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THE FAMILY TREE by Helen Crawford

There's one thing in God's nature world
That means a lot to me
It symbolizes much of life-
It is a lovely tree!

With roots so deep in God's rich earth
It's not disturbed by weather-
Like families with faith in God
Who live in peace together.

Its trunk, the body strong and firm,
Like parents everywhere
To guide, control, direct, sustain
The offspring which they bear.

The branches which like children spread
In every known direction
Until the fruitage of their growth
Has reached its full perfection.

And so a tree appears to me
The gem of God's creation
As it portrays our families
Which constitute a nation.

Betty Whitecotton



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Human Interest Story
Soule Reunion - Pensacola - 1979

Now that I am alone, and since I had never travelled any distance alone in my life, I asked my close friend and church co-worker, Alice Meskimen, to go to the Soule Reunion with me. Alice lost her husband on July 6, 1979; she had been quite confined for some time during his illness. She accepted my invitation but felt that she need not attend all of the events. I bought tickets for her to go right along on all of the tours and be a part of the whole reunion. She did not expect to find anyone she knew. Upon arrival at the Thursday evening "get together", within ten minutes, she met Lucille Soule Hackett, presently form Mobile, Alabama, but formerly from Benton Harbor, Michigan. Lucille had visited the Meskimen Gift Shop in Benton Harbor many times; and the two quickly found that they had a host of mutual friends.

At the luncheon in the Seville Quarters on Saturday afternoon, across the table from Alice sat Peggy Soule, wife of Bill Soule, from Sioux City, Iowa. Peggy was from the St. Joe-Benton Harbor area; again the two found that they had many mutual friends.

Needless to say, my friend, Alice Meskimen, had a great time at the Soule Kindred Reunion in Pensacola!

Betty Whitecotten

President's Corner...

Dear Friends:

As you will read in a more complete report in this issue, the Annual Meeting of the Soule Kindred was held in Pensacola this August with a good attendance. The organizing committee, for this meeting, desirous of getting more action out of your Historian and President, arranged a series of four sequential lectures on aspects of genealogical research. Unfortunately, Col. John's physician would not let him make the trip. Hence I took over, but I have to confess that four in a row was more than my legs, voice or wits would stand and the audience got but three and a half. But in the main, I think it went well, and that the co-operating DAR and Library groups were pleased.

The shy and retiring group of Soule Kindred members from TEXAS were persuaded to organize the Annual Meeting for 1980 in their state and we should be getting details in the next issue. Because Texas summer weather can be a bit extreme, it was decided to have the session in the early part of the summer - After school closing and before the heat.

I have received the edited manuscript for the first four generations and have prepared the index for the material received to date. Miss Harding, our Editor, now estimates that she will finish editing the text before Thanksgiving. Soule Kindred Member, Harlan Thomas, Governor of the Illinois Mayflower Society, is Chairman of the Publications Committee of The General Society. He, Col. John and I are working closely together to achieve the earliest possible publication date, consistent with the quality required. The pre-publication offer for the BOOK as announced by the Soule Kindred will expire 31 Dec. 1979. The Publication price will be announced later this year by Mr. Thomas. We urge members who have not bought their copy - copies to act under our most reasonable offering.



1979

SOULE KINDRED REUNION

PENSACOLA, FL AUG 10-12

In 1978, during the Soule Kindred Reunion which was held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, a young lady, Miss Sally Harrison from Pensacola, Florida, invited the group to hold their 1979 Annual Reunion in her home city. Little did anyone realize the treat that was in store for those privileged to attend. As in the past, people journeyed from great distances to attend: California, New York, New Jersey, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. The 1979 Reunion Committee was composed of the following members: Betty Soule Merritt; Mary Merritt Dawkins, the Chairperson for the event; Betsy Merritt Harrison; Sally Harrison; Mrs. Bill Soule; and Margaret Jernagen Hall. As a result of the efforts of these people, and the many others who assisted them, the members of Soule Kindred and their friends enjoyed a most memorable reunion and gained a great respect for Pensacola's more than four hundred year history.

During those four hundred years, Pensacola has been ruled by five nations (Spain, France, Great Britain, the Confederacy, and the United States) each of whom has significantly contributed to her culture and architecture. Betty Soule Merritt gave a colorful historical background as we travelled by chartered bus to see the various points of interest in the bay area. Fort Redoubt, Fort Barrancas, Fort Pickens and the U.S. Naval Air Station were among the many historical sites to which we were introduced. We visited numerous museums which took us from the era of the early raft and boat to the age of the huge commercial shipping vessels now docked in the harbor; from the sled and ox cart era to the age of the horseless carriage, the early automobile, and the trolley car; from the time of the early airplane to the launch of the sophisticated 1973 Sky Lab Space Module, a loan from the Smithsonian Institution currently on display in the Naval Aviation Museum at the Air Station; from the days of the early settlers of Pensacola through the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, and both World Wars to the present time.

On Friday evening after a swim at the beach and a delicious and bountiful fish fry on Santa Rosa Island, the group drove to Fort Pickens where we were met by a Park Ranger who conducted us through the fort by lantern light. At the conclusion of the tour, a wounded Civil War soldier appeared to tell us the story of what had happened to him and his comrades at the fort during the war. We also learned that Geronimo and members of his tribe had occupied the fort from 1886 to 1888.

On Saturday morning we toured the old section of the city by chartered bus and saw where the Historical Preservation Board had been working to preserve many of the old homes in the area. Some of the homes were small, quaint, and beautiful while many others were huge, luxurious, and elegant. We visited the Dorothy Walton House which had formerly been the home of Andrew Jackson when he served as the Territorial Governor of Florida in 1821 -- the house was built during the Spanish period. We visited the Old Christ Church Museum. We browsed in little shops which have sprung up in the area and are helping to preserve Pensacola's colorful past. We had lunch together in the Seville Quarters, a building bedecked with fancy wrought iron balconies and posts which reminded us of the Old French Quarter in New Orleans.

