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for Future Generations*

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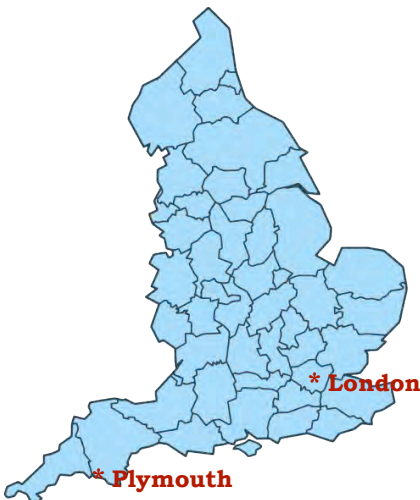
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GEORGE WILBERFORCE SOULÉ Inventor, Businessman, Entrepreneur

George Wilberforce Soulé's life began February 23, 1849, in Buffalo, NY. In 1850 he moved with his parents, Isaac Hatfield and Augusta Ann (Bates) Soule and older sister, Sarah, to a farming community near Whitewater, WI, where Isaac was engaged in building. Their neighbors were primarily native Americans.

G. W. (as he refers to himself in his autobiography) entered school at the age of four and started his work life at age 10 doing an "occasional days [sic] work helping neighbors for twenty-five cents per day." In 1862 the family, now consisting of seven children, moved to 120 acres of land purchased by Isaac some 300 miles further to the west -- a journey that took about 18 days. Isaac had gone ahead and Augusta was on her own with her children. They were well into their journey when they began receiving reports that the Sioux had massacred about 2,000 settlers in southern Minnesota. Many urged them to turn back, but they kept going and found that "of course rumor had it that it [the slaughter] was greatly more extensive than it was." Isaac Soulé's land was "at least 100 miles to where there had been any trouble." The Soulé's new neighbors were Winnebagos. Fortunately, they had not been hostile for many years.

By the time G. W. was 19, he had determined he "did not like farming as well as mechanical work" and thus began his sojourn to the inventor, businessman, and entrepreneur-extraordinaire he was to become. His work



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How is the name Soule pronounced in your family line? We continue our celebration of Soule Kindred's 45th anniversary year with an article from 1967 titled *Sole, Sool or Soo-lay?* that provides evidence of how George and those who knew him pronounced the Soule surname.

Many Soule descendants have made names for themselves. There were Asa T. Soule, who became a millionaire selling Hop Bitters; William Stinson Soule, famed photographer of Native Americans; and the subject of our cover story, George Wilberforce Soulé. George Wilberforce Soulé (note the accent on the *e*) has 40 or so patents to his name for machinery which was sold throughout the United States and all over the world.

You can check out the names of our newest members on page 7. And speaking of names, we will again be publishing the Soule Kindred Membership Directory this year which contains the names of all members who wish to be included. It will be ready to mail in the summer.

And remember, you can put faces to the names in the Directory by attending the Soule Kindred Annual Reunion June 14-17 in Salt Lake City. See page 3 for details on how to register. I hope to see you there.

Finally, I am still looking for a new Editor (see ad on page 15). If you are interested in the job, please contact me at editor@soulekindred.org or 1-888-SKA-1620.

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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Calling All Soules!

There is Still Time to Make Your Plans to Attend the 2011 Reunion

Attendees at the Soule Kindred Annual Reunion June 14-17 in Salt Lake City will have ample opportunity to meet cousins, see the sights, and spend time researching ancestors at the largest genealogical library in the world. Here is the planned schedule of events:

Tuesday, June 14

Arrive at the Plaza Hotel at Temple Square.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Sign in, collect Welcome Packs, and meet our hosts Keith and Carol Spillar from Ancestor Seekers.

4:30 p.m. Welcome at the Plaza Hotel followed by Buffet and Event Introduction at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

7:00 p.m. *Where Do We Go From Here?* -- Soule Kindred Open Forum.

Wednesday, June 15

Morning and Afternoon. Spend the day at the 450 acre This is the Place Heritage Park, Utah's premier living history attraction. Includes lunch at one of the Park's historical buildings.

Evening. Choose between the following activities (1) LDS Church History Museum Tour and (2) Temple Square Garden Tour. There will also be a Soule Kindred Panel Discussion this evening.

