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Continuing the Search for the Origins of George Soule

And Some Incidental Findings in the
Search for His Descendants

by Louise Walsh Throop, M.B.A.

Research on the descendants of George Soule has been exciting in the past two years. Late in 2009 a researcher on the van Soldt/Solt/Sold/etc. family pointed out the existence of a 1586 marriage record for one Jan Solis which had been in print since 1884. Confirmation of this marriage record kept several persons busy in 2010!

Another step forward resulted from looking at the published Eaton family research and following the naming of children in some possible Soule-Eaton marriages. The result is a reworked Eaton family grouping with projected births of about nine Eaton children in the late 1600s. Two Eaton daughters in this family appear to have married Soule brothers. Three other Eaton children in this family are known to have married Rickard siblings.

Initial research in 2011 on the Walker descendants of George Soule's daughter Elizabeth in New Jersey has put together several generations descended from a George Walker in the fourth generation from George Soule. As members of the English-oriented upper class in the area of Freehold, NJ, this Walker family owned a working farm for 81 years. This farm, which had been continuously worked by its several owners since 1720, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

The pertinent details for these three discoveries follow. A common theme is: following the clues of naming patterns. To conclude, Y-DNA testing as a research tool is discussed. Both naming patterns and matching Y-DNA test results are useful in genealogical research.

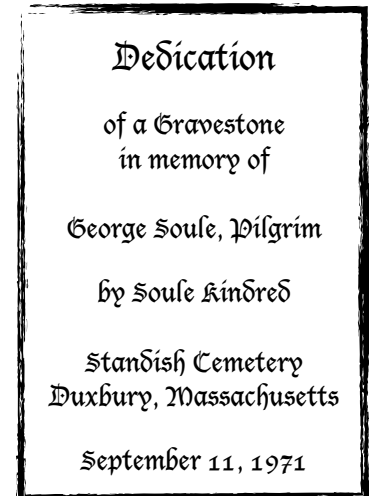
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Louise Throop writes about the latest research into George Soule's origins and the tantalizing clues offered in the marriage record of Jan Solis and Maeken Labis. She also notes that the naming patterns found in families can be, and often are, indicators of ancestry. This is the first part of a multi-part article. You can wait until the Winter 2012 issue for the next installment or view the entire article online at soulekindred.org.

Since the last issue, several members helped discover the parents of William H. Soule, jailer and deputy sheriff of Cochise Co. You can read more about William's family on page 3. Note that William's brother was named after their father.

The final article in our series to celebrate the 45th volume of the Soule Kindred Newsletter is from the Fall 1971 issue. It describes how Soule Kindred honored our much-revered progenitor, George Soule.

Alex Haley said, "In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future." And so it is with all of us Soule cousins, sharing a link to our common ancestor, George Soule, and preserving our heritage for future generations.

May your holidays be filled with many family celebrations and happy memories!

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A. Marriage record for Jan Solis and Maeken Labis

As reported by this author to the 2009 Soule Kindred Reunion in Beverly Hills, CA, the available evidence points to a Dutch birthplace for George Soule. Researchers in the past 300 years have been misled by the cover story promulgated by Bradford in order to shield Brewster and his printing associates from the wrath of the English King. Far from being merely English farm folk, the passengers on the *Mayflower* included several acquainted with commerce, instead of farming, and most were accustomed to city life, not country living.

As a teenager, George Soule apparently assisted his presumed older brother Johannes Sol in the printing of one book in Leiden in 1617. The place of publication was given as the Cor-Steech---one of the many names for an alley in [the] same neighborhood where William Brewster and John Robinson lived. In the Leiden records for 2 Jan. 1616 is the betrothal record of Johannes Sols, letter setter of Haarlem, and Aelken Jacobs, of Leiden. There is no doubt that this Johannes is the same man who was betrothed 27 Dec. 1615 in Haarlem to Aelken Jacobs of Leiden, with permission granted to marry in Leiden.

The Dutch Reformed Church records in Haarlem give the baptismal records for seven children of Jan Sols/Soltz, of Brussels, and his wife Mayken Labis/Labus/Lapres/Laber, including the Johannes of the betrothal records:[1]

1. Geertrude, bap. 25 Feb. 1590
2. Johannes, bap. 6 Oct. 1591
3. Sara, bap. 5 Sept. 1593
4. Maria, bap. 28 Mar. 1596
5. Johanna, bap. 19 Mar. 1597
6. Pieter, apparently twin with Susanna, bap. 17 Jan. 1599
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The parents' marriage was recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church, Austin Friars, London, England:

Jan Solis v. Bruijssel with Maecken Labus v. Labus for the date 30 Aug. 1586, which was a Wednesday.[2]

The existence of this marriage record was kindly pointed out by Armando Framarini, a researcher on the van Soldt family in Europe.