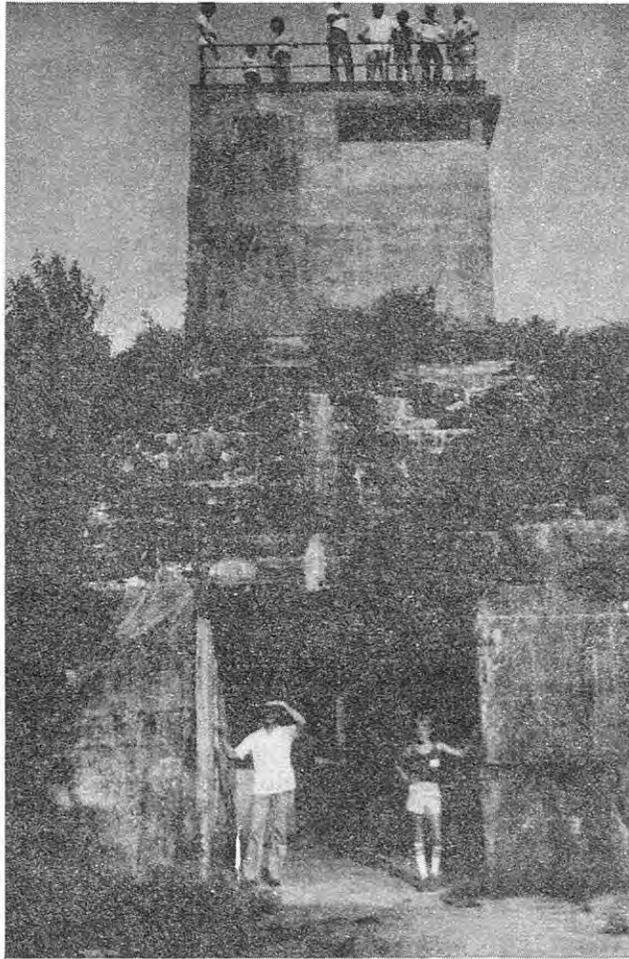
On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a lovely dinner in the Matador Room at the Sheraton Inn. Young John Soule Preston, a grandson of our Historian, Colonel John Soule, sang a portion of a musical in which he had been a participant, entitled "Cincinnati". He portrayed Henry St. Clair, an appropriate choice since he is a direct descendant of St. Clair through the Preston family line. He sang with vigor and enthusiasm and portrayed his part well; it was greatly enjoyed by everyone. To conclude the evening, George Standish Soule of New Orleans narrated a slide presentation, "One Thousand Years of Soule History".

Due to a Women of the Church meeting scheduled to meet on the succeeding Tuesday morning in Fort Myers, and since I am presently serving as the president of that organization, it was necessary for me to begin my journey home soon after breakfast on Sunday morning. I regret that I was unable to attend Mass in the very old church with the Kindred. Hopefully someone will write in to tell about it.

It was a delightful reunion. Our special thanks to Sally Harrison for the invitation; to Mary Merritt Dawkins who served so capably as Chairperson, and to all of the Pensacola Soule family who worked with her. All are to be congratulated for making the reunion such a pleasant and interesting event.

Our next Soule Kindred Reunion will be held in June, 1980, in Texas. I hope all of the family will bring their children and avail themselves of this opportunity and plan to attend. All of the reunions are different, but all are outstanding events, and oh, so interesting!

Betty Whitecotten
(Elizabeth Sankey Whitecotten)



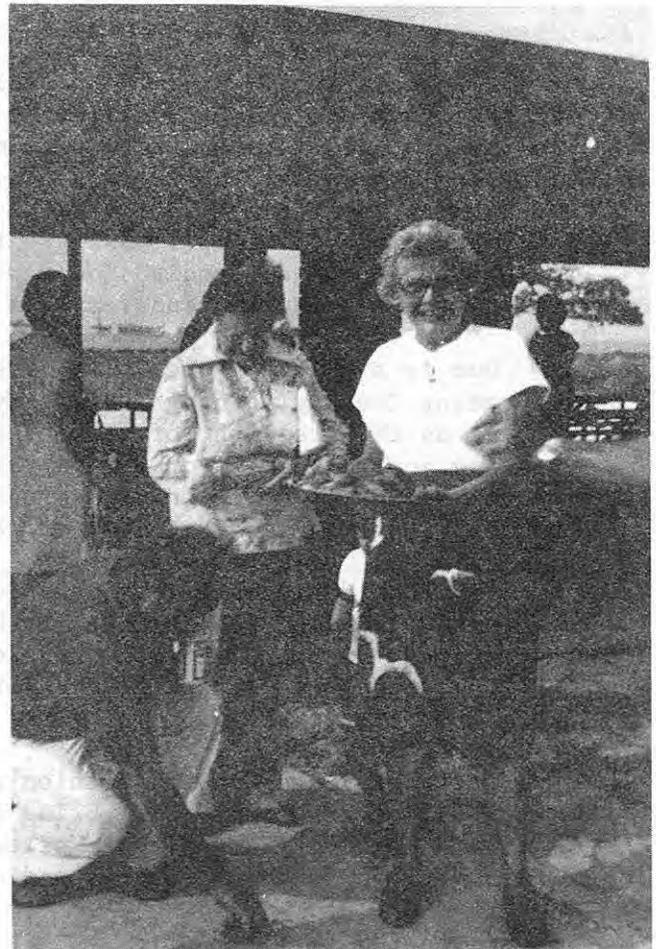
Kindred - at the fort.



*Dr. Milton Perry
mountain side, N.J.*



*Gay Soule Duncan
from Pensacola*



*Standing: (L) Lucille Soule Hackett
from Alabama
(R) Mary Soule (Mrs. Bill) from Pensacola*



(L) Mary Merritt Dawkins - Pensacola
Maddie Florence Soule } - Eden,
(R) Norman Soule } N.Y.



