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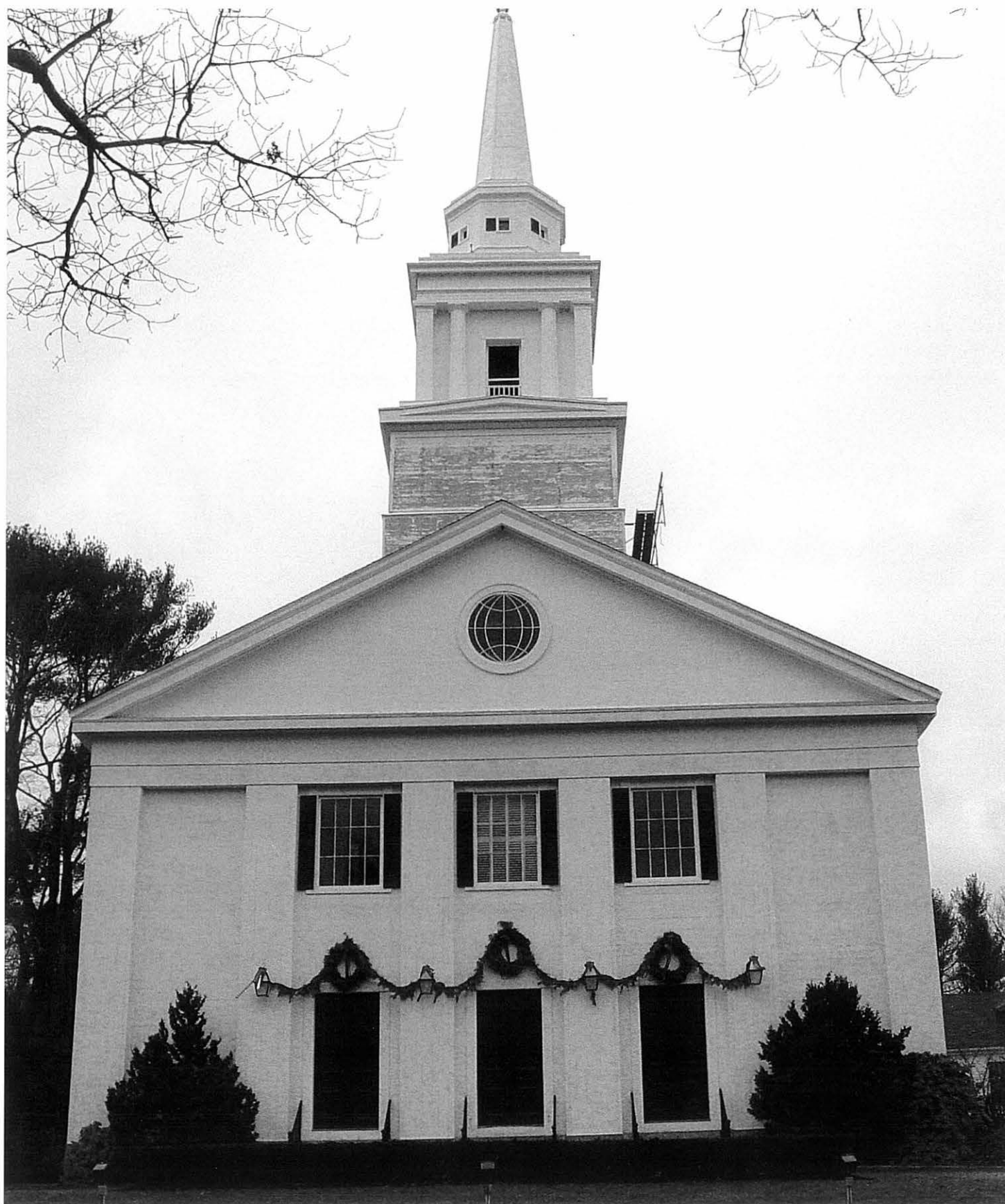
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Present Day First Parish, Duxbury, MA  
George Soule and his Family Moved to Duxbury with Elder Brewster, Myles Standish  
and Others from Old Plymouth Colony

# **A History of First Parish and the Town of Duxbury, Massachusetts**

*by Lynde C. Randall*

*Assistant Historian, Soule Kindred in America*

The area now known as Duxbury was inhabited by Native Americans as early as 12,000 to 9,000 B.C. By the time European settlers arrived here, the region was inhabited by the Wampanoags who called this place Mattakeesett, meaning "place of many fish." Here the Native American cleared land for crops, hunted game both small and large, and fished along the many brooks.

In 1620, the English settlers known as the Pilgrims established their colony in Plymouth. Some families came to establish a new religious community, others for the opportunity to own land and improve their lives. It was a small group whose number increased slowly at first. Per the terms of their contract with financial backers in London, they were required to live together in a tight community for seven years. At the end of that term, in 1627, land along the coast was allotted to settlers for farming. Each man was given twenty acres for himself and an additional twenty for each person in his family. Thus, the coastline from Plymouth to Marshfield was parceled out and many settlers began moving away from Plymouth.

At first, those who settled in Duxbury came to work their new farms just in the warmer months and returned to Plymouth during the winter. It was not long, however, before they began to build homes on their land, and soon requested permission from the colony to be set off as a separate community with their own church. Duxbury, which originally included land that is now Pembroke and Bridgewater, was incorporated in 1637.

Elder William Brewster, by the year 1632, led a group and this congregation became the First Parish Church in Duxbury. There were four buildings, with the present building being the last as it is seen today. In the early Duxbury settlement the meetings were probably held in houses similar to those seen at Plimoth Plantation.

First Parish became the First Unitarian Parish on March 3, 1828. It continued to use the community's Third Meeting House until 1840 when the Third Meeting House was razed and the Unitarian Church, the fourth building was constructed near its site.

Temple-like in form, representing the popular Greek revival style of the period, it was the first of three buildings of the same architectural style which were built in a row on the hill. The other two were town buildings; the new "Town House," (Old Town Hall), adjacent today, was completed the same year, 1840. The town's school, Partridge Academy, opened in 1844, and burned in 1934. The new town hall was built on the Partridge Academy site and dedicated July 4, 1975.

Duxbury Parish was separated from Plymouth in 1632, for the people were "growing weary of attending the worship of God at such a distance," but there is no record of when the first meeting house was built, nor is its exact site known. About 1707 a new building replaced the first, probably standing in the old graveyard. In 1784-85 a third was built, and stood until torn down to make room for the present church on the same site.

Soon after the third church was finished there is mention that the singers, who had occupied "the hind seats on the Women's side" wished to move to the front gallery, but were not allowed to do so. A violin and bass viol were added to the choir at this time. By 1784 the town had voted to replace the second Meeting House with a finer new (Third) building. It was to be built near the present site, at the junction of Tremont and Depot streets.

The third meetinghouse of the First Parish was constructed in 1787; the minister, Dr. Allyn, was noted as an educator for the Academy which he ran from the Parsonage from 1788 to 1833. The spire of the fourth building of the original Church of 1632 is shown to be almost in direct range of the old cemetery, near where stood the first and second buildings of the same Church, built respectively in about 1635 and 1706, where the grave of Myles Standish is, the fort-like monument now built over it.

In 1720 Duxbury meeting house hired a janitor, paying him fifteen shillings (the record does not state whether this was a monthly or yearly stipend); his duties included getting casements hung, hiring glass mended and sweeping the church every two weeks. Later he was directed to "clear ye dogs out of ye House every Sabbath..

At least seven new townships were established in Plymouth between 1636 and 1642. Duxbury, across the bay from Plymouth village, was the first concentration of transplanted Plymouth farmers. Finding the church at Plymouth inconveniently distant, they had organized their own in 1632-(35) Five years later Duxbury became a separate town.

Indians had been greatly reduced in numbers in this locality by a plague, and the few remaining did not seem to have been much at home on the water, as we find little mention of their canoeing; while the English were notably more or less sailors, choosing their lands near the sea, and showing reluctance to move inland, the interior of Plymouth and much of Duxbury being unsettled.

Captain's Hill early attracted attention, with its wide views of the surrounding country, its very fertile soil and easy access to Plymouth. Myles Standish, William Brewster and John Alden are thought to have settled early in Duxbury as early as 1630, or before, and soon after others made their homes about what was called Morton's Bay, at the head of which the first meeting-house, as the church was called in those days, was built, about 1637.

Duxbury's first three meeting houses housed civil as well as religious functions for almost 200 years. By 1833, the (First Parish) society legally ceased to be the village parish. The official Massachusetts separation of church and state took place a few months later in 1834.

The earliest settlers returned to Plymouth in winter, as the record says, "to insure their better attendance at public worship, and for fear of attacks by the Indians in this exposed situation. In about 1632 the Church was gathered, the first offshoot of the Plymouth Church, though there was no settled pastor until 1637, when the Rev. Ralph Partridge was installed.

The old record says: "In the year 1632 a number of the brethren inhabiting on the other side of the bay, at a place since called Duxborough, growing weary of attending the worship of God at such distance, asked, and were granted a dismissal, and soon after being embodied into a Church where they procured the Rev. Ralph Partridge, a gracious man of great abilities, to be their pastor."

It is due to the Rev. E.S.V. Huiginn, pastor of the Episcopal Church of Duxbury from 1890 to 1893, that the side of the first church building was ascertained. All old residents knew that the second building was on the east side of the old burial ground, near the head of Morton's Bay. This is known to have been built in 1706, and is shown on a reprint of a map made by Chas. Blaskowitz in 1767, alluded to in chapter on Maps.

There was a tradition that the first church building was at Harden Hill, a small peninsula on the northerly side of Captain's Hill, and even Mr. Justin Winsor, the town historian, was deceived by this tradition. Mr. Huigina found the record that placed the matter beyond doubt: that the first church was near the second, on the easterly side of the old

burial ground.

The town was incorporated June 7, 1637, old style, or June 17, 1637, new style. This is the record of the enactment by the Governor and his Council of the Plymouth Colony: "It is enacted by the Court that Ducksborrow shall become a township, and unite together for their better security, and to have the privileges of a town, only their bounds and limits shall be sett (sic) and appointed by the next Court." The name Duxbury, though spelled in various ways in early times, probably came from Duxbury Hall, one of the country seats of the Standish family in England. Some good authorities differ, however, from this opinion. The Indian name was the melodious one of Mattakeeset, which has been happily perpetuated in the name of the Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the town.

The population has greatly varied at different times. As early as 1643 it was supposed to be about 400. In 1710, also by supposition, about 1,100. In 1770-1,152; 1790-1,454; 1800-1,664; 1810-2,201; 1820-2,403; 1830-2,716; 1840-2,798; 1850-2,679; 1860-2,597; 1880-2,196; 1890-1,908; 1895-1,966. It should be considered that only legal residents were counted, while there is an ever increasing population of summer residents.

