
Calling All Soules!

Meet Midwestern Soule Cousins at the 2015 Reunion.

Soule Kindred Reunion
October 22-24, 2015
Ft. Wayne, IN

Join us for the Soule Kindred 2015 reunion in Fort Wayne, IN, on **Thursday, October 22nd**, **Friday, October 23rd** and **Saturday, October 24th**, to meet your cousins, learn about Soule descendants who live(d) in the area, and conduct genealogy research at the Allen County Public Library. The library's Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Department is the largest public genealogy department in North America. The basic schedule for the reunion is shown below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact host Virginia Hayes at vlhayes46755@yahoo.com or (260) 347-2412.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

- 4:00 PM Registration opens for attendees
Dinner on your own
- 6:00 PM Get acquainted and reunion schedule overview
at Allen County Public Library
- 6:30 PM Membership meeting
- 7:15 PM Soule Kindred Family Tree Database Presentation
- 8:00 PM Library tour



Allen County Public Library

Friday, October 23, 2015

- 9:00 AM Option 1: Use library for genealogy research. Lunch on your own.
Option 2: On-your-own sightseeing. Visit Soule cemetery sites in Angola, IN, (about a 50 minute drive from Fort Wayne) and/or tour the Auburn Cord Deussenburg Museum in Auburn, IN, and the National Auto and Truck Museum next door (about a 30 minute drive from Fort Wayne). Lunch on your own.
- 4:00 PM Presentation on the Soule, Soules, Solles, Sowle, & Sowles families who settled in northeastern Indiana in the 1800s given by descendants of those families.
- 6:00 PM Reunion Banquet
- 7:00 PM Show and Tell - Present items that came from your Soule ancestors (including grandparents or parents) or tell stories you remember about your Soule ancestors if you don't have an item to bring.

Saturday, October 24, 2015

- 9:00 AM Botanical Garden tour followed by a walking tour of downtown Fort Wayne.
- 12:00 PM Check out of hotel unless you are staying longer. Lunch on your own - informal gathering
- PM Travel home

A block of rooms is available for reunion attendees at the **Hilton Grand Wayne** (260-420-1100), Fort Wayne, IN. The rate is \$119.00/per night, including breakfast for up to two people per room. This special rate also applies for up to two nights prior to the reunion and two nights after the reunion. Fort Wayne is easily accessible by driving or flying. It is 18 miles from the Ohio border, 50 miles from the Michigan border, and 122 miles from Indianapolis. Fort Wayne International Airport is served by the following airlines: Allegiant, American, Delta, and United.

Fort Wayne is home to 15 museums and art galleries, the Allen County Public Library, a botanical garden, and the gravesite of John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman, among other attractions. Three families named Sowle were living in nearby Steuben County by the 1840 census.

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Registration Form



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

	Number/ Person(s)	Cost	Total
Registration Fee: (\$35 per person)	_____	X \$35.00	_____
Thursday:			
Dinner on your own			
Friday:			
A. Allen County Public Library (no charge)			
B. Lunch on your own			
C. Reunion Banquet (\$40.00 per person)	_____	X \$40.00	_____
Saturday:			
A. Botanical Garden and walking tour of Fort Wayne (includes Allen County Courthouse and Embassy Theatre) (\$12.00 per person)	_____	X \$12.00	_____
GRAND TOTAL			_____

Friday on-your-own sightseeing:

- A. Auburn Cord Dusenburg Museum (\$12.50 per person)
- B. National Auto and Truck Museum (\$5.00 per person)

Payment: Please make check payable to Soule Kindred in America and send it with a copy of the registration form to Treasurer Roberta Wilkinson, 10851 N. Indian Wells Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Please write “2015 Reunion” on check.

Hotel reservations: A hotel block in the name of Soule Kindred has been set aside at the Hilton Grand Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN (260-420-1100). The rate is \$119.00 per night. Please reference Soule Kindred when making your reservation by phone or make your reservation online at <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hilton-fort-wayne-at-the-grand-wayne-convention-center-FWAFHHF/accommodations/index.html>. Choose your arrival and departure dates and be sure to enter SOU in the box marked “Group Code.”

