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Wallonia, Leiden, Plymouth: The Soule Connection

by Marcy Kelly Brubaker

While historically it was believed that Mayflower passengers were English, more recent research shows that many of the original Colonists in Plymouth, Manhattan and the Hudson Valley were Walloons or French Protestants who came from a region in southern Belgium now called Wallonia. Traditionally they spoke French and a Walloon dialect, now in decline.

In the sixteenth century, the Reformation, a call for religious and political freedoms, reached France and was quickly adopted by many of the nobility, professional classes and tradespeople. These protestors or 'reformers' believed that faith, not pious acts, prayers or masses, could secure the grace of God, and that salvation did not rely on the intercession of the church hierarchy. This put them in direct conflict with the Catholic Church and the King of France. In 1536 a General Edict encouraged the extermination of French Protestants, also called Huguenots. Over the ensuing years, thousands of Huguenots were massacred and many, including Belgians, fled to Germany, England, and the Netherlands.

One of the notable contributions of the Walloons who came to Holland was the revival of the cloth industry and the introduction of new weaving techniques. In 1584, about three hundred Walloons established a French Reformed congregation in Leiden, Holland, and were granted use of the medieval Church of Our Lady, or, in Dutch, the Vrouwekerk. It came to be known as the Walloon Church.

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What if you were to serve the same meal the Pilgrims ate at the first Thanksgiving to the same number of people? How much would it cost? You can find out by reading the article *What Pilgrims' Feast Would Cost Today* by Bob Heaton, which was first published in 1978, republished in this newsletter in 1979, and updated by your Editor on page 4.

Hosts Bob and Helen Soulé are planning an exciting and interesting 2013 Soule Kindred reunion in Meridian, MS, home of Soule descendants since at least 1880. You can read about this great city and the events that will be taking place while we're there on page 8. Be sure to mark your calendar for this first-ever reunion in Mississippi.

Finally, I am still looking in earnest for a new Editor. Please contact me at editor@soulekindred.org if you are interested.

Happy Thanksgiving! *Karen L. McNally*

If you would like to submit an article for publication, have a comment or correction, or would like to work on the Newsletter, please contact me at editor@soulekindred.org or call me at 1-888-SKA-1620.

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Pilgrims Hester Mahieu (Mayhew) and Franchoys Coucke (Francis Cooke) married in the Walloon Church and their nephew Philip de la Noye (Delano), ancestor of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was baptized there in 1603.

Another worshiper was George Soule. Several others with the surname Soule spelled in various ways, including de Soale, were also congregants.

Louise Throop, compiler of the *Mayflower Families in Progress* Series on Pilgrim George Soule, stated at the 2009 Beverly Hills Annual Reunion, “available evidence points to a Dutch birthplace for George Soule” (Soule Kindred Newsletter Fall 2011). If this is so, perhaps his parents or grandparents emigrated from Belgium.

At the time of the *Mayflower's* departure for the New World, in 1620, an estimated six or seven thousand Walloon refugees were living in Leiden, among them Peter Minuit, who would become Director of New Netherland and is credited with purchasing Manhattan from Native Americans for 60 Dutch guilders.

Three years after George Soule and the *Mayflower* arrived in Plymouth, another ship, the *Anne*, sailed to the new world from London. On it were many Pilgrim wives and a young passenger named Marie Buckett who, in a few years, would marry Soule. Later her first name appears as Mary, and her maiden name Becket. While nothing is known of Mary or Marie's origins, the spelling of her name on the *Anne's* passenger list suggests that she was of French origin, possibly with Walloon ancestry.

According to Caleb Johnson, noted author and researcher of *Mayflower History*, there appear to be at least 75 women named Mary Becket or Buckett (and other variations including Buque, Bouquet and Beke) baptized in England between 1595 and 1605. About 25 of them are reasonable candidates. If Mary was from England, definitively identifying her without some way to narrow the search will be difficult.

Whether born in England, Leiden or elsewhere, indications are that both George and Mary were of Walloon descent. Future genealogical research on their family origins may now shift to Wallonia.

Family Tree DNA, which is active in researching Soule roots (Soule Kindred Newsletter, Summer 2010), also has a Belgium Walloon project. If you are interested in exploring, through DNA testing, either Soule or Walloon roots, contact familytreedna.com.