[3] (Also married on the same date at Austin Friars were: Hans van Solt v. Antwerpen and Janneken Wijants v. Breda.) It may be that



this last variation of Sols/Soltz, i.e., "Solis," is a clerical variation on the Latinized version: Solius.

So we get a glimpse into the life of Huguenot refugees, who fled north from Brussels about 1585. Jan (or John in English) married Mayken/Maecken (Mary in English) in London in 1586 and may have lingered a year or two in or near London. Possibly a proposed tax on refugees provided the impetus for leaving London. The baptisms of seven children in Haarlem 1590-9 means that George Soule would have been born about 1601, a birth year which allows him to have been the expected 25 years of age at the end of his contract as a servant to Winslow, and thus 25 years of age when he married. George's marriage about 1626 to Mary Bucket/Bucque occurred about three years after Mary arrived in Plymouth in 1623. He would not have been allowed to marry while under contract as a servant.

We also get a glimpse into a characteristic of Huguenot/Walloon refugees: their ability to blend into their new environment. Marie Bucket landed at Plymouth in 1623. She, or the record-keeper, probably changed her surname from the Walloon surname "Bucque", found in one Leiden record,[4] to the phonetically similar and more English "Buckett".

Later she was known as "Mary", another accommodation to English spelling. Similarly, "George Sowle" was listed in records dated 1627, 1632/3 and 1651, in a period where it was probably deemed important for the Brewster printing crew to adhere to the cover story of being English farm folk. For his will, he signed 1677 as "Gorge Soule", thus indicating his Dutch origin in the spelling "Gorge".

George Soule named children George, John, Mary, and Susannah: apparently after himself, his father, his mother (and wife), and sister.

[1] FHL Film #540726

[2] Moen, W. J. C., editor. "The marriage, baptismal and burial registers 1571-1874, and monumental inscriptions of the Dutch Reformed Church, Austin Friars London" (Lymington England, 1884) p. 135. Note that Jan is from Brussels and Maeken is from 'Labus' [probably a clerical error].

[3] Armando Framarini, of Hilton Head Island SC, is interested in the coats of arms for Soltz and van Soldt.

[4] Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs. *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*, (Plymouth, 2009) p.339n (reference to the widow and heirs of Jan Bucque, all Walloons, dated about 1616 in Leiden).

[Note: Louise's discussion of naming patterns within the Eaton and Walker families will be continued in the Winter 2012 issue of the newsletter. You can find the complete article on the Soule Kindred website at soulekindred.org.]

The contributor of Austin Friars photo is John Salmon. The photo is copyrighted but also licensed for further reuse.

Soule Kindred Dedicates George Soule Gravestone

In celebration of Soule Kindred's 45th anniversary year, articles from past newsletters have been reprinted throughout the year. This article, reprinted from the Duxbury Clipper, Thursday, September 23, 1971, appeared in Vol. V, No. 4 (October 1971).

On September 11, Mrs. Kenneth Wakefield and Mrs. Sabina Crosby welcomed 70 descendants of Pilgrim George Soule to the King Caesar House on Powder Point, which now belongs to the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. Eleven guides showed the visitors through the house; then the Soule Kindred held their annual business meeting in the Carriage House.

At noon the cavalcade of cars, headed by motorcycle officer Robert Byrne of the Duxbury Police Department, rounded Powder Point, where George Soule had his farm and his boats and 12[sic] children. They went to Winsor's, where W. Fred Soules of Waco, Texas, president of the Soule Kindred, shared the M.C. duties with George Standish Soule, the editor of the Soule Newsletter and a resident of Charlotte, N.C.

Sheriff Ardnah Harlow spoke briefly of family influence on modern youth. John Talcott, Jr., chairman of the 350th Anniversary Committee, and Dr. Robert Bartlett, were among the guests at the head table.

Vice President of the Kindred, Sgt. Ben Soule, who has completed 20 years of service with the Minneapolis Police

Department, sat at the next table, with Duxbury's Chief of Police, Henry McNeil and Capt. Thomas Johnson.

Messages regretting their inability to be present, were received from Senator Edward Brooke, Governor Francis Sargent, and First Lady Pat Nixon.

At 2:30, many local people joined the Soule descendants in a poignant ceremony at the Standish Cemetery, where a black granite stone was dedicated to the memory of this Pilgrim who came in the Mayflower and whose name appears among the signers of the Mayflower Compact.

The Rev. Gilbert Doan, LL.D. of Newport, R.I., gave the invocation. The selectmen of Duxbury were represented by Paul Barber, who gave the assembly a warm welcome.

Col. John Soule, the dedicated Historian of this family organization, was detained in Washington, but his wife, Adelia Rosasco Soule, read his message.

