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"Map of some of the parishes
near Westwell and Woodchurch
in co. Kent, England,
where the subjects of the following
article resided."

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An Investigation into the George Sole of Westwell and Woodchurch, co. Kent

By Caleb H. Johnson

In the Autumn 2008 issue of the *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, in an article entitled "Pilgrim George Soule: Update on his Possible Ancestry," Louise Walsh Throop noted there was "one George Sole, apparently of Woodchurch [near Canterbury in Kent]," who "sold land to John Sharpe of Westwell, the elder," mentioned in Sharpe's will of 1593. She went on to suggest that this George Sole "could turn out to be an uncle or grandfather [of the *Mayflower* passenger], if records can be found."

It seemed reasonable, therefore, to undertake some research into this George Sole, to follow up on Throop's hypothesis. I have now reviewed over fifty Soule family wills and probates in the Archdeaconry of Canterbury, Prerogative Court of Canterbury, and Consistory Court of Canterbury, and examined in detail all the parish registers (baptisms, marriages and burials) of Woodchurch, Westwell, and about 100 other surrounding parishes. I also looked at a number of manorial records, tax records, and quarter sessions records. I have managed to put together a fairly thorough record of this George Sole and his family, and many of the other Sole families in Kent as well.

George Sole of Westwell and Woodchurch was born about 1545, probably in the neighboring parish of Hothfield, co. Kent. There, on 6 August 1551, a man named John Sole made out his will, mentioning wife Agnes, and sons Christopher, George, and Henry.¹ Since John Sole did not mention in his will that his children were then underage (George would have only been about 6 years old, yet the George Sole named in the will was bequeathed a substantial sum, £20), there is some doubt that this is George Sole's parents, perhaps John and Agnes were his grandparents, and one of the children (Christopher, George or Henry) was George's father.

In any case, George Sole married Mary Horsmorden on 13 June 1570 at Hothfield, co. Kent, and the couple had four children baptized at Hothfield:

1. Anne, bp. 13 December 1571
2. Thomas, bp. 10 October 1574
3. Godfrey, bp. 26 October 1578
4. Catherine, bp. 28 March 1585

George Sole moved from Hothfield to the neighboring parish of Westwell shortly after the baptism of youngest daughter Catherine, and a couple years later, on 1 November 1588, he made out his will. A complete transcript of this will follows²:

In the name of god amen The firste day of November
and in the xxxth yeare of the Raigne of o[ur] Soveraigne lady Quene
Elizabethhe I George Soole of the parishe of Westwell being sicke
in bodye but of whole and p[er]fecte remembrance thankes be to allmightie
do make this my present testamente in manner and forme as followethe
Fyrste I bequeathe my Soule into the handes of god my Creator by
whose mercye I fully hope to be saved by faithe in Christe merittes
my Redemer and to be comforted and sanctified by the holy ghoste and my bodye
to be buryed in the accustomed place appointed for the same It[e]m I geve unto
Mary my wife all my housholde stuffe whatsoever it be to her only use
It[e]m I geve unto Mary my wife the one half of all my other goodes whatsoever
quallity they be of, and the other half of my goods w[hi]ch is not houshold stuffe

1 Will of John Sole, PRC 17/27/153. Proved 23 October 1551.
2 PRC 32/36 folio 116b.

I will and geve unto my children and the same to be equally devyded among them out of the w[hi]ch goodes aforegeven to Mary my wife and to my children I will that all my debtes shalbe payd indifferently That is to saye the one half by Mary my wife and the other half to be payd by my children It[e]m I will that Mary my wife shalbe my sole Executrix wittnesses to this Thomas Horsmanden and John Horsmanden overseers Richard Horsmanden [Christ]ofer Soole

The said will was proved bfore lord William Walsall, clerk, substitute of master Stephen Lakes, doctor of laws, commissary-general of the city and diocese of Canterbury, etc, on the 28th of January in the year of the lord according to the course of the church of England 1588 by the oaths of Thomas Horsmanden, clerk, and John Horsmanden, witnesses, sworn, and by the same man approved, etc, and the administration of the goods, etc, was committed by the same man to Mary, the relict and executrix, first of all sworn, saving on the oath of whomsoever
Inventory £316 13s 4d

In George's will above, he mentions his wife Mary, to whom he bequeaths all his household stuff and one half of his estate. And the other half of his estate was to be equally divided amongst his children (whom he does not specifically name). George was buried in Westwell, co. Kent, on 2 February 1588/9.³

If we are to follow the hypothesis that this George Sole was the grandfather of the *Mayflower* passenger, then we must necessarily trace down his two sons, Thomas and Godfrey, and look to see if they had any sons named George that could be candidates to have been the *Mayflower* George.

Godfrey Sole, because of his unique name, is much easier to follow in the records. Godfrey, incidentally, is a common surname in Hothfield, and so was likely the maiden name of his grandmother.⁴ He married twice; his first wife was named Anne, and they were married sometime around 1605 or 1606; she was the mother of Godfrey's three children. Anne was buried at Great Chart, co. Kent on 25 June 1614.⁵ Their children, found in the parish records of Hothfield and Great Chart, were:

1. George, bp. 20 December 1607, Hothfield, co. Kent.
2. Anne, buried 24 October 1610, Great Chart, co. Kent.
3. Susanna, bp. 13 April 1613, Great Chart, co. Kent.

Godfrey remarried at some point, to a woman named Elizabeth, but there is no record of any additional children. They moved a few parishes to the southeast, to Ivychurch, co. Kent, where Godfrey Sole, husbandman, made out his will on 12 July 1625, proved 10 September 1625.⁶ In his will, he gives his entire estate to his wife Elizabeth, including "one Cowe one yearlinge heifer one Calfe and xxvij^{ue} Ewe sheepe two weather sheepe and fifteen lambes and all my Corne hempe and meadowe and all my household stuffe whatsoever wch is now remayninge in the house wherein I now dwell in the said parish of Ivychurch." No mention of any children is made in his will, perhaps because his two surviving children George and Susanna were still underage. Godfrey, amusingly, spends a number of lines of his will explaining that he would "deliver unto his said wife Elizabeth one brasse mortar." It must have been a rather important brass mortar, I wonder if the pestle came with it! The only other person mentioned in the will was John Fagg, who was apparently owed rents that were to be paid from Godfrey's estate.

Godfrey's son George Sole married on 14 January 1629/30 at Ivychurch, to a woman named Ann Watson. That conclusively eliminates him as a candidate for the *Mayflower* passenger (the fact he was baptized

3 Parish registers of Westwell, co. Kent.

4 The 1586 will of Abraham Godfrey of Hothfield (PRC 17/46/365) was witnessed by Thomas and Richard Horsmanden, relatives of George Sole's wife Mary.

5 Parish registers of Great Chart, co. Kent.

6 PRC 32/46 folio 310b. It may be worth noting that Christopher Godfrey, in his will of 1511, mentions lands he owned in the parish of Ivychurch (PRC 17/11/220). So it is quite possible Godfrey Sole's possessions in Ivychurch came down to him through the Godfrey family.

in 1607 would also have made him an improbable candidate, even if this marriage hadn't been located.)

So now on to Godfrey's brother, Thomas—could he have been the father of the *Mayflower* passenger? The parish registers of Hothfield, and all the surrounding parishes (including Great Chart, Westwell, and Woodchurch) show no trace of this Thomas Sole. If Thomas did not die young, then he likely moved out of the immediate vicinity. The nearest Thomas Sole that I was able to locate was the Thomas Soole who married Mary Iddenden on 16 October 1598 at Hawkhurst, co. Kent, which is about fifteen miles to the southwest of Hothfield. The timing, at least, works well—our Thomas would have been 24 years old at the time of this marriage.⁷ This particular couple, Thomas and Mary (Iddenden) Soole, are, quite interestingly, already known to American genealogists. Their daughter, Sarah Soole, baptized at Hawkhurst on 6 June 1600, married Samuel Hinckley, and they came over to the Plymouth Colony, settling in Barnstable, Massachusetts. They are actually maternal ancestors of President Barack Obama. Additionally, Mary Iddenden's sister Katherine married Stephen Hosmer, and they were the parents of James Hosmer, who came on the ship *Elizabeth* in 1635, and settled ultimately in Concord, Massachusetts.

This Thomas Soole family, however, had no son named George. And, so it would seem, we have eliminated George Sole of Hothfield and Westwell, co. Kent, as a direct ancestor of *Mayflower* passenger George Soule.

Other Allied Sole Families in Kent

While examining all the Soule wills of co. Kent, one piqued my interest above all others: the will of widow Mary Soule, of Woodchurch, co. Kent. She made out her will on 23 July 1593, and it was proved 10 October 1593.⁸ In her will, widow Mary Sole mentions “my three children George, Richard, and Mary.” She later states that George was her “eldest son,” and also indicates that none of her children had yet reached adulthood. She also mentions “Richard Tritton my father” and his lands at Great Chart, co. Kent.

With the genealogical information extracted from widow Mary Sole's will, I was able to piece together her family as well. Mary, the daughter of Richard Tritton, was born about 1550, and married Christopher Sole on 3 October 1570 at Great Chart, co. Kent, England. Richard Tritton's will, dated 9 January 1570/1, and proved 4 April 1571, mentions George Snothe (his brother) and Alexander Snothe (apparently Richard's step-son⁹), his daughter Mary Sole, and his daughter Susanne Tritton. He gives his entire estate to daughter Mary Sole wife of Christopher Sole, except for “the messuage wherein he dwells at Chelmyngton in the parish of Great Charte.” Christopher Sole was named the executor of the estate.¹⁰

The couple moved to the parish of Bethersden, co. Kent shortly after their marriage, where their children are found in the parish registers¹¹:

1. John, bp. 1 July 1571; buried 17 August 1571.
2. Christopher, buried 16 December 1572.
3. George, bp. 15 May 1575
4. Mary, bp. 11 January 1578/9
5. Richard, bp. 19 November 1581

7 It should be noted that there is an elder John Soole living in the parish of Hawkhurst, who previous researchers have assumed was the father of Thomas Soole. That parentage is equally feasible and nothing in my research disproves that possibility.

8 PRC 32/37, folios 141b-143.

9 The widow Mary Sole refers to Alexander Snothe as her brother in her will.

10 Will of Richard Tritton (PRC 17/41/91).

11 It should be noted that there was another Christopher Sole, of seemingly the same age, living at Hothfield, where children James (baptized 11 August 1572) and Michael (baptized 4 October 1573) are found. Chronologically this could not be the same Christopher Sole, so there must be two men of the same name. Care, therefore, must be taken when assigning records to one Christopher, or the other. We know the records described thus far relate to the husband of Mary (Tritton) Sole, because the names of the children match those found in widow Mary's will.

Christopher Sole was also both an overseer, and witness, to the will of George Snothe, husbandman of Hothfield, dated 13 March 1586, and proved 17 May 1586.¹² In George Snothe's will, he mentions sons Richard and John, and godson George Snothe.

Christopher Sole died and was buried in Woodchurch in 1593. Unfortunately, two Christopher Soles were buried in Woodchurch in 1593, one on 3 February 1592/3 (referred to as a "householder"), and one a few months later on 30 June 1593, so there isn't a way to know for sure which is Mary's husband. The other man, perhaps, is the Christopher Sole of Hothfield mentioned in an earlier footnote, who fathered sons James and Michael.

Now that we have established the foundation of Christopher and Mary (Tritton) Sole's family, it is time to take a closer look at widow Mary's will of 1593, and what made it initially so interesting to me. Since her children were all underage, she appointed each one a guardian. Eldest son George was assigned to William Mayhoe of Woodchurch. Daughter Mary was assigned to Mary's "brother" Alexander Snoth. And youngest son Richard was assigned to John Hasell of Great Chart.