Thursday, June 16

Morning and Afternoon. Research at the Family History Library. Professional researchers will be available to provide help to members of our group at regular intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Guests who wish to spend more time at the Library will be pleased to learn that it is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Evening. Tour of the Conference Center and attend Tabernacle Choir rehearsal.



Tabernacle Choir rehearsal

Friday, June 17

Morning and Afternoon. Bus tour to Tracy Aviary, lunch at the Lion House, and bus tour of Red Butte Garden.

Evening. "Farewell" Dinner and Annual Meeting at the Lion House.

Cost per person – Complete package from \$416.50 to \$641.00.

Register online at <http://www.ancestorseekers.com/slcr/view.php?type=overview&id=22> or by phone at **1-877-402-6846**.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Turner, 2011 Reunion Chair, at reunion@soulekindred.org or (520) 577-0586.

Registration Deadline Extended to April 30, 2011

NOTE: YOU MAY REGISTER FOR THE REUNION AFTER THE DEADLINE, BUT THERE WILL BE NO GUARANTEE OF ROOM AVAILABILITY AND THE SPECIAL SOULE KINDRED RATE MAY NOT APPLY.

experiences were as varied -- logging, sash and blind factory, school teacher (he did not like teaching), well-borer (employed one assistant), railroad, carpenter, machine shop, bridge builder, mill building and repair, buyer and seller of machinery, and manufacturers' agent -- as the places to which he travelled looking for work -- Minnesota, St. Louis, Memphis, Eunice and Chicora (AR), New Orleans, Mobile (AL), DeSoto (MS), Bladon Springs (AL), and back to DeSoto. He decided, finally, in the fall of 1875 to take up the custom cotton gin and mill business and bought land in Morton, MS.

In 1876 while inspecting machinery he was to erect for another mill owner, he was involved in an accident on the railroad and his left leg and four toes on his right foot were cut off by the train. The accident did not slow down G. W. for long. Two weeks later he was driven 20 miles in a horse and buggy to the mill site where he supervised the erection of the machinery.

Things now took off for our intrepid cousin. He built a cotton press of "rather novel and peculiar construction" and placed it at the end of a building where it was entirely exposed to people passing by on the trains. It attracted a lot of attention and orders started coming in. G. W. obtained a patent (Soulé 4) in March 1878. That year he made a profit of about \$800 (equivalent to \$17,700 today, based on CPI). He continued the Southern Standard Press business until 1881 when he "got somewhat tired of it" and sold it under a royalty contract for further business. That year he had sold about 750 presses throughout the cotton states. G. W. was now living in Meridian, MS.

By 1883 G. W. had designed and patented a new, improved version of his earlier cotton press. Progress Manufacturing Co. was organized with stockholders in the spring of 1884. It was a general foundry and machine shop as well as cotton press manufacturing business. Although this business was highly successful (capital stock in 1887 was \$30,000 or the equivalent of (\$698,000 in today's dollars), G. W. found that the "business was too confining to suit my temperament" and he began leaving its operation in the hands of the other stockholders and "studying other projects."

Never one to let grass grow under his feet, G. W. designed and built in 1891 a small rotary engine to be used as a steam feed which he tested in a neighboring sawmill. And, thus, we now come to his final and most enduring business -- Soulé Steam Feed Works, which was organized in 1893. The



Soulé Rotary Steam Engine was used to drive sawmill carriages which fed lumber into a spinning saw blade and also to power winches for loading and unloading logs. Between 1892 and 1922, a total of 2,300 Soulé Rotary Steam Engines were built and sold around the world. A few are actually still in operation today in Australia and India.

Soulé Steam Feed Works successfully weathered the Panic of '93 and grew, first through G. W.'s active participation, and then under the leadership of his son, Clyde, who ran the business starting in about 1908. By the time G. W. wrote his autobiography in 1922, Soulé Steam Feed Works had 40 employees, in addition to an office staff and a sales force; a weekly payroll amounting

to \$1,000 (\$12,800 today), and manufactured products other than the Soulé Rotary Steam Engine. G. W.'s forecast at that time for the Soulé Steam Feed works? "Future business looks fair."