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If readers would like to make a donation to support Soule research and DNA testing, go to soulekindred.org, click on DONATE and select the COL. JOHN RESEARCH FUND.

What Pilgrims' Feast Would Cost Today

by Bob Heaton

This article, reprinted from the Independent Press-Telegram (Long Beach, CA), Sunday, November 19, 1978, appeared in Vol. XIII, No. 4 (October 1979) of the Soule Kindred Newsletter.

Got \$23,000?

That's what it could cost you to duplicate the first Thanksgiving dinner, the one that the Pilgrims in the Massachusetts colony at Plymouth celebrated with the Indians.

Gov. William Bradford's journal says the 1621 feast was an eight-course affair, with 146 guests, including five little children.

The 55 persons who had survived their first colonial winter were all that were left of 102 who landed from the Mayflower. They came out of the summer with a pretty good corn crop. They had planted 20 acres with seed provided by Indian friends.

Bradford declared a celebration. The Pilgrims had made friends with the Wamponoag Indians in general and with Chief Massasoit in particular. A Pilgrim physician [Edward Winslow] had cured the chief of his chronic constipation, according to the governor's journal, inspiring a lasting friendship.

The chief was invited. He showed up with 90 braves. The Pilgrims hadn't planned on that many guests, so everyone went to work, hunting and snaring and hooking things to eat.

They came up with geese, wild turkey, mallard ducks, lobsters, clams, oysters, cod and eel. The hungry braves brought in five deer.

Nearby bogs provided cranberries. The harvest provided corn, barley and peas. The colonists had dried fruit.

Puddings, journey cakes, cornmeal bread with nuts and succotash rounded out the menu. The Wampanoags taught the Pilgrims about popcorn, which was liberally doused with maple sap. Scotch whiskey, Dutch gin and Dutch beer went on the tables from a massive one-year supply brought in on the boat. White and red wines from wild grapes added a touch of elegance.



An identical catered Pilgrim feast in 1978 would not make just the table groan. Wallets would, too, even if they were in the pockets of high rollers.

Ina Grep of G&G Catering in Wichita, Kan., was given the menu and did some quick calculating. "Well, you have some pretty expensive stuff on that list," she said. "I mean, if you could find it all.

"Are you sure it says eel? Where would I find eel? Do you know what lobster costs? Fifteen dollars a pound. And a lot of that \$15 is the shell -- you just throw that part away."



She did some more calculations. "Well, if we could find all that stuff," she said, "and serve it as a feast -- as much as everyone could eat -- I'd say you ought to figure paying between \$125 and \$150* a person."

Well, now. With 146 dinners, that would come to between \$18,250 and \$21,900, plus the booze.

Dutch gin is about \$23 a quart, where it's available. Dutch beer is about \$6 a six-pack. And good Scotch is about \$15 a quart. Add another few gallons of wines. Say, \$6 a person for booze. About \$900.

The whole thing would cost between \$19,000 and \$23,000. Plus tips.

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***Editor's Note:** The \$125 - \$150 cost per person in 1978 is now, in 2012 dollars, \$454.25 - \$545.10. Thus, 146 dinners would cost \$66,320.50 - \$79,584.60. Add the alcohol at \$3,270.61 and the grand total would be \$69,591.11 - \$82,855.21, plus tips!

The median household income in 1978 was \$15,060.00. In June 2012, it was \$50,964.00.

Thanksgiving has been bounced all over November since that first eight-course extravaganza. The exact date of the Plymouth Pilgrims' bash isn't known, but from the Journal we do know it was before Dec. 11, when some men left on a trip. It probably was late in November.

In 1789 George Washington declared a day of thanksgiving. The same year the Protestant Episcopal Church in America declared the first Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving.

New York made it a holiday in 1830, the first state to do so. Virginia was the first Southern state to follow with a proclamation of its own, in 1855.



In 1863 Abraham Lincoln issued a presidential proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. He thought the Civil War was over.

It was not. Confederate states ignored the proclamation.

Thursday was chosen because that was the day of the week when Washington issued the first thanksgiving proclamation -- which commemorated the Constitution.

Thanksgiving rested on the last Thursday in November until 1939, when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt tampered with it. He said it was too close to Christmas and kicked it back to the third Thursday in November.

Like Lincoln, he was ignored by some states. They discovered that FDR had shifted the holiday to stimulate business and allow a longer Christmas shopping season.