The surnames Hasell and Mayhoe are what first drew my interest to this will. George Soule came on the *Mayflower* as a servant to Edward Winslow. The Leiden marriage record of Edward Winslow to wife Elizabeth Barker, indicates that Jane Hasell, a witness to the marriage, was a "neice" (or cousin) of Elizabeth Barker.¹³ That Leiden record says Elizabeth was from "Chatsun" in England, which many researchers have assumed is Chattisham, co. Suffolk—but there is no reason this couldn't be Chatham, Chartham, or Chart Sutton, in co. Kent.¹⁴ Other Leiden records indicate that the Hasell family of Leiden originated from co. Kent, England.¹⁵ It is entirely plausible that George Soule of the *Mayflower* was in some way acquainted with, or related to, Edward Winslow's wife Elizabeth Barker, since apprentices almost always had some sort of social, neighborly, churchly, or familial connection to their master's family.

The surname of "Mayhoe" is a variant of "Mayhew," and its phonetic twin, "Mahieu." And we know that Hester Mahieu of Leiden was called "of Canterbury," in Kent, in her 1603 marriage record to future *Mayflower* passenger Francis Cooke; and there were several other Mahieus at Leiden who were also from co. Kent.¹⁶

Since we expect to find the birth of the *Mayflower* George Sole between 1595 and 1599, Richard Sole (baptized in November 1581) can reasonably be eliminated as a probable father—he would have been only 14-18 years old at the time, just a tad too young to be a likely father of the *Mayflower* passenger. That leaves only son George, who was baptized in 1575, as a candidate father. He would have been 20-24 years of age during the time period we'd expect the birth of the *Mayflower* passenger. So the question we must now examine is: did this George Sole have a child named George, born between 1595 and 1599? With potential Hasell and Mahieu family connections, and a George of the right age, we'd at long last have a circumstantially strong candidate family for the *Mayflower* passenger.

The first step, therefore, was to look for George Sole's marriage, and the baptisms of his children. The obvious first place to look was Great Chart, where his mother owned land that he presumably inherited. Indeed, while no marriage record was found, I did find the baptism records for some of George's children at Great Chart:

1. John, bp. 25 May 1600
2. Joseph, bp. 22 September 1605
3. Anne, bp. 21 February 1607/8

12 Will of George Snothe (PRC 17/46/361a).

13 Johanna W. Tammel, *The Pilgrims and other People from the British Isles in Leiden*, p. 290.

14 It may be worth noting that I have already tried, without success, to find any Elizabeth Barkers in Chattisham, co. Suffolk, as a part of a different research project.

15 James Hasell of Sandwich, co. Kent, married in Leiden 7 June 1624. John Hasell of Sandwich, co. Kent, married in Leiden in 1642. Jessum Hasell of Sandwich, co. Kent, married in Leiden in 1609. Peter Hasell of Sandwich, co. Kent, married in Leiden in 1621. (See Tammel, *ibid.*, p. 118.)

16 Tammel, *ibid.*, p. 180. Hester Mahieu, of Canterbury, co. Kent, was accompanied by her mother "Jenne", and sister "Jenne". There are other Mahieu's in Leiden as well, also from co. Kent, including James Mahieu of Sandwich (married in Leiden in 1630), John Mahieu of Sandwich (married in Leiden in 1606), and Daniel "James' son" Mahieu of Sandwich (married 1632 in Leiden).

Since no marriage record was found at Great Chart, it is entirely possible that George Sole and his wife married elsewhere, and perhaps had an earlier child there, before moving into Great Chart around 1600. An extensive parish register search was undertaken at this point, in an effort to locate such a marriage record, or baptism records for any earlier children. All the primary parishes discussed (Hothfield, Woodchurch, Bethersden, Great Chart, and Westwell) having been thoroughly examined already, a wide swath of surrounding parishes and those on the roads to both Canterbury and Sandwich were examined, minimally from 1590-1605, for George Soule marriages, or additional Soule baptisms. The parish registers that were examined were: Adisham, Appledore, Ash next Sandwich, Ashford, Betteshanger, Bilsington, Boughton Aluph, Badlesmere, Brabourne, Brenzett, Canterbury (all parishes), Challock, Chilham, Charing, Crundale, Eastry, Eastwell, Ebony, Egerton, Elmstead, Fairfield, Godmersham, High Halden, Hinxhill, Ickham, Kenardington, Kennington, Leaveland, Lenham, Little Chart, Mersham, Molash, Nonington, Old Romney, Orlestone, Petham, Pluckley, Ruckinge, Sandwich (St. Mary, St. Peter and St. Clement), Selling, Shadoxhurst, Sheldwich, Snargate, Stanford, Stone, Stowting, Sutton Valence, Tenterden, Thanington, Throwley, Ulcombe, Waltham, Willesborough, Woodnesborough, and Wye. In addition, marriage records (but not baptisms) were examined for Bonnington, Boughton Malherbe, Boughton Munchelsea, Chart Sutton, and East Sutton, and a Kent-wide marriage index was also consulted.

Unfortunately, these searches turned up no trace of George Sole's marriage, or any earlier children.

The next logical step seemed to be to take a closer look at the Hasell and Mayhoe families that the Sole children were adopted into, to see if any Leiden connections could be found. Certainly uncovering an appropriate baptism for a Hester Mahieu, or seeing some Hasell-Barker connections, or finding some links to other known Leiden families, could clue us in that we are on the right track.

Richard Sole, the youngest son of widow Mary Sole, was given to John Hasell of Great Chart. John Hasell was the son of Thomas Hasell, and grandson of Philip Hasell. He married Silvester Bechinge at Kennington, co. Kent, on 10 June 1577, and in 1593 he assumed custody of Richard Sole. The arrangement did not last long, however, as John Hasell died and was buried at Great Chart on 11 June 1596. In his will, dated 7 June 1596, he named his wife Silvester; his brothers Stephen, Luke, and Thomas Hasell; his uncle Nicholas Marten and Nicholas' children John, Elizabeth and Margaret Marten; his servant Elizabeth Fraunchke; his father Thomas Hasell; his brother-in-law Vincent Bechinge; his nieces Priscilla, Nostrenight and Patience, and nephew Constant, the children of his brother Thomas Hasell; and a number of apparently unrelated individuals including Robert Sturges, Robert Mannys, Thomas Castleden, and Richard, George, and Christopher Missinge. More importantly for our purposes, he mentions an annuity issuing from a tenement and lands in Bethersden near to the windmill there, and states his wife was to pay Richard Sole, son of Christopher Sole, at his age of 21, the sum of £40.¹⁷

So John and Silvester Hasell apparently had no children, and he died in 1596. It is unclear what happened next to Richard Sole, who would not have turned 21 until 1602. He did remain in the area of Hothfield and Great Chart, however, as he is found in the records of the Kent Quarter Sessions court. He got himself into a little trouble when, between October and December 1604, he and five other clothiers from Hothfield broke into a rabbit close owned by William Dutton in Great Chart, and stole some of the conies. And on 18 November 1604, he broke into the park of George Withers of Great Chart, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 1:00 AM. His various nighttime rabbit-heists landed him in court in April 1605.¹⁸

From parish register and probate records, I have pieced together what I could on John Hasell's brothers as well. Brother Thomas Hasell married Patience Huggett in 1579 at Kennington, co. Kent, and they had at least four children: Patience, Priscilla, Constant, and Nostrenight. Thomas Hasell was still in the area in the 1620s,

17 Will of John Hasell, PRC 17/49/420. This will provides conclusive proof, if there was any doubt, that widow Mary Sole's husband was named Christopher Sole.

18 Kent Quarter Sessions Records, Q/SR/5/m.7d, Q/SR/5/m.4d, and QM/Sig/28 and QM/SR1.

when he signed a deed along with brother Stephen to Thomas Waterman.¹⁹ His brother Luke married Jane Pett at Kennington in 1582, and they had at least five children: Anna, John, Daniel, Jane, and Joan. He was buried in Great Chart on 20 April 1627. And brother Stephen married Agnes Spratt in 1583 at Kennington, and they had Mercy, Elizabeth, Mary, John, Thomas, and a daughter who married Thomas Granger. Stephen died at Kennington in 1638.²⁰

So neither John Hasell, nor any of his brothers, ended up in Leiden. The only tidbit of incidental interest is the fact that Luke Hasell had a daughter named Jane Hasell, baptized in 1591. Theoretically, this could be the Jane Hasell that witnessed the marriage of Edward and Elizabeth (Barker) Winslow. But no supporting evidence was found, outside of the name itself. I did not find any Barker/Baker connection to these Hasells either. However, a Hugh Tritton, shoemaker of Essheford, Kent, a possible relative of Richard Tritton, does mention a “daughter” Mary Barker, in his will of 1619.²¹ There is also a John Baker resident in Woodchurch, who died in 1615. His will of that year mentions wife Susan, brother Thomas, sister Mary wife of John Bennett, and sister Elizabeth wife of James Hayward.²²

Turning to the other family of interest, the Mayhoes: George Sole, the eldest son of Christopher and Mary (Tritton) Sole, was assigned to William Mayhoe of Woodchurch, co. Kent in 1593, when he would have been eighteen years of age, so he likely did not remain with the Mayhoe’s for more than a few years.

Records on the Mayhoe family are scarcer than those for the Hasells, and so are somewhat more difficult to piece together. William Mayhoe may have been the son of widow Elizabeth Mayhowe of Marden, who appoints her son William as executor of her estate in 1602.²³ Her will is also witnessed by John Baker, perhaps the John Baker of Woodchurch.²⁴ William Mayhoe’s marriage record was not located, but he had a few children baptized or buried in the parish of Great Chart, namely Thomas (buried 7 February 1576/7), John (bp. 12 January 1577/8), Katherine (bp. 2 April 1580), and Thomas (bp. 12 February 1586/7). He removed at some point to Woodchurch, where in 1593 he was assigned custody of George Sole. At Woodchurch on 19 January 1595/6, his youngest son Thomas was buried. No burial or probate record was found for William or his wife.

I had been hopeful that this William might have been the father of Hester Mahieu, who later married Francis Cooke at Leiden, but no record of any baptism for a daughter Hester was found. Since the Mayhoe family seems to disappear from the area, it is possible they headed off to Sandwich or Canterbury, and later to Leiden, but no evidence of this was uncovered—and in any case, George Sole was back at Great Chart in 1600, when he started having children there.

Unfortunately, while the Hasell and Mayhoe surnames initially appeared very promising in connection to this Sole family, no Leiden ties could be pinpointed. And with no evidence that George Sole, son of Christopher, had any children earlier than John baptized in 1600 at Great Chart, we must conclude, at least for now, that George Sole, son of Christopher Sole, was not the *Mayflower* passenger’s father.

Notes on some other Sole families in Kent

Because of the extensive number of records and regions covered during my research, I stumbled across several additional Sole families and records, some of which may be of value to future research efforts and so seemed worth publishing as well.

19 Canterbury Cathedral Archives U101/II/B2/6, undated but apparently between 1619-1626.

20 Will of Stephen Hasell, PRC 17/70/542.

21 Will of Hugh Tritton, PRC 17/66/330.

22 Will of John Baker, PRC 32/43/42.

23 Will of Elizabeth Mayhowe, PRC 17/53/94a.

24 John Baker of Woodchurch made out his will on 7 July 1615, mentioning brother Thomas (and Thomas’ son John), sister Mary Bennett wife of John Bennett of Bethersden, sister Elizabeth Hayward wife of James Hayward, and her eldest daughter Elizabeth; his wife Susan; cousin Thomas Parker; among others. PRC 32/43/42.

