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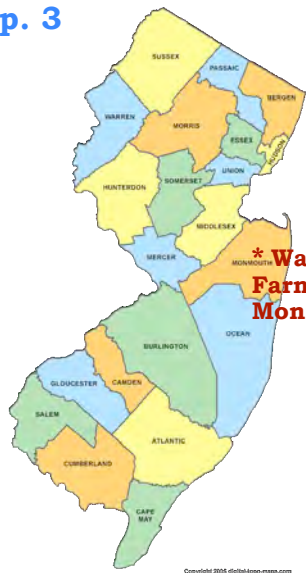
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for Future Generations*

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L-R: Eliza Lucinda Whaley Husted with Hector W. Husted, Mehitable Smith Black, Charlotte Soule Smith, Laura Black Whaley Smith Ca. 1867

What's In A Picture?

by Dave Hargreave

Another researcher, Skip Higgins, and I have been working for some time now on a genealogical project to track down the descendants of Revolutionary War soldier Isaac Smith and his wife Hannah Hawley. In the course of our work, Skip obtained a packet of materials containing copies of old photographs, obituary transcriptions, and a couple of biographical sketches from a living descendant and sent those materials on to me. One of the old photographs, reproduced above, was of four women, one of whom was holding an infant. The persons initially of interest to us were the two women on

each side of the photograph. Specifically, we were tracking the first husband, James Whaley, Jr. (1825-1855), of the woman on the far right, Laura Black Whaley Smith (1831-1913). The woman on the far left is their eldest daughter, Eliza Lucinda Whaley Husted (1847-1928) and the infant she is holding is almost certainly her eldest child, Hector W. Husted (1867-1962). From his presence it can be inferred that the photograph itself was taken during the summer or early fall of 1867, probably in Vassar, Tuscola County, Michigan.

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As the cover story so amply illustrates, you never know where your genealogy research will lead you. You think you're going in one direction and then a new piece of evidence pops up and off you go on a totally different path. So it was with Dave Hargreave when he discovered, through a photograph, that another George Soule descendant had married into the same family as his direct-line Soule ancestor.

Louise Throop, in the third (and final) installment of her article, *Continuing the Search for the Origins of George Soule*, uses naming patterns as a tool in her search for the descendants of George's daughter Elizabeth (Soule) Walker. She concludes the article with a brief discussion of another research tool, Y-DNA testing.

While we are happily welcoming 18 new cousins into the Soule Kindred family (page 12), we are also sadly saying goodbye to six members who recently passed away, including two long-time members -- George Alan Soule (1969) and William Fred Soules (1969), a past Soule Kindred president (see pages 13-4).

Finally, you can help Soule Kindred go "green" (see the back cover), by letting us know at editor@soulekindred.org that you prefer to view the newsletter on the Soule Kindred website rather than continue to receive a paper copy via regular mail.

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.

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Continuing the Search for the Origins of George Soule

by Louise Walsh Throop, M.B.A.

This is the third and last installment of Louise Throop's article titled Continuing the Search for the Origins of George Soule: And Some Incidental Findings in the Search for His Descendants. The first installment, which discussed Jan Solis and Maekin Labis as possible parents of George Soule, can be found in the Fall 2011 issue and the second installment, which presented the likely marriage of Hannah Eaton and William Soule (grandson of George) was published in Winter 2012.

C. WALKER family in New Jersey

In preparation for a future fifth-generation "pink" book in the Mayflower Families in Progress series, research was begun on the descendants of Isaac Walker, grandson of George Soule of the Mayflower. Presentation of this Walker descendancy has been plagued in the past by controversy and corrections. Neil D. Thompson's critical examination^[13] of the 1980 Mayflower Families Volume 3 included some scathing comments on erroneous Mayflower lineages, in particular the improper inclusion of Francis Walker of Staten Island, NY, and Woodbridge, NJ, as the spouse of Elizabeth Soule, daughter of the *Mayflower* passenger George Soule.

Presentation of improper Mayflower lineages was just one of many charges leveled at the Soule volume of 1980. These errors stubbornly persist on the Internet and elsewhere. Even today there are researchers and descendants who are enamored with the idea that twinning was abundant in the descendancy of George Soule. The critique by Thompson noted that when "children are created out of nothing in order to produce twins, or where twins are postulated merely because two or more children were baptized at the same time, or from approximate dates of birth, reason rises up in rebellion."^[14]

Since 1980, several researchers, including Robert C. Anderson, have concluded that Elizabeth Soule had just one child, Isaac Walker, son of Francis Walker of Middleboro, MA.^[15] Elizabeth disappears from view, apparently appropriately after being cited twice for moral weakness. It is reasonable to assume she died within a few years of giving birth to her son Isaac Walker, who was apparently the product of the second episode of moral weakness. Elizabeth apparently died between 1668 and 1677 as she is not specifically named in her father's will made 11 Aug. 1677.^[16] Her son Isaac Walker is apparently named after a Walker relative, as this first name is not otherwise found in the 1600s among the descendants of George Soule.^[17] Isaac's birth can be calculated to have occurred in Dec. 1667 or Jan. 1668,^[18] when his mother would have been about 22 years old.