In 1941 a joint resolution of Congress moved the peripatetic holiday to the fourth Thursday in November and made it a federal holiday.

It's still there.



From a letter sent by Edward Winslow to a friend in England in December 1621 which was published in London in 1622 as an appendix to *A RELATION or JOURNAL of the BEGINNING and PROCEEDINGS of the ENGLISH PLANTATION at PLIMOTH in NEW ENGLAND*. Pilgrim Hall owns a copy. You can read Caleb Johnson's transcription of Mourt's Relation, as it is commonly known, in Vol. XXXXIII, Nos. 1-4 of the Soule Kindred Newsletter.

Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, so that we might, after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help besides, served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest King, Massasoyt, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted; and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation, and bestowed upon our governor, and the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by THE GOODNESS OF GOD WE ARE SO FAR FROM WANT, THAT WE OFTEN WISH YOU PARTAKERS OF OUR PLENTY.

Thanksgiving-Related Books

As the Thanksgiving holiday season draws near, the following books might be of interest:

Giving Thanks Cookbook (2005)

by Kathleen Curtin, Sandra Oliver, and Plimoth Plantation

According to the authors, 97% of Americans gather together with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day and eat turkey. This book explores the stories and traditions behind Thanksgiving and offers 60 traditional and modern recipes that embody the spirit of this most American of holidays.

Giving Thanks: The 1621 Harvest Feast (2001)

by Kate Waters, Photographs by Russ Kendall in cooperation with Plimoth Plantation

This book allows readers to experience the harvest celebration held in the Fall of 1621 as told by 14 year old Wampanoag, Dancing Moccasins, and 6 year old Resolved White, an English boy. Photographed in full color at Plimoth Plantation.

The Thanksgiving Primer (1991)

by Plimoth Plantation (Author), Carol Freeman Travers (Editor)

A booklet prepared by the Plimoth Plantation which presents the latest findings about the physical and spiritual world of the Pilgrims. Includes a menu and recipes from the period.

1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving (2004)

by Catherine O'Neill Grace and Margaret M. Bruchac with Plimoth Plantation, Photographs by Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson

Published by National Geographic, this book is part of the I Am An American series for ages 8 and up. The book lays aside myths about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving and takes a fresh look at American history. For example, the Plimoth colonists did not eat pumpkin pie in 1621, nor did the Wampagnoag people wear woven blankets over their shoulders. The book contains a forward, an reenactment introducing the concept of living history, a chronology, an index, and a bibliography.

All of the above books may be purchased through Amazon (<http://www.amazon.com>). The first three can also be ordered through Plimoth Plantation (<http://www.plimoth.com/books-media/books/plimoth-plantation-publications>).



Soule Kindred Gets Social by Kyle Maki

Growing the membership of Soule Kindred in America is important to ensure that the organization will be around for years to come. Every new member has the potential to be a key piece in the family puzzle. Over the years, the way people communicate has changed dramatically. The days of newspapers, newsletters, pamphlets and other print materials are being replaced with e-mails, websites, texts, Facebook posts and tweets. For this reason, and as a result of the Social Media grant, Soule Kindred has launched an increased presence on various social media outlets including Twitter and Facebook, as well as revamping the www.soulekindred.org website. These new outlets are not intended to replace existing Soule Kindred communication tools, but merely to complement them. The newsletter has proven to be popular with members and will continue to be a valuable resource moving forward. The idea behind adding social media tools is to tap into new demographics and take full advantage of the benefits available that cannot be reached through traditional methods of mass communication.

Prospective Soule Kindred members are global

Only by using the World Wide Web is it feasible to reach prospective members who could potentially live anywhere in the world. All the newspaper, TV and radio ads in the world couldn't reach everyone and the cost would be beyond prohibitive. Maintaining a Facebook page and Twitter account is inexpensive and the possibilities are endless. There is no cost for printing, mailing and distributing materials. The information is developed strategically and over time the audience will expand. There is no limit on the number of followers and no limitations on where the followers live. The audience will change and evolve. The beauty of having an increased presence online is that people can *find you* - instead of you having to find them. This is a great way for Soule Kindred to demonstrate that it is staying current and making an effort to be relevant within circles that attract millions of users.