One interesting family turned up when searching through the records of Ash, a parish immediately adjacent to Sandwich that is often referred to as “Ash near Sandwich.” In this parish is found the baptisms of the children of Thomas “Sollye”, namely Sarah (bp. 10 October 1592), Joan (bp. 10 March 1593/4), Susan (bp. 7 November 1596), George (bp. 29 December 1598), Mary (bp. 25 June 1600/1), and Thomas (bp. 22 May 1603). George Sollye would make a great chronological candidate for the *Mayflower* passenger—in all the extensive searches that I have undertaken thus far in Worcester, Gloucester, Bedford, and now Kent, this is the first George Soule-like baptism that falls within the 1595-1599 range that should be expected of the *Mayflower* passenger.

Following up on the Solly surname a little further, I examined a number of Solly/Sollye probate records throughout east Kent, namely William Solly (1558), Thomas Sollye (1559), John Sollye (1583), Nicholas Solly (1609/10), William Solley (1621), John Solley (1624), and William Solly (1634). Of them, one turned up another interesting tidbit. The will of Nicholas Solly of Old Romney (a parish that neighbors Ivychurch, where Godfrey Sole resided), dated 18 March 1609/10 and proved 20 April 1610, mentions sons Reinold, George, and Anne Solly.

And yet another George Sole of possible interest to future research: on 25 April 1594, George Sole of Nonington was charged at the Kent Quarter Sessions for assaulting Oliver Huson of Betteshanger, constable of Eastry Hundred, at Woodnesborough, and was fined 16 shillings, 8 pence.²⁵ The parishes of Nonington, Betteshanger, and Woodnesborough all border Sandwich, co. Kent, and are right next to Ash as well. Many assaults such as this were youthful indiscretions, so perhaps this George Sole is the right age to be another candidate father of the *Mayflower* passenger.

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25 Kent Quarter Sessions, QM/SI/1594/4/7.

REWEAVING A RENT ANCESTRAL FABRIC

by David Hargreave

I have known since childhood that my mother, Dorothea B. Gath, had been adopted as a young child. She would mention it on occasion rather matter-of-factly, sometimes taking time to show me three photographs of her birth family in her possession. One was a portrait of a young woman mother called Maude Soule, who was said to have been her birth mother. The other two were snapshots, one presumably of the same woman standing outdoors with two small girls, and the other of a man, again with two small girls, standing in front of a house. The smaller of the two girls in the snapshots was mother and the other I was told was an older sister by the name of Mildred whom I never met. The photograph of the man, taken from such a distance that his facial features were undistinguishable, was the only one she had of her birth father, a person whose name she claimed not to know.

Mother never seemed terribly curious about the parents she never knew and, probably as a result, I too remained disinterested for many years. However, as I neared retirement I began to take a serious interest in matters genealogical. With a burgeoning wealth of internet resources becoming available, I was able to begin unraveling the ancestral threads on my father’s side of the family from English parish records (his

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Helping Hands

Newsletters do not make themselves happen. People make newsletters happen; Soule Kindred is blessed with great helpers, volunteer and professional. Nor do we forget our website folks. It is my distinct honor and great pleasure, as Soule Kindred Newsletter editor, to introduce "our communications people" to you.

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Anna Lee Bristol: "I learned the love of reading as a child; a pleasurable habit that continues. My day is not complete until the newspapers have been browsed through and a chapter or two in my latest book of history, biography or novel has been read. A behind-the-scenes employee in public relations at a public

library for 17 years, the shelves of books daily beckon to me! Upon joining SKA, my husband's first name and mine somehow became enmeshed so that people thought my first name was Annadel. His name is **Del**; I am **Anna Lee**. Genealogy, gardening, family and travel round out my days."

Judy Hughes, Registered Nurse, retired nurse educator, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, is an active member of Soule Kindred in America in addition to several service organizations. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, she has lived most of her adult life in the south and currently lives in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

She graduated from a three year nursing education program in Augusta, Georgia, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia, a Master of Science in Family Health Nursing from Clemson University, and a Doctorate in Education in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University. Her interests include traveling, family history, and genealogy and she stays busy assisting others. She is an active Disaster Services Human Resource for the American Red Cross, is the Captain of the Disaster Action Team in her community, and teaches Emergency Preparedness and other American Red Cross classes in her community. She enjoys the fellowship in her church and other community groups including the Senior Games.



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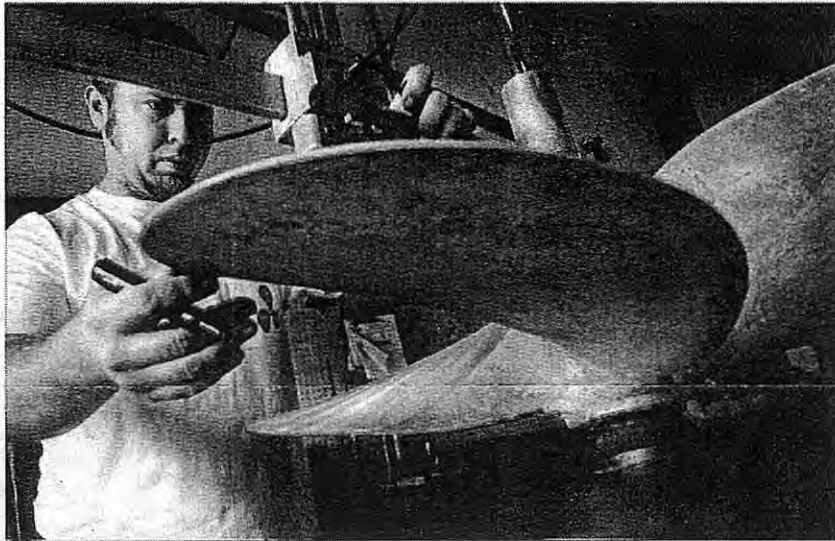
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A very big **Thank You** to all for jobs well done!

During the period of time that Soule Kindred Newsletter was without an editor and publication temporarily ceased, some items of interest sent in by our members never made it into print. This attempts to re-dress those omission as they are discovered. Here is an article mailed to us by Frederic McBurney of Slater, MO in 2005.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2005

Propelling the region forward



MATTHEW RATAJCZAK • matthew.ratajczak@scripps.com

James Evers of Bobby Soles Propeller Service checks the rake of the blades on a boat propeller at the Stuart shop. The boat propeller repair shop and distributor has been in business since 1962, selling, customizing, fabricating and repairing inboard and outboard propellers for such customers as country singer Alan Jackson, racing legend Dale Earnhart and golfer Greg Norman.

Bobby Soles Propeller Service keeps its customers moving

BY KATE GRUSICH
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When the Freedom Star hit the Atlantic Ocean to recover solid rocket booster casings from the Discovery's shuttle launch this summer, the ship was carrying a small piece of Stuart with it.

About two years ago, staff at Bobby Soles Propeller Service in Stuart reconditioned a 45-inch diameter propeller for the United Space Alliance, the prime contractor for NASA's space shuttle program. The propeller was installed off the bow thruster of the 176-foot boat this year.

"It was on there for the last shuttle launch and a couple satellite launches," said Todd Blair, co-owner of the Stuart facility. "They heard about us and asked us to help. It's pretty cool."

Bobby Soles opened in West Palm Beach in 1962 to handle

the community's marine propulsion needs. The Treasure Coast location opened in 1988.

And while the two sites handle plenty of propeller restoration work, the company is much more than just a repair shop for "corporate toys."

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PROPELLING

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Employees handle custom struts and rudders, shafting and other fabrication and machine shop services. They also do computerized propeller tuning and serve as one of the top 10 distributors for Michigan Propellers.

In addition, Bobby Soles has been involved in research and development work for manufacturers like Pratt & Whitney and serve as a stocking distributor for Volvo Penta Propellers and Minderman pullers, to name a few.

"We're pretty well-known around the country," said Blair. "There are a lot of fly-by-nights in this business. But we pride ourselves on accuracy."

And that could be the reason

the company was approached by the United Space Alliance.

"USA has used Bobby Soles to recondition a couple of propellers for the SRB recovery ships," said Tracy Yates, a spokeswoman for the Houston-based company. "They did another rebuild this year."

The ships — which sport seven-foot propellers — retrieve the rocket boosters and other flight hardware jettisoned during a launch. Once recovered, the equipment is disassembled, refurbished and reloaded for future use.

Earlier this summer, the Stuart shop did a second job for the alliance — reconditioning an \$18,000 propeller with bent blades.

"It was only about \$1,000 to repair, but it's good business," said Blair. "We're obviously hoping to get more work from them in the future."

The Freedom Star propeller was not the largest the shop has worked on. Staff have repaired propellers as large as 80-inches in diameter, said Blair.

The shop's five employees share a 4,800-square-foot space with about \$1 million worth of props, materials and other odds-and-ends. They hope to eventually double the size of the grounds to handle the increased work load brought on by a growing residential population — and subsequent spike in boaters.

"We're probably pushing \$2 million (in annual revenue) between the two shops," said Blair. "Over the past four or five years, we've seen a three to five percent growth each year. It's pretty lucrative. What pays the bills is the repair work. New sales are the gravy."

From Our Readers:

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Many thanks to Carolyn Freeman Travers of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Library in Plymouth, MA for bringing the below noted error to our attention. To access the Genealogical Proof Standard article pdf by Gene Williams, one can type in the url using the misspelled word or by going to the Brigham Young University website and searching for genealogy links and Gene Williams, A third way is to google Gene Williams, genealogist; this will bring up a list of articles/webpages associated with him from which you can select the GPS pdf. Your editor believes that understanding GPS is critical to doing good genealogy. Readers need to know where to find information about it. SFE

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To: <s.fogg@utoronto.ca>
Conversation: GPS article

Dear Ms. Eisdorfer,

I read with great interest your article on GPS in the Spring, 2009 issue of the Soule Kindred Newsletter, and typed in the address for Gene Williams' document. This resulted in a "page not found," so I went to the main university address and searched for the document within their system, and was able to find it. The address as you gave it in the article was correct, too correct as it turns out. Someone mistyped the document name as "Genealocial." I thought you would like to know in case others have the same trouble.

Regards,

Carolyn Freeman Travers
Librarian, GSMD

2009 Soule Kindred in America, Inc. Annual Reports**Luther and Merle Soules Family Foundation Grant****Soule Kindred in America, Inc.**

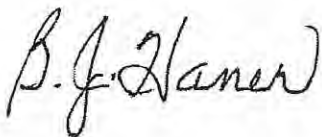
Frank Flint Soule III, Administrator

Report of Finances by B. J. Haner

For Period ending May 31, 2009

Beginning Balance-Checking Account	\$3,270.83
Caleb Johnson Research for Soule Kindred	1,250.00
Balance in checking Account 5/31/09	\$2,020.83
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$2,020.83

Respectfully Submitted



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

SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC

Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer
 And Membership Secretary
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Membership Secretary's Report June 2009

240 Regular Members
101 Life Members
32 Libraries & Family Societies
373 Total Membership

Of the 30 Members who did not renew

5 Were new in 2008
4 Were new in 2007
1 Was new in 2006
1 Was new in 2005
1 Was new in 2004
14 Were new from 1986-2003
4 Were long term members from 1985 and before

Some statistics on renewal patterns over the years

35 did not renew in 2005
33 did not renew in 2006
34 did not renew in 2007
25 did not renew in 2008
30 did not renew in 2009

There is a gain of 11 Members from last year

I have answered 53 letters since the last reunion

Respectfully submitted,



Betty-Jean Haner
Membership Secretary

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SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC.