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And future business was fair, indeed more than fair. A more efficient two-cylinder reciprocating steam engine, the Soulé Spee-D-Twin, was designed in 1922 and became a favorite of sawmill owners. Soulé Steam Feed Works at peak production could produce one Spee-D-Twin per day. By the time steam became obsolete as the energy of choice for sawmills around 1984, a total of 4,301 units had been built and sold in all fifty states as well as internationally.

Soulé Steam Feed Works was closed in 2001 by G. W.'s grandson George Robert Gara Soulé after being family-run for 110 years. As was reported in the Winter 2011 issue of this newsletter, Soulé Steam Feed Works became The Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum (www.Soulelivesteam.com) in 2004. The museum owns the last steam engine built by the company and hosts the Soulé Live Steam Festival the first week in November each year.

George Wilberforce Soulé
(2/23/1849 - 12/21/1922)

married 1873
Olivia Sherman Warren (d. 1905)
Children: Hinda Beatrice b. 1874
George Clifton b. 1876
Leda Arzella b. 1878
Clyde Wilburt b. 1880
Verna Kate b. 1882

married 1907
Constance Gara (b. 1882)
Children: Vera Catherine b. 1908
Eda Claire b. 1910
George Halbert b. 1912
Robert Gara b. 1914

Lineage: George, George, William, George, Benjamin, Jonathan, Isaac

*Editor's note: This article is based on George Willberforce Soulé's autobiography, Personal History of G. W. Soule by Himself, which was provided to me by Soule Kindred members George Robert Gara (Bob) and Helen Soulé. You can read the complete autobiography by going to the Soule Kindred website at www.soulekindred.org and clicking on **Links**.*

Member Mary Matson says, "Soule descendants will want a copy of this book!"

"Absorbing and compelling", "a fascinating eye-opener", "a rich trove".

The above are just some of the glowing terms used to describe Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation by Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs (2009). Dr. Bangs concentrates on the Pilgrims' lives in Leiden in this, his fourth book on the Pilgrims. "Leiden is where the character of the Pilgrim Church and its subsequent colony took form," says Bangs. The book gives attention to the various changing contexts – religious, political, social, industrial, and domestic – which helped people from widely disparate backgrounds and many different places come together to eventually create Plymouth Colony, the first sustained English settlement in New England. The book is the culmination of thirty years' archival research in America, England, and The Netherlands.

Dr. Bangs is Director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, which he founded in 1997.

You can order Strangers and Pilgrims (\$55 + \$12 S & H) at MAYFLOWER FAMILIES, P.O. Box 3297, Plymouth, MA 02361 or by phone at (508) 746-5058 or by downloading the online order form at www.themayflowersociety.com/book.htm.

**1967 In Review
April - June**

- ❖4/10 Elizabeth Taylor won an Academy Award as Best Actress for "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"
- ❖4/9 The first Boeing 737-100 made its maiden flight.
- ❖4/28 Rocky Marciano, American heavyweight champion, retired as the undefeated boxing champ.
- ❖5/1 Elvis Presley (32) married Priscilla Beaulieu (20) in Las Vegas at the Aladdin Hotel.
- ❖5/8 Boxer Muhammad Ali was indicted for refusing induction in U.S. Army.
- ❖5/13 NY Yankee Mickey Mantle hit career home run #500 off Stu Miller.
- ❖6/1 The Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band", was released in the U.K. and the U.S. and was certified "gold" the same day of release.
- ❖6/5 The Six Day War erupted in the Middle East as Israel raided Egyptian military targets.
- ❖6/13 President Johnson nominated Thurgood Marshall to be the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sole, Sool or Soo-lay?

By George Ernest Bowman

In celebration of Soule Kindred's 45th anniversary year, articles from past newsletters will be reprinted throughout the year. This article appeared in Vol. I No. 2 (April 1967). The following Editor's note was included: "George Ernest Bowman was a member of the early New York Society of Mayflower Descendants, the founder and State No. 1 of the Massachusetts Society and a notably accurate and well informed authority on Mayflower family histories. We are inclined to accept anything he says as fully authentic and dependable. The article on this page first appeared in 'The Mayflower Descendant,' Vol. XIV, No. 3, p. 129, 130, July 1912."