Then, as Dr. Robert Bartlett, known to the Commonwealth as "Mr. Pilgrim," laid a laurel wreath on behalf of the citizens of Duxbury, church representatives and Duxbury clergy stepped forward with him. Among this group were three Sisters of St. Margaret; Mrs. Florence Scott, chairman of the board of the Christian Science Church; John McGarigal, president of the Parish Council of Holy Family Church; the Rev. Lewis Mills of St. John's Episcopal Church; the Rev. Alan Travers of the First Baptist Church; the Rev. Kenneth Rawlett, the new minister of the Church of the Nazarene; and Victor Shiff.

At an order issued by Commander Alfred Galiano, Duxbury Post #223, American Legion, presented its colors and the firing squad sent a



resounding three volleys over the laurel wreathed memorial. Legionnaires comprising the firing squad were John Morton, Daniel Costello, Charles Fletcher and Earl Torrey. The colors were presented by Fred McCulloch, John Parker, Gerald Lavigne and Russell Shirley.

Under the direction of Explorer Scout John Aldrich, the Scout colors were presented by Explorer Scout Tom Hansen, and Boy Scouts John Spence and Shawn O'Neil, while Mark Arney played taps on his bugle. Many eyes misted as the soft tones of David Neubauer's trumpet brought the echo of Taps across the ancient cemetery.

Duxbury Girl Scouts were represented by Debbie McMahon, Brownie; Linda Scott, Junior; Sandra White, Cadet; and Kathy Hilliard, Senior Girl Scout.

Among the distinguished guests present at the dedication was Senator Allan McKinnon of Weymouth, who had stolen time from a pressured program to be present as descendants from near and far paid tribute to the ancestor who, just 350 years ago, had lived through the stormy voyage of the Mayflower and then survived the first eight months of life on these inhospitable shores where 52 indomitable men and women began to lay the cornerstone of our country.

To my ancestor, George Soule, on the dedication of the stone erected in his memory at Duxbury, Massachusetts.

by
Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Brown Harris

Fond affection spreads across this distal space with gentle pride, to you.

Blood claims blood, strength claims strength, spirit claims spirit.

Lovingly, in silent rendezvous.

Betty Harris was also a descendant of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

In the Summer issue, I presented information on William H. Soule, jailer and deputy sheriff of Cochise Co., AZ, and asked for help identifying his parents and whether or not his lineage could be traced back to George Soule. Well, thanks to members Charles Beal, Lois Sorenson, and Louise Throop, I'm happy to report answers to both questions.

Charles and Lois both researched William's parents online and discovered the following:

4/4/1849^{A1} - William Henry Soule was born in Boston, MA. Parents: Andrew J. (b. ME) and Louisa (b. Claremont, NH) Soule.

1/23/1844^{A2} - Marriage of Andrew J. Soule of Boston and Louisa R. Lewis of Lowell in Lowell, MA. No parents are listed for either Andrew or Louisa.

1850^{A3} - Louisa Soul (age 29) & children Andrew (age 5), Wm. H. (age 2) and Maria (age 3) enumerated in Boston, Suffolk Co., MA.

1855^{A4} - Louisa Soule (age 30) & children Andrew J. (age 10), Maria L. (age 7), and Wm. Henry (age 6) enumerated in Boston, Suffolk Co., MA.

1860^{B1} - Andrew J. (age 44) & Louisa Soule (age 40); children Andrew J., Maria L., and William H. enumerated in Boston, Suffolk Co., MA.

1870^{A5} - Andrew J. Soule (age 52) enumerated in Twp. 10, Placer Co., CA.

1870^{A5} - Louisa Soule (age 40) & William Soule (age 21) enumerated in San Francisco, San Francisco Co., CA.

1880^{B2} - A. J. Soule (age 62) enumerated in Lincoln, Placer Co., CA.

In addition, I found the following information:

1866-1900^{B3} California Voter Registers show Andrew Jackson Soule registered first in Placer Co. in 1866 as a farmer and then San Francisco Co. from 1890-1900 where, in 1898, he is listed as age 81, 5'8" in height, with a Lt. Complexion, Blue eyes, and Gray hair. At this time he is a druggist.

Louise Throop sent this information which can be found in the 1986 Soule Index and in Mayflower Families in Progress (MFIP), Pt. 2 (2002), pp. 51-52:

William Henry Soule (b. 1847 m. Jennie Belle Golton)
son of Andrew Soule (b. 1817 m. Rebecca Lewis)
son of James Soule (b. 1781 m Sarah Brown)
son of James Soule (b. 1754 m. Martha Curtis) [Family # 371 in the MFIP]
son of Jedediah Soule (b. ca 1720 m. Tabitha Bishop)
son of Moses Soule (b. ca 1672 m. Mercy Southworth)
son of John Soule (b. ca 1632 m1. ca 1656 Rebecca Simmons)
son of GEORGE SOULE

So it would appear that William H. Soule's parents are Andrew Jackson and Louisa R[ebecca] (Lewis) Soule and that he is, indeed, descended from George Soule.