Content that is timely and interactive

When you think about newsletters and other print materials, you're talking about a lot of time and work. Time to set up the documents. Time to generate the content. Time and money to print and distribute the documents. Social media content can be created and published instantly for everyone to see. Important events, date changes, reminders, etc. can be sent immediately to the entire membership. Also, social media accounts are set up to encourage interaction between members. There are resources on the website and via Facebook where members can share stories and photos to learn more about their heritage. And isn't that what being a member of Soule Kindred is all about? Engaging with others to put the family tree together and learning more about your family history? Over time, the hope is that an increase in connectivity will make it possible to provide detailed family history that is not currently available.

We're excited about Soule Kindred's new Facebook and Twitter accounts and have already seen an increase in interaction and awareness. There is no reason why that trend won't continue moving forward.

If you're interested in staying connected with Soule Kindred, go to the website at www.soulekindred.org,



"like" the new Soule Kindred page at www.Facebook.com/SouleKindred,

and/or



"follow" Soule Kindred at www.Twitter.com/SouleKindred.

Kyle is Soule Kindred's Social Media Grant Consultant.

Soule Kindred's Exciting New Online Venture by Karen McNally

The Board has for some time now been discussing how to update the Ridlon book, *A contribution to the history, biography and genealogy of the families named Sole, Solly, Soule, Sowle, Soulis, with other forms of spelling...* published in 1926. We have finally come up with a way to do so. We will be integrating a Familytreemaker-like program called The Next Generation(TNG) into the Soule Kindred website.

This program will allow us to build the Soule family tree starting with the fifth generation(the Mayflower in Progress series is complete to the fifth generation) and moving forward in time. The best thing about this program is that it is totally collaborative. Multiple members can be working at the same time to create different lines of Soule descendants. We believe that this program will truly make Soule Kindred THE go-to organization for information regarding George Soule and his descendants. More information about this truly exciting project, which will be overseen by the Soule Family Tree Project Committee, will be printed in upcoming newsletters and on the website. If everything goes as planned, we expect to be up and running with the program by April 1, 2013.

2013 Reunion in Meridian, MS by Helen Soulé

The 2013 reunion will be held in Meridian, MS, and will feature Soulés living and working in the South. It is being held on **Friday November 8th and Saturday November 9th**. Meridian is a city of about 40,000 residents located 11 miles from the Alabama border on I-20. It has been home to Soulés for more than 115 years and has a friendly, and welcoming culture. The Executive Director of the Meridian/Lauderdale County Tourism Bureau had this to say:

*"We look forward to welcoming the family and friends of [George] Soule to Meridian in 2013. Your visit coincides with one of the most popular and anticipated events of the year, our **Whistle Stop Weekend**. The combination of our Meridian Railfest and Soulé Live Steam Festival along with our historic attractions guarantees your visit to be both enjoyable and memorable.*

"To all organizers and attendees of the Soule reunion, their families, friends, colleagues and visitors from home to around the world, we look forward to your visit."

Dede Mogollon,
Executive Director, Visit Meridian

As the quote indicates, we have scheduled the reunion to coincide with the Whistle Stop Weekend, which is a combination of the Meridian Railfest and Soulé Live Steam Festival. The events will be located on the site of the Soulé Steam Feed Works, a manufacturing company which began operation in 1896 and the current Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum.



Soulé Steam Feed Works

The Festival will feature live demonstrations of vintage steam engines as well as an operating machine shop from the early 1900s. There are also other demonstrations including a potter's wheel, broom making, spinning wheel and weaving loom. The steam-powered Gower Print Works will be in operation. This print shop is probably the only steam powered printing press in the southeastern United States.

As part of the reunion program, we are planning a special tour of the business, including the original offices of Soulé Steam Feed Works where we can hear some first-hand accounts of the history of Soulé family members in the South. The Railfest will feature visiting railroad rolling stock as well as model railroad exhibits.

We are planning other optional activities for those that want to stay over the weekend. These have not been finalized, but options include a tour of Merrehope, the only Antebellum home in Meridian; a visit to the Dentzel Carousel, built in 1896 and the only one of its kind in the South; a visit to the Jimmie Rogers (father of country music) Museum; and the Soulé chapel, just outside Meridian.

Hotel accommodations and flight information will be available soon, so mark your calendar and begin making plans to attend.

You can learn more about Meridian, MS, at www.meridianms.org.