Among the early settlers mentioned by the historians are John Howland, who moved to town at an early date, He had grants of land at Island Creek Pond, also two small islands at Green Harbor, called Spectacle and Ann Island. He seemed afterwards to have returned to Plymouth, where he died in 1672.

Another early settler George Soule, a passenger on the "Mayflower," was a man who did good service to the town, frequently serving in the Court of Deputies, and holding other offices, which prove him to have been a man of ability; and he left a numerous posterity, who have since been an honor to the town. He was granted land at Powder Point.

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Land Records - 1642 to 1683  
Extracted from Copy of the old records of the town of Duxbury, Mass.,  
from 1642 to 1770 : made in the year 1892.  
Plymouth: Avery & Doten, book and job printers, 1893

1679. July 24. Vol. a. Page 225.

Laid out unto Daniel Alden, forty acres of land or there about, on the west side of South river, on both sides of the highway that goeth over the river, a little below the land of Cart Church, which land lyeth on the east side of the river. Beginning to measure a little below the beaver dam, at a white-oak tree, or bush marked, and so extending West north westwardly from the river by the bush aforesaid, about 60 rods to a pine tree marked, standing a little to the northward of the highway, and then from that said pine tree North north eastwardly through a corner of a swamp, and by the swamp bounded on the west side until it meet the river, about one hundred and ten rods, below the above said white oak bush, a little below the beaver dam, the river being the eastwardly bounds of the said 40 acres of land. This was ordered by the town of Duxbury to be recorded July 24, 1679. WILLIAM PABODIE, Clerk. A way to be allowed through it. By JOHN TRACY, JOHN SOULE, Wm. PABODIE July 9th, 1679.

1679. July 24. Vol. a. Page 226.

Laid out unto John Wadsworth, six acres of land lying on the west side of his meadowland at South River, beginning at a white oak tree marked, standing about three, or four rods from the said meadow, and so extending westwardly from the meadow by the said white oak marked tree, two or four and, twenty rods to a pine tree marked, standing on the top of a hill with some stones about it, and from that said pine tree southwardly, about fifty four rods, to a red oak marked

tree, and then from that said red oak tree, with a straight line eastwardly to another little red oak tree marked, standing a little to the westward of the meadow, and so with a straight line to the said meadow, about twenty four rods, and by reason of this breadth of twenty four rods at each end, we allowed, upon consideration that the afore said meadow doth run into, and so take away from the middle of the land, as much as we allow upon the ends. July 9th, 1679. John Soule, John TRACY. Wm. PABODIE. This was ordered to be recorded, by the town of Duxbury, July 24, 1679. WILLIAM PABODIE, Clerk.

1679. July 24. Vol. a. Page 226.

Laid forth unto Nathaniel Cole, about twenty six acres of land lying on the east side of South river toward the head thereof, and joining to the lands of Ralph Thacher on the south side thereof, and extending southwardly from the said Thacher's land four score rods, more or less, to a red oak tree, standing about four rods to the eastward of the river, and so running with a straight line from the said river by that said red oak marked tree to another red oak tree marked, standing about thirty rods from the said river, and so from that last said marked red oak tree with a straight line northwardly to another red oak tree marked, near Mr. Thacher's land, to the above said river, being about twenty six rods from the last said red oak tree marked to the said river. This land was laid out and bounded, as above said, the ninth day of July, by said John Tracy, John Soule, and William Pabodie. This was ordered to be recorded by the town of Duxbury, July 24th, 1679. Wm. PABODIE, Clerk.

[Transcribed by Dave Swerdfeger] [there are many more records]

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdevlin/ma/duxbury\\_land1.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdevlin/ma/duxbury_land1.htm)

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TOWN MEETINGS. 1686 ~ From old pamphlet Book A 1686 to 1700. Page 4.

At a Town meeting held in Duxburrough February 16th, 1686 The Town made choice of Seth Arnold & John Soule to serve on the petty jury, & John Partridge & Thomas Dillaney to serve at the Court of Assistants. According to a grant of land by the Town, given to John Simmons at the head of his land, to run his lines until he meets with the land of Mr. William Thomas, it was accordingly done by us, from his corner marks on the South West side, which was a white oak tree, to a white oak tree, to a swamp, and by the said swamp to the land of Wm. Thomas on the North East side, by the line of said Simone's land, until we came to the land of William Thomas returned by us. THOMAS DELANO. JOHN SOULE. ALEXANDER STANDISH, Town Clerk.

1688. May 21. Pamphlet. Page 9.

At a Town meeting held in Duxburrough, 21st of May 1688, Lieut. Alden, Francis Barker and Mr. Edward Southworth, were chosen by said town for Select men, and added to the former for this year. At this town meeting, the town made choice of Mr. Alexander Standish to be their Commissioner for this year; Wrestle Brewster, Joseph Turner and Roger Glace, surveyors. John Soule and Joseph Rogers were chosen constables for this year. At this Town meeting the town agreed to raise their minister's salary by a Rate, as in times past, and have also appointed the Select men to make their minister's Rate this year.

1699. Meh 7. Pamphlet. Page 40.

The town have appointed Josiah Holmes and Francis Barker, to sell and lay out a small lot of land to Aaron Soule, lying at the South end of his lot, if he and they agree.

1700. Sept. 2. Vol. a. Page 279.

At a Town meeting held at Duxburrough upon the second day of September 1700 The town made choice of Samuel Bradford, Elisha Wadsworth and John Soule for Petty Jurors, to serve at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas. At this town meeting, the town voted to call Mr. John Robinson to the work of the ministry here. They also voted to give Sixty Pounds a year annually towards his maintenance in the afore said work, one half Silver money, and the other half Corn or provisions at the Common price. They also made choice of Mr. Seth Arnold, Mr. Edward Southworth, Mr. Saml. Seabury and William Brewster, as their agents to acquaint Mr. Robinson with their proceedings here in, and also

to discourse him concerning his acceptance thereof, in order to his settlement amongst us in the above said work of the ministry.

1707. Sept. 12. Vol. a. 286.

At a Town Meeting in Duxborough September 12th 1707. The said town granted to Moses Soule, about Six or Seven acres of land of the town's commons joining to the lot he now dwells on, and empowered Samuel Sprague and John Partridge to lay out the said land.

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There is a list of 109 Ship Captains that out of that number were nine believed to be living in 1894.

Included in this list were the names Charles Soule, Elijah Soule, Freeman Soule, Nathaniel Soule, Richard Soule, Simeon Soule and Thomas Soule.

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Division of Lots ~ Extracted from  
Copy of the old records of the town of Duxbury, Mass.,  
from 1642 to 1770 : made in the year 1892.  
Plymouth: Avery & Doten, book and job printers, 1893  
[Transcribed by Dave Swerdfeger]

The Tenth lot was drawn by Aaron Soule, and fell to Josiah Barker, Josiah Soule, Ichabod Wadsworth, Aaron Soule and John Simons deceased.

The Thirteenth lot was drawn by Benjamin Peterson, and fell to John Peterson, Joseph Peterson, Benjamin Peterson, Joseph Soule and Saml. Chandler.

The Eighteenth lot was drawn by Joshua Soule, and fell to Joshua Soule, Isaac Peterson, Isaac Stetson, Ichabod Samson and Abraham Samson.

The Twenty Eighth lot was drawn by John Sprague, and fell to Samuel Fisher, John Bishop, Abraham Pierce Sen., Moses Soule and John Sprague.

The forty ninth and fifty seventh lots fell to Benjamin Peterson, and Joseph Soule.

The thirty third and hundred and fiftieth lots fell to Josiah Wormal Sen., and Joshua Soule.

The hundred and thirtieth, and hundred and fifty sixth lots fell to Nathaniel Brewster and Moses Soule. The forty sixth and hundred and fortieth lots fell to Josiah Soule, and Ephriam Cole.

The thirteenth, and nineteenth lots were drawn by Daniel Crocker, and fell to Isaac Pierce, Nehemiah Cushing, Aaron Soule, John Saunders, John Pierce, John Simons, dec, Isaac Stetson, Thomas Barker, Francis Barker, Francis Barker Jr and Thomas Pierce.

The fifteenth, and thirty first lots were drawn by James Partridge, and fell to James Partridge, Wm. Holmes, Ichabod Samson, John Alden, Moses Soule, Joseph Chandler, John Sprague, Thomas Boney, Ebenezer Boney, dec, and Jonathan Brewster.

The twentieth, and twelvth lots were drawn by Isaac Barker, and fell to Francis Rogers, Deacon Seabury, Josiah Holmes, Jonathan Peterson, Jonathan Alden, Ichabod Bartlet, Samuel Fisher, Josiah Soule, Samuel Pierce and Joseph Soule.

The third, and twenty third lots were drawn by Mr. John Robinson, and fell to Mr. John Robinson, Lieut. Saml.

Sprague, the proprietors of the farm of Mr. Ichabod Wiswall, dec, Peleg Wiswall, Nathaniel Cole, Senior, Joseph Tubbs, Joshua Soule, Caleb Samson, Saml. Hills and Joseph Rogers.

A List of names of those that have a right in the last division of the town's Commons, upland and meadow, in Duxborough, taken by us whose names are here unto sub-scribed, being chosen there unto at a town meeting in Duxborough June 5th 1710.

Josiah Soule, Joseph Soule, Joshua Soule, Moses Soule, Aaron Soule

The twelvth lot fell to Joseph Bartlet, Ebenezer Wormal, Moses Soule, Thomas Bony, Ebenezer Bony, dec, James Partridge, William Holmes, John Sprague, David Samson and William Brewster Jr.

The sixth lot fell to William Sprague, dec, Stephen Samson, Isaac Simons, Samuel Hill, Joshua Soule, Mr. John Robinson, Lieut. Samuel Sprague, Joseph Tubbs, Benjamin Simons, and John Saunders— and said sixth lot containing ten shares and a half —the said half share fell to Thomas Lambert, Jr and Joseph Mitchel.

The seventh lot fell to Joseph Soule, Thomas Loring, Lambert Despard, Joseph Peterson, Joseph Rogers, in behalf of his son Francis Rogers, Abraham Samson Jr, Abraham Pierce Jr, Jonathan Alden, Josiah Soule and John Kein.

The third lot fell to Aaron Soule, John Simons, dec, John Pierce, Joseph Stockbridge, Thomas Barker, Benjamin Arnold, Samuel Alden, Joseph Chanler Sen, and Joseph Chanler Jr.