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Annual Report

For Period August 16, 2008 to May 31, 2009

Balance on Hand August 16, 2008		\$95,529.06
Receipts		
Operating Receipts		
Dues	5,892.50	
Newsletter Sales	52.50	
In Search of George Soule Booklet	147.00	
Patron Membership	225.00	
CD	105.00	
Miscellaneous Sales Items	10.60	
Interest on Operating Funds	6.84	
Total Receipts for Operations		6,439.44
Scholarship Receipts		
Soule Kindred Annual Scholarship Appeal	459.62	
T-shirts & Sweatshirts	200.00	
Reunion of 2008 Silent Auction	218.00	
Scholarship Interest	1,463.85	
Total Receipts for Scholarships		2,341.47
Bequest of Col. John E. Soule		
Interest on Bequest Accounts	648.27	
Total Bequest Income		648.27
Total Receipts		9,429.18
Expenditures		
Operating Expenditures		
Newsletters (3 issues) and related expenses for 2008 - 2009	4,468.89	
Corporate Annual Fee	15.00	
Office Expense (Treasurer, Membership Sec., Postage)	524.78	
Historian Expenses (2005-May 31,2009)	2,023.62	
Web Page	80.00	
Reunion – 2008	93.30	
Reunion – 2009	290.05	
Total Operating Expenditures		7,495.64
Scholarships		
Geraldine Schlosser Memorial Scholarship	500.00	
Col. John E Soule Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00	
George Standish Soule Memorial Scholarship	1,000.00	
Total Scholarship Awards		2,500.00
Bequest Expenditures		
Family DNA Tests	308.00	
Total Bequest Expenditures		308.00
Total Expenditures		10,303.64
BALANCE ON HAND May 31, 2009		\$94,654.60

Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

Bank Account Balances As of May 31, 2009

Operating Accounts

1.	Savings Account	217.88	
2.	Checking Account	6,631.54	
3.	Life Membership Operating Account	3,075.87	
4.	Petty Cash for Historian	100.00	
Total for Operating Accounts			\$10,025.09

Scholarship Accounts

5.	CD 5 Generations #1	10,000.00	
6.	CD 5 Generations #2	11,426.14	
7.	CD Scholarship #1	28,780.22	
8.	CD Scholarship #2	5,359.10	
9.	CD Scholarship #3	2,026.89	
10.	Scholarship Savings	2,259.44	
Total for Scholarship Accounts			59,851.79

Bequest Reserve for Publications and Research

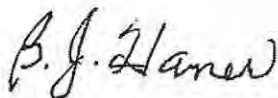
11.	CD Bequest of Col. John E. Soule (Estate Acct.)	24,304.02	
12.	Bequest Savings Account	473.50	
Total for Bequests Accounts			24,777.52

TOTAL OF ALL BANK ACCOUNTS **94,654.60**

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

- Notes: 1. The 2008 report covered a 14 ½ month period
2. The 2009 report covered a 9 ½ month period

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty-Jean Haner

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family emigrated to the United States when he was two). Emboldened by this success, I began to work on my mother's adopted family and was able to trace one side of her mother's family back to the Dutch settlement of New Netherland, thus providing me with a bit of insight into available U.S. genealogical resources.

By 2004 the felt need, not only to discover my roots, but also to better understand my genetic inheritance, caused me to see if I could discover the couple in those old photographs, my unknown maternal grandparents. Mother was still alive and, though now in an assisted-living facility, crippled by arthritis, she was mentally sharp. Whenever we were together (we lived almost 500 miles apart) I pressed her for more details concerning what she knew of her birth family. Slowly bits and pieces came to light that allowed me to construct the following initial narrative.

Mother discovered she was adopted when, at the age of nine, someone at school taunted her with the claim. When confronted, her parents confirmed the traumatic news. They then agreed to take her to visit a married older sister of her birth mother who lived not more than two miles away also in the city of Rochester, New York. As my mother was to discover, that couple had adopted Mildred, the older sister she never knew she had. All that my mother would come to know about her birth parents, including the three photographs in her possession, came as a result of that meeting. Though she maintained a distant relationship with her sister for many years thereafter, it was the only meeting that she had with her Aunt Jane (or Jenny) Briggs. This is what she was told (or what she chose to remember and pass on to me).

She was born in Bangor, Maine on 26 November 1911. Her mother's name was Maude Soule and the spelling was SOULE not SEWELL (suggesting the pronunciation used by those at the time). Mother professed not to know whether Soule was Maude's married name or her maiden name. This young woman died, supposedly in childbirth or during pregnancy, when mom was very young and Maude's husband then put the two girls up for adoption, these girls being the only two surviving children of what had been ten or so births or miscarriages. Her unnamed father eventually remarried and had "many more" children by his second wife. It was clear that he was seen as the villain of the piece, by implication complicit in the death of her mother as well as responsible for the subsequent "abandonment" of two young children.

What could I do with this information to unravel the mystery of her birth family? My first thought was to try to determine whether Soule was Maude's maiden name or married name by trying to find the marriage record for her Aunt Jane and Charles Briggs. However, to this day I have not uncovered that information even though census records provide an approximate date for the marriage. This, together with the fact that I could turn up no plausible birth record for a Maude Soule, suggested that it might be more fruitful to move forward on the working assumption that Soule was her married name.

Could I find a plausible Soule family in the 1910 census, one with a wife Maude and possibly a daughter Mildred? While mother was born in Bangor, Maine in 1911, according to the 1920 census her sister Mildred had been born in New York state in 1910. Where then was the family when the 1910 census was taken? Though I didn't know it at the time, the answer appears to be that they were probably in Rochester, New York but never counted. Even had they been counted, however, the number of Soule households in Maine and New York in 1910 would have made the task of locating them with certainty in either of those

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Milestones

Births

Susan Wainio of Hadlyme, CT reports the birth of a new grandson, **John Logan Stojka**, born on 28 October 2008 to her daughter Kristen and husband Keith Stojka.

Accomplishments and New Beginnings

Jeanette Taylor has written to tell us she has opened a Bed "N" Bath in her home state of Maine.

Marriages

Kathleen Ruth Conway was married in Littleton, CO to **Justin W. Riggs** on 11 February 2006. She is the daughter of Dayton and Francine Conway of Aurora, CO.

Charles Jared Soule and **Katie Telger** were married on Saturday, May 23, 2009 in Fort Worth, TX. The groom is the youngest son of James William Soule and Charlene Todd Soule. Terry and Kathy Telger are the bride's parents. Both sets of parents reside in Fort Worth. The newlyweds honeymooned on Maui and will reside in New York City while Katie completes her training. She completed a masters degree in counseling from Columbia University prior to starting her current internship.

Thinking Ahead:

Each Autumn, as our year approaches Thanksgiving, your editor publishes seasonal family recipes. Now is the time to pull out those treasured, dog-eared sets of instructions for dishes that appear year after year, generation after generation on your holiday table.

Please send them soon so that there will be time to place your special contribution in the the layout for the Autumn 2009 issue of Soule Kindred Newsletter.

Graduations

On Thursday, May 21, 2009 from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, **Hope Eva Eisdorfer** graduated summa cum laude with a BA in sociology. Hope is the eldest grandchild of Susan Fogg Eisdorfer and is the daughter of Susan's step-son Stephen M. Eisdorfer (Judy Petsonk) of Highland Park, NJ.

Benjamin Simon Eisdorfer, of Highland Park, NJ, graduated from Highland Park High School on June 18, 2009. He is the second eldest grandchild of Susan Fogg Eisdorfer. Ben is the son of Susan's step-son Stephen M. Eisdorfer and his wife Judy Petsonk Eisdorfer and will begin computer studies at DeVry University in NJ beginning July of this year.

Sole/Owens:

◆ THE DAILY GAZETTE

◆ SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008 ◆

WEDDINGS



BRIAN COUDRAY SOLE VICTORIA ANN OWENS

Victoria Ann Owens and Brian Coudray Sole were married March 8, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. The bride is the daughter of Victor Owens of Richmond, TX and MaryAnn Green of Houston, TX. The groom is the son of John and Joanne Sole of Saratoga Springs.

Attendants were all college classmates of the bride and groom. Flowergirls were Erin and Natalie Sole, nieces of the groom.

Victoria (Tori) graduated from Columbine High School and Charleston Southern University with a BA in business. She is carrier sales manager for C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc., in Phoenix.

Her husband is a graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School and Charleston Southern University with a bachelor's degree in biology. He will be attending Touro University College of Pharmacy in the fall of 2008. He is a pharmacy intern at Walgreens in Phoenix.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Hawaii. They will be relocating to Vallejo, CA.

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states difficult absent more information about who I was looking for.

Frustrated by the failure of my hypotheses to yield any progress, I decided to mount a frontal attack on the problem. In June of 2004 I wrote a letter to the Maine State Archives setting forth everything I then knew about the circumstances surrounding my mother's birth and subsequent adoption. I then inquired as to whether they could locate a 26 November (or maybe March, but that's another story) 1911, Maine (I was certain about that part of it) birth record, possibly in Bangor, for a Dorothea Beatrice (I hoped her adoptive parents hadn't renamed her) Soule (possibly). Her father's name was unknown and mother's given name was Maude but her maiden name was also unknown. Based upon the 1920 census information for her sister Jane Briggs, it was probable that Maude had been born in New York of parents both born in Germany. It seemed like a reasonable request at the time, but the reply I received claimed that no such record could be found. Was that, I wondered, because my assumptions were way off base or because mother's birth record had been sealed as a result of her adoption?

Back to hypothesis generation. As already pointed out, though mother was born in Maine, her older sister was born in New York state. Furthermore, both girls were adopted by families in Rochester, New York and the house in that photograph was supposedly in Rochester as well. The apparent ages of the two little girls in the snapshot of Maude, together with the fact that a tree in the photograph was in leaf, suggested that the image was probably recorded in the late spring or summer of 1914. Mother's only proof of age was a certificate from her June 1915 baptism, and she was by then Dorothea Gath. Thus Maude's death must have occurred sometime between say June 1914 and June 1915, and it seemed highly likely that that death occurred in or around Rochester, New York. Given that to work with, could I come up with a death record?

The next time I was in Rochester, New York visiting mother I rushed to the Rochester Public Library to peruse their microfiche edition of the *New York Vital Records Index* looking for the death of a Maude Soule in the latter half of 1914 or first half of 1915. Success at last! A Maude Soule passed away on 28 August 1914 in Rochester. The fact that the death was in Rochester was, in and of itself, a boon, for there probably would have been an obituary in one or both of the Rochester newspapers at the time and those newspapers were on microfilm just down the hall. I found it within minutes:

“SOULE - In this city, Friday evening, August 28, 1914, Maud, wife of James W. Soule, of No. 480 Exchange Street, aged 33 years. Besides her husband she is survived by two children, Mildred and Dorothea.”

I was on my way; I now had my grandfather's name - James W. Soule. Back down the hall to the *Vital Records Index*, now looking for a marriage record. Success once again. James Wallace Soule married Maude Riek in Rochester on 25 October 1907. Within the space of an hour I had names, dates, and the record numbers that would allow me to order copies of both the marriage record and Maude's death record. For good measure, while working in the *Vital Records Index* I located the birth record for Mildred Soule on 10 May 1910 and copied that record number as well.