Bill Soule from
Houston, Tx



Joseph Allen Soule and
his wife Helen - from
Spring Hill, Florida

Bill Soule
from
Pensacola



(L) Florence Soule - Eden, N.Y.
a nephew of Fred Soules
Fred Soules - Waco, Tx.
George Standish Soule -
New Orleans, LA
(R) Betty Whitecotten - Ft. Myers
Florida.



*Sybil and Fred Soules
from Waco, Texas*



*Sisters: (L) Mary Merritt
Dawkins
(R) Betsy Merritt Harrison
both from Pensacola*



*(L) Norman Soule (N.Y.) with
son Bill (R) who is from Houston,
Texas. Bill's children between.*



*Avis Hauer from
Albany, N.Y.*



*(L) Helen Hall Correll
(R) Margaret Jennean Hall
both from Pensacola*



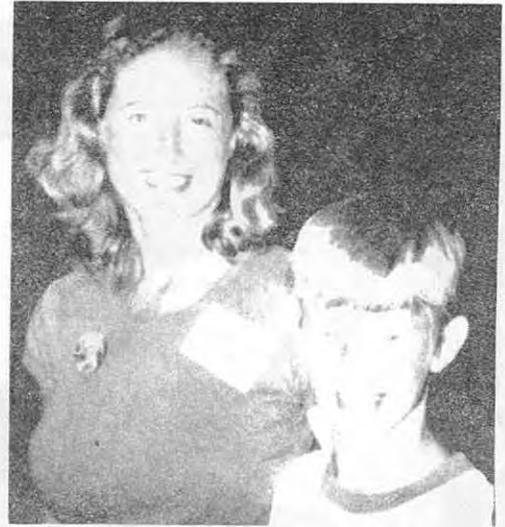
*Charles Soule
from
Pensacola*

Sisters :

- (L) Lillian Morris McCoy from
Pensacola*
- (R) Mahel Morris Simpson from
Minter, Alabama*



*We examine an old fort while
the fish are frying -*



Liinda Soule Preston
John Soule Preston
from Cincinnati, Ohio

(L) Helen Soule - Spring Hill, FL
Betty Whitecotten - Ft Myers, FL
(R) Opal Soule Manly - Los Angeles
CA



(L) Opal Soule Manly - from
Los Angeles
(R) Betty Soule Merritt from
Pensacola



(L) Alice Mestkimen from
Ft. Myers, Florida
(R) Lucille Soule Hackett
from Mobile, Alabama

SOULE KINDRED TREASURER'S REPORT
For the period Sept. 1, 1978 - Aug. 1, 1979

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1978 - Checking Account	\$ 100.44
Savings Account	6464.12

RECEIPTS

Interest on Savings Accounts	\$ 339.75	
Dues and Sustaining Members	2354.00	
Newsletter Sales	59.40	
Life Memberships	200.00	
Patron Membership	50.00	
Life Membership Fund	284.00	
Reunion	890.43	
Lineage	25.00	
Gifts & Misc. (inc. outdated checks never cashed)	35.00	4237.60
 TOTAL RECEIPTS		 \$10802.16

EXPENDITURES

Newsletter (printing, postage, typing, etc.)	2431.43	
Membership (typing, postage, supplies)	96.84	
Family Historian (postage, phone, photo- copying, supplies, vital statistics, clerical, genealogical help, etc.)	985.63	
Reunion	941.46	
Treasurer (postage, supplies)	10.96	
5 Generations Book (Prints for End Leaves)	151.04	
Miscellaneous (servicing Mail Box, Bank Serv. charge for bad checks, new checks, gratuity to V. Walker for all her help)	74.37	
 TOAL ALL EXPENDITURES		 \$4691.73

CASH BALANCE - AUGUST 1, 1979	\$6110.43
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Savings Account No. E 617-063 Philadelphia Savings Fund Society	84.53
No. 03514942 -Schenectady Savings Bank	1628.56
No. 035344968-Schenectady Savings Bank life Membership Scholarship Fund	4162.18
Checking Account No. 6402-808-6 National Commercial Bank & Trust Co.	235.16
	\$6110.43