The first lot fell to Samuel Seabury, Joshua Soule, Josiah Holmes, John Samson, Joshua Delanoe and Thomas Delanoe Sen.,

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The following is a list of freemen in 1646, the earliest of which there is any record:

John Alden, Wm. Basset, Wm. Brett, Thomas Besbeeck, Love Brewster, Jno. Brewster, Roger Chandler, Edmond Chandler, Wm. Collier, Job Cole, Philip Delano, Lt. Wm. Holmes, Thomas Heyward, Henry Howland, Wm. Kemp, Experience Mitchell, Samuel Nash, John Paybody, George Partridge, Ralph Partridge, Abraham Peirce, Joseph Rogers, Moyses Symonson, contant Southworth, Comfort Starr, Capt. Standish, George Soule, Henry Sampson, Francis Sprague, John Tisdall, Stephen Tracy, Wm. Tubbs, Christopher Wadsworth, John Washburn.

To become a freeman, application must be made to the General Court, accompanied with the minister's certificate of good standing in the church, and permission being given by the Court, the freeman's oath must be taken before a magistrate.

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Gravestone Records from the Old Cemetery on Centre Street, South Duxbury, Mass.

Alden Arnold Bradford Brewster Chandler Cushman Delano Drew Foster Frazier Fuller Gould Loring L—— Partridge Peterson Prince Prior Ripley Robinson Samson—Sampson Seabury Soule Southworth Sprague Stanford Uffel V—— Wadsworth Walker Weston Winslow Winsor Wiswall

SOULE

Alathea, daughter of Joshua and Mary, died 20 May, 177[worn], aged 1 year, 8 months, 22 days. [On stone with brother Luther.]

Esther, wife of John, died 12 September, 1735, aged 95 years, 6 months, 6 days.

Joseph, died 11 July, 1763, aged 84 years, "wanting 20 days."

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~macduxbu/md/10169.html#soule>



[The Mayflower Descendant, 10 [1908]:169] Records from the Old Cemetery, South Duxbury

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Ashdod Cemetery

Transcribed by Stanley W. Smith and John W. Willard in 1907, and published in The Mayflower Descendant in 1909.

Volume 11 [1909]: 104, 105, 106:

Surnames Included:

Chandler Church Curtis Delano Ford Gullefer Henney Hodgkin Holmes Howland Lewis Peterson  
Randall Sampson Simmons Soule Stetson Strang Thornton

SOULE

Abigail, widow of Nathaniel, died 9 June, 1834, aged 87 years, 9 months, 26 days.

Nathaniel, died 22 September, 1811, aged 96 years, 10 months, 7 days.

Transcribed by Stanley W. Smith and John W. Willard in 1907, and published in The Mayflower Descendant in 1909.

Communicated by JOHN W. WILLARD: IN May, 1907, the writer, assisted by Messrs. Stanley W. Smith, Edward H. Whorf, Arthur E. Linnell and Arthur M. Jones, made copies of all gravestone inscriptions, prior to 1851, in the Old Cemetery on Centre St., South Duxbury, Mass. These copies have been presented to the Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants and all the genealogical facts to be found in them are given in the following abstracts.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~macduxbu/md/11104.html>

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Sources: The story above has been gathered from many sources and pieced together.

Historic Duxbury in Plymouth County, Massachusetts by Laurence Bradford.- Boston  
- The Fish Printing company 1900

Settled by groups of Massachusetts families. Darrett B. Rutman, Husbandmen of Plymouth: Farms and Villages in the Old Colony, 1620-1692 (Boston: Beacon Press for Plimouth Plantation, 1967)

Old New England Churches by Elise Lathrop Charles E. Tuttle Company Rutland, Vermont & Tokyo, Japan

Town Meetings - 1686 to 1712 Extracted from a Copy of the old records of the town of Duxbury, Mass., from 1642 to 1770 made in the year 1892. Plymouth: Avery & Doten, book and job printers, 1893, [Transcribed by Dave Swerdfeger] for Jane Devlins pages.

Land Records - 1684 to 1698 Extracted from Copy of the old records of the town of Duxbury, Mass., from 1642 to 1770 : made in the year 1892. Plymouth: Avery & Doten, book and job printers, 1893, [Transcribed by Dave Swerdfeger].....[partial records]

MHC Reconnaissance Survey Town Report: Duxbury

To read the total town records transcribed please go to: [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdevlin/ma/duxbury\\_land7.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~jdevlin/ma/duxbury_land7.htm)

Polly P. Nash May 24, 1995 published a very good short article on the First Parish Church. <http://www.duxburyuu.org/>

Article compiled by:

Note: Spelling is as copied for this article.

Lynde C. Randall

Soule Kindred Researcher, December 2007

## 'Paupers' Cemetery to get new life

By Maveric Vu

Posted: Thursday, March 1, 2007 10:57 AM CST

A lone headstone sits in what looks like an empty field in San Andreas.

The headstone reads: "Thomas Evans, a native of South Wales. Died Feb. 9, 1892."

Beyond this, no further information is known about the man.

Evans is one of several hundred deceased buried at the forgotten County Hospital "Paupers" Cemetery in the northwest corner of the Government Center.

The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors has approved a local effort to memorialize the cemetery with a monument.

"The Gold Rush brought all these people who came here single and left their families behind," said county Archivist Shannon Van Zant. "A lot of them died alone and broke."

Van Zant said more than 400 people, from 1881 to about 1920, may be buried on the two-acre lot.

On her computer is a massive database of names and dates of death. Several nationalities were found, including Mexican, French, and English, she said.

Preserving a forgotten part of Calaveras history is what interested Steve Sloneker, noble grand humbug of E. Clampus Vitus' Matuca chapter based in Sonora, who is spearheading work on the granite monument that will be installed in September.

The group, which has funded hundreds of historical projects in the area, is fronting about \$2,000 for the project.

County Administrative Officer Tom Mitchell also has been working on the project.

"I just thought it was pretty exciting that the paupers were even there," Sloneker said. "The paupers did all the work and they had no recognition."

The cemetery itself has struggled to get recognized after two previous failed revivals.

Set up in 1891, the old Calaveras County Hospital would pay for burials at the cemetery for those who couldn't afford it.



**BURIED:** A single headstone is the only marker of a forgotten "paupers" cemetery in San Andreas. The site will be recognized as a historical point of interest this summer. See story. Enterprise photo by Maveric Vu.

By the 1960s, after Mark Twain St. Joseph's Hospital had already taken over, the cemetery gate was left damaged and the landscape downtrodden. Those who began building the existing Government Center failed to restore the burial site.

In 1991, Judith Marvin and Julia Costello, with Foothill Resources, tagged the cemetery site again in their research.

Now more than 100 years after it was established, the cemetery will receive a historical designation.

"People will be able to go up to the area and visit," Van Zant said.

The monument is the first step, with possible fencing and a tourist marker on county maps.

Much of the ground has also been cleared to show the pieces of rock that signify the location of a grave.

Van Zant said only a few people have contacted the County Archives with known ties to paupers. She hopes more families, such as the ones who placed the headstone for Evans, will come forward.

Prior to 1905, the county didn't require death certificates to be filed. Even while digging through old obituaries from the Calaveras Prospect, Van Zant said many of the deceased would never be identified.

They originally estimated about 600, based on obituaries, but dwindled it down to about 400 buried at the site, Van Zant said.

One entry in her database simply reads: "Mexican John."

"We'll never know who he is," she said.

"Just because you're a pauper and die poor doesn't mean you are any less of a person."

Work on the monument is set to begin in August. A dedication ceremony will be tentatively held on Sept. 15.

Contact Maveric Vu at [mvu@calaverasenterprise.com](mailto:mvu@calaverasenterprise.com).



Young Robert Allen Martin, son of James Martin, in the Role of His Ancestor George Soule, at His School's "Wax Museum" Project

James Martin is a Soule Kindred member who devoted ten years to the search for his great-grandfather Frederick Eugene Sole's burial place which is located on the Calaveras County Hospital property. His work has contributed to recognition of the Calaveras Hospital Cemetery as a county historical site. The article from the **Calaveras Enterprise** was sent in by Mr. Martin.

**James Edward Martin** wrote on Mar 15, 2007 4:24 PM:

" My Great Grandfather Frederick Eugene Sole was buried here Jan. 25, 1934 See: Calaveras Prospect and Citizen (Paper) Feb. 10, 1934 page 8. Death during the month - Frederick Eugene Sole, died Jan. 23, 1934, native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, age 66 years 4 month's 4 days; buried in Hospital Cemetery (Potters Field) nr. 1459 Gold Hunter Dr. County Burial, Respectfully, Dr. E. W. Erich, Supt. By John L. Dalton, Steward .. John L. Dalton was paid \$ 430.00 for his services, and John B. Gabriella was paid \$ 50.00 for burial... Paid by Calaveras County as stated in Jan. 1934 Supervisor's Minutes ... Frederick Eugene Sole was the son of John Sole of Vassalboro, Maine and Rebecca H.N.W. Lang of West Lyman, New Hampshire. He born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on Sept. 19, 1869 Married in Oakland, Calif. Dec 7, 1886 To Lula Julia Ott at St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakland. Children: Essie Frances (Soule) Whisler Charles F. Soule, Eugene Frederick Soule Ida Belle (Soule) Martin, Unnamed girl Soule; Left Oakland Ca. after 1900 Census to mine for Gold, found him in 1910 Census in Angles Camp, found him in 1920 Census Angles Camp, He bought a piece pf property March 27, 1920 Altaville, Ca. Sold said property Apr 9, 1925..... "



### **Learning the ropes**

Tech. Sgt. Jason Soule lectures restraint principles during Basic Loadmaster Course training at Altus Air Force Base. The five and 1/2 week Basic loadmaster Course taught at the 97th Training Squadron takes Airmen through the basics of learning how an aircraft should be balanced, calculating that balance and then properly loading the aircraft according to those calculations. (U. S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Aldric Borders) [Download Full Image](#) | [E-mail a friend](#)

**P**rior to his death in 2004, Roger Soule of California worked many years on his family's genealogy. He and his younger brother, James W. Soule of Ft. Worth, TX, had been told all of their lives that they are George Soule descendants. However, after tracing the lineage back through Stanley, Linman and Herbert Soule, Roger hit a brick wall at John of Yarmouth, ME. This is the John Soule who married Mary Mitchell in Freeport and who Ridlon claimed was born in Maine to yet unidentified parents. Unfortunately, Roger was never able to break through that wall.

Thanks to recent work by Louise W. Throop, the connection may have been found. According to new evidence, John was not born in Maine at all, but in Tiverton, RI and was the son of Christopher Soule who died in a drowning accident in 1815. The line now looks like this: George, George, Nathan, Cornelius, Abner, Christopher, John, Herbert, Linman, Stanley, Roger and his sibling James. Roger has two surviving sons - Gary and James. Sgt. Jason Bernard Soule, Roger's nephew, is one of three sons of James W. Soule; his brothers are Dax Christian Soule of College Station, TX and Charles Jared Soule of New York City. More research needs to be done to confirm the tentative findings; however, things are looking a bit better than they did. Sgt. Soule is the same young man we reported had graduated from Wayland Baptist University earlier this year through a bachelors degree program for active service men and women offered at Altus Air Force Base, OK. §

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## “The Bible Tells Me So...” *by Susan Fogg Eisdorfer*

Family Bibles can be a very helpful source for genealogy researchers; this statement is not really news for most of you. Still, a fresh case study now and then does not hurt; nor will a review of what criteria is used to determine whether or not a particular Bible can truly be regarded as a primary information source.