The records themselves, of course, added immeasurably to my knowledge base - places of birth, names of parents, cause of death, burial place, etc. With what I now knew, I was able to write to the vital records office in Bangor, Maine and put in a straight forward request for a copy of the birth record of Dorothea Beatrice Soule, daughter of James W. and Maude (Riek) Soule. Fourteen months after my first attempt to

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2010 Reunion Alert: Reunion Host Rosemary Soulé Peters needs your help. If you would like to attend the 2010 Reunion, we need to act fast as a group. A very good deal for a cruise from Miami to the Bahamas on the Norwegian Sky is available to us.

Contact Rosemary at rosedenny2@netzero.com for Details

Cruise with Your Cousins from Miami to the Bahamas!

April 19-23, 2010



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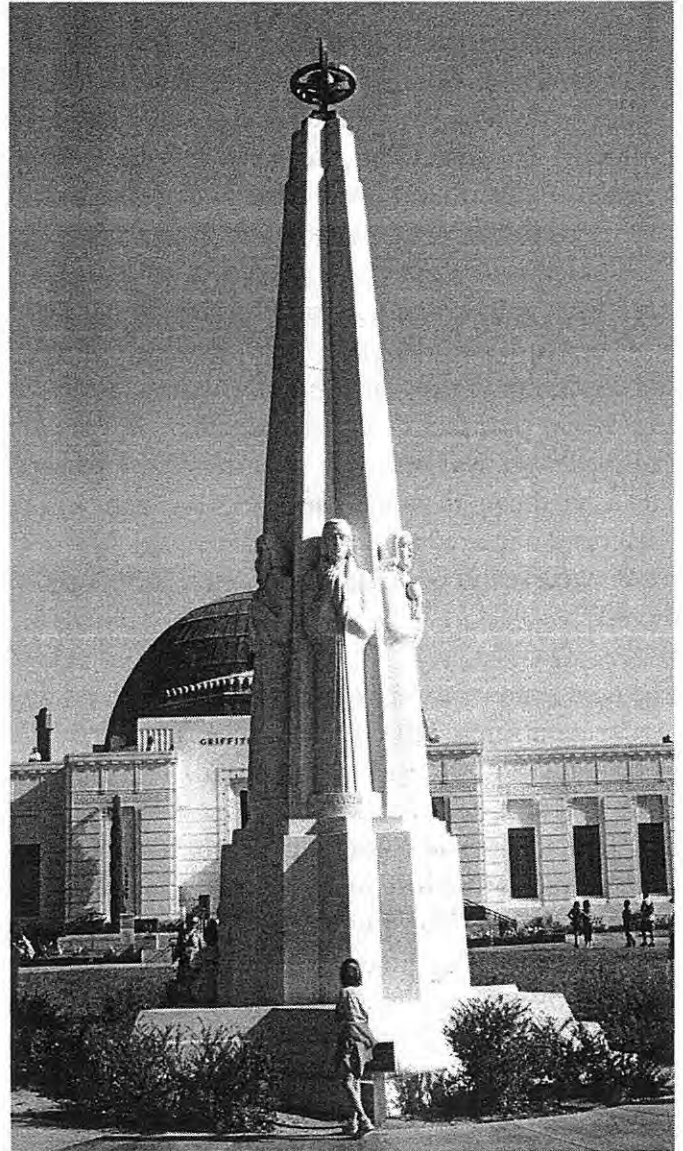
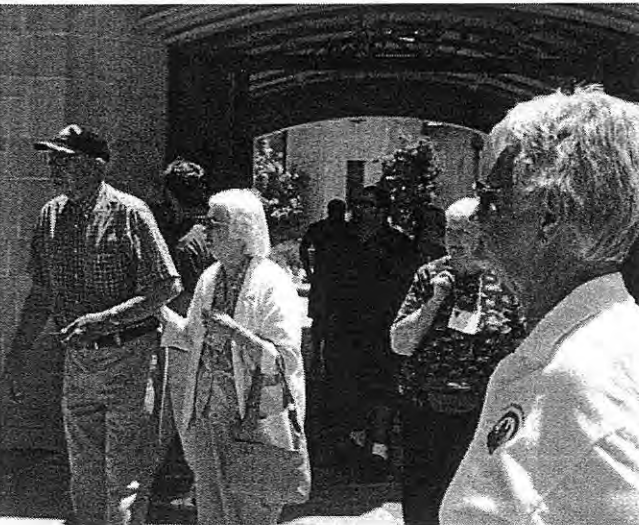


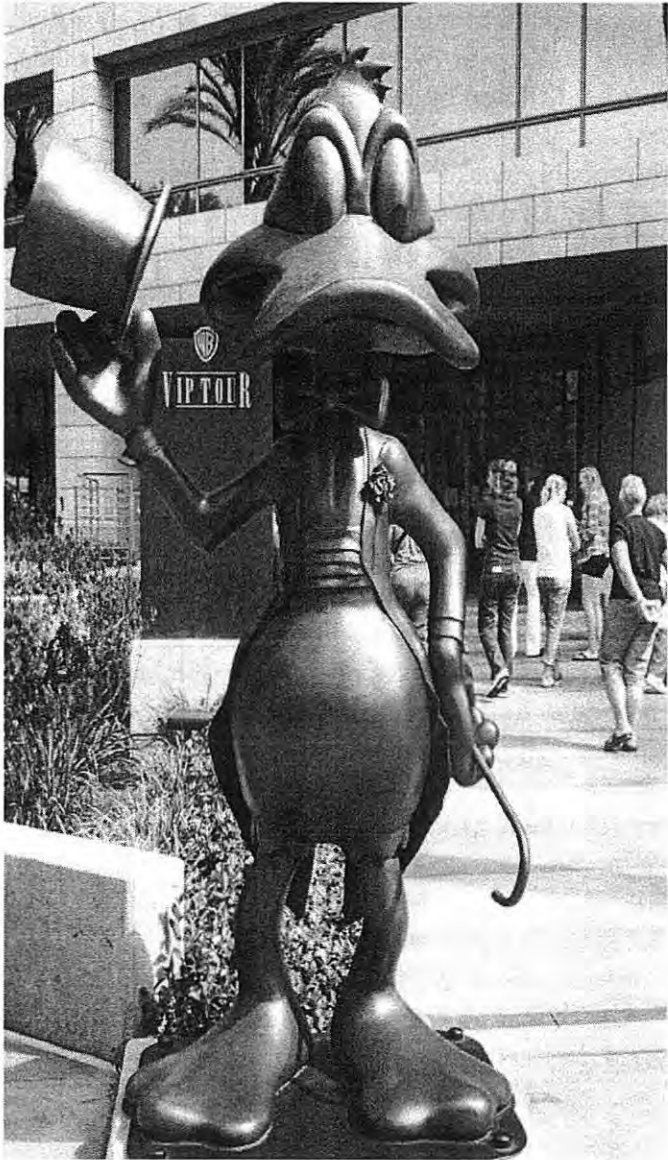
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Above: Griffith Observatory
Top Left: Carole Soule and Friends
Middle Left: Karen McNally Shoots
Bottom Left: Greystone Walking Tour
All Photos by Chris Hill Unless Tagged

Top Right: Wells Fargo Theater Visit
Center Right: Norm Soulé Takes It All in Stride
Bottom Right: Everyone Needs Down-time
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Above: Greetings to All from Daffy Duck



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obtain my mother's birth record I had a copy of it in my hands. I was beginning to recover the family I never knew I had. The ghostlike images in those photographs were beginning to come to life for me. The Rochester newspapers would, in another obituary, yield an additional and rather surprising link for my evidentiary chain. Both Maude Riek's marriage and death records had given me her parents' names and I had begun to flesh out that family as well. I learned that her mother, Eliza (Weinhardt) Riek, had passed away on 13 December 1915 in Rochester at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Briggs. Her obituary listed those family members who survived her, including six grandchildren, the last two of whom were:

"Mildred and Dorothea, daughters of the late Maude Riek Soule, who were recently adopted, Dorothea by Mr. and Mrs. George Gath, of No. 34 Sherwood avenue; Mildred by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of No. 63 Fillmore Street."

So much for sealed adoption records and the like. Though probably not official enough for some, I now had at least some documentary evidence that Dorothea Gath and Dorothea Soule were one and the same person. But the obituary was not without puzzles of its own for it declared that Mildred had been adopted not by Charles and Jane Briggs but by a Mr. and Mrs. Miller. And, furthermore, the Miller family was said to be living a scant two blocks from mother on the very street that my father was then growing up on, a street that is all of one block in length. If she spent any time with that family before being adopted by her aunt and uncle, Mildred may well have played with my father. They would have been five and eight at the time the obituary was written and almost certainly attended the same grammar school.

Even as I was working with the Riek family I had begun to flesh out the Soule line as well. From his marriage record I knew the names of the parents of James W. Soule, William Henry Soule and Ellen Sophia Smith, as well as James' birth place, Eldred, Pennsylvania. I had already drilled several "dry holes" involving the Soule surname in my earlier attempts to discover mother's birth family, enough to know that at least some Soule lines could be traced back to a Mayflower passenger. I was also aware of Ridlon's massive Soule family tome which was available online. Armed with the names I now had I took a serious look at Ridlon's work and there, in volume 1 on page 517, was William H. Soule and his wife Ellen S. Smith. And, on the very next page was listed his youngest son:

"JAMES WALLACE SOULE, born 1870; married Oct. 25, 1907, MAUDE RIKIE (Rieke), carpenter and cabinet maker in Bangor, Me. Two children:

(1) MILDRED SOULE, born in Rochester, N.Y., 1910.

(2) DAUGHTER SOULE, born in Bangor, Me., 1912."

Well, he didn't get the birth year correct (and blew many other facets of this family's history as well) but there my mother was masquerading as "daughter Soule." And, if Ridlon was to be believed (which it turned out he could be in this one respect if not in the myriad details he put forth), she was (and I was by extension) a Mayflower descendant.

That sort of discovery would seem certain to warm the cockles of the heart of most family historians but, at the time, I had more interest in another question - what became of James Wallace Soule after the death of Maude? Did he really remarry and have a mess of kids by his second wife? My quest had been only partially successful to this point in time.

There are fourteen James Soules listed as heads of households in the 1920 census, three of them being James W. Soule. However, only the 38 year old James W. Soule residing in Waterford Township in Camden County, New Jersey was born in Pennsylvania and that James had living with him his father, one

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Deaths

Geraldine Sowle Schlosser, age 87, of Menomonee Falls, WI, formerly of Tomah, WI, passed away on Saturday June 21, 2008 in Menomonee Falls, WI. She was born on April 27, 1921, the youngest child of Claude and Luetta (Scott) Sowle in Tomah, WI. She grew up in Tomah, where she graduated from high school in 1938. She then attended college at Milwaukee State Teacher's College (now University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), where she majored in music. In 1943 she received a degree in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. The patriot fervor of wartime led her to enlist in the WAAC, where she became a radio mechanic. Most of the years from 1943 – 1945 were spent at Midland Army Air Base in Texas.

For a short time after her discharge, she worked in Oklahoma City for Braniff Airlines, and then returned to Madison and the University of Wisconsin for a year of graduate study in Physical Anthropology. It was during that year that she met Jim Schlosser and they were married at St. Robert's Rectory in Shorewood, WI on July 12, 1947. They moved to Milwaukee where Jim was employed by WTMJ in the News Department.

She stayed busy raising her children and was very active in their lives and the community. She was a volunteer in the League of Women Voters and the Women's Society of Aldersgate Methodist church. She also was a Girl Scout leader for her daughter Chris' troop from Brownies through their senior year.

She went back to school part time in 1964 and went to work at the Milwaukee Public Library in 1966. Following the birth of her fourth child, she received her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1968.