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Respectfully Submitted,

Miss Betty-Jean Haner, Treasurer

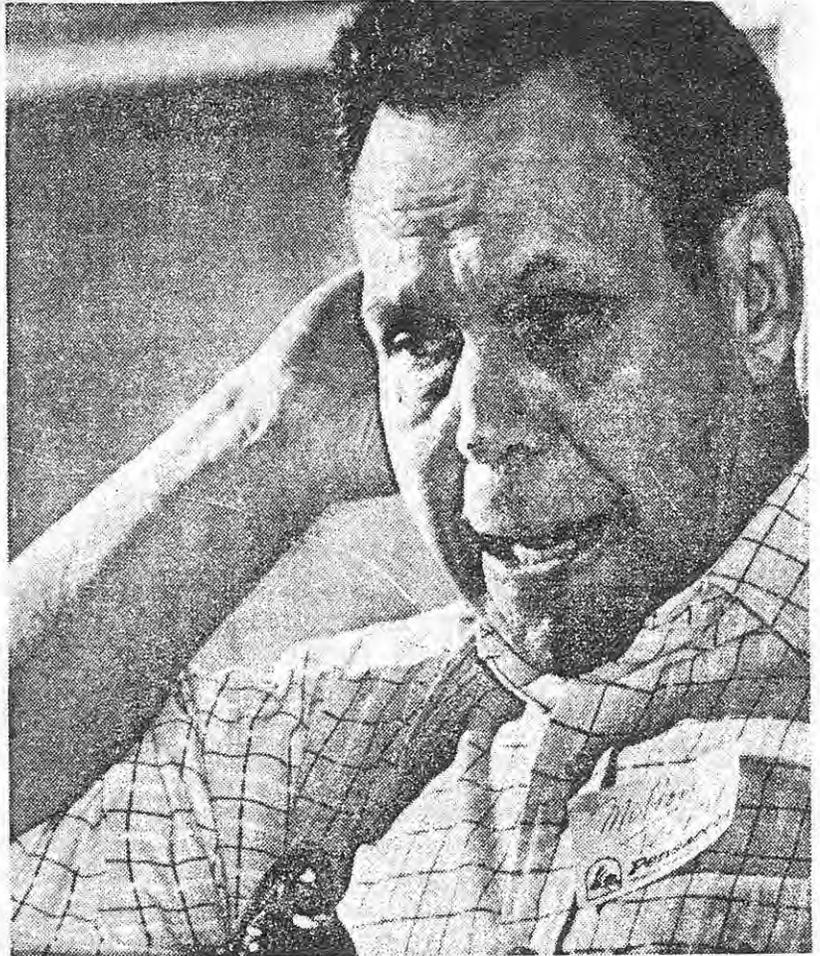
The Pensacola News

Friday, August 10, 1979

Mastering Echoes Of The Past

Working with the long-forgotten records of your forebears can be fun as well as informative, participants in a Daughters of the American Revolution seminar learned Thursday. "A lot of our ancestors were litigation happy," guest lecturer Dr. Milton Terry, right, told his Sheraton Inn audience during his informal discussion of researching the past. "Bringing people into court for kissing the maid on Sunday and alienating a favorite servant seem to be high on their list of legal actions." Welcoming Bessie Locke, below left, one of the first to sign in at the day-long event was Mary Dawkins, chairman for the seminar co-sponsored by Pensacola and Fort Pickens DAR chapters. More than 25 out-of-town participants were registered in the total of 68 which included representatives from eight DAR chapters and from Santa Rosa County Library, West Florida Regional Library and Valparaiso Community Library.

(Photo by Bruce Graner)



EDITOR'S NOTES

I regret that my recent change of billet made it impossible for me to attend the Pensacola Reunion. Judging from what others have submitted to the Newsletter for publication, it was, indeed another successful Kindred event. I am confident that the 1980 reunion hosted by our Texas cousins will be similarly successful -- they're used to BIG shindigs out there!

In preparing this issue of the Newsletter for the publisher, I note that my files are being drastically depleted. The success of the Newsletter requires that all of our members continue to feed material into the hopper. Please keep it coming.

Have you ever considered sending a subscription to the Newsletter as a gift to an interested relative or friend? This would certainly be one way to increase our general readership. With the Christmas Holiday Season rapidly approaching, it is a suggestion worthy of thought. It's also a bargain -- the price has not changed for years.

To date, there has been little response to the Daughters of George Soule Project. I urge you to send material to Mary Crismore, 3139 West 51st St., Indianapolis, Indiana 46208.

Many of our more recent subscribers do not have the older issues of the Newsletter. I, therefore, would like to occasionally reprint interesting articles from past issues. I would appreciate receiving your response to this suggestion.

Glenn L. Whitecotten



A most pleasant springtime visit in Annapolis, Maryland.

- L - Grace Young Whitecotten
- Shirley Soule Smith
- Sybil Soule Cook
- Timothy Whitecotten
- Matthew Whitecotten
- R - Colonel John Soule

Genealogists angered over records proposal

By ANN BAKER
Staff Writer

Birth, marriage and death records, the vital statistics that enable people to trace their roots and build their family trees, will no longer be available for the average person to page through, if Minnesota's registrar of vital statistics has his way.

Minnesota genealogists are up in arms.

"I would like, whenever possible, to let people search their own record," said Registrar Fred King. "But if we permitted everybody to, there wouldn't be any records to search after a time."

He said some of the records filed in county courthouses have been stolen, some marred, "and some are in very bad shape."

That's not all. King said that allowing anyone to go through the files at will, as they have been allowed in many counties, permits "abuses."

King leafed through books of statistics on file in the Minnesota Department of Health Thursday to show how someone who wanted to establish a false identity could easily find enough information from someone else's birth record to apply for that person's birth certificate.

"That's why I want to limit physical access," King said. But he said "unfortunately" he does not have legal authority to prevent that kind of abuse. Under Minnesota law, birth, marriage and death records are public.

There are two exceptions: Illegitimate births have not been filed in counties, only in "private" files in the state office, with information issued only at the request of the person himself or his guardian. And the original birth records of adopted persons are kept in special "confidential" files, replaced in the standard files by a new birth record that gives only the adopted parents' names.

Folk Ways

King said that Minnesota is one of only a handful of states to have public birth records. In his home state of Maryland he said he would not be able to obtain the birth certificate of his own twin brother.

"We're not asking that much," he said. "We're not asking them to be private, like they are in most states."

Minnesota's Vital Statistics Act of 1978 calls for all births, including those to unmarried parents, to be filed in local offices. Thus, the local files will now contain "private" records that were previously only available from the state office.

King has proposed that local registrars should then have the authority to limit access to their files. Persons who want to see files that are "private" or "confidential" would then be refused. That in itself would seem to prohibit open access, unless the private files are separated from the rest, but King's proposed rules do not call for separating the private from the public files.

Instead he has proposed: "Upon receipt of a written request, the state registrar or local registrar shall issue a copy of or verify information from a vital record. In determining whether or not to allow an applicant to do his own searching of the records, the registrar shall consider such things as the physical condition of the records to be searched, whether or not a file contains private or confidential data, the registrar's workload at the time the request is received and the urgency of the request."

Following a public hearing Jan. 22 King has dropped the workload and urgency provisions. The state hearing examiner, Peter Erickson, also ruled that the phrase "such things as" gave too much discretion to the registrar. And he declared that

"researchers, including historians, genealogists and other scholars" are granted "comprehensive accessibility" under Minnesota laws.

If those specialists are then allowed to go through the files, professionally certified record searchers like Leslie Gillund of Anoka should have no trouble.

But she, for one, is not at all sure that will happen.

King, in fact, said Thursday that he thinks it would be discriminatory to grant open access to "a professional" and not to people like Alex Haley who simply want to seek their own family ties. "Do you have a set of criteria?" he asked rhetorically. "I would like to see them."