### **Case Example**

Those with George Soule lineages frequently discover that they also have Revolutionary War ancestors as well. In some cases, researchers will find multiple instances of participation in this great conflict. I am descended from Quakers whose Meeting House was confiscated by Washington for use as a field hospital, a man who fought for the loyalist cause and several who served in combat on the American side. Some years back, my father decided to join the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution. Both organizations required extensive documentation, but the SR genealogist was particularly vigilant. She stated that she had not been able to discover any primary sources documenting the marriage of Albert Smith Merrill and

Ella Agnes Isham of Vermont. Several published genealogies included this couple, and she regarded these works as carefully done and of overall good quality. However, she wanted primary evidence.

Many years prior, my grand aunt, Gertrude Merrill Hull of West Berkshire, VT, had given me two old Bibles. One belonged to her mother and the other to her grandmother. As the one kid in the family who cared about “old stuff,” these items were precious to me, but I confess, mainly so because they had been given to me by my favorite family member. They were stored safely away and life went on for the next thirty years or so. When my father encountered his “documentation problem,” I decided to pull out the Bibles and take a closer look at them. The large Bible belonged to Mrs. Merrill, who was in fact, Ella Agnes Isham Merrill. On the pages reserved for births, marriages and deaths was a wealth of data. And some eye openers too! We had heard that Grandma Alice was “a bit” older than Grandpa Clinton, but twelve years older?? As good as the vital records information was, it

got better. Tucked away between the pages were marriage certificates signed by the clergyman and witnesses; apparently they never registered the marriage with the state of Vermont because it cost money and because they did not have to in that era. We were subsequently able to verify that a minister of that name was active at the time of Ella and Albert’s wedding. Finally, there was Ella’s obituary from a local newspaper that was a gold mine. It did an excellent job of documenting dates, parentage, date of marriage, names of children and the names of those who attended the funeral, including my paternal grandmother Alice Merrill Fogg (Mrs. C. O. Fogg). This was a wonderful gift since, just a generation before, obituaries cited what kind of flowers decorated the chapel and which hymns were sung, but included very little information genuinely helpful to a researcher trying to connect the genealogical dots. Armed with copies of these treasures, my father had very little trouble qualifying for both SAR and SR.

### **Does Your Bible Meet Criteria?**

Primary sources provide the best documentation

for genealogical evidence. They are records that were created at the time of the event of interest to the researcher.

Indications that a particular Bible is of primary source quality would include the following:

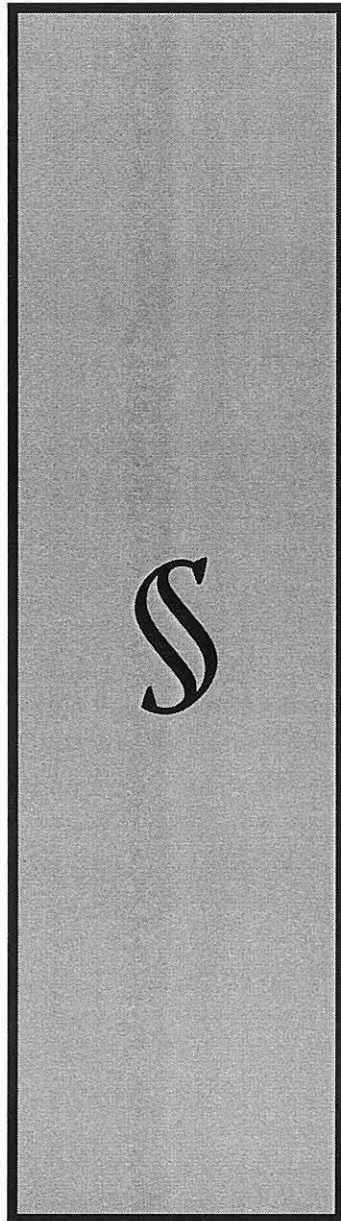
- Overall appearance and condition
- The date of publication should be the same year of or before the date of the earliest entry
- Evidence of entries done in more than one hand over the years, especially when keyed to known deaths in the family and a knowledge of each person’s hand writing
- Use of different inks that may have aged at dissimilar rates and have varied appearances
- Corroborating evidence from other sources that validates the authenticity of Bible entries and/or ownership (for example, a photograph of your ancestor posed with the Bible)

### **The Next Step**

Should you be fortunate enough to encounter a Bible with good primary source information, please consider sharing this information with other researchers. You can do this through publications, websites or by donating the Bible and your papers to a repository of your choice; however, one of the best ways to preserve this vital

information is to send it to the New England Historic Genealogical Society's Bible Project. Since NEGHS is not able to save all of the Bibles donated, but will extract the documentation from each, I chose not to send my Bibles, but instead to photocopy all relevant pages from each and to send those to NEHGS. The compiled records are then burned onto CDs that can be purchased or used through a library or genealogy research center, if the CDs are part of their collection. The NEHGS website is [www.newenglandancestors.org](http://www.newenglandancestors.org). The National Genealogical Society (NGS) has a similar program which offers the transcribed Bible documentation online for their membership only through their website at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org).

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## KINDRED COUSIN RESPONDS TO SAN DIEGO WILDFIRES

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Judy Hughes, a Soule Kindred cousin, left her home in North Carolina bound for the San Diego Wildfires. The American Red Cross had deployed her to be of assistance to the thousands who were in immediate need of food, clothing, and shelter due to the mandated mass evacuation of their communities. Judy served as a client case worker and determined the needs of each individual client coming to the Fallbrook Local Assistance Center seeking aid. Upon verification that their home had, in fact, sustained major damage or was actually destroyed due to the wildfires a credit card was issued for their immediate needs. Fallbrook is located about 45 miles north of San Diego just off Interstate 15 and was affected by the fires in the Rice Canyon area.

Judy has taken many Red Cross disaster training courses with the Red Cross and is qualified to serve in several capacities: feeding and sheltering, welfare information, damage assessment, health services, and client casework. She is listed as a Disaster Service Human Resource and may be deployed whenever needed anywhere in the United States. She had previously been deployed to the New York Floods at Binghamton just a week after returning home from the 2006 Soule Reunion in Niagara Falls and to the tornadoes in north central Florida in February of this year.

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San Diego Wildfire Red Cross Volunteers  
*Photography by David Thomas*



California Wildfire Scene  
*Photography by David Thomas*

# 2008 Soule Kindred Reunion Update

**Who:** All Soule Cousins. Friends and Kin

**Where:** Plymouth, MA

**When:** September 10-14, 2008 (Immediately Following Mayflower Pilgrim Congress)

**Why:** To Savor the Many Offerings of "America's Hometown," to Learn More About Your Soule Heritage and to Enjoy the Company of Your Cousins

**Events Already Scheduled:**

A Visit Aboard Mayflower II  
A Day at Plimoth Plantation with "A Taste of Two Cultures" Luncheon  
Banquet at The Stoneforge Plymouth Featuring A New England Clam Bake  
(Children's and Special Considerations Menus Available)  
10:00AM Sunday Service at 1st Parish, Plymouth followed by a Tour of the Church

**Arrangements Still Ongoing:** A Day at Duxbury Including a Visit to The Old Burying Ground

**Accommodations:**

The Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor (Special Conference Rate of \$119.00 + tax per Double Occupancy)  
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## Beyond the call of duty: Airman's bone marrow saves baby

by Gwenn McElwee  
97th Training Squadron

2/28/2007 - **ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.** -- Military members know that they may be called on to do the right thing and to save lives, but Airmen are seldom called upon to take the steps that an Altus Air Force Base, Okla., Technical Sergeant recently took.

Technical Sgt. Jason Soule, a basic loadmaster instructor for the 97th Training Squadron, consented to a DNA swab of his mouth a year ago when a dependent child here was in need of a bone marrow donation.

A family at Altus AFB needed the help of a bone marrow donor to save their daughter's life. The base chapel helped get the word out and petitioned for volunteers.

Sergeant Soule didn't understand why the little girl's parents could not provide the bone marrow; but he found out that parents of a child have no more than a one in 10,000 chance of being a match, no more than a complete stranger. Sergeant Soule, having two girls of his own, knew that if it were one of his girls, he would hope someone would be willing to step in to try and save them.

He went for the test, but was not a match. However test results stay in the Bone Marrow National Registry system for a possible match. Some people in the registry system can be on the list for years and never be called upon.

To Sergeant Soule's surprise, six months later he received a phone call from the Sylvan N. Goldman Center Oklahoma Blood Institute in Oklahoma City. A seven-month-old baby girl on the list was a match and she needed his bone marrow in order for her life to continue." Because of privacy clauses all he was told was that she was fighting for her life, battling Leukemia. Another test was needed to ensure that he was the likely match. Based on the previous test, he was a strong possibility.

Sergeant Soule traveled to Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City for further testing. His tissue and blood results were a match. With his bone marrow donation this little girl's life would change and be as if she was starting from a clean slate. Doctors said that she would no longer have Leukemia and would be healthy.

Feb. 16 the procedure took place, taking less than an hour.

"Everyone was professional," Sergeant Soule said. "They knew what they were doing, and I didn't feel a thing." The doctor used a hollow needle to go through the pelvic bone from the back side to obtain the marrow "I didn't have any stitches, only a band aid," Sergeant Soule said. "I walked out and went to the Red Robin to eat a hamburger and fries with only what felt like a bruise." The procedure was performed on a Friday, and he was at the gym on Monday."

"I would encourage everyone to join the National Bone Marrow Registry," Sergeant Soule said, "because this program offers hope and help to families around the world." He has already received feedback from an Oklahoma Blood Institute volunteer that the infant girl received the bone marrow and is doing well.

Sergeant Soule is an instructor for the Initial Loadmaster Qualification course and has been in the Air Force for 13 years. Eight of those years were as an instructor with the last 2-3 years as a BLM instructor at Altus AFB.

Information on becoming a blood marrow donor is available at:  
[http://www.marow.org/HELP/Join\\_the\\_Registry/index.html](http://www.marow.org/HELP/Join_the_Registry/index.html).

