleb H. Johnson, Copyright 2006. I will continue to work with Mr. Johnson as long as needed to determine the origins of George Soule.

As I am one of the few direct male descendants of George Soule my DNA test results have helped in this search for George. Many of our members have closely matched my results and Soule Kindred in America is underwriting the cost of having every Soule man in America take this Y-DNA test. Ms. Louise Walsh Throop has been our coordinator in this project and has been very diligent in obtaining as many tests as possible. As these DNA tests become more sophisticated it is hoped that the General Mayflower Society will accept these tests in cases where generational linkage is hard to prove.

One project that I worked on, the SKIA Field Researcher program has not progressed as well as expectations. Field researchers would travel to the libraries, county courthouses and historical societies in their area on assignment by the historians then report their findings. This program has an ultimate goal of identifying candidates to become the next Soule Kindred in America historian. It has always been my opinion that the primary goal of our organization is to assist members in completing their lineage to George. I hope this concept can be revitalized in the coming years..

I am very pleased that Susan Fogg Eisdorfer has consented to be your newsletter editor. Our membership levels are closely tied to the regularity of the newsletter. I feel confident that Susan will issue the quarterly newsletters as well as Willis Soule did in his term. Please support her efforts as much as possible.

Sincerely yours,

**Frank Flint Soule, III**

October 2006

Dear Cousins,

October is transition time for the Soule Kindred in America. According to our bylaws, the terms for officers and directors start on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Before I begin looking to the future, I would like to spend a bit of time reflecting on the past few years.

I would like to thank Frank Flint Soule, our past President for his loyal and faithful service to the organization. Frank filled more shoes than just that of the President for the past three years. He stepped in and served as interim newsletter editor when circumstances have required; he took inventory of the materials housed with the Historian. These were essential to our organization. The Kindred is grateful for Frank's leadership and service.

I think that Kindred members who attend the annual meeting and reunion feel like it is a highlight of the year. Rosemary Peters did a great job of organizing and planning this year's reunion. The Niagara Falls events were great as was the visit to Old Fort Niagara. She is to be commended!

While I am giving thanks, I must draw attention to two people who have given years of service to the Kindred and continue to do so, BJ Haner, as Treasurer and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and Peg Rocke, as Secretary. These two have provided years and years of support to our organization.

As we move forward, I would ask for your patience with me. I have been a member of the Kindred since 1996, but I know that I have lots to learn. I am asking for and need your support. The Kindred is an organization for each member and becomes stronger through the support and contribution of each member. If, as a member, you have suggestions for improvement or gifts you would like to share, I would love to hear from you. My contact information is in the back of the newsletter.

I know that this will be an exciting year. I look forward to the growth and improvement in the newsletter. Sue Eisdorfer, our new editor, did a great job with her first one! I look forward to what she produces in the future. Thank you, Sue.

Our 2007 reunion should be a good one! Mary Ruth DeVoe has already blocked rooms and planned events in Charleston, South Carolina. It should be a wonderful venue.

Recently, I talked to Charles J. (Jack) Sowles, our Historian. He expressed a desire to assist Kindred members with their genealogy research. Please contact him if you need help at [twolions@shawneelink.com](mailto:twolions@shawneelink.com).

I look forward to the coming year.

**Chris Hill**

November 15, 2005

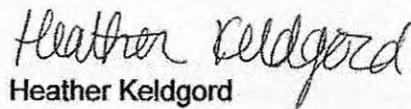
Dear Ms. Haner,

I would like to thank you and the Soule Kindred organization for the scholarship which was awarded to me earlier this year. It has helped me greatly offset some of the ever mounting cost of my college education here at the University of California Davis. I apologize for the tardiness of this letter. However, I wished to provide you with more information about my classes, but when the money was received I had attended only a few days of classes (UC Davis has a late starting date).

For the fall quarter I am taking Chemistry, Calculus, History of the United States after 1865, and Introduction to Literature. I enjoy my classes, even though they are extremely challenging. I have just completed my last midterm and am preparing for my finals. School keeps me extremely busy, but I still find time to visit my Grandparents, who live a half an hour away in Sacramento (Bob and Norma Keldgord).

Thank you once again for my scholarship, because it allowed me to attend the university of my choice. The only "bad" news is that the University has announced a 10% increase in tuition for next year.

Sincerely,

  
Heather Keldgord

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I just wanted to thank you all greatly for considering my application and for choosing me as a winner. The money will go a long way to help me with school. Thank you for investing in my life and increasing my desire to invest in others. I feel valued and honored by your kindness.

I hope that life brings to you all the blessings you have bestowed upon others.

Thank you so much,

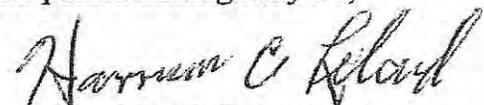
  
Alicia Figgs

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 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 10 month period ending May 31, 2005.

  
Harrison C. Leland  
Assistant Treasurer

Dear Miss, Harner,

It is such an honor to be awarded the Col. John Edward Soule Memorial Scholarship. It was so interesting to trace my family history back to the Mayflower, and it is a nice surprise to find out that you and my Aunt Peggy went to college together! I sent a letter to Johns Hopkins University so that the registrar can certify that I have enrolled. Thank you again, and I appreciate the money because it will go a long way to help me pursue my studies at JHU.

Sincerely,  
P.