In 1975, Gerry became interested in genealogy. Since that time, tracing her ancestors and her husband's, as well as helping others had become her major interest. She joined the Soule Kindred in 1976 and became editor of their quarterly newsletter in 1982. She later served as their Historian for many years – helping many to prove their lineage to George Soule who came to America on the Mayflower. She was a member of several genealogical and family societies throughout the country.

In 1985, Gerry and Jim moved to the Tomah area. She became active in the Monroe-Juneau-Jackson Genealogical Workshop, Monroe County Historical Society, First United Methodist Church and the Shakespeare Club. Gerry and Jim moved back to the Milwaukee area in 1999 to be closer to family.

Geraldine is survived by her loving husband, Jim of 61 years and also by her children, Dan (Connie) Schlosser, Ken (Tina) Schlosser, Chris Schlosser and Steve (Colleen) Schlosser. She

is further survived by her nephew, Ted "Scott" Roeder, other relatives and friends.

Lineage from George Soule: Nathaniel², Nathaniel³, Wesson⁴, James⁵, Wesson⁶, Hiram⁷, Harvey⁸, Claude⁹ and **Geraldine Sowle Schlosser**¹⁰.

Gerry was a very devoted and active member of Soule Kindred for many years and is sorely missed. Our most sincere condolences to her family and friend



James and Geraldine Schlosser

Soule Kindred chose to honor Gerry's long connection with and exemplary service to the Kindred by creating a n academic award in her honor. Please refer to the Spring, '09 issue of the Newsletter (p. 21) to see information on the recipient and learn more about:

The Geraldine Schlosser Memorial Award

*Preserving
Soule Heritage
for
Future Generations*

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Mourt's Relation, Continued...

This segment, beginning on the following page, is the next installment of Caleb Johnson's transcription of Mourt's Relation which was published in England in 1621 and is the earliest known printed work about the settlement of New England. It is part history, part adventure story and part advertisement, as it seeks to generate excitement and interest in settling in the New World. Although our ancestor George Soule is not specifically mentioned in this work, he was very much a part of this critical era in our nation's history.

The section in this issue tells of the trip to meet and visit with Massasoit, sachem of the Wamponoags. Stephen Hopkins and Edward Winslow, accompanied by Tisquantum as interpreter, traveled some twenty five miles from Plymouth. Along the way they observed and sampled many of the area's natural offerings. Natives encountered along the way offered them cooked shad roe, as shad was in season. The gifts for Massasoit, including the famous red cotton jacket, are described in detail. Also included are the stated intentions to establish diplomatic relations toward a peaceful ongoing relationship between the two communities. The fear and uncertainty is discussed, as these two groups, so foreign to each other, engage in dialogue. That this interaction was possible at all is an amazing story in itself. Tisquantum was a Wampanoag who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and enslaved for a number of years, but eventually found his way home to discover his people decimated by plague.

The segment also describes the rescue of young John Billington from the Nausets, a neighboring tribe with which both the Pilgrims and Wampanoags experienced tensions. Finally, the death of Tisquantum is recorded. Debate continues to this day as to whether he actually died of a fever or was poisoned. His place and role in our history, however, is forever established. It was Tisquantum who taught our ancestors to plant corn and helped to establish a peace that lasted over 50 years.

Are You Researching Carolina Soles?

There appears to be less written about Southern Soule (Soles) families than those in other parts of the country. However, one work attempting to correct that situation was printed in 2000 by Joyce Cathey Soles of Smithfield, VA. Her 438 page book entitled *A Gathering of Soles* follows the line of George Soule descendants who moved first to a Quaker community in North Carolina and spread out from there. When Joyce and her husband Donald married, the genealogy work on her own family had already been done, so she was surprised to learn how little had been done on his side. This was especially true for her upon discovering the strong possibility of a Mayflower connection. DNA testing has confirmed this link.

The first page of Chapter 1 brings up an issue of which your editor had been previously unaware and that is an apparent pattern of twin births. Joyce asserts that both George² and his son William³ may each have been twins. She noted that there was a noticeable tendency toward this situation among Southern Soles. The spelling variant Soles appears in the fourth generation which was the first to settle in North Carolina. Two sons of William³, Benjamin⁴ and Joseph⁴, seem to have owned land in both New York and North Carolina, traveling back and forth with some frequency, thus indicating that they may have been mariners and with some likelihood that Benjamin had his own ship. This line then is George¹, George², William³, Benjamin⁴ and Joseph⁴.

From these two, Benjamin⁴ eventually made NC his permanent home, and with his wife Mary Holway had sons Sylvanus⁵, Benjamin⁵ and Joseph⁵, plus daughters Mary⁵, Anne⁵ and Delilah⁵. It is contended that the vast majority of North and South Carolina Soles are descended from this couple.

An article by Joyce Soles will appear in a future issue of Soule Kindred Newsletter. Her email is dsoles@charter.net.

Contributions from Elizabeth Stager: The Children of Moses and Eleanor (Williams) Soule

Elizabeth noted that not much work has been written on this line. A child of Moses Soule and Eleanor Williams was Eleanor Soule who was born in Massachusetts on April 10, 1764. She married Dr. Origen Brigham on January 14, 1784; he died on August 6, 1816 and is buried at Old Stone Fort Cemetery in Schoharie, NY.

Eleanor Soule Brigham filed for a widow's pension and on one of the depositions names Mary Stilson, widow of Lemuel of Norwich in the county of Chenango, NY, as her ister. The 1850 US Federal Census for Painted Post, Steuben County, NY lists 86 year old Eleanor Brigham and 76 year old Mary Stilson living together. Eleanor's will is dated May 6, 1841 and in it she names and includes her sister Mary Stilson. According to US Revolutionary War Pensioner records, Eleanor does not die until February 11, 1852, but her burial place is currently unknown. Mary died in 1851 and is buried at Corning Hope Cemetery, Steuben County, NY.

Buried in the same cemetery as Mary is the Barton family. Ezra Barton married Mary Soule who was a daughter of the Revolutionary War veteran and pensioner Charles W. Soule (d. 1831, Otsego county, NY). Charles W. Soule was a brother of both Eleanor Soule Brigham and Mary Soule Stilson. His wives were 1) Chloe Preston, 2) Anna _____.

So, to summarize: currently known children of Moses and Eleanor (Williams) Soule include Eleanor Soule (m. Dr. Origen Brigham). Charles W. Soule (m. 1) Chloe Preston, 2) Anna _____) and Mary Soule (m. Lemuel Stilson).

Elizabeth has conducted additional research that will be published in future issues. ❁

A JOURNEY TO POKANOKET

The Habitation of the Great King

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It seemed good to the company for many considerations to send some amongst them to Massasoit, the greatest commander amongst the savages, bordering about us; partly to know where to find them, if occasion served, as also to see their strength, discover the country, prevent abuses in their disorderly coming unto us, make satisfaction for some conceived injuries to be done on our parts, and to continue the league of peace and friendship between them and us. For these, and the like ends, it pleased the governor to make choice of Stephen Hopkins, and Edward Winslow to go unto him, and having a fit opportunity, by reason of a savage, called Tisquantum (that could speak English) coming unto us; with all expedition provided a horseman's coat, of red cotton, and laced with a slight lace, for a present, that both they and their message might be the more acceptable amongst them. The message was as followeth; that forasmuch as his subjects came often and without fear, upon all occasions amongst us, so we were now come unto him, and in witness of the love and good will the English bear unto him, the governor hath sent him a coat, desiring that the peace and amity that was between them and us might be continued, not that we feared them, but because we intended not to injure any, desiring to live peaceably: and as with all men, so especially with them our nearest neighbors. But whereas his people came very often, and very many together unto us, bringing for the most part their wives and children with them, they were welcome; yet we being but strangers as yet at Patuxet, alias New Plymouth, and not knowing how our corn might prosper, we could no longer give them such entertainment as we had done, and as we desired still to do: yet if he would be pleased to come himself, or any special friend of his desired to see us, coming from him they should be welcome; and to the end we might know them from others, our governor had sent him a copper chain, desiring if any messenger should come from him to us, we might know him by bringing it with him, and hearken and give credit to his message accordingly. Also requesting him that such as have skins, should bring them to us, and that he would hinder the multitude from oppressing us with them. And whereas at our first arrival at Pamet (called by us Cape Cod) we found there corn buried in the ground, and finding no inhabitants but some graves of dead new buried, took the corn, resolving if ever we could hear of any that had right thereunto, to make satisfaction to the full for it, yet since we understand the owners thereof were fled for fear of us, our desire was either to pay them with the like quantity of corn, English meal, or any other commodities we had to pleasure them withal; requesting

him that some one of his men might signify so much unto them, and we would content him for his pains. And last of all, our governor requested one favor of him, which was, that he would exchange some of their corn for seed with us, that we might make trial which best agreed with the soil where we live.

With these presents and message we set forward the tenth June, about 9 o'clock in the morning, our guide resolving that night to rest at Nemasket, a town under Massasoit, and conceived by us to be very near, because the inhabitants flocked so thick upon every slight occasion amongst us: but we found it to be some fifteen English miles. On the way we found some ten or twelve men, women and children, which had pestered us, till we were weary of them, perceiving that (as the manner of them all is) where victual is easiest to be got, there they live, especially in the summer: by reason whereof our bay affording many lobsters, they resort every spring tide thither: and now returned with us to Nemasket. Thither we came about 3 o'clock after noon, the inhabitants entertaining us with joy, in the best manner they could, giving us a kind of bread called by them *maizium*, and the spawn of shads, which then they got in abundance, insomuch as they gave us spoons to eat them, with these they boiled musty acorns, but of the shads we ate heartily. After this they desired one of our men to shoot a crow, complaining what damage they sustained in their corn by them, who shooting some fourscore off and killing, they much admired it, as other shots on other occasions. After this Tisquantum told us we should hardly in one day reach Pokanoket, moving us to go some 8 miles further, where we should find more store and better victuals than there: being willing to hasten our journey we went, and came thither at sunsetting, where we found many of the Namascheucks (they so calling the men of Nemasket) fishing upon a weir which they had made on a river which belonged to them, where they caught abundance of bass. These welcomed us also, gave us of their fish, and we them of our victuals, not doubting but we should have enough where ere we came. There we lodged in the open fields: for houses they had none, though they spent the most of the summer there. The head of this river is reported to be not far from the place of our abode, upon it are, and have been many towns, it being a good length. The ground is very good on both sides, it being for the most part cleared: thousands of men have lived there, which died in a great plague not long since: and pity it was and is to see, so many goodly fields, and so well seated, without men to dress and manure the same. Upon this river dwelleth Massasoit: it cometh into the sea at the Narragansett Bay, where the Frenchmen so much use. A ship may go many miles up it, as the savages report, and a shallop to the head of it: but so far as we saw, we are sure a shallop may.

But to return to our journey. The next morning we broke our fast, took our leave and departed, being then accompanied with some six savages, having gone about six miles by the river side, at a known shoal place, it being low water, they spake to us to put off our breeches, for we must wade through. Here let me not forget the valor and courage of some of the savages, on the opposite side of the river, for there were remaining alive only 2 men, both aged, especially the one being above threescore; these two espying a company of men entering the river, ran very swiftly and low in the grass to meet us at the bank, where with shrill voices and great courage standing charged upon us with their bows, they demanded what we were, supposing us to be enemies, and thinking to take advantage on us in the water: but seeing we were friends, they welcomed us with such

food as they had, and we bestowed a small bracelet of beads on them. Thus far we are sure the tide ebbs and flows.