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# Meet Our Historians



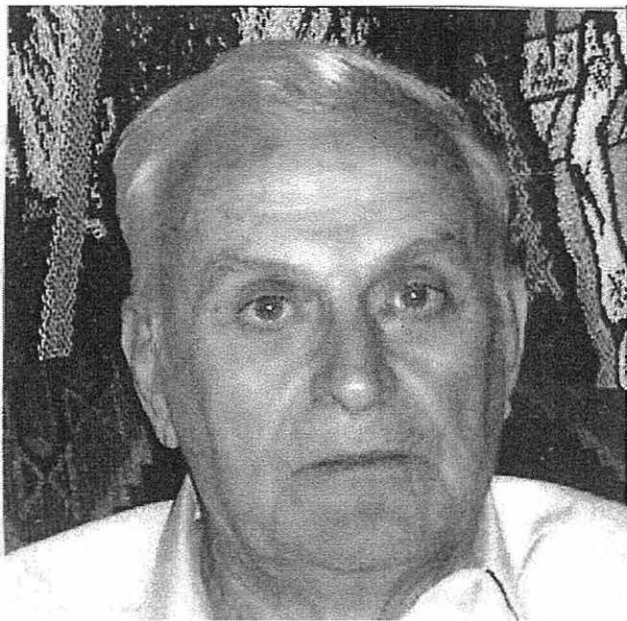
**Lynde C. Randall and Family**  
*Yarmouth, Maine*

**H**ello, I'm Lynde Randall and most of you know me as the Soule Kindred Researcher. I'm Jack Sowles, Historian for Soule Kindred's assistant. I'm also a Mayflower member and time permitting I need to get my other two applications processed – someday soon. I'm on the Mayflower Society Board of Assistance, Membership Secretary for the State of Maine, and newly appointed Deputy Governor.

I grew up with genealogy, people talking and gathering information, and sometimes you believed the people were right beside you. I belong to many lists on the internet and help people when I can. I do try to answer many of the Soule queries. I have started a George Soule database and hopefully will be able to add all the Mayflower lines along with the George Soule information.

I was born on Falmouth Foreside, Maine and have lived here most of my life. One of my best places to live was when I lived in Castine, Maine, a very historical town. I worked at Maine Maritime Academy for 10 years.

My family consists of five children, four girls and one boy, and thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. All my children are in Maine but one family that lives in Pocomoke, Maryland. The picture I have sent was taken two years ago when all my family was all together and I have to mention that everyone is a little thinner. ☺



**Biographical Sketch**  
**Soule Kindred Historian**

**Charles J. "Jack" SOWLES**

**BORN: August 11, 1934**  
**Nehawka; Cass Co.; Nebraska**

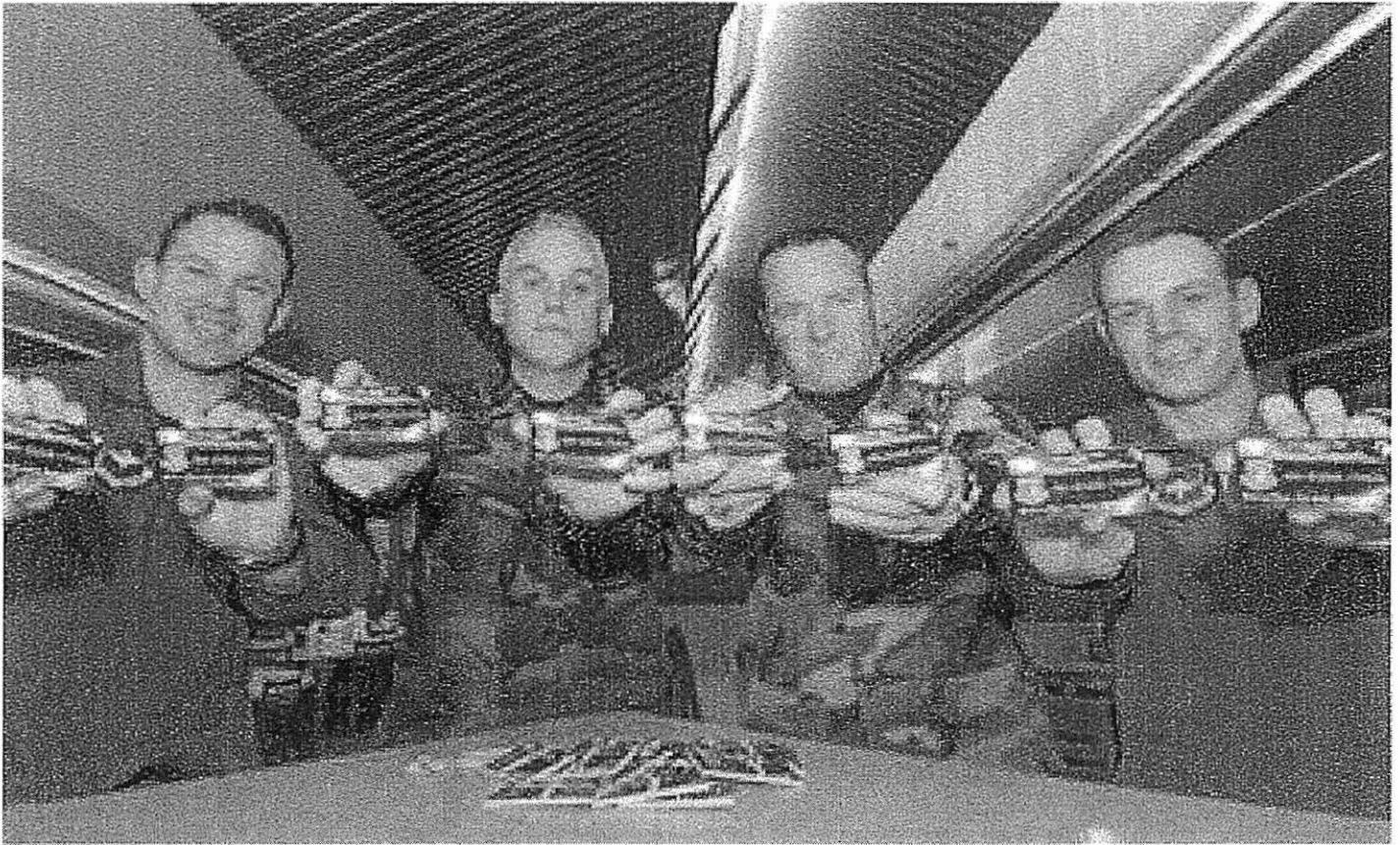
**Father: Charles John SOWLES**  
**Mother: Violet M. SMITH**

**A**s noted above, I was born at Nehawka, Nebraska on August 11, 1934; oldest of what was eventually to be a total of 11 children. My next sibling was born at Nehawka also; but my mother and father moved shortly thereafter, to Gary; Lake Co.; Indiana; where all the rest of my siblings were born and raised up. Mom was the typical "overworked and under-paid (as she would probably be known today) housewife." That was all that was known in that day and age—Working and raising children!! Dad was equally hard-working, as a welder/laborer in the defense plant at Hammond, IN, where they were building tanks for the U.S. Army-at war in Europe and the Pacific Campaigns. Dad was a construction Steel Worker after WW II.

I started my own working career at the age of 12 years, working summers in the truck garden fields of south Lake County, Indiana. I attended primary school at Black Oak School; Gary, Indiana; then High School at Calumet Township High School, Gary, Indiana. I graduated in May, 1952 with a high school diploma. Shortly after graduation, in (June, 1952), I joined the U. S. Navy and was sent to Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, and then on to a school at Bainbridge, Maryland for surface warfare Gun Fire Control. During that period, I also married a high school classmate, Mary Ann WOOLSEY. We lived at Havre de Grace, Maryland until I completed training at Bainbridge and then transferred to the U. S. S. Fulton (AS 11), a submarine tender, at New London, Connecticut. The rest of my 22 year USN career was spent stationed aboard active USN submarines or submarine training commands, except for a 2 year hiatus during which I was lucky enough to be selected by the Navy to attend a 2 year experimental college program, in which I was able to obtain an Associates Degree In Electronic Engineering Technology, at Wentworth Institute, Boston, MA. A somewhat interesting experience—A somewhat elderly citizen (by college kid standards) sitting in on classes with kids not much older than my own, and trying to compete for grades with those young "whipper-snappers," less than half my age.

After retirement from the Navy, I spent several years as an engineer for civilian contractors of military services to the USN; primarily designing, installing, and testing new improvements to Submarine Fire Control Systems. One of my projects was the installation and testing of the first Tomahawk Cruise Missile, aboard one of our older submarines at San Diego, California. I also worked on the Fire Control Systems for the newest (at that time) Ohio Class Submarines, and the Los Angeles Class Submarines. During my Naval Career, I was able to travel to numerous US and also foreign ports; and to see sights and places almost un-imaginable to most people who have never had the benefit of military service, to take them to such places. Mary Ann and I are the parents of 7 children; Cathy June; Jacqueline Ann; Janet Elaine; Charles Jack Jr; Jerold Frederick; Linda Jean; and Dorothy Jane: 15 Grand-children and, at last count; 17 Great-grandchildren. They're scattered around all over the United States, from north to south and east to west.

I was selected to the Office of Soule Kindred Historian, in 1998, and have proudly performed that function for almost 10 years now. Hopefully I'll be able to continue for more years to come should the Soule Kindred and my own health, continue to remain compatible.



## 481-RIDE

Left to right: Tech. Sgt Jason Soule, 97th Training Squadron, Chief Master Sgt. Philip Topper, 97th Air Mobility Wing command chief, Senior Master Sgt. Chris Hargis, 97th TRS first sergeant and Staff Sgt. Jon Jackson, Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program Director, display pre-paid "Dial-A-Ride" cards. The cards were purchased for junior enlisted personnel stationed at Altus with proceeds from the 97th Operations Group's first ever fundraising event in support of "Wingman Day '06." Sixty-three volunteers from the 97th OG, led by Sergeant Soule, raised more than \$1,000 washing windows and manning the gas pumps at the AAFES Gas Station on base. The cards provide 24-hour, seven-days-a-week AADD service to all active duty, Reserve, Guard, civilian and family members within the city of Altus. The cards will be distributed by first sergeants to personnel within their units prior to the Christmas holiday. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Joshua DeMotts) [Download Full Image](#) | [E-mail a friend](#)

Kudos to Sgt. Jason B. Soule who has clearly been a very busy young man.

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**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 Sollie, 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 Quarterly, 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.

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, Christine M. Hill, 2402 Kipling Place, Hutchinson, KS 67502. Otherwise please copy and send this membership application, along with a check payable to Soule Kindred in America, Inc. to Betty-Jean Haner, Membership Secretary, 53 New Shaker Rd., Albany, NY 12205-3615.

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Please write suggestions, news and new member possibilities below. We especially appreciate having you report births, marriages and deaths in your family during the past year.

## Snippets from Susan

For the most part, the job of serving as editor of the Soule Kindred Newsletter Quarterly is a wonderful experience that I enjoy very much. However, as all of you well know, every job has its downside. In the case of SKNQ, it is the very long amount of time that it takes for our publication to reach our readership once each issue leaves the printer. I published a set of guidelines for submitting material in the Summer, 2007 issue and now find a need to revise them.