At this time, only one documented vital record is known for Isaac Walker as his birth and death dates are not precisely known: he married Desire Shelley 8 July 1692 in Woodbridge, NJ.^[19] Desire was given in the 1980 version Giles Shelley as her father, since disproved by an earlier reading of Giles Shelley's 1702 will.^[20] Isaac was thus about 24 years of age at marriage, and proceeded to have two children recorded in Woodbridge: Elias (b. 3 April 1693) and Isaac (b. ca. 1695).^[21]

This Isaac appears to have accompanied his uncle Samuel Walker to NJ in 1692. Uncle Samuel Walker was b. ca 1643 and d. Burlington, NJ, 16 September 1704, when he was called "one of His Majesties Council for the Province of New Jersey."^[22] Samuel Walker married ca. 1672 or, more likely, 1679 to Sarah Scottow, who was b. ca. 1654, daughter of Boston merchant Joshua Scottow.^[23]

Among Joshua Scottow's grandchildren (b. ca. 1670-1698), the first daughter in these English-oriented, upper-class families was without exception named after her mother.^[24] Desire Walker, as a grandniece of Sarah (Scottow) Walker, would thus appear to have been the first-born daughter of Isaac and Desire (Shelley) Walker. This Desire (Walker) Freeman d. Metuchen, NJ, 22 Dec 1779 in her 74th yr.,^[25] thus setting her birth ca. 1706.

Between 1695 and 1706 is space for three or four sons of Isaac and Desire (Shelley) Walker, assuming the usual two- or three-year spacing of children. Recent research has provided clues to three possible sons born between 1695 and 1706.

To summarize what is known to date, Isaac Walker was b. probably Plymouth ca. December 1667 or January 1668. He probably d. about 1719, and something sudden must have happened to him as no will has been found for him. He married in NJ in 1692. He may have been named after a presumed older brother of his father Francis Walker. With the apparently early death of his mother, it is very likely he was raised by his grandfather, George Soule, in Duxbury, at least until his grandmother died in 1676. Thus Isaac would have had reason to name a son after his grandfather.

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About age ten, Isaac Walker could have started working in his uncle Samuel Walker's mercantile establishment in Boston. The relationship with this uncle, and probable involvement in this uncle's extended business enterprises from Maine to New Jersey, continued and culminated in Isaac apparently accompanying this uncle to Woodbridge, NJ, about 1692. Thus, Isaac would have reason to name a son after his uncle Samuel. Furthermore, another Walker uncle was George Walker, who along with his mother Hannah, were made executors of the estate of Joseph Walker of Portsmouth, NH, 1683.[26] The children of Isaac and Desire (Shelley) follow, in the fourth generation from George Soule:

1. Elias Walker, b. Woodbridge, NJ, 3 Apr 1693; d. perhaps Chesterfield, Burlington Co., NJ ca. 1720-46; m. ca 1715 Elizabeth Doughty??
2. Isaac Walker, b. Woodbridge, NJ [1695]; d. perhaps Burlington Co., NJ, ca 1731; m1. ca. 1718 Deliverance ----; m2. Burlington, NJ, 4 Dec 1728 Mary Horner
3. George Walker, b. NJ? ca. 1698; d. Freehold, NJ, Jan-Oct 1747; m1. ca 1723 Elizabeth??; m2. ca 1736 Gertrude (or Jerusha?) Clark??
4. Francis? Walker, b. NJ? ca 1700/1; d. ca 1730; m. ca 1729 Mary??
5. Samuel? Walker, b. MA? ca 1703/4; d. Piscataway, NJ,? ca 1730; m. ca 1729 Alice??
6. Desire Walker, b. Little Compton/Swansea, MA,? ca 1706; d. Metuchen, Union Co., NJ, 22 Dec 1779; m. Woodbridge, NJ, ca 1733 Joseph Freeman
7. Child? Walker, b. NJ? ca 1709; probably d.y.; n.f.r.