Having here again refreshed ourselves we proceeded in our journey, the weather being very hot for travel, yet the country so well watered that a man could scarce be dry, but he should have a spring at hand to cool his thirst, beside small rivers in abundance: but the savages will not willingly drink, but at a springhead. When we came to any small brook where no bridge was, two of them desired to carry us through of their own accords, also fearing we were or would be weary, offered to carry our pieces, also if we would lay off any of our clothes, we should have them carried: and as the one of them had found more special kindness from one of the messengers, and the other savage from the other so they showed their thankfulness accordingly in affording us all help, and furtherance in the journey.

As we passed along, we observed that there were few places by the river, but had been inhabited, by reason whereof, much ground was clear, save of weeds which grew higher than our heads. There is much good timber both oak, walnut tree, fir, beech, and exceeding great chestnut trees. The country in respect of the lying of it, is both champaign and hilly, like many places in England. In some places it is very rocky both above ground and in it: and though the country be wild and overgrown with woods, yet the trees stand not thick, but a man may well ride a horse amongst them.

Passing on at length, one of the company an Indian espied a man, and told the rest of it, we asked them if they feared any, they told us that if they were Narragansett, men they would not trust them, whereat, we called for our pieces and bid them not to fear; for though they were twenty, we two alone would not care for them: but they hailing him, he proved a friend, and had only two women with him: their baskets were empty, but they fetched water in their bottles, so that we drank with them and departed. After we met another man with other two women, which had been at rendezvous by the salt water, and their baskets were full of roasted crab fishes, and other dried shell fish, of which they gave us, and we ate and drank with them: and gave each of the women a string of beads, and departed.

After we came to a town of Massasoit's, where we ate oysters and other fish. From thence we went to Pokanoket, but Massasoit was not at home, there we stayed, he being sent for: when news was brought of his coming, our guide Tisquantum requested that at our meeting, we would discharge our pieces, but one of us going about to charge his piece, the women and children through fear to see him take up his piece, ran away, and could not be pacified, till he laid it down again, who afterward were better informed by our interpreter.

Massasoit being come, we discharged our pieces, and saluted him, who after their manner kindly welcomed us, and took us into his house, and set us down by him, where having delivered our foresaid message, and presents, and having put the coat on his back, and the chain about his neck, he was not a little proud to behold himself, and his men also to see their king so bravely attired.

For answer to our message, he told us we were welcome, and he would gladly continue that peace and friendship which was between him and us: and for his men they should no more pester us as they had done: also, that he would send to Pamet, and would help us with corn for seed, according to our request.

This being done, his men gathered near to him, to whom he turned himself, and made a great speech; they sometimes interposing, and as it were, confirming and applauding him in that he said. The meaning whereof was (as far as we could learn) thus: Was not he Massasoit, commander of the country about them? Was not such a town his and the people of it? And should they not bring their skins unto us? To which they answered, they were his and would be at peace with us, and bring their skins to us. After this manner, he named at least thirty places, and their answer was as aforesaid to every one: so that as it was delightful, it was tedious unto us.

This being ended, he lighted tobacco for us, and fell to discoursing of England, and of the King's Majesty, marveling that he would live without a wife. Also he talked of the Frenchmen, bidding us not to suffer them to come to Narragansett, for it was King James his country, and he also was King James his man. Late it grew, but victuals he offered none; for indeed he had not any, being he came so newly home. So we desired to go to rest: he laid us on the bed with himself and his wife, they at the one end and we at the other, it being only planks laid a foot from the ground, and a thin mat upon them. Two more of his chief men, for want of room pressed by and upon us; so that we were worse weary of our lodging than of our journey.

The next day being Thursday, many of their sachems, or petty governors came to see us, and many of their men also. There they went to their manner of games for skins and knives. There we challenged them to shoot with them for skins: but they durst not: only they desired to see one of us shoot at a mark, who shooting with hail-shot, they wondered to see the mark so full of holes. About one o'clock, Massasoit brought two fishes that he had shot, they were like bream but three times so big, and better meat. These being boiled there were at least forty looked for share in them, the most ate of them: this meal only we had in two nights and a day, and had not one of us bought a partridge, we had taken our journey fasting: very importunate he was to have us stay with them longer: but we desired to keep the Sabbath at home: and feared we should either be light-headed for want of sleep, for what with bad lodging, the savages' barbarous singing, (for they use to sing themselves asleep) lice and fleas within doors, and mosquitoes without, we could hardly sleep all the time of our being there; we much fearing, that if we should stay any longer, we should not be able to recover home for want of strength. So that on the Friday morning before sunrising, we took our leave and departed, Massasoit being both grieved and ashamed, that he could no better entertain us: and retaining Tisquantum to send from place to place to procure truck for us: and appointing another, called Tokamahamon in his place, whom we had found faithful before and after upon all occasions.

At this town of Massasoit's, where we before ate, we were again refreshed with a little fish; and bought about a handful of meal of their parched corn, which was very precious at that time of the year, and a small string of dried shell-fish, as big as oysters. The latter we gave to the six savages that accompanied us, keeping the meal for ourselves, when we drank we ate each a spoonful of it with a pipe of tobacco, instead of other victuals; and of this also we could not but give them so long as it lasted. Five miles they led us to a house out of the way in hope of victuals: but we found nobody there, and so were but worse able to return home. That night we reached to the weir where we lay before, but the Namascheucks were returned: so that we had no hope of anything there. One of the savages had shot a shad in the water, and a small squirrel as big as a rat, called

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William H. Soule. Also in the household were his wife Maud and daughter Evelyn. This certainly had to be mother's birth father, but what was he doing still married to Maud when I had documented evidence that she had died in 1914? Once again the *New York Vital Records Index* in the Rochester Library provided the answer. James W. Soule had wed Maude C. Sheffield on 18 September 1917 in Cherry Creek, Chautauqua County, New York. My newly discovered grandfather must have had a thing for women named Maude.

The 1930 census found the family in Randolph, Cattaraugus County, New York with one additional family member, a son Norman. By then I realized that a key element of the narrative told to my mother was seriously in error. Her meeting with Jane Briggs would have occurred in late 1920 or 1921. By then James Soule had been married to his second wife for a little more than three years and they had had two children. A decade later James and Maude still had only two children, a very respectable brood even by today's environmentally conscious standards. The marriage of James and Maude Riek had lasted less than seven years and they had had two children as well. While Maude Riek almost certainly died of complications associated with a miscarriage and there may have been other miscarriages as well, it is not likely that she had had eight miscarriages as well as two live births in less than seven years. It seemed obvious to me that James was not the sex-crazed monster he had been made out to be by Jane Briggs (or mother's own invention).

Even before receiving a copy of mother's birth record I had found on-line a second cousin, Silvia Poulis, who was also looking for information on James Wallace Soule. Soon e-mails with family information and photographs were being sent back and forth. In the rush of activity Silvia located an on-line photograph of the gravestone of James and Maude Soule in the Cherry Creek Cemetery on the *Find-A-Grave* site. We both now knew the year in which he had died and the place where he was buried. But our good fortune did not end there. Silvia contacted Wendy Phillips, the woman who had taken the photograph, and discovered that she was related to James' second wife and was familiar with the family. More family photographs went from Wendy to Silvia and then on to me. I now had an excellent photograph of my grandfather and his second wife, as well as snapshots of their two children. Silvia put me in contact with Wendy and Wendy in turn offered me the ultimate Christmas gift (albeit three weeks early). She knew where James' son Norman was living and would send the information to me if I would care to have it.

Within five days of obtaining that information I had sent an e-mail message to Norm Soule in Ocala, Florida and received a gracious reply from him. I now had an uncle and, nine days after that, I heard from his daughter Rosemary Peters. My family was growing by leaps and bounds. During the next seven months almost all of the disparate pieces of this story would meet for the first time face-to-face. Rosemary visited mother in her assisted-living facility. My wife and I met with Norm and Florence in Ocala for breakfast as we traveled through Florida. And, in June of 2006, there was a wonderful reunion at the Soule Kindred meeting in Niagara Falls, - Norm, Florence and three of their four kids, Rosemary, Bill and Jim, plus their spouses, Silvia Poulis and her daughter Michele, and my wife and I all met for food and conversation. The only persons missing were Norm's youngest son Bob and my mother. By that point in time her health was failing and she was living in a nursing home.

The plan was that, after the meeting in Niagara Falls, Rosemary, Norm and Florence would follow my wife and me over to Rochester to see mother in the nursing home. I was excited but apprehensive as well. In the past few months, as I obtained information on her birth family, I shared it with mother. It was becoming clear to me as I did so that she knew things that she had never told me and that she had a deep

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 NAUSET, to seek a Boy that had
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 With such Accidents as
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 VOYAGE.

The 11th of June we set forth, the weather being very fair: but ere we had been long at sea, there arose a storm of wind and rain, with much lightning and thunder, insomuch that a spout arose not far from us: but God be praised, it dured not long, and we put in that night for harbor at a place, called Cummaquid, where we had some hope to find the boy. Two savages were in the boat with us, the one was Tisquantum our interpreter, the other Tokamahamon, a special friend. It being night before we came in, we anchored in the midst of the bay, where we were dry at a low water. In the morning we espied savages seeking lobsters, and sent our two interpreters to speak with them, the channel being between them; where they told them what we were, and for what we were come, willing them not at all to fear us, for we would not hurt them. Their answer was, that the boy was well, but he was at Nauset; yet since we were there they desired us to come ashore and eat with them: which as soon as our boat floated we did: and went six ashore, having four pledges for them in the boat. They brought us to their sachem or governor, whom they call Iyanough, a man not exceeding twenty-six years of age, but very personable, gentle, courteous, and fair conditioned, indeed not like the savage, save for his attire; his entertainment was answerable to his parts, and his cheer plentiful and various.

One thing was very grievous unto us at this place; there was an old woman, whom we judged to be no less than an hundred years old, which came to see us because she never saw English, yet could not behold us without breaking forth into great passion, weeping and crying excessively. We demanding the reason of it, they told us, she had three sons, who when Master Hunt was in these parts went aboard his ship to trade with him, and he carried them captives into Spain (for Tisquantum at that time was carried away also) by which means she was deprived of the comfort of her children in her old age. We told them we were sorry that, any Englishman should give them that offense, that Hunt was a bad man, and that all the English that heard of it condemned him for the same: but for us we would not offer them any such injury, though it would gain us all the skins in the country. So we gave her some small trifles, which somewhat appeased her.

After dinner we took boat for Nauset, Iyanough and two of his men accompanying us. Ere we came to Nauset, the day and tide were almost spent, insomuch as we could not go in with our shallop: but the sachem or governor of Cummaquid went

ashore and his men with him, we also sent, Tisquantum to tell Aspinet the sachem of Nauset wherefore we came. The savages here came very thick amongst us, and were earnest with us to bring in our boat. But we neither well could, nor yet desired to do it, because we had least cause to trust them, being they only had formerly made an assault upon us in the same place, in time of our winter discovery for habitation. And indeed it was no marvel they did so, for: howsoever through snow or otherwise we saw no houses, yet we were in the midst of them.

When our boat was aground they came very thick, but we stood therein upon our guard, not suffering any to enter except two: the one being of Manamoyick, and one of those, whose corn we had formerly found, we promised him restitution, and desired him either to come to Patuxet for satisfaction, or else we would bring them so much corn again, he promised to come, we used him very kindly for the present. Some few skins we got there but not many.

After sunset, Aspinet came with a great train, and brought the boy with him, one bearing him through the water: he had not less than an hundred with him, the half whereof came to the shallop side unarmed with him, the other stood abof with their bows and arrows. There he delivered us the boy, behung with beads, and made peace with us, we bestowing a knife on him, and likewise on another that first entertained the boy and brought him thither. So they departed from us.