Henceforth, please use the following dates as submission deadlines. Winter - December 1, 2008 (which unfortunately will be past due by the time you receive this issue), Spring - March 1, 2008, Summer - June 1, 2008 and Autumn - August 1, 2008, etc.

Repetition is known to be a valid teaching tool, so allow me to indulge on this next point. Your editor now has hi-speed internet access. You are encouraged to send text as MS plain text files. Please do not send them as rich text as .rtf gives my Mac Pro a very bad case of indigestion. Also, PDFs are wonderful, but harder to correct, if there are any mistakes. Please be sure to very carefully proof a file prior to sending it. The same holds true for "print ready" hard copy, but even more so. Images are best sent as .jpgs or .tifs of as high a quality as you can manage. It is always a good idea to let your editor know that you are sending material to her. If you have a very big file, please burn it on a CD and snail mail it. Even hi-speed connections have their limits.

Also, many thanks to BJ Haner for offering gentle, but effective, correction on my volume numbering error. The correct pattern is Winter (Vol. 1), Spring (Vol. 2), Summer (Vol. 3) and Autumn (Vol. 4). Please correct your issues accordingly should you notice a past mistake. In a way, the feedback on these errors has been quite marvelous because it means that someone has actually been reading our newsletter. Blessings upon you wherever you are!! §

## Milestones

### Births

**Ernest and Lisa Blevins** have announced the birth of their son **Ryal Austin Blevins**. He was born at 11:41 AM on Thursday 8 November 2007 at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, Georgia and was 6 lbs 8oz and 20 inches long. Baby and mother, Lisa Blevins, are doing well. The couple's three other children Savannah, Ana and Cameren were all present with the older two girls very interested in the process.

To quote Ernie, "Ryal is named for my furthest back Blevins ancestor that I can find who is Ryal/Rial/Royall Blevins, ca. 1797 Tennessee, residing early 1800s in Kentucky and last known on the 1850 census in Roane County, Tennessee. A family reunion this summer confirmed my fears that this roadblock has been struck by other family researchers."

### Marriages

Member **Marjorie Brown Everoski** has written to share the following news about her two nephews:

**Joseph Norman Brown**, son of **John** and **Sandy Brown**, and **Cheryl Cooper** were wed on 14 August 2004 in Colorado Springs, CO. Also, Marjorie's sister, **Barbara Brown Thomas** and **Stacey Thomas**, are the parents of new groom **Michael Thomas** who married **Kelsey Delker** on 8 January 2006 in Manhattan, KS.

### Deaths

**Sandra G. Nickson**, daughter of Richard and Virginia (Green) Nickson, died on 3 August 2005 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She was born on 6 December 1946.

Plimoth Plantation has given us a peek at the menu for the SK Reunion group luncheon on the day we plan to spend there (September 12, 2008). The menu is one which our ancestors George Soule and his wife Mary Bucket would have recognized.

#### **A Taste of Two Cultures**

Sobaheg (a native stew)

Samp (native corn pudding)

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Seasonal Sallet

17th Century Cheesecake

Mint Tea

Keep Tuned for More 2008 Reunion Information in the Spring, 2008 Issue



## Book Review

*by Ron Soule*

### **Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community and War**

Nathaniel Philbrick, Viking Penguin, 2006, 461 pages.

Nathaniel Philbrick might have titled this finely crafted historical work "The Plymouth Colony: The First 57 years." While the story of the Mayflower journey is related in the first chapter of the book, the remaining chapters are devoted to the interplay of activities that lead up to King Philip's War, and the "successful" prosecution of that war.

I thought I knew the story of the Pilgrims, but in my mind the main players were merely names void of any personality. Philbrick has managed to reveal the human qualities of William Bradford, Edward Winslow, Miles Standish, Squanto, Massasoit and others as "flawed, heroic, temperamental, and shrewd." We learn that Miles Standish, a short though powerful man, advocated a policy of "the best defense is a strong offense." He wished to confront the Indians and make them fearful of the Pilgrim's power. Edward Winslow favored diplomatic solutions. He sought a negotiated settlement with the Indians. Both men had remarkable "courage of conviction," and repeatedly exposed themselves to extreme danger in pursuit of their objectives, and both were instrumental in the formulation of the policies that directed the colony's approach to the Indian culture.

The sachem Massasoit was well aware of the Pilgrim's arrival, but watched them with suspicion and caution. The Indians were quite familiar with the European fishermen and explorers, who had visited the New England coast for years. These visitors had indiscriminately killed Indians and brought disease that had seriously decimated the Indian population, so caution was well advised.

Suspicion and distrust on both sides does not make a firm foundation for a friendship, so the alliances formed were tenuous at best. Through extensive research Philbrick has provided a very readable and surprisingly detailed story of Winslow's courageous efforts to establish good relationships with the Indians; the early confrontations and surprising violence of the Pilgrims; the flaws of character that established the patterns that inevitably led to a devastating war with Massasoit's son, Philip; and the consequences of this early experiment in "ethnic cleansing."

Several years in the writing, *Mayflower* reflects the extensive research conducted by Mr. Philbrick. There are 50 pages of notes and 29 pages of bibliography, which support the validity of this work, and will provide the history buff with an ample resource for his own research.

I was disappointed not to find some mention of George Soule and his children in this book. He was, after all, a "servant" to Edward Winslow, and Winslow figures prominently in the journey of the Mayflower and the early years of the Plymouth Colony. The only mention of a Soule that I could find was the author's recognition for the assistance of Charles Soule in the Acknowledgments section.

As stated on the flyleaf of the book, Philbrick does indeed take us on an "extraordinary journey to understand the truth behind our most sacred national myth: the voyage of the Mayflower and the settlement of Plymouth Colony." I thoroughly enjoyed and highly recommend this book. §



Stephen Soule Gravestone



Mehitable "Hettie/Hetty" Rood Stone

### Stephen Soule and Mehitable (Hetty/Hettie) Rood.

Throughout the years, I have submitted articles in the Newsletter searching for information about the lineage of Hiram Sowles. I have also submitted articles about other Soule family members, whom I have researched, trying to find a link to Hiram Sowles' parents. Over the last several years, I have found numerous sources on Hiram's siblings and parents, but was unable to prove them specifically to Hiram. However, in April 2005 I found an old family Holman Bible with copied papers in the Bible listing Hiram, his siblings and his parents. These papers matched the family that I had built in my database. I would like to share this family with you now, and then work on publishing a book with all of my sources, documents and pictures. I've been researching this family since 1980 and it took me 25 years to prove. I traveled many places to find documents.

(1) George Soule, (2) Nathaniel Soule, (3) Sylvanus Soule, (4) William Soule and Keziah (Gifford), (5) Nathaniel Soule (Sowle) and Deborah (Mosher), (6) Stephen Soule (Sowle) and Mehitable "Hetty/Hettie" (Rood), (7) Hiram Sowle (Sowles) and Sarah (Boyer), (8) Jonathan Frank Sowles and Ellen Ruth (Maugherman), (9) Daisy Sowles, (10) Jay Sowles and Nina (Collins), (11) Dorsey D. Sowles and Viola R. (Purk), (12) Janet Sowles and Steve Carper

Stephen and Mehitable's children:

- Sarah Ann Sowle, b. 4 Jun 1815, m. George Sherburn
- Nathaniel W Sowles, b. 3 Aug 1817, m. Mary Ann Miller/Mueller
- David Solles, b. 3 Jun 1819, m. Maria Underhill
- Amy Solles, b. 17 Jul 1821
- Stephen Solles, b. 29 Sep 1823, m. Mary A Haslett
- Hiram Sowles, b. 15 Nov 1826, 1m. Sarah Boyer, 2m. Mary Ann McCann
- Edgar Solles, b. 23 Dec 1828, 1m. Susan Babcock, 2m. Eunice Underwood
- Caroline Jane Sowle, b. 22 Jun 1832, m. Jacob Brumbaugh
- Ira Clinton Sowles, b. 2 Apr 1835, m. Elizabeth Ann Thomas

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See Information on Sarah Anne SOWLE,  
Oldest Child of Stephen and Hetty/Hettie, on page 25 and  
Nathaniel W. Sowles (Second Child) on pages 29 and 30.

## End of Year 2007 Comments from Our President ...

November 30, 2007

Dear Cousins,

As you read this, 2007 will be history. As I write, I continue to be in the spirit of Thanksgiving. In light of this, I would like to take a few minutes to look at the past year; however, in doing so, I am confident that I will miss something or someone important. For this, I ask your forgiveness and tolerance in advance.

As with most years, the highlight to the year was the Soule Kindred in America Reunion. This year was no exception. For me, the reunion in Charleston, South Carolina was not only a time to see an area that I had not previously visited, but also to renew the ties with fellow attendees, meet a few never met cousins and be thankful for both. On a personal note, the reunions are also an opportunity to spend time with my daughters, my mother, and one or more aunts. During the past several years, I have been thankful for these trips giving me an opportunity to know four of my aunts in ways that would have never happened in our day-to-day lives.

I am also thankful that we are developing some stability in our newsletter. Sue Eisdorfer has done a wonderful job of sprucing up our publication. In the midst of this, she has had some personal trials with the loss of her husband, but I am thankful for the job she has done and continues to do with the newsletter. Likewise, I think that we are fortunate to have Jack Sowles and Lynde Randall providing genealogy research for Kindred members. They are often working behind the scenes and don't always get the recognition for a job well done.

The year 2007 has been a year in which the Kindred has experienced loss and sadness. Coming to mind immediately are the loss of Bob Bishop and Stanley Soule. Each of these men was a true gentleman and loyal supporter of the Kindred. To look at the positive side, each of us should be thankful for being richer from the experience of knowing Bob and/or Stanley.

Many of our reunion attendees experienced the sadness of the fire that occurred in Charleston killing nine firefighters while we were holding our reunion there.

On a more personal note, I would like to take a moment to publicly express thanks for and to my family. I have been richly blessed. We are all aware of the fragility of life; however, in light of a recent car accident that my mother, Bertha Erickson, had, this is very front of mind for me. She is currently recovering from minor injuries that easily could have been extremely serious. I would encourage each person to take a few moments to acknowledge the blessings in life and thank those who have played role in our lives.

I am richly blessed to me a member of the Soule Kindred.

Christine M. Hill  
President, Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

## Queries

Submitted by Cheryl Degner

My brick wall: Finding parents of **Helen Augusta M. Soule**, b. Nov 1829 ME, d. Nov 1892, in Waterford, CA.