More work remains to be done on this fourth and later generations descended from George Soule. The widows of two proposed sons are deduced by elimination among Walker marriage bonds recorded in New Jersey. Reading the microfilmed originals reveals which of the Walker brides from the index on the Internet are widows. These Walkers paid for their marriage bonds, instead of going the free route of banns in church before marriage. Some of these Walkers were associated with merchants and traders, thus continuing the entrepreneurial bent displayed by Isaac Walker's uncle Samuel Walker.

The first two sons apparently set down in Burlington Co., NJ, where, if they raised families to adulthood, the records have yet to be found. First son Elias Walker is elusive and may be the E. Walker who was witness to a 22 May 1719 deed between Jacob Doughty of Chesterfield, Burlington Co., West Jersey, and William Satterwaste, yeoman, of same.[27]

The third son, George Walker, as "labourer," first bought 100 acres in Freehold, NJ, 17 Aug. 1720,[28] apparently right after his father died. George Walker had to be at least 21 years of age to purchase land, giving him a projected birth year of 1698. The seller of this land was Richard Clark, who was selling part of the "plantation on which the said Richard Clark now lives." On 9 May 1729 George Walker, yeoman, bought 200 acres from Richard Clark, again on the Burlington Path, and reserving 100 acres "whereon the sd. George Walker now Lives formerly granted &c. confirmed to the sd. George Walker by Deed." [29]

This George Walker, of Freehold, Monmouth Co., NJ, yeoman, made his will 15 July 1746[30] in which he named his (second) wife Gertrude and son George, who gets lands bought of Richard Clark and Thomas Millege's heirs. Other children named were: Elisabeth, Rachel, Esther, James and Ann Clark Walker (these last three, minors).

George's daughter Rachel, who had m. Monmouth Co., NJ, (lic.) 22 Jan. 1746 John Campbell,[31] had five children, including: George Walker Campbell and Elias Campbell.[32] Rachel appears to have named her sons after her deceased father (or brother) George and her uncle Elias, thus providing a major naming clue to the parentage of her father George Walker: Elias is a documented son of Isaac Walker, and George and Elias appear to be brothers, so, therefore, George is another son of Isaac. In these early 1700s families, naming patterns may be the only proof of parentage. In this case Rachel reaches back over 50 years when naming a son Elias Campbell.

George Walker, son of George and apparently grandson of Isaac, m. 1747 Priscilla Forman[33] and d. 1791 in his 67th yr.[34] George and Priscilla had nine children, including just two sons: George Walker Jr. who was b. 11 April 1756[35] and d. intestate in 1794; and Aaron Forman Walker who was b. 29 March 1759 and d. 4 Dec. 1848.[36] The water-soaked Bible record of this family was rescued in 1975 from an abandoned house in Moorestown, NJ, by a curious young boy and is thus miraculously preserved.[37]

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The sons and grandsons of Isaac and Desire (Shelley) Walker appear to have had many daughters, who as members of the local upper class found few suitable marriage partners. As members of the upper-class, English-oriented colonial population, and with frequent loss of spouses in early life, families were often smaller than the families descended from George Soule's sons.

These New Jersey families married into the Scots families prevalent in middle New Jersey---in particular the Barclay and Campbell families who resided in or near Freehold, NJ. Perhaps living descendants can now be found, based on the fourth generation presented above.

The farm in Freehold, NJ, bought in 1720 by the first George Walker, stayed in the family for 81 years.[38] In 1915 the farm consisted of 23 outbuildings and the farmhouse, 86.6 acres of farmland and 26 acres of orchards. As part of a continuously worked farm since 1720, and known now as the Oakley Farm, the main house was listed in 1990 on the National Register of Historic Places.[39] Finding this listing was a total surprise!

Anyone who visits the Monmouth Battlefield State Park,[40] perhaps as part of a future Soule Kindred Reunion, can also visit the nearby Oakley Farm, also known as the Walker-Coombs-Hartshorne Farm in Freehold Township, Monmouth Co., NJ. Nearby is the Covenhoven House, used as headquarters by British General Sir Henry Clinton before the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. [41] There is an indirect connection to the Walker family for the Covenhoven House: John Campbell m1. 1746 Rachel Walker, mentioned earlier, and m2. 1761 Hendrika Covenhoven.



Covenhoven House*

D. Y-DNA testing and Soule lineages

The use of Y-DNA testing is another research technique in the toolbox for genealogy research. The Y-DNA pattern from over 30 Soule men tested has defined the expected Y-DNA for the common ancestor, George Soule, and also for other Soule-lineage descendants of George Soule. The Y-DNA pattern for the West descendants of George Soule has also been identified.