How did George Soule, the Mayflower Passenger, and his contemporaries, pronounce his name? Was it Sole, to rhyme with coal; or Sool, to rhyme with cool; or Soo-lay, with the accent on the last syllable?

In the fourth volume of this magazine, at page 98, will be found a photographic reproduction of the original will of John Barnes of Plymouth. This will was dated 6 March, 1667/8, and one of the witnesses was George Soule, "Sen^r". An examination of this reproduction, or of the original autograph signatures of the witnesses, will show that the surname was plainly spelled "Soule", and the addition of "Sen^r" proves that this witness was George¹ Soule of the Mayflower, not his son George². There is not the slightest indication of any accent, to suggest that the word was French and pronounced Soo-lay, as claimed by a few descendants. The absence of an accent is merely negative evidence, but there is an abundance of positive evidence that the common pronunciation of this name, during the life-time of George¹ Soule of the Mayflower, and for many years after his death, made it rhyme with coal, hole, bowl, etc.

In studying old records we must constantly bear in mind that the recording officers frequently were men of little education, and that their spelling was often an expression of their idea of the sound of a name, rather than of their knowledge of its proper orthography. If, therefore, we find a name spelled in a number of different ways, each one of which can be pronounced to rhyme with coal, hole, bowl, etc., and, further, find that this pronunciation is the only one which can be used for one-third of the forms discovered, there can be no doubt about the common pronunciation of the name.

In sixteen years' study of the original records of Plymouth Colony and the counties and towns into which it was gradually subdivided, I have not found a single instance, prior to 1750, in which the spelling of the name Soule indicated any pronunciation which would not rhyme with coal. The date 1750, seventy years after the death of George¹ Soule of the Mayflower, is mentioned to be conservative. The constantly widening territory in which male descendants of George¹ Soule were found made it impossible to examine every record and determine the date on which the pronunciation "Sool", to rhyme with cool, was adopted by some of the descendants.

An examination of the thousands of pages of original records which have already been literally printed in this magazine, and of a great many original records not to be found in print, has disclosed six ways of spelling this name: Soule, Soull, Soul, Sole, Soal, Sowle, all of which may be pronounced to rhyme with coal.

The earliest contemporary use of the name, in records relating to Plymouth Colony, is in the record of the Division of Cattle in 1623. It is there spelled Soule. [Ante, I : 228] Gov. Bradford, in his list of the Mayflower Passengers, written in 1651, uses the form Sowle, but in the same list writes: "aboute a hundred sowls came over in this first ship" [Ante, I : 9, 11, 12], showing that he pronounced the surname as if it rhymed with coal; and the frequent occurrence on the original records of the forms Soul, Sole, Soal, with the numerous autograph signatures in the forms of Soul and Sole, furnish conclusive evidence that for several generations the name Soule was pronounced to rhyme with coal, hole, etc.

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In an accompanying article, Colonel John Soule included the following information on the frequency of given names in the Soule family records he had been collecting. He compares his collection with the frequency of the same names in the Ridlon (History, Biography and Genealogy of the Families Named Soule, Sowle and Soulis, Volume I & II Maine: Journal Press; 1926) Index. My own lineage contains five Georges, two Johns, one Nathan, and one William. Which of these names are found in your lineage back to George?

Given Names	Col. John's Collection	Ridlon Index
John or Jack	380	369
Will, William, Willie	350	403
George	265	443
Charles	180	260
James	175	210
Maria, Marie, Mary, Polly	175	705
Joseph	150	169
Henry	148	147
Benjamin	145	150
Nathan, Nathaniel	120	142
Thomas, Tom	120	132
David	115	109
Sara, Sarah, Sally	115	491
Eliza, Elizabeth, Lizzie,		
Bess, Betty, Betsey	110	469
Isaac	105	77
Samuel	95	139
Jonathan	85	67
Abigail, Abbie, Abby	70	159
Frank, Franklin, Francis	70	149
Eben, Ebenezer	65	83
Robert	60	93
Lydia	60	89
Daniel	55	106
Jacob	55	56
Joshua or Josiah	50	106
Hiram	48	35

WELCOME!

January-March 2011 New Members

And no Johns or Jacks among them.