He said the best solution would be for staff of local records offices to do the searching and then provide reports for the people who want the information.

"You have to understand genealogy to know why we must do the searching ourselves," said Gillund. "There are changes in surname. Often we don't know when the change occurred. We are looking for additional children, called collateral lines."

She noted that every birth and death record is filed under the person's own name. One family changed its name from Braun to Brown. It took more dedication and skill than the county staff displayed to discover all 10 of their children, Gillund said.

Ella Johnson of Richfield, president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, said she would not expect a clerk in a county to know how to discover the frequent changes of names among Norwegian families like her own.

Gillund said that if roots-seekers have to rely on the "short form" copies of marriage records typed out by county staff, they will not see the name of the minister, denomination of the church, names of witnesses, residences of the bride and groom.

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Today many counties allow anyone to poke through their birth, marriage and death files, which are public records under Minnesota law. But the state registrar of vital statistics has proposed new rules that may end up giving roots-diggers only a typed report containing selected bits from their family files.

On "short form" death records they would not see the name of the informant or the place or date of burial.

"We need to follow the clues," she said.

She and other genealogists also object to King's proposal that county staff be paid \$5 an hour for compiling such "nonspecific" information.

"The public servant doesn't need to do anything except point to the wall where the ledgers are stored," she said.

King said some local jurisdictions have already put part or all of their records on microfilm. "It is the answer to many of our problems," he said, "but it takes time, it takes money and there are increases in our budget that's already tight." Microfilm may be the answer in 20 years, he said. "But we've got to do something today."

King's proposed rules are still under revision in the Department of Health. Next week they will probably be sent back to the hearing examiner for final approval and then on to the attorney general who has 10 to 20 days to approve them. Any changes from the original proposal will then be published in the State Register. The new rules would probably then take effect in July.

Friday, March 16, 1979
St. Paul Dispatch

Submitted by:
Ben G. Soule
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Minnesota 55423

My son Robert Grove Soule graduated from Harvard College last month with the class of 1979. His Harvard antecedents are as follows:

Augustus W. Soule, Jr. - father - Harvard 1940
Winsor Soule II - uncle - Harvard 1944
Richard H. Soule - uncle - Harvard 1950
Augustus W. Soule - grandfather - Harvard 1906
Winsor Soule - granduncle - Harvard 1906
Richard H. Soule - great-grandfather - Harvard 1870
Richard Soule - great-great-grandfather - Harvard 1832

Submitted by Augustus W. Soule, Jr., 15 Common Street, Dedham, MA 02026

ENGAGEMENTS

St. Paul Sunday Pioneer Press

April 22, 1979

Soul - Joseph

Announcement is made of the engagement of Sheryl Lynn Soul, daughter of Mrs. Darrell Alfson, 7812 Dunmore Drive, Woodbury, and Henry Soul, 4035 70th St. E., Inver Grove Heights, and Jerome Lloyd Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Joseph, 6710 Babcock Trail E., Inver Grove Heights.

Miss Soul attends the University of Minnesota and is employed by Nancy Raddatz Dance Studio, West St. Paul. Her fiance attends Macalester College and is employed by Snyder Brothers Drug, West St. Paul.

The Marriage of Debra Jane Soule.
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Soule
Uncle: Ben George Soule

Both of the above were submitted
by Gen George Soule

the
Marriage Service
of

DEBE SOULE

and

PETE SMAGACZ

Calvary Lutheran Church

Golden Valley Minnesota

Saturday, August 4th, 1979

10:00 a.m.

Presided Jointly By:

Rev. Maynard Nelson

and

Fr. Jack McCaslin

Miss Holly Lieberman and Mr. John Lentz were married, Saturday, April 7, 1979, in the West Webster, NY, Methodist Church. The Rev. Carlyle Smith received the vows. Holly is the daughter of Mrs. Jonatha Platt of Rochester and Mr. Donald Lieberman of Ontario. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lentz of Webster. The bride attended Monroe Community College, and the groom is associated with Hallman Chevrolet. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bulau of Rochester. Mrs. Bulau is a member of Soule Kindred. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson M. Soules of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Soules and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Soules of Clarendon, Orleans County, NY, were great grandparents.

Submitted by: Margaret Soules Bulau
121 Manor Pkwy.
Rochester, NY 14620



Thanks (Merci) at Plymouth (Renault?)

By Aft Buchwald

Once again Art Buchwald's favorite turkey:

One of our most important holidays is Thanksgiving Day, known in France as le Jour de Merci Donnant.

Le Jour de Merci Donnant was first started by a group of Pilgrims (Pelerins) who fled from L'Angleterre before the McCarran Act to found a colony in the New World (le Nouveau Monde), where they could shoot Indians (les Peaux-Rouges) and eat turkey (dinde) to their heart's content.

They landed at a place called Plymouth (now a famous voiture Americaine) in a wooden sailing ship called the Mayflower or Fleur de Mai in 1620. But while the Peierins were killing the dindes, the Peaux-Rouges were killing the Pelerins, and there were several hard winters ahead for both of them. The only way the Peaux-Rouges helped the Pelerins was when they taught them to grow corn (mais). The reason they did this was because they liked corn with their Pelerins.

In 1623, after another harsh year, the Pelerins' crops were so good that they decided to have a celebration and give thanks because more mais was raised by the Pelerins than Pelerins were killed by Peaux-Rouges.

Every year on le Jour de Merci

Capitol Punishment

Donnant, parents tell their children an amusing story about the first celebration.

It concerns a brave capitaine named Miles Standish (known in France as Kilometres Deboutish) and a young, shy lieutenant named Jean Alden. Both of them were in love with the Flower of Plymouth called Priscilla Mullens (no translation): The vieux capitaine said to the Jeune lieutenant:

"Go to the damsel Priscilla (allez tres vite chez Priscilla), the loveliest maiden of Plymouth (la plus jolie de-

moiselle de Plymouth). Say that a blunt old captain, a man not of words but of action (un vieux Fanfan la Tulipe), offers his hand and his heart, the hand and heart of a soldier. Not in these words, you know, but this, in short, is my meaning.