I believe her father to be Gaius Soule, b. Jul 1803, Rome, ME to parents Asa Soule (1765-1838) and Ruth Howland Stetson (1763-1840). Gaius was mentioned in the History of Garland, 1920-1830 and in Asa's Petition for Pension: he is not cited in Asa's 1838 will - leading one to believe Gaius had died before Asa. Gaius married Lavina Tobie (b. 28 Jul 1809 in Montville, ME to Nathan Tobie, 1772-1819, and Eleanor Clifford, 1777-1857) on 18 Apr 1829, in Montville (Gaius in Liberty). Gaius disappears, although the Garland, ME 1830 Census has a man (Gaius?), woman (Lavinia?) and baby (Helen?) living with Asa and Ruth. He may have died in Garland or Montville.

I can't find Lavinia (Helen's mother?) or Helen from 1829 to 1845. I believe they moved to Montville, ME. Helen was residing there when she married Cleveland Bachelder of Exeter in 1845. Joseph Tobie, Lavinia's brother, and wife Persis may have helped Lavinia in Montville. Lavinia Soule is next seen in 1860 at Menasha, WI, living with Helen A. Soule and her husband Cleveland Bachelder. There is no mention of mother/daughter relationship in the census. Lavinia Soule is found in the 1865-1880 census' in MN with her niece Lucinda Jackson (with husband Harvey and son Augustus).

"An invalid mother" lives with Helen, as cited in preemptive land claims 1886-1889, at Fort Bidwell, Modoc, CA. My grandfather, b. 1885, remembered a Great-Grandmother Soule at Fort Bidwell, where, as a small child, he rode her large dog. She was bed-ridden with arthritis (also mentioned in MN Census)

I'd like to find out more about Gaius, Lavinia, and Helen - hopefully something more than circumstantial evidence. **It would be wonderful to see just one source stating that Helen was actually Gaius and Lavinia's daughter.** Helen and Cleveland Bachelder had Luther Cleveland Bachelder in 1852 in WI. They moved to San Jose in 1870, then to Modoc Co. perhaps in 1872-4

Cheryl can be reached at [csdegner@yahoo.com](mailto:csdegner@yahoo.com) if you have information on this family.

*Wishing a  
Warm and Happy Holiday Season  
to All of Our Soule Cousins  
and  
General Subscribers!*

## Opportunity Knocks: *Soule Research at the 2008 Reunion*

Those expecting to attend the reunion in Plymouth next September will have access to three fine libraries in the area to help with family research. Within a short distance from our gathering site at the Radisson Plymouth Harbor are the Mayflower Society Research Library, the Plymouth Public Library and the new Drew Archival Library in Duxbury. The Drew has been open only for a short time and functions under the aegis of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society.

A very good place to start your research, even before you leave home, is by going to the Plymouth Ancestors website at [www.plymouthancestors.org](http://www.plymouthancestors.org). This membership site will take you to a fairly new collaborative venture operated jointly by the New England Historic Genealogical Society and Plimoth Plantation. It offers an excellent portal to researching your Soule heritage from home.

Attendees can either plan to add a day or two for research prior to or immediately after the reunion, or build research time into the three day stay by skipping some of the planned events. In any case, time is precious, so be as prepared as you can. One repository worth visiting is the Plymouth Public Library which has an admirable collection of Mayflower family history resources located in the History Room. You can visit their website at [www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org](http://www.plymouthpubliclibrary.org). Our Duxbury visit is designed to include a visit to the Drew. You can obtain

a quick preview of the this repository's offerings by visiting the website of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society at <http://duxburyhistory.org>.

The Mayflower Society Research Library is open only during the week, Monday thru Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. However, it is right in town and within walking distance of the hotel. Besides all of the wonderful research resources, this is the place where one can purchase the **Mayflower Families in Progress** series on George Soule. The current series, researched and compiled by our own SKA Life Member Louise W. Throop, is now up to 5 volumes and into the sixth generation, in some cases. Louise is currently working of volume six which is largely devoted to descendants of Susannah Soule West and contains a good deal of new information about this line. It has not yet been published, but is already eagerly awaited. Volumes one through five are in print and available for purchase at the library. If you are lucky on your visit, you may have the opportunity to meet Paul Bumpus, one of the verifying genealogists, who proudly carries two George Soule lines, among those of several other pilgrims. Visit the website at [www.themayflowersociety.com](http://www.themayflowersociety.com).

Reunion 2008 offers an unique opportunity to connect with your heritage and celebrate the present with your Soule cousins. Plan well and you will be rewarded. \$

## Browsing the Bradford: *How Our Ancestors Lived in Early Plymouth Colony*

Good genealogists become students of more than their ancestor's pedigree. They become knowledgeable about the times and circumstances during which each generation lived. Finding that crucial ancestral link often comes through developing an understanding of the practices and culture of their day. One of the places that can help researchers to gain this necessary kind of understanding is the William Bradford Research Library at Plimoth Plantation. To many, it is known simply as the Plimoth Plantation Library.

Unlike the other libraries spotlighted on this page, the Bradford requires a paid membership to Plimoth Plantation in order to access the materials. Those planning only to take the one day SK Reunion tour of the plantation are not eligible to visit and use the resources of the library. However, it is easy enough to obtain a membership prior to the reunion and arrival in Plymouth by going to [www.plimoth.org](http://www.plimoth.org) and then to the membership webpage.

In terms of genealogical material, the library holds information only through the first three generations. Beyond that the resources expand into a treasure trove of subjects relating to all aspects of the material culture of the 17th century, plus insights into economic, military and social history. Are you interested in how

our ancestors clothed themselves and how they produced and prepared their food? Then this is the place to look. Do you have a burning desire to understand how a musket really worked? Ditto. And just how did they construct those first meager shelters against the harsh New England winter? Look no further for this is the place.

This repository is all about serious scholarly research and is not a place for casual visitors. Keep in mind that it is a specialized research facility and do not expect from it anything beyond its scope. What it does do, it does extremely well and plays a vital part in keeping the story and times of our Mayflower Pilgrim ancestors alive in the hearts and imagination of the American people and the world.

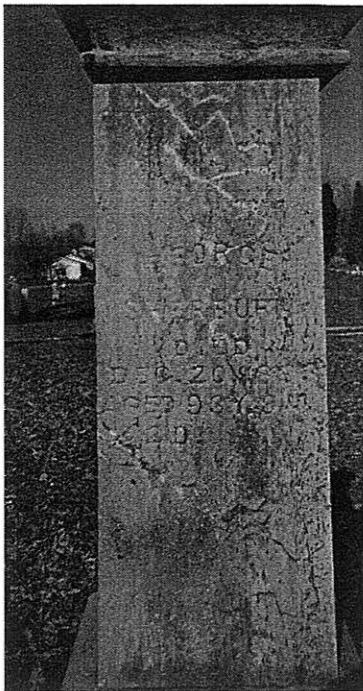
A session at the Bradford does require an advance appointment. Those who are Plimoth Plantation members will need to call the library in sufficient time prior to your visit to set a date and time. Contact Information is as follows:

### Historic Research

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Research Dept.

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[ctravers@plimoth.org](mailto:ctravers@plimoth.org)

Please note that the library is open on week days only and has limited hours. One must also acquire and show a valid membership card to access this repository. \$



George Sherburn  
Gravesite



Sarah A. Sowle  
Gravesite

### STEPHEN AND MEHITABLE (Hetty/Hettie ROOD) SOULE

SARAH A. (SALLY) SOWLE - Sarah was born 4 June 1815, Hudson, NY; m. 7 June 1838, Ontario Co, NY; d. 21 Oct 1892, Kosciusko Co, IN-buried at Hillcrest Cemetery; husband: George SHERBURN - b. 18 March 1800, Yorkshire, England; d. 20 Dec 1893, Kosciusko Co, IN -buried at Hillcrest Cemetery

#### Children:

1. Alonzo Sherburn - b. 28 Oct 1839 Ontario Co, NY: m1. Sarah West, 6 May 1860, Kosciusko Co, IN, m2. Hannah Gay 4 July 1862, Kosciusko Co, IN, m3. Ella Pinney, 11 Nov 1912, Kosciusko Co, IN; Military-enlisted in Civil War, 3 Oct 1862; d. 20 Nov 1914, Kosciusko Co, Warsaw, IN
2. George Sherburn - b. 10 Aug 1841, Ontario Co, NY; d. ca. 1863, during Civil War-Battle at Stone River, supposed to be wounded and taken to rebel hospital and died there as prisoner of war.
3. Lafayette Sherburn - b. 2 Feb 1844, Ontario Co, NY; Military, enlisted in Civil War, 3 Oct 1862, Kosciusko Co, IN; m1. Eleanor V. Thomas, 31 Dec 1865, Kosciusko Co, IN, m2. Temperance Connet, 10 Nov 1869, Kosciusko Co, IN, m3. Isabelle Deeter, 20 Aug 1883, Kosciusko Co, IN; d. 18 April 1921, Logan Co, OH
4. Caroline Elizabeth Sherburn - b. 4 Aug 1848, Kosciusko Co, IN; m. Henry Craig, 7 Dec 1865, Kosciusko Co, IN; d. 16 Dec 1923, Kosciusko Co, IN
5. Mary Ann Sherburn - b. 3 Feb 1852, Kosciusko Co, IN; m. Albert Allen Norris, 10 Dec 1870, Kosciusko Co, IN; d. 3 Feb 1942, Cache, Comanche Co, OK

Sarah SOWLE is the first child of nine children of Stephen and Hetty/Hettie (Rood) Soule/Sowle. This family has been unproven until my research.