Susan Beckmann, MD	James Pierce, AZ
Carolyn F. Cunkle, MI	Thomas A. Schomaker, MN
Shirley Dutton, ME	James William Soule, TX
Jan Ferree, CA	Nichole Soule, TN
Emerson Ferris Glick, NJ	Chattin B. Soule, CA
Amy Gould, AZ	Gary Soules, OR
Judith Anne Huss, CA	Martha Turner, VA
Keila Anais Huss, CA	Luke Werner, TX
Tricia LaBiche, MS	Joanne Williams, CO
Philip Lucas, CO	

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Judith A. Hughes, a past Soule Kindred Board member and member of the Family Tree Project Committee, has been elected by the Board to complete the term of former Editor and Board member Sue Eisdorfer which expires December 31, 2011.

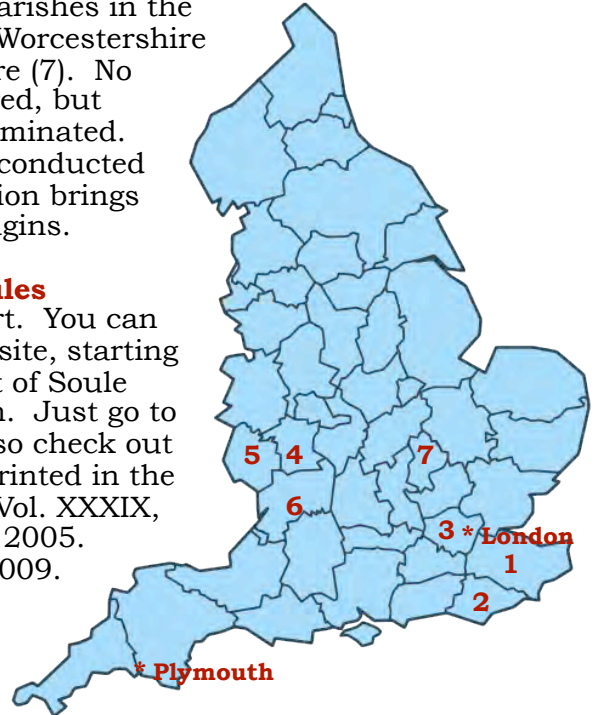
Judy will Chair the Family Tree Project Committee. The Board welcomes Judy and thanks her for being willing to serve.

Luther and Merle Soules Foundation Grant Completed

Over the years many attempts to discover George Soule's birthplace and parents have been undertaken and none has proven successful. In 2002 Soule Kindred applied for and received a \$10,000 grant from the **Luther and Merle Soules Foundation** to continue the search for George Soule's origins with particular emphasis on England and a possible connection to a William de Soule who signed a "Declaration of Independence" in Scotland in 1320. Research under the grant has now been completed.

Areas of England that were investigated include various parishes in the counties of Kent (1), East Sussex (2), Greater London (3), Worcestershire (4), Herefordshire (5), Gloucestershire (6), and Bedfordshire (7). No proof of George Soule's birthplace or parents was discovered, but some possible locations and candidates have now been eliminated. This result is a bit disappointing but, as anyone who has conducted genealogical research knows, even the process of elimination brings us just a little closer to identifying OUR George Soule's origins.

Soule Kindred wishes to thank the **Luther and Merle Soules Foundation** for its generous support of this research effort. You can read the results of the research on the Soule Kindred website, starting with a 2003 report from Norman Standish, then President of Soule Kindred, who travelled to England to conduct his research. Just go to www.soulekindred.org and click on Research. You can also check out the four research reports written by Caleb Johnson and printed in the Soule Kindred Newsletter. Parts 1 & 2 were published in Vol. XXXIX, April 2005. Part 3 was published in Vol. XXXIX, Oct/Nov 2005. The fourth article can be found in Vol. XXXXIII, No. 3 in 2009.



Of course, this is not the end of Soule Kindred's research efforts. Researcher Caleb Johnson has identified a couple of candidates for further research and DNA testing is now being used as a research tool to link individuals to a common ancestor [for more on this effort, see Vol. XXXIV, No. 3 (Summer 2010) of the Soule Kindred Newsletter]. You can support Soule Kindred's continuing efforts to discover the birthplace and parents of George Soule and those of Mary (Beckett) Soule (who is often overlooked but is certainly deserving of our attention) by donating to the Colonel John Soule Research and Publication Fund or volunteering to be a member of the Soule Kindred Research Committee.