"I am a maker of war (je suis un fabricant de la guerre) and not a maker of phrases. You, bred as a scholar (vous, qui etes pain comme un etudiant), can say it in an elegant language, such as you read in your books of the pleadings and wooings of lovers, such as you think best adapted to win the heart of the maiden."

Although Jean was fit to be tied (convenable a etre emballe), friendship prevailed over love and he went to his duty. But instead of using elegant language, he blurted out his mission. Priscilla was muted with amazement and sorrow (rendue muette par l'etonnement et la tristesse).

At length she exclaimed, interrupting the ominous silence: "If the great captain of Plymouth is so very eager to wed me, why does he not come himself and take the trouble to woo me?" (Ou est-il, le vieux Kilometres? Pourquoi ne vient-il pas aupres de moi pour tenter sa chance?)

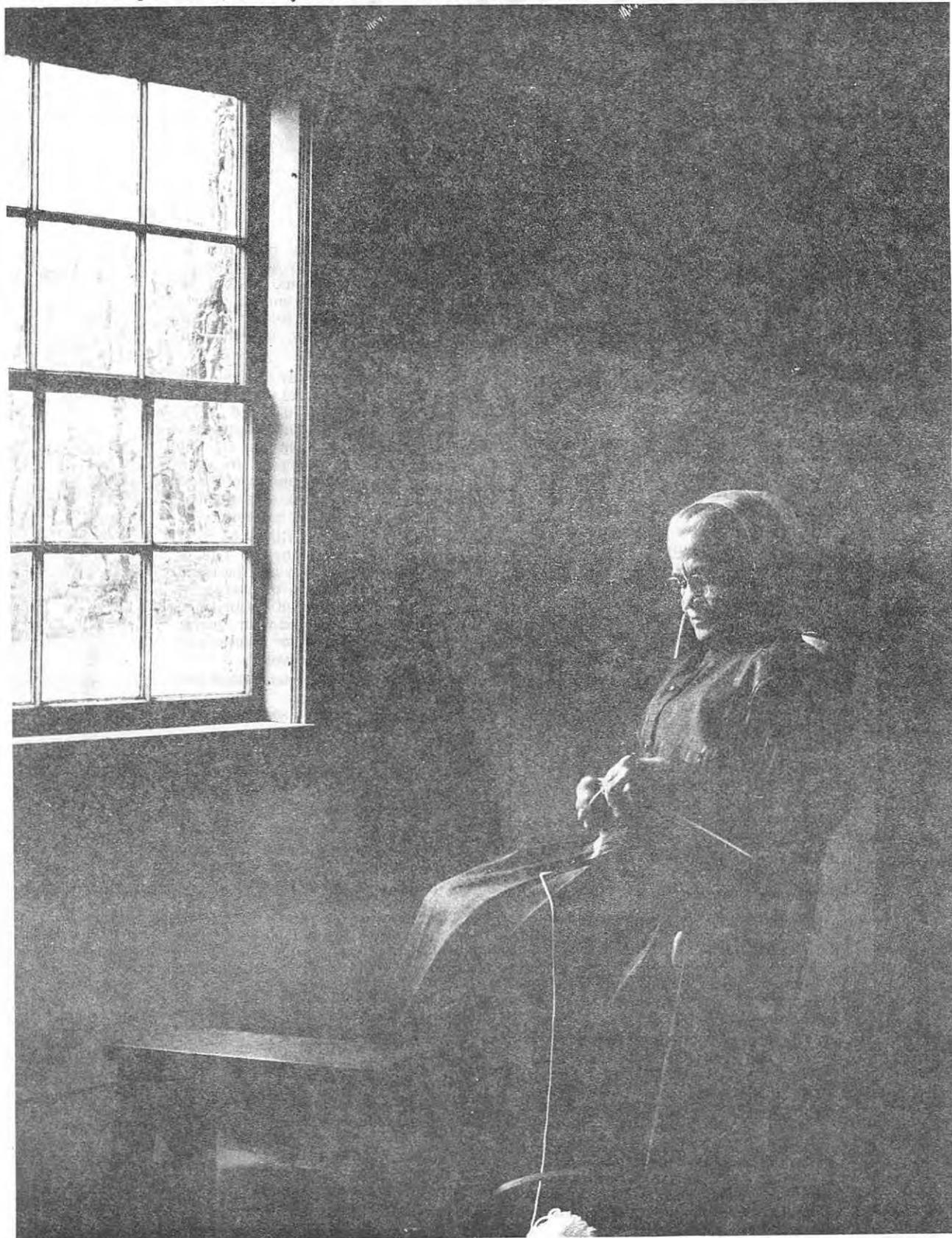
Jean said that Kilometres Deboutish was very busy and didn't have time for those things. He staggered on, telling her what a wonderful husband Kilometres would make. Finally Priscilla arched her eyebrows and said in a tremulous voice: "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jean?" (Chacun a son gout.)

And so, on the fourth Thursday in November, American families sit down at a large table brimming with tasty dishes, and for the only time during the year eat better than the French do.

No one can deny that le Jour de Merci Donnant is a grand fete and no matter how well fed American families are, they never forget to give thanks to Kilometres Deboutish, who made this great day possible.

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From the September, 1974, issue of the Smithsonian



Wearing her traditional cap, Sister Gertrude Soule, 80, knits in the summer kitchen at Canterbury,

New Hampshire, settlement. This group carefully maintains the cap; Sabbathday Lake Shakers do not.

the HOLIDAY

press & sun-bulletin

2-A HOLIDAY, Binghamton, N.Y.

Dec. 25, 1978



Shaker Christmas

Bertha Lindsay, left, and Gerturde Soule, two of the nine remaining members of the Shaker religion, decorate an artificial Christmas tree at their home in Canterbury, N.H.