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**Nathaniel W. Sowle - Second Child of Stephen and Mehitable Sowle:  
*New Research Findings by Janet Sowles Carper***

Nathaniel Sowles – b. 3 Aug 1817 NY; d. 30 April 1900 Eaton Co, MI; m. ca. 1841 Ontario Co, NY-Town of Seneca, to Mary Ann Miller or Mueller – b. 9 May 1822 PA; d. 24 Oct 1913 Mulliken, Eaton Co, MI

Children:

Miranda Sowles - b. ca. 1842, NY, m. Richard Ballard, Eaton Co, MI

John D. Sowles - b. ca. 1844, NY, moved to California

Ira M. Sowles - b. March 1846, Eaton Co, MI, moved to California

Norman L. Sowles - b. 27 June 1847, Eaton Co, MI; d. 29 Oct 1907, Eaton Co, MI; m. Ida Snyder 3 Sept 1876, Eaton Co, MI

Mary Sowles - b. ca. 1851, Eaton Co, MI; d. bef 1870

Laura Ann Sowles - b. 14 May 1856, Eaton Co, MI; d. 17 Feb 1924, Modesto, Stanislaus Co, CA; m. James Watkins Dunham, 3 Jan 1875, Grand Ledge, Eaton Co, MI

Flora (Flory) Sowles - b. ca. 1857, d. bet 1895-1900, m. Charles Clinton Porter, 22 Feb 1878, Danby Twp, Ionia Co, MI

Phila (Fila) Sowles - b. ca. 1861, Eaton Co, MI; d. 7 June 1954, MI; m. Charles W. Ingalls, 15 Sept 1878, Eaton Co, MI

Caroline Sowles - b. ca. 1863, Eaton Co, MI; d. 27 May 1949, Lansing, Ingham Co, MI; m. John N. Reed, 26 Jan 1879, Ionia Co, MI

Ada Sowles - b. 9 July 1865, Eaton Co, MI; d. 25 April 1957, Eaton Co, MI; m. Samuel Langtry, ca. Dec 1884

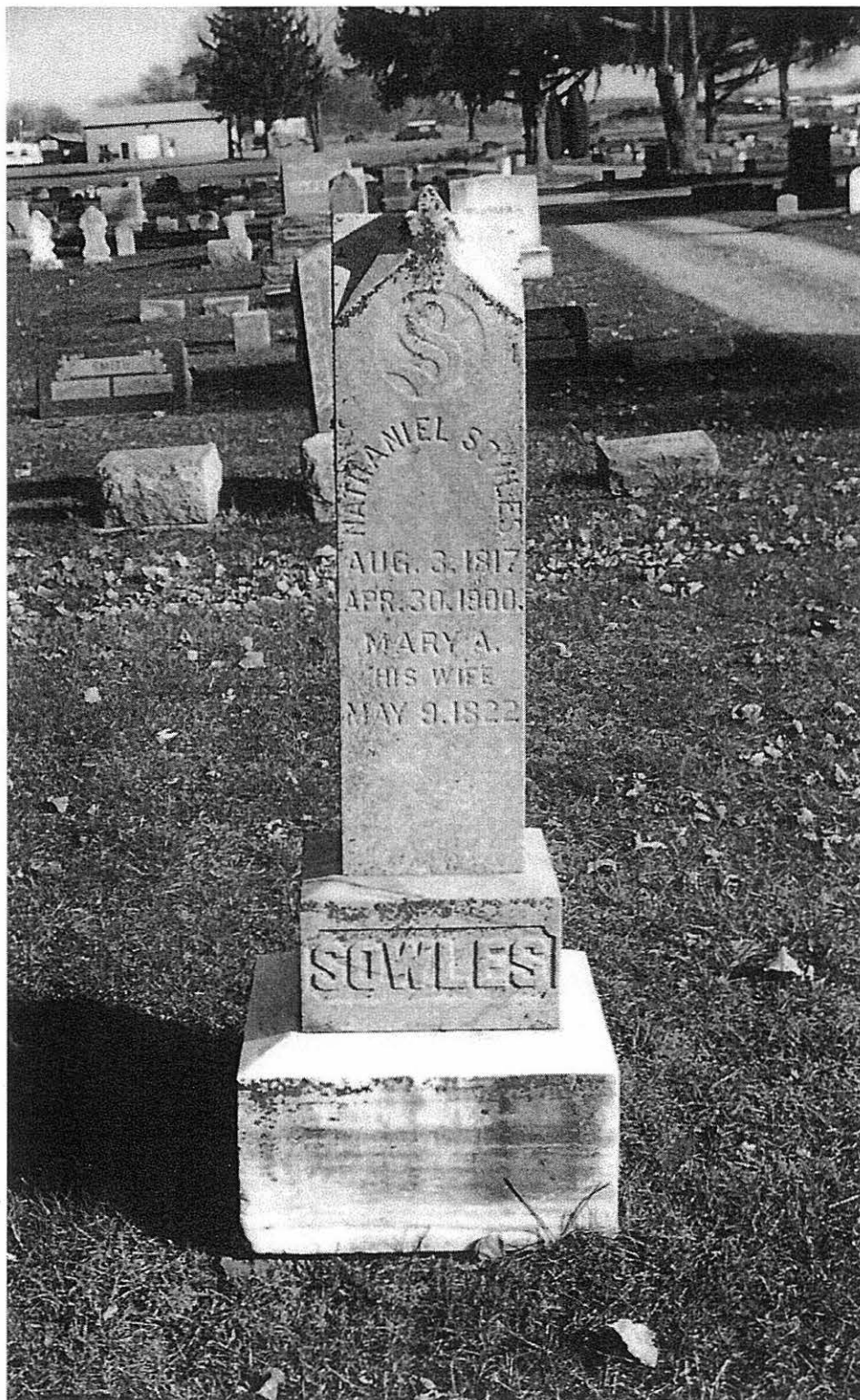
Ida Sowles - b. 9 July 1865, Eaton Co, MI; d. 11 Dec 1931, Berlin Center, Ionia Co, MI; m1. Silas Elmer Dunham, 18 Oct 1883-Sunfield, Eaton Co, MI, m2. Marcus Chapman, 3 March 1922, Lake Odessa, Ionia Co, MI

Bert Sowles - b. 17 Sept 1868 Roxand Twp, Eaton Co, MI; d. 29 Aug 1947 Ann Harbor, Washtenaw Co, MI; m. Cora May Goodnoe, 11 Oct 1894, Charlotte, Eaton Co, MI

Anyone who is interested in and/or has additional information about this family is encouraged to contact Janet Carper at the following email address: [sjcarper1@verizon.net](mailto:sjcarper1@verizon.net). To our knowledge this is the first time that material on this particular family group has been published. See photo on p. 30.

All Photography for This Article by Janet Sowles Carper

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**Nathaniel W. Sowles Gravesite**

Born 3 Aug 1817 NY; Died 30 April 1900, Eaton County, MI;



## Revised Submission Guidelines as of December 1, 2007

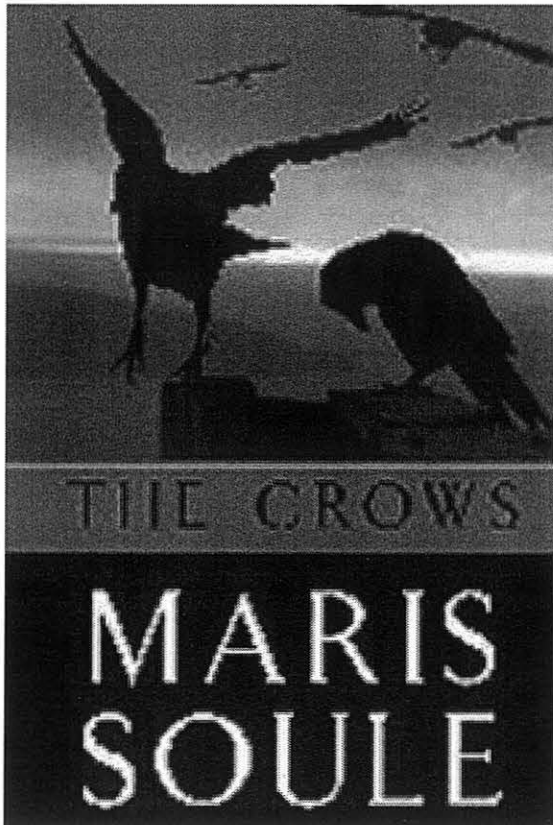
The following revisions to the submissions deadline guidesheet have been made due to the length of time it is taking to distribute the newsletter to subscribers from the time it leaves our print house. Submissions from our membership are vital to our newsletter and information pertaining to Soule family history is welcomed from all responsible sources.

Please note that your editor now has a hi-speed DSL connection and can receive much larger electronic files that was the case previously. Text can be sent in MS Word (.doc) or as plain text (.txt). Please **do not send** Rich Text Files (.rtf) as my computer software does not seem to like them and refuses to process them correctly. Images are best sent as .jpps or .tifs; an image in .pdf format is also acceptable. The quarterly issues are now labeled Winter, Spring Summer and Autumn.

The submission deadlines are now as listed for the remainder of the year: Spring - March 1, 2008, Summer - June 1, 2008 and Autumn - August 1, 2008. Please continue this pattern through each year until further notice.

The fax number 908/725-7781 is no longer operational. Please do not try to fax submissions until further notice. Very large files should be burned to a CD and mailed via USPS to 137 Hillside Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

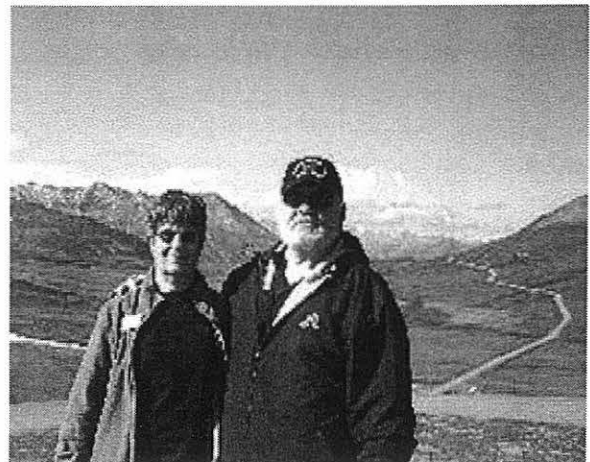
Email submissions to [s.fogg@utoronto.ca](mailto:s.fogg@utoronto.ca). Your help with this is much appreciated.



Right:  
Maris and Bill Soule in Denali National Park,  
Alaska

**Bill and Maris Soule** live in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Maris has authored 25 novels; her newest book, The Crows, is a mystery. Described as a psychological cozy, it became available December 12, 2007. Maris graduated from the University of California, Davis with a BA, then taught math and art at the high school level for many years. She and Bill married in 1969; they moved to Michigan in 1970.

She is very proud of her website, [www.marissoule.com](http://www.marissoule.com), which was designed by her daughter, according to an email from Bill. **The Crows** is available through Amazon.com and other major booksellers. Maris has won several awards for her work. She is a member of Romance Writers of America and Mystery Writers of America and is an active presenter at many gatherings devoted to writing and the arts.

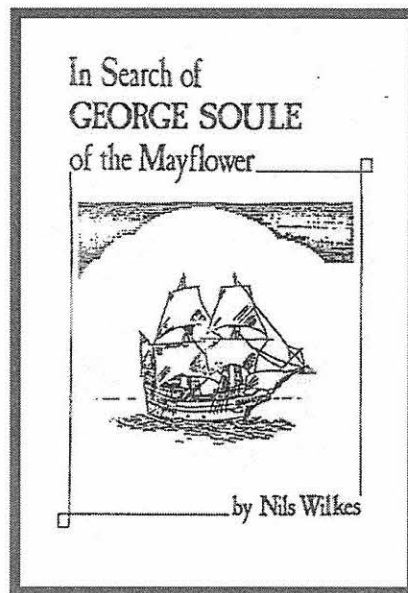


Now is the time to purchase your copy of In Search of GEORGE SOULE of the Mayflower, if you haven't already done so. Nils Wilkes, Eckington, Worcestershire, England, became interested in George Soule when, as parish clerk for Trinity Church in Eckington, he received inquiries about Eckington as a possible 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:

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