Support Soule Kindred with your tax-deductible contribution.

To help fund the 2011 scholarships and/or the research into George Soule's origins, please return this form with your check.

Yes, I would like to support scholarships with a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

Yes, I would like to support research with a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

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2011 Soule Kindred Scholarship Application Deadline is July 1

Memorial Scholarships Application

Each year Soule Kindred in America, Inc. awards scholarships to George Soule descendants. To apply, complete the application and send it to the address below. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee Chair before July 1st of applicant's senior year or year of application.

1. NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
Father's Name _____
Mother's Maiden Name _____
2. Proven lineage to Mayflower Pilgrim George Soule (attach pages)
3. What college or training program do you expect to attend?

4. Are you accepted into this college or training program? _____
5. What will be your major field of study? _____

6. List school and community activities (attach additional pages if necessary).

7. Write a short statement of your goals for the future (attach additional pages if necessary).

8. Enclose two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members. (e.g., teacher, scout leader, advisor, work supervisor, etc.)
9. Include an official academic transcript with the application.

SEND APPLICATION TO:
Miss Betty-Jean Haner
Scholarship Committee Chair
Soule Kindred in America, Inc.
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This and That

Letter to the Editor

Dear Karen,

Just a note from a new SKA member about the newsletter. It is terrific. And a special thanks for the note from Anna Bristol re: eBay. I typed in my grandfather's name...Sheldon...my Soule connection and found a family Bible...1876-77. My first eBay purchase!

Marjorie Turrell Julian

Thank you, Marjorie, for the lovely comment. We're so glad Anna's article helped you retrieve a precious family heirloom.

Two New Soule Descendants Welcomed

James and Jennifer Soulé of Eden, New York, and members of Soule Kindred for many years, are very proud to announce the birth of their grandchildren on March 1, 2011.

Lukas Paul Soulé born to Jamie Bermingham and Joshua Soulé weighing 7 lbs 5 ozs at 12:30 p.m. 3/1/2011

AND

Ari Soulé Funke born to Johanna (Soulé) Funke and Matthew Funke weighing 5 lbs 10 ozs at 4:34 p.m. on 3/1/2011.

Very proud Great-Grandparents are Norman (keeper of the banners) and Florence Soulé of Ocala, Florida.

Congratulations to all!!

JUNE MINERVA (BAUER) (PIERCE) ROGERS...

...was born June 29, 1928, and died Dec 10, 2010, in Florida. After retiring from the U. S. Postal Service in 1980, she became involved in community volunteering. She was a former president of Family Community Education of the Citrus County Extension office with the University of Florida, co-founder of the Cracker Quilters, co-founder of the Citrus County Computer Club, a mentor in the Adult Literacy Program, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (Moses Cleveland). She will be more than missed. Submitted by member Jimmy Pierce.



A **Sowl Reunion** will be held July 23, 2011 at Argyle, WI. Our lineage is George, Nathaniel, Sylvanus, William, Edward, William, Elijah, William, David, Franklin, and Frank. Elijah came with his family to Lafayette Co., WI, in 1842.

This year we will be awarding four \$250 scholarships. We welcome information about our line and invite new family to the reunion.

Contact:

Juliette Sowl
804 Highland St.
Argyle, WI
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Frank and Juliette Sowl celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 17. They have 4 sons, Frank, Jeff, Jonathan, and Kerry, and 11 grandchildren.

Meet the Soule Kindred

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Help Wanted - Volunteers Needed

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.

Attend the Annual Reunion.

To help fulfill Soule Kindred's mission or to find out more, contact us at volunteer@soulekindred.org or by phone at 1-888-SKA-1620.

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, this is your chance to do so. We're looking for volunteer genealogists 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.

EDITOR NEEDED

Have you been looking for a way to utilize your writing, editing, and graphic design skills? Do you like learning about history and genealogy? Are you interested in volunteering in a meaningful way? Then, Soule Kindred has the perfect opportunity for you -- **Editor of the Soule Kindred Newsletter.**

The job of the Editor is to oversee the development, production and distribution of the quarterly Soule Kindred Newsletter: Winter (January), Spring (April), Summer (July), and Autumn (October).

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