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Among the Kindred, the above listed members have been curious regarding the lineage of Shaker member, Gertrude Soule. Unfortunately, Miss Soule has not responded to correspondence. If a member of the Kindred would wish to interview her at her home in Canterbury, NH, perhaps she would share her lineage.

KOVRT, Charles

Frederick, 74, 289 Bayside Dr., Clearwater Beach, died Monday (July 9, 1979). Born in Hibbing, Minn., 27-year resident, retired owner and operator, Kohrt Gift Shop, Hibbing. Member St. Brendan's Catholic Church; Holy Name Society; CAGE, all of Clearwater.

Survivors: wife, Katherine Remington; sons, Remington C., Darby, Montana, Richard Keene, Ketchikan, Alaska; daughters, Katherine Ricketts, Orinda, Calif., Gretchen Eleanor Canter, Savannah, Ga.; 12 grandchildren; brother, Kenneth, Daytona Beach; sisters, Esther Rolph, Coon Rapids, Minn., Marquitta Newman, Hibbing, Veronica Lovass, Silver Springs, Md.

Mass: 10 a.m. Thursday, St. Brendan's Catholic Church. Interment: Maple Hill Cemetery, Hibbing.

Memorials: St. Brendan's Catholic Church.

Rhodes Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Submitted by Katherine R. Kohrt, 289 Bayside Dr., Clearwater, FL 33515. Mrs. Kohrt wrote to state that her husband became ill in April and died of cancer on July 9, 1979.



QUERY

I am interested in learning more about my great-great-great-grandfather, Josiah Soule of Warren, Ohio. Perhaps one of the Soule Kindred might have, and thus share some information on him and his family. I am a descendant of his daughter Julia.

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No Need To Go To Europe; We've Got It All Right Here

By MARGARET BULAU

With inflation holding down our spending power and the devaluation of the dollar in foreign lands, it is wise and advantageous for the American traveler to see in America similar scenes, landmarks, and splendid panoramas that are seen in Europe.

In Colorado, we have Estes and Rocky Mountain National Parks with gorgeous views of high snow capped peaks as fine as Switzerland. Swiss chalet architecture dots the area.

Want to enjoy scenes familiar of Paris? In Philadelphia, there is a large circle designed after the Place de la Concorde with white stone pillared buildings around a center park. One may see the Arc de Triomphe on top a hillside in Tilton, New Hampshire. Benjamin Tilton, the wealthy railroad magnate, had this constructed on what was then his estate. To further the flavor of Paris, cross the border to Montreal, Canada.

To get the feel of London, plan to go to Ottawa. At the Government House on Embassy Row where the British monarch resides for official visits are the same kind of guards that stand front of Buckingham Palace. There are the little guard houses and the changing

Mrs. Bulau who with her husband John has traveled extensively throughout our country was a substitute teacher in the Rochester Elementary schools for 35 years. She is a member of the Retired Teachers Organization of Rochester and Vicinity, a past president of the Rochester Colony, National Society of New England Women and a member of the Soule Kindred, an organization composed of descendants of George Soule who arrived on the Mayflower.

of the guards with the men solemnly marching in their uniforms of red tunics and black fur shakos. At the Parliament Buildings in the morning, one can see and hear the colorful guard band as they march in ceremonial pageantry. Inside Parliament, there are the trappings of English tradition, also a throne in the Senate. For old English style villages, Ipswich, Mass, and Williamsburg, Virginia fill the bill and also Stratford-on-Avon in Canada. To see large stone lions such as in Trafalgar Square, see those perched in front of the New York City Library on Fifth Avenue.

Instead of going to Ireland to kiss the Blarney Stone, a traveler can do this at Ringl, New Hampshire. Embedded in the wall of a building at Cathedral of the Pines is

a chunk of stone from the original Blarney Stone. A step is provided in case one is not tall enough to kiss the stone.

In place of the Acropolis at Athens, Greece, there is the Philadelphia Art Museum on its high elevation above the Schuylkill River. This is a beautiful and impressive sight especially at sunset. For further Greek architecture, there are the old water-works structures further downriver from the Art Museum. What classical structures in Italy or Greece can be more beautiful than the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials in Washington? There is a replica of the famed "Porch of Maidens" of an Athenian temple attached to a wing of the Knox-Albright Gallery in Buffalo.

For a touch of Egypt, there is the Egyptian section of Metropolitan Museum in New York City. Cleopatra's Needle, an ancient obelisk, is behind the building overlooking Central Park.

To feel the spell of Italy, there is a magnificent copy of Michelangelo's David at the Ringling Art Museum in Sarasota, Florida. It stands on a pedestal overlooking the gardens that face the Gulf of Mexico. To stroll thru Italian gardens visit the Kapok Tree Inn at Clearwater; there are

fountains, wall fountains, and statuary among the flowers and shrubbery.

For a pseudo-trip to Holland there is Long Island with its windmills, Albany, New York and Holland, Michigan with their springtime tulip displays.

We do not have palaces here, but there are the Roosevelt and Vanderbilt mansions at Hyde Park, the seaside summer castles of Newport, RI, and Wintertur, the Du Pont house and gardens near Wilmington, Del., and Jefferson's Monticello at Charlottesville, VA.

We have resplendent dwellings and avenues including New York's Fifth Avenue, Park Avenue, and Central Park West and Cleveland's Lake Shore Drive west of the city on Lake Erie. We have history rich homes at Boston, Philadelphia, Charleston, and New Castle, Del.

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Europe, Continued.

We do not have the fjords of Norway, nor the rambling Rhine, but we do have the views along the Hudson, the majesty of the Delaware Water Gap, the roar of Niagara, the romance of the Mississippi, the breathtaking splendors of the Columbia and the Colorado winding its way thru the Grand Canyon — and not to forget the mountains and lakes that dot our land. There is even a wide beach and mountain in the Adirondacks similar to Waikiki and Diamond Head, i.e., Lake Pleasant and Speculator Mt.