Online resources:

- A. <http://www.familysearch.org> (free site)
1. MA Births, 1841-1915 - Image 35
 2. MA Marriages, 1841-1915 - Image 190
 3. 1850 Census - Ward 11, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA, Image 384
 4. 1855 Census - Ward 11, Boston, Suffolk Co., MA, Image 107
 5. 1870 Census - Twp. 10, Placer Co., Image 26 & San Francisco, San Francisco Co., Image 289
- B. <http://www.ancestry.com> (subscription site)
1. 1860 Census - Boston, Suffolk Co., MA, Image 223
 2. 1880 Census - Lincoln, Placer Co., CA, Image 24
 3. California Voter Registers, 1866 -1898 & California Voter Registrations, 1900-1968



William H. Soule's headstone in the Los Angeles National Cemetery. Many thanks to Charles Beal for taking and submitting this photo.

Soule Kindred Archives Update by Carolyn Ravenscroft, Archivist Duxbury Rural and Historical Society

As many of you know, the Soule Kindred's collection of genealogical and administrative material has been deposited in the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society's Drew Archival Library. What you may not know, however, is what exactly that means. If you have never been in an Archives or chosen to speak to an Archivist, you are not alone. For many people, the term "archives" conjures up an image of a dark, dank basement; someplace anyone other than a "qualified" researcher is not allowed to enter.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Drew Archival Library is actually a bright, beautiful, climate-controlled facility and, as the Archivist, I welcome everyone to visit. What makes an archives different from an ordinary library is the fact that an archives houses unique items, e.g., diaries, log books, letters, etc., as opposed to a library's mostly published materials.

Once an archives receives a collection such as the Soule Kindred's, the archivist processes the material by completing four steps: appraisal, arrangement, description, and make available for use. Currently, the Soule Kindred's collection has gone through the first two of these steps. Upon receiving the boxes of material, I carefully evaluated what was in each (not appraising for monetary value, but for historic and preservation purposes). Once I had a handle on what the collection encompassed, I began re-housing the material. I removed all acidic folders, plastic binders, rusty paper clips, etc. and placed the items in acid-free folders and boxes. At the same time I determined the best order for the material and arranged the folders accordingly. Now that the collection is safely stored, I will begin the next step of describing it by creating an index, also known as a Finding Aid.

I hope if you are in the vicinity of George Soule's original land grant, you will consider dropping by the Drew Archival Library. We are located just a stone's throw away at 147 St. George Street in Duxbury, MA, and are open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Sowl Family Holds Reunion

On August 24 Sowl Kindred met for a reunion at Argyle, WI. This branch goes back to Elijah Sowl, a pioneer here in 1842. Two scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Carson Sowl and Colin Powell. A history, compiled by Juliette Sowl was available for \$10.00. Thirty copies were sold. Anyone interested in purchasing a copy can contact:

Juliette Sowl
804 Highland St.
Argyle, WI 53504-8936
(608) 543-9900

New Members September-November

Kevin Brown, PA
Robert DeWitt, Belgium
Cindy Hayostek, AZ
Marian Hodges, AR

REMINDER

Don't forget to renew your membership. The renewal deadline is January 1, 2012

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Item for Sale

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 for members 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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1967 In Review October - December

- ❖ 10/10 The Outer Space Treaty, which prohibits weapons of mass destruction on the moon or in space, entered into force.
- ❖ 10/17 The musical "Hair" premiered off-Broadway.
- ❖ 10/26 U.S. Navy pilot John McCain was shot down over North Vietnam.
- ❖ 11/7 President Johnson signed the bill establishing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
- ❖ 11/13 Carl Stokes was elected as the first African-American mayor of a major city, Cleveland.
- ❖ 11/20 The Population Clock at the U.S. Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.
- ❖ 12/3 Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant.
- ❖ 12/20 The movie "The Graduate" premiered.
- ❖ 12/26 Atlantic Richfield struck oil on Alaska's North Slope at Prudhoe Bay.

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The Pilgrims Came

*The Pilgrims came across the sea,
And never thought of you and me;
And yet it's very strange the way
We think of them Thanksgiving day.*

*We tell their story, old and true
Of how they sailed across the blue,
And found a new land to be free
And built their homes quite near the sea.*

*Every child knows well the tale
Of how they bravely turned the sail
And journeyed many a day and night,
To worship God as they thought right.*

~~Author Unknown.~~