Catherine Pross



Soule Kindred in America. Inc.  
Annual Meeting  
June 23, 2006

The annual meeting of Soule Kindred in America, Inc. was held at the Days Inn in Niagara Falls, NY. Frank Soule called the 38th general meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Each person present introduced himself.

The Minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Christine Schlosser moved the minutes be accepted. Judy Hill seconded. Frank called for vote. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

The Treasurer's report was presented by B.J. Haner. After a brief discussion Harry Devoe moved the report be accepted and Christine Hill seconded the motion. Frank called for the question and the report was unanimously accepted. The treasurer reported that there were no expenditures on the Luther & Merle Soules Family Foundation Grant.

B.J. Haner made a Membership Report which will be enclosed in the Newsletter. There was a net loss of 19 members.

B. J. also said that there have been only 2 applications for the Scholarships to date. Last years recipients were:

Alicia Figgs - George Standish Soule Scholarship  
Catherine Briggs Pross – Col. John E. Soule Memorial Scholarship  
Melissa Sanclemente – Avis Roberson Haner Memorial Scholarship

Frank introduced Susan Fogg Eisdorfer, who has accepted the position of Newsletter Editor.

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

President	Christine Hill
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Rosemary Peters
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Christine Schlosser
Secretary	Peg Rocke
Treasurer	B.J. Haner

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

Nominations for Directors for 2009

Harvey Devoe  
David Hargreave  
Norman Standish

B.J. Haner Moved nominations be closed, Sarah Hill seconded the motion. The president directed the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot.

A discussion of the possibilities for next year's reunion followed the election of directors.

One suggestion was a cruise. Harry Devoe suggested South Carolina with his wife and him hosting it.

B. J. moved that we accept the offer. Chris Hill seconded and it was unanimously passed.

The 2008 reunion will be held in Plymouth. B.J. will look into hotels. It will be scheduled to start the Wednesday following the Mayflower Triennial, which is held in September.

Rosemary mentioned that the Silent Auction benefits the Scholarship Funds. The bids will be finalized by 4:30. Last year's auction raised \$500.00.

Norm Standish said how much we all appreciated the efforts of Rosemary Peters for this reunion. It has been most enjoyable.

Frank Soule reported on the DNA activity. Since we do not have George's remains for a viable DNA, there have been enough known decedents to bet a pattern. 14 men had matches. Mayflower has already accepted the first lineage based on DNA for membership.

B.J. moved for adjournment, seconded by Chris Hill. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Rocke, Secretary

Following the meeting David Hargreave gave us a flute serenade to show us how the flute in the Silent Auction worked.

(Story begins on ps 1)

# Recipe for: Scalloped Oysters

From: B.D.

In our family we've had scalloped oysters for Thanksgiving and Christmas for all my life. The recipe came from my grandmother.

Preheat oven to 350°. Have ready:

1 pint shucked oysters in their liquor  
In a deep buttered casserole place in the bottom:

1/2 inch layer of coarsely crushed saltines \*

Put in layer of oysters

Season with salt and pepper and generous dabs of butter

2 cups cream (I use 2% milk these days)

Cover with another layer of crackers\* and more dabs butter.

(May need more milk if not soupy) approx 1 small box saltines \*

Bake 45-50 min. until golden brown on top.

Side dish

Makes: 8-12 servings

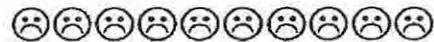
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Christine Hill

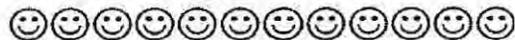
(from the recipe collection of Bertha Erickson)

- 2 lb pork (both lean and fat)
- 1 t. cayenne pepper
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 c. powdered sage
- 1/4 c. black pepper
- 1/2 c. brown sugar

Sprinkle seasonings over meat, then grind the meat. Press into casing if desired. Store for future use in the freezer. (Early days, it was hung from a tree branch during cold weather.)



**We MUST increase our membership!**  
**This is an essential part of keeping the Soule family history alive for generations to come. Have you considered giving a "Gift of Membership" to anyone for a birthday, special event, anniversary, graduation, or wedding?**



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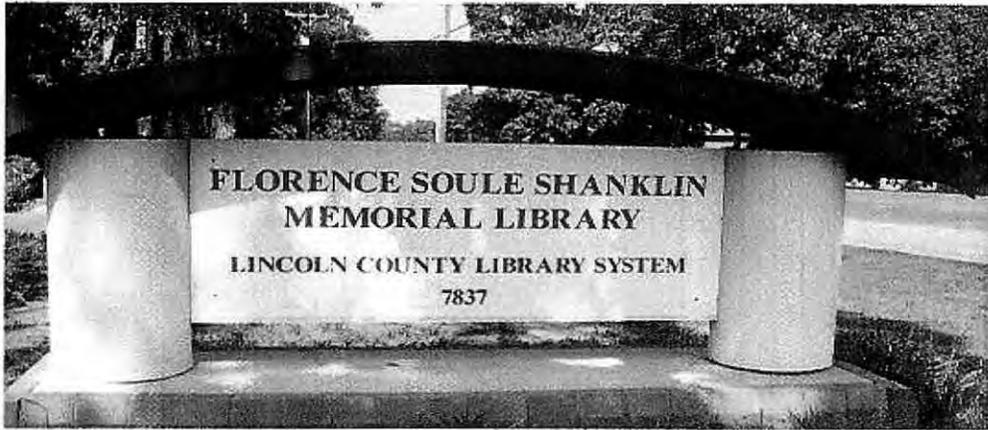
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