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Wanted: Your Soule Ancestors' Civil War Stories

Commemorations of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War began April 12, 2011. According to ancestry.com, 293 soldiers named Soule served in the military during the Civil War -- 280 on the side of the Union and 13 for the Confederacy. Undoubtedly there were numerous additional descendants of George Soule, with a multitude of surnames, who fought during the four year campaign (April 12, 1861- April 9, 1865) to preserve the Union and end slavery.

The Soule Kindred Newsletter has in the past presented articles about relatively famous Civil War soldiers, Silas Stillman Soule (Vol. IV, No. 3) and William Stinson Soule (Vol. III, No. 4; Vol. XXXXIII, No. 4). William Stinson fought at Antietam in September 1862 and was wounded. Silas Stillman, as Captain of Co. D, 1st Colorado Cavalry, refused to participate in the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre and was later shot to death by another soldier.

As the United States continues to commemorate the single most devastating event in the country's history (at least 620,000 deaths, most from disease; another 400,000 or more wounded; the total destruction of the countryside between Atlanta and Savannah, GA; families torn apart; the assassination of a President), we'd like to honor the memory of the many Soule descendants who died or came out on the other side of the war, wounded or not, and continued their lives. To do so, we'd love to have you submit stories of your Civil War Soule ancestors for inclusion in the newsletter and/or on the website over the next three years. Of particular, although not exclusive, interest in 2013 would be any Soule-descendant soldiers who fought at the following decisive* battles in 1863: Chancellorsville, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga. The year 2013 is also the year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1. Your Soule Kindred cousins would appreciate any Civil War stories you submit.

**Historians define a decisive battle as one which had a direct and observable impact on the direction, duration, conduct, or outcome of the war.*



Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee

If you have Civil War stories to share, please send them to Karen McNally at the address on the back of the newsletter or via e-mail at editor@soulekindred.org. We'll print as many as we can in future issues of the newsletter.

SOULE KINDRED HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL ON OCTOBER 27, 2012.

This was one of the questions asked by a member: "Are there any plans to have the Drew Archival Library put our archives online or to give access for Ancestry.com to scan them?"

The short answer is NO. There are actually three major reasons. First, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City has microfilm of most of the material in our archives and is currently in the process of digitizing everything in its collection and making all digitized material available at familysearch.org. Second, much of the information in our archives, including many of the books we own, is already digitized or transcribed and available online on both fee-based sites such as ancestry.com and free sites such as familysearch.org. Finally, and maybe most importantly, Louise Throop has compiled several more Pink Books since the original [Volume III, Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: George Soule](#) which have superseded and corrected the material in our archives. So, there really is no reason for Soule Kindred or the Drew Archival Library to place our archives online.

Members can access a recording of the Annual Meeting on the website at www.soulekindred.org.

WANTED: YOUR VOTE IN THE 2013 SOULE KINDRED BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Ballots are in the mail for the recommended slate of Julia Soule Holden, Jo Anne Makely, and Charles Everett Soule. Please return your ballot in the envelope provided or go online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZV7V9ZN, enter the ballot number you received in the mail and vote. The deadline for completing or returning your ballot is December 9, 2012.

WANTED: YOUR JANUARY 1, 2013 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Those members whose annual membership renews on January 1, 2013 have received, or will soon be receiving, their renewal forms in the mail. Please send your renewal to the address shown on the form or renew online at www.soulekindred.org. Just sign in using your e-mail address and password. After signing in, click on SETTINGS at the top of the page, then click on Subscription and follow the instructions to securely send your payment through our PayPal account.

This and That

Future of Life Memberships Under Consideration

The Board of Directors has formed a committee to look into whether SKA should cease offering Life Memberships. Many of the current 77 Life Members paid \$100 to be Life Members, or the equivalent of less than 3 years at the current Regular Membership rate of \$35. A few purchased Life Memberships when the cost was \$300, which covers 8.5 years of expenses. In an effort to make sure costs are covered over the lifetime of a Life Member, the fee was raised to \$1,000 in 2010. No one has purchased a Life Membership since then. Even at \$1,000, a Life Member's expenses would only be covered for 28.5 years. Soules tend to live long lives, and many of our kindred have been members for thirty or forty years.

The committee charged with considering this dilemma consists of board members, Andrew Turner, Helen Soulé and Marcy Kelly Brubaker.