Soule Kindred 2014-2017 Strategic Plan

Introduction

Soule Kindred in America, a non-profit member organization, was founded in 1967 by two descendants of Pilgrim George Soule, Col. John Edward Soule and George Standish Soule. Membership is open to anyone although most are descendants of George Soule. There are currently 378 members, the majority of which are located in the United States. Soule Kindred programs and activities include:

- Soule Kindred Newsletter, published three times per year, that documents the history and milestones of the Soule family in America
- Family Tree Database and assistance for members seeking to identify their ancestors and document their genealogy
- Reunions, hosted in different locales, where cousins can meet, mingle and learn about their shared history
- Research on Soule family genealogy, including US and European roots
- Participation in the Mayflower Society DNA project
- College scholarships awarded to Soule descendants
- Communication through traditional and non-traditional outlets including through the newsletter, our website *soulekindred.org*, Facebook and other social media outlets

Over the past few years, the Board of Soule Kindred in America (SKA) has been working to strengthen and grow the organization to better serve its members-descendants of the Pilgrim George Soule. As part of this effort, in 2012 the Soule Kindred Board revised its by-laws, conducted several member surveys on topics such as the newsletter, the scholarship program, and member priorities for services. They developed concrete short and long-term goals, and monitored progress towards the goals. In 2013 at the Meridian, MS, reunion, the Board began developing a three-year strategic plan. They hired a strategic planning consultant, Dr. Judith Miller, and spent considerable time developing the vision, the mission and key major goals. The resulting vision, mission and goals are found below. As a next step over a period of approximately a year, the Board worked on the details for accomplishing the goals, such as the objectives, activities, person responsible, timelines and benchmarks, and evaluation method(s). Board members accomplished this with input from SKA members, including committee members where applicable. Communication vehicles included conference calls, email discussion, and face to face meetings. The full strategic plan was adopted by the Board on November 1, 2014 and can be found below.

The Board recognizes that the strategic plan is a living document that will change over time as new opportunities and circumstances occur. Therefore, the plan will be revisited each year in January and revised as needed.

Vision

Our vision is for the Soule Kindred organization to be the premier resource for information and genealogy about George Soule and his descendants. We will expand and support a vibrant, active family community.

Mission Statement

Soule Kindred in America, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Mayflower Pilgrim George Soule and his descendants.

Soule Kindred 2014-2017 Strategic Plan

Goals and Objectives

1. Expand communications efforts to our membership and potential members through a variety of mediums

- Develop Communications Plan
- Implement Communications Plan (to include evaluation measures-output and outcomes)
- Evaluate effectiveness of plan annually
- Recruit editor / editorial board
- Promote going green

2. Improve membership experiences and benefits

- Launch and implement Soulé Family Tree Project
- Implement new scholarship program
- Update member directory
- Plan for reunions
 - 2015 Fort Wayne, IN
 - 2017 SKA 50th Anniversary in Duxbury
 - 2020 Mayflower 400th anniversary in Plymouth MA

3. Increase membership by 20% by 2016

- Develop membership plan to increase membership, retain members and improve member ROI
- Operationalize 3 year plan
 - Membership increases per plan goals

4. Create a stable, broad base of financial resources to support our programs

- Develop fund raising plan for implementation to possibly include product development and grants
- Ongoing fund raising plan in place

5. Expand research of George and Mary Beckett (Bucket) Soule's ancestors and descendants

- Continue research on Mary Beckett's and/or George Soule's roots
- Allocate percentage of SKA budget for research
- Research colonial times as needs and resources dictate

If you would like to help Soule Kindred achieve the above goals and objectives, please contact Deanna Lucas at deedalu2@yahoo.com or Helen Soulé at helenasoule@gmail.com.

New Members July - December

Duane Anderson, SD
Mike Bell, ME
Paul Bergemann, GA
Jill Bishop, MN
Anne Burns, RI
Christie Conley-Sowels, MI
Susan Courter, OH
Robert Doughty, WA
Russell Francis, OR
Kimberli Hartwick, CA
Rachel Joy, TN
Theresa Lee-Whiting, NY
Jeanne Lloyd, CT
Carolyn McWhirter, MI
Paula Patterson, TX
Martylou Plinski, GA
Jessica Soule, AK
Thomas Soules, MA
Nanette Talbot, IL
Denise Thomas, MO
Laurence West, MN
Kayla Wiebold,
Barbara Wilkinson, CO

No obit, but here is a death notice for the newsletter:

Soule Kindred member Gail D. Rudel-Houle (George, George, Nathan, Timothy, William, John, Lewis William, William Lewis Sowles, Louis William, Roy Oliver, Joan Charlotte (Sowles) Rudel) passed away November 14, 2014.