Here we understood, that the Narragansetts had spoiled some of Massasoit's men, and taken him. This struck some fear in us, because the colony was so weakly guarded, the strength thereof being abroad: but we set forth with resolution to make the best haste home we could; yet the wind being contrary, having scarce any fresh water left, and at least 16 leagues home, we put in again for the shore. There we met again with Iyanough the sachem of Cummaquid, and the most of his town, both men, women and children with him. He being still willing to gratify us, took a runlet and led our men in the dark a great way for water, but could find none good: yet brought such as there was on his neck with him. In the meantime the women joined hand in hand, singing and dancing before the shallop, the men also showing all the kindness they could, Iyanough himself taking a bracelet from about his neck, and hanging it upon one of us.

Again we set out, but to small purpose: for we got but little homeward; our water also was very brackish, and not to be drunk.

The next morning, Iyanough espied us again and ran after us; we being resolved to go to Cummaquid again to water, took him into the shallop, whose entertainment was not inferior unto the former.

The soil at Nauset and here is alike, even and sandy, not so good for corn as where we are; ships may safely ride in either harbor. In the summer, they abound with fish. Being now watered, we put forth again, and by God's providence, came safely home that night.

Finding the Way Home:

During the time that the Newsletter was not published, many members sent in family news that never made it into print. Your editor seeks to address those matters. **Joe B. Cox, Jr.** noted then that, as part of a 50th (12/18/05) wedding anniversary year, he and his family tripped to Disneyland and attended the San Antonio Reunion. Now a 50th anniversary deserves some attention, even if it is belated! His daughter Deborah Cox Werner emailed recently that the family is doing well and noted that her son Luke just finished his first year at the University of North Dakota. **Luke Werner** is the Geraldine Sowle Schlosser Award recipient for 2008 and featured in the Spring, 2008 issue of Soule Kindred Newsletter. Joe's line runs through Bildad Soule.

A JOURNEY TO THE

Kingdom of NEMASKET
in defense of the Great King
MASSASOIT against the
Narragansetts, and to revenge
the supposed Death
of our Interpreter
Tisquantum.

At our return from Nauset, we found it true, that Massasoit was put from his country by the Narragansetts. Word also was brought unto us, that Corbitant a petty sachem or governor under Massasoit (whom they ever feared to be too conversant with the Narragansetts) was at Nemasket, who sought to draw the hearts of Massasoit's subjects from him, speaking also disdainfully of us, storming at the peace between Nauset, Cummaquid, and us, and at Tisquantum the worker of it; also at Tokamahamon, and one Hobomok (two Indians, or Lemes, one of which he would treacherously have murdered a little before, being a special and trusty man of Massasoit's). Tokamahamon went to him, but the other two would not; yet put their lives in their hands, privately went to see if they could hear of their king, and lodging at Nemasket were discovered to Corbitant, who set a guard to beset the house and took Tisquantum (for he had said, if he were dead, the English had lost their tongue). Hobomok seeing that Tisquantum was taken, and Corbitant held a knife at his breast, being a strong and stout man, brake from them and came to New Plymouth, full of fear and sorrow for Tisquantum, whom he thought to be slain.

Upon this news the company assembled together, and resolved on the morrow to send ten men armed to Nemasket and Hobomok for their guide, to revenge the supposed death of Tisquantum on Corbitant our bitter enemy, and to retain Nepeof, another sachem or governor, who was of this confederacy, till we heard, what was become of our friend Massasoit.

On the morrow we set out ten men armed, who took their journey as aforesaid, but the day proved very wet. When we supposed we were within three or four miles of Nemasket, we went out of the way and stayed there till night, because we would not be discovered. There we consulted what to do, and thinking best to beset the house at midnight, each was appointed his task by the captain, all men encouraging one another, to the utmost of their power.

By night our guide lost his way, which much discouraged our men, being we were wet, and weary of our arms: but one of our men having been before at Nemasket brought us into the way again.

Before we came to the town we sat down and ate such as our knapsack afforded, that being done, we threw them aside, and all such things as might hinder us, and so went on and beset the house, according to our last resolution. Those that entered, demanded if Corbitant were not there: but fear had bereft the savages of speech. We charged them not

to stir, for if Corbitant were not there, we would not meddle with them; if he were, we came principally for him, to be avenged on him for the supposed death of Tisquantum, and other matters: but howsoever we would not at all hurt their women, or children. Notwithstanding some of them pressed out at a private door and escaped, but with some wounds: at length perceiving our principal ends, they told us Corbitant was returned with all his train, and that Tisquantum was yet living, and in the town offering some tobacco, other such as they had to eat. In this hurley burley we discharged two pieces at random, which much terrified all the inhabitants, except Tisquantum and Tokamahamon, who though they knew not our end in coming, yet assured them of our honesty, that we would not hurt them. Those boys that were in the house seeing our care of women, often cried, *Neen squaes*, that is to say, I am a woman: the women also hanging upon Hobomok, calling him *towam*, that is, friend. But to be short, we kept them we had, and made them make a fire that we might see to search the house. In the meantime, Hobomok got on the top of the house, and called Tisquantum and Tokamahamon, which came unto us accompanied with others, some armed and others naked. Those that had bows and arrows we took them away, promising them again when it was day. The house we took for our better safeguard: but released those we had taken, manifesting whom we came for and wherefore.

On the next morning we marched into the midst of the town, and went to the house of Tisquantum to breakfast. Thither came all whose hearts were upright towards us, but all Corbitant's faction were fled away. There in the midst of them we manifested again our intendment, assuring them, that although Corbitant had now escaped us, yet there was no place should secure him and his from us if he continued his threatening us, and provoking others against us, who had kindly entertained him, and never intended evil towards him till he now so justly deserved it. Moreover, if Massasoit did not return in safety from Narragansett, or if hereafter he should make any insurrection against him, or offer violence to Tisquantum, Hobomok, or any of Massasoit's subjects, we would revenge it upon him, to the overthrow of him and his. As for those were wounded, we were sorry for it, though themselves procured it in not staying in the house at our command: yet if they would return home with us, our surgeon should heal them.

At this offer, one man and a woman that were wounded went home with us, Tisquantum and many other known friends accompanying us, and offering all help that might be by carriage of anything we had to ease us. So that by God's good providence we safely returned home the morrow night after we set forth. ❀

The final ten pages of Mourt's Relation will be printed in the Autumn issue of the Newsletter.

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emotional commitment to the story she had held onto since childhood. The last time I had seen her she seemed to accept my assessment that the evidence at hand suggested that her father was a responsible man and that, in giving his daughters up for adoption after the death of his wife, he probably did so because he felt that he, as a carpenter having to work to make ends meet, could not properly care for them. I pointed out that both James and Maude had been, not only the youngest members of their respective families, but essentially change-of-life babies. Their siblings were all a decade or two older than they were and most had families of their own by the time Maude passed away. Maude's father had passed away eight years earlier and her mother was now almost 70, while William and Ellen Soule were both 73. Mother appeared to accept that assessment, but I knew that it isn't easy to change the mind of a 94 year old person. How

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OBITUARY

Mrs. **Dorothea Soule/Gath Hargreave** passed away on April 24, 2009 at Hamilton Manor Nursing Home in Greece, NY in her 98th year. Born Dorothea Beatrice Soule on November 26, 1911 in Bangor, Maine to James W. and Maude (Riek) Soule, she was, after the death of her mother in 1914, adopted by George F. and Lottie V. (Stokes) Gath of Rochester, NY. On May 19, 1936, she married the late Harold Hargreave, also of Rochester, where the couple resided until 1963 when they moved to the village of Hilton, NY. Preceding her in death were her husband Harold, full-sister Mildred and half-sister Evelyn May. She is survived by a half-brother, Norman Soulé of Ocala, Florida, her son David of Kalamazoo, Michigan, two grandsons, Scott David of Telluride, Colorado, and Craig Mercer of Sugar Grove, Ohio, and a great granddaughter, Madelyn Kay Mercer Hargreave. Interment is in Grove Place Cemetery.

Dorothea at Her Husband's Retirement Party, Age 53



NOTE: SK Past President and current Keeper of Banners **Norm Soulé** poses with his newly found half-sister, **Dorothea Soule Hargreave**, whom he had never previously met. This image was taken in 2006 soon after the Niagara Falls, New York Reunion by Dorothea's son David Hargreave of Kalamazoo, MI. The line is George, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Wesson, James, Gardner, William Henry, James Wallace, full or half siblings: **Norm, Dorothea, Mildred** and **Evelyn May**.

Her son, **David Hargreave**, did the genealogy research that allowed these two to connect for the first time in their lives. He has contributed several articles in past issues of the newsletter documenting Soule lines in Michigan where he currently lives.

"As the obituary says, Mom and her older sister Mildred were put up for adoption when their mother (Maude Riek Soule) died. Mom was about 3 at the time. James Wallace Soule went on to remarry and had two more children, one of whom is Norm Soulé. Mom had just enough information concerning her birth family that I was able to track down her birth record and other documents identifying her birth parents.

I discovered that Norm Soulé was still living and contacted him in 2005. He had been told that his father had had two daughters by a previous marriage, but could never locate them. As a result of my investigation Norm and Mom met for the first time in 2006 in Rochester after the Soule Kindred meeting in Niagara Falls. The picture of the two of them was taken at that time. So, at the age of 94 Mom got to meet the brother she never knew she had and Norm, nine years her junior, got to meet the sister he knew he had but had never seen.

For my part, I discovered a wonderful uncle and a number of cousins, important for an only child of a father having only one sister and a mother who was raised as an only child."

David Hargreave

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would she respond to meeting her half-brother after all of these years?

I needn't have worried. Norm and mother both seemed to be extremely happy to have found each other after 86 years. I can attest to the fact that every time I visited her after that initial meeting she talked about her brother and the picture taken at that time of the two of them together was prominently displayed on her night stand. Though death would cut short their relationship, I was pleased that I was able to bring them together and, in doing so, mended a family torn apart by circumstances more than 90 years earlier.

Looking back on it, I ask myself what have I learned from all of this? I can't claim to have discovered any sure fire way for adopted persons to uncover their birth parents. My mother's case was idiosyncratic to begin with and I believe that I had an immense amount of good fortune as well in my inquiries. As to whether it is good to attempt such a discovery, I must admit that I am now more than a little ambivalent. I can say without hesitation that it was good for me. But then I wasn't the one put up for adoption. What my mother taught me is that the fact of adoption is likely to be traumatic for the person who is adopted. In the end it was a happy reunion for her, but she had to let go of much that she had believed in for many years. I think that it would be rash to assume that, in every instance, things would work out so well. For those with a genealogical bent who might wish to uncover family roots severed by adoption I would caution them, if the adopted person is still living, to ascertain first whether that adoption left scars and, if so, whether discovery of those biological roots would be likely to make that person's life better or worse.

Finally, I want to return to a comment I made in passing earlier. I am fully aware of the fact that both the Soule Kindred as an organization and the individuals within that organization are proud of their Mayflower heritage and of our ancestor George Soule. Though I came to a discovery of that heritage late in life I too take pride in it. However, I frankly admit that that knowledge pales when compared with what I have gained in terms of a host of new relatives. Maybe this is itself idiosyncratic, the result of being an only child, married to an only child, born of a mother who was raised as an only child, and a father who had only one sibling. But I can honestly say that a bunch of living Soules (Peters, Poulises, etc.) mean more to me than does the fact that we are all the descendants of George Soule of the Mayflower. ❁

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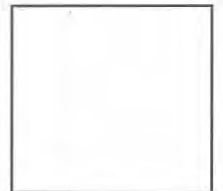


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