Current Life Members will not be affected by any change. Examples of the issues the committee will consider are discontinuing the category in the future and allowing members to purchase a Life Membership at age 62 (the New England Historic Genealogical Society does this). The committee is interested in hearing from members. If you'd like to weigh in, please e-mail info@soulekindred.org, phone 888-SKA-1620, or contact one of the committee members (listed in the Membership Directory).

Mayflower Trivia Questions

1. Did all adult passengers sign the Mayflower Compact?
2. Were there any deaths on the Mayflower during the voyage?
3. Was pumpkin pie served at the first thanksgiving in 1621?

Answers will appear in the next issue of the Soule Kindred Newsletter.

Answers to Summer 2012 questions: 1) John Howland; 2) Stephen and Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins 3) Oceanus

Bermuda Cruise Special June 14-21, 2013

Cruise with **Caleb Johnson**, author of [Here I Shall Die Ashore: Stephen Hopkins, Bermuda Castaway, Jamestown Survivor and Mayflower Pilgrim](#), owner of the mayflowerhistory.com website, and Soule Kindred researcher.

Caleb will be presenting lectures on Stephen Hopkins and other Mayflower passengers during the cruise. You can find out more by going to Caleb's website at mayflower.com.

New Members July - September

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Soule Kindred offers many opportunities for you, our members, to help fulfill its mission to study and promote knowledge and understanding of the Pilgrims and their descendants, with particular emphasis on *Mayflower* passenger George Soule.

Here are a few ways you can contribute:

Join a committee.

- Membership
- Publication
- Research
- Reunion/Education
- Scholarship
- Soule Family Tree Project (See ad below)
- Web Communications

Submit articles or milestones to the Editor.

Be an active participant on our Facebook page.

Offer your suggestions for future research topics.

Contribute information to the Soule Kindred website.

To help fulfill Soule Kindred's mission or to find out more, contact us at volunteer@soulekindred.org.

Love Genealogy?

If you have have a passion for genealogy or have ever been the recipient of one or more Random Acts of Genealogy Kindness and would like to pay that kindness forward, you might want to volunteer to assist Soule Kindred members in discovering their Soule lineage. Contact us at familytree@soulekindred.org or 1-888-SKA-1620 to become part of the Soule Family Tree Project team.

More This and That

Board Notes...

from the August 4, 2012 Meeting.

The board is looking into new software that will create a database on the website which will display **10 generations of Soule descendants.**

The **Life Membership Committee** recommended, and the board approved, a policy that honorary and gratis memberships be awarded only under special circumstances. The Committee will continue exploring options for the future of the Life Membership category.

The **Scholarship Assessment Committee** (Dave Hargeave [Chair], Nancy Ervin, Betty-Jean Haner, Peggy Jared and Robert Keldgord) submitted its report to the board. It recommends a three-year trial period that includes awards of \$1,000 with a 5% increase each year; restriction of candidates to first and second year college students with demonstrated Soule lineage; and competition judged primarily on responses to an essay question. After three years, if the program is deemed successful, a long-term plan will be submitted to the membership for approval.

Reunions are now held every other year; therefore, SKA is looking into a telephone or web-based **annual meeting** format in which all members will have the opportunity to hear from officers and participate in off-reunion years. Information will be forthcoming.

Nominees are being sought for the Board of Directors.

Copies of current and past **Newsletters** are now available on www.soulekindred.org to all comers, thanks to the **Luke and Merle Soule Foundation Grant.**

Great Holiday Gift

Elizabeth "Bettie" (Ragle) Soule (d. 2010) commissioned cup plates made by the Pairpoint Glass Company located in Sagamore, MA, to commemorate the 1984 Soule Kindred Reunion held in Plymouth, MA. The plates, hand pressed in first quality lead crystal, feature the Soule House at Plimoth Plantation with a border design of trailing arbutus, also called "mayflower".



To order this special plate, contact Anna Bristol at dabristols@wcnet.org or (419) 872-0124. The cost is \$10.00 per plate, plus shipping.

Many thanks to Bettie's son, Bob Soule, for donating the plates to Soule Kindred.

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If you're looking for something unique for friends and family, consider a Soule Kindred gift membership. It's a gift that gives all year, supporting our work while informing your loved ones about their family history. To purchase a membership as a gift or for yourself, simply visit www.soulekindred.org or contact us at membership@soulekindred.org. Memberships are essential to our present and future as we honor the past.



Give a Donation

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Happy Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving.

~H.U. Westermayer

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

~Cicero

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.

~Native American Saying