To see and enjoy all of these, who has time for Europe?



My son, Dan Weeks, age 16, was on tour of the country when this happened. Ironic that it happened in Duxbury. Dan is a 12th generation descendant of George Soule: George-1, John-2, Josiah-3, Micah-4, Asa-5, Almond-6, Philander-7, Edwin-8, Horace-9, Merle-10, Elizabeth-11, Dan-12.

Submitted by Elizabeth Soule Weeks, 5634 Spyglass Lane, Citrus Hts., California 95610

Freelancers quick SACRAMENTO UNION 8/7/79

Drum, bugle unit saves 2 workmen

Quick action by eight members of the touring Sacramento Freelancers Drum and Bugle Corps was responsible for saving the lives of two workmen who fell into an oil tank Monday in Duxbury, Mass., a magazine writer accompanying the Freelancers said.

The eight were identified as Leonard Voet, Frank Sisnaroz, Redge Campbell, Jeff Ray, Dave Carpenter, James McCoy, Cliff Wood and Danny Weeks.

The incident occurred when three workmen went to Duxbury Elementary School to drain and clean a fuel oil tank, the magazine writer said. The Freelancers were lodging at the school.

"The tank was vented, so the workmen thought there wouldn't be any problems," he continued. "There's a ledge inside the tank, about six feet from the top. Below that is a pool of heating oil."

Workman Peter Kirkbride climbed into the tank to prepare it for hookup with a tanker truck, which was to remove the oil using a suction hose. He was apparently overcome by fumes, said the magazine

writer, passed out and fell into the oil pool. A co-worker, Peter McEachern, saw what happened and went into the tank in an attempt to remove Kirkbride. McEachern, however, also succumbed to the fumes and fell into the oil.

The third workman, Richard Gleason, seeing he needed assistance, called out to Voet and Sisnaroz, who were nearby. They ran to get a rope and went to the top of the tank.

Gleason then went in and looped the rope around Kirkbride. Voet and Sisnaroz, unable to hoist the man out by themselves, enlisted the aid of their six teammates. Together, they got all three men out of the tank, said the magazine writer.

Kirkbride was reported in critical condition in a hospital. The other two were treated and released.

The Freelancers are participating in drum and bugle competitions along the East Coast on their way to the national championships in Birmingham, Ala.

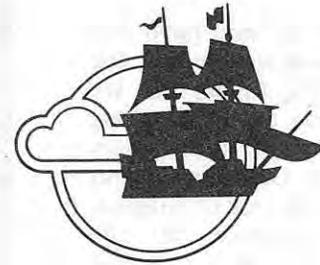
July 25, 1979

I am the Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Alabama; I have a bit of news for you. Today my great-granddaughter and namesake was born. When her name is added to our Junior Membership, our Society will have four generations of my family - Thomas line - as current members. Isn't this an interesting record?

My brother, Darius Alden Thomas, was a past Governor of the Alabama group for six years. My sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Hatcher, was a member until her recent death. The current membership includes my son, two grandsons, and the new great-granddaughter. Also five nieces, two great-nieces, four great-nephews, three junior members including the new baby. All are descendants of John Alden, George Soule, Isaac Allerton, and my father, Peter Bellis Thomas.

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Dear Mrs. White:

Re: MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS TODAY - ANOTHER VIEW

I notice in the Quarterly that a wide range of guesses exist as to how many Mayflower Descendants exist today. Let me share with you the Soule Kindred experiences.

When we were organizing the Soule Kindred of America, Inc. in 1967, we had a nation-wide telephone directory search done. We included the known spelling variations our Soule cousins have taken on like Sowle, Soules, etc. We came up with 2100 Soule listings. These were taken as "heads-of-families". We assume some families were overlooked in small towns, although 2000 towns or communities were searched. Add 400 for the "overlooked" Soules. With a name as unique as ours, it is a 90% certainty that any Soule is a descendant of Pilgrim George Soule. However, our search of records has found several French families and one German immigrant family of the same spelling. These have been post-revolution arrivals, however, and for these we will assume 250 to subtract. Our Five Generations Project research has indicated a two-to-one female lead in the family for some reason, so that would give us 4500 disstaff "Soules", and a total of 6750 families.

Update this 1967 number of families to 7500 in 1979. The average family size today we will guess as four (4), so this times 7500 gives us 30,000 Mayflower Descendants of the Soule line today. If you can suppose that the Soule family is fairly representative of the other Mayflower families, multiply the number of families (23) times that and you have another guess as to the number of Mayflower descendants today.

We wrote to the Census Bureau Director, who was Dr. Brown a few years ago, and asked if the numerical print-out on how many Soules exist today. Unfortunately, our letter was never answered.

Yours truly,

George Soule'
New Orleans, LA



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Submitted by Mona Lezotte Gutzert

What Pilgrims' feast would cost today

\$23,000 Thanksgiving dinner

By Bob Heaton
Knight-Ridder News Service

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 Wampanoag Indians in general and with Chief Massasoit in particular. A Pilgrim physician 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 whisky, Dutch gin and Dutch

'If we could find all that stuff — and serve it as a feast — as much as everyone could eat — you ought to figure paying between \$125 and \$150 a person.'

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.

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.

Dear Kindred,

Jane and I had reservations for the Pensacola Reunion, but, unfortunately, we had to cancel them. Jane had to undergo a surgical procedure. Nothing serious, as it turned out; fortunately all is well.

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By Mike Peters for The Dayton Daily News



Thanksgiving

*Ah! on Thanksgiving Day, when from East
and from West
From North and from South come the pil-
grim and guest;
When the gray-haired New Englander sees
round his board
The old broken links of affection restored.
When the care-wearied man seeks his mother
once more,
And the worn matron smiles where the girl
smiled before;
What moistens the lip and what brightens the
eye,
What calls back the past, like the rich
Pumpkin pie?*

Whittier