Sometimes the test results from descendants of the same presumed Soule ancestor do not match. Thus several descendants of William and Anna (Sewell) Soule [Family #566] of Alburgh, VT, have Y-DNA test results and not all of them match the expected results found in other branches of the Soule descendancy.

Those men whose test results do not match the expected Soule test results descend from the first son of William and Anna: Timothy Soule who m. Bridget Sewell, his cousin. A change in Y-DNA is not infrequently found in descendants of a first or only child. Those men whose test results do match the expected pattern descend from the fifth son John Soule who m. Sylvia Marvin. William and Anna Soule had eight sons! We are fortunate that descendants of two sons were willing to do a Y-DNA test.

Naming clues were also used in this branch of the Soule family. The given name Timothy appears first in the fourth generation from George Soule, passenger on the *Mayflower*. The reappearance of the first name Timothy in the sixth generation is considered proof of the parentage of the fifth generation.[42] Another use of Y-DNA testing is to identify descendants from a pool of men with the same common surname. Thus two West men were identified as descendants of Francis West/Waste and Susannah Soule, daughter of George Soule. Their Y-DNA tests matched each other and also matched other West men with known West lineages stemming from Susannah (Soule) West. The Y-DNA tests do not reveal the father of either known ancestors, Eleazar West (b. 1752) or Clement West (b. 1760), but the test results do positively identify these two West ancestors as descendants of Francis and Susannah (Soule) West. Naming clues are also present: three successive generations of Clement Wests descend from Susannah (Soule) West.[43]

The Walker family descended from Isaac Walker of NJ (b. ca 1668) may have living male-lineage descendants. Starting with Isaac's presumed uncle Samuel Walker in NJ, there may be living male-lineage descendants of Samuel's two sons: Samuel (b. 1683) and William Walker (b. 1684). At least three Walker men descended from the cousins Isaac, Samuel and William are needed for Y-DNA testing

**Covenhoven House photograph by Lisa Prothers*

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Genealogy Humor

Found a Yankee in my family tree; will trade for horse thief or other black sheep. *Author Unknown*

2011 Soule Kindred Annual Report

Article IX, Section B of the Bylaws requires the President to issue to the membership an annual report with a summary of accomplishments and business conducted during the previous year. The 2011 Financial Report Summaries can be found on page 8.

The Board year began on January 1, 2011. Officers were Karen L. McNally, President; David Hargreave, Vice President; Helen A. Soulé, Secretary; and Andrew B. Turner, Treasurer. Additional Board members were Anna L. Bristol, Marcy Kelly Brubaker, Marjorie Everoski, Judith A. Hughes, and Kathleen Strauss.

In 2011, the Board continued to build on and solidify the accomplishments of 2010. Here are the highlights:

A second Soule Kindred Membership Directory was mailed to all members in the Spring. This edition contained more names and lineages as well as corrections and updates. The directory continues to be a great resource for all members.

For the second year in a row, all members were given the opportunity to make nominations to the Board and to vote on the final slate of candidates. Thirty-five percent of Soule Kindred members voted to re-elect Judith A. Hughes and Karen L. McNally and to elect new Board member, Peggy C. Jared.

Soule Kindred members took part in two surveys conducted in 2011. Both addressed important aspects of Soule Kindred -- the scholarship program and reunions. The results of the scholarship survey did not provide a clear path forward so the Board decided to create a committee to formulate a scholarship program proposal which will be sent to all members for a vote. Based on the results of the reunion survey, the Board voted to hold reunions every two years instead of annually. Note: Survey results were published in the Winter 2012 issue of the Soule Kindred Newsletter.

Phase II of the Soule Kindred website upgrade continued with a move to a more social-network oriented platform. In addition to more content and the continued ability to pay membership dues and make donations online, the new platform allows for a whole new level of interactivity. Members can directly contact each other and post photos, documents, articles, and videos. The future of the Soule Kindred website is unlimited. Just one statistic is a great illustration of the site's (and thus Soule Kindred's) potential. From December 15 (when the new site went live) through December 31, there were 17,712 page views compared to 2,247 for the whole month of December in 2010. Not only did a lot of people visit the site, but they also went to different parts of the site after they got there. Very exciting!

Another very exciting aspect of the website is that all of the Soule Kindred Newsletters, starting with Vol. 1, No.1, were made available for viewing. A project to scan the newsletters and convert them to a searchable format was undertaken and completed, at no cost to Soule Kindred, thanks to member Luther H. Soules III.

Judy Hughes became the Chair of the Soule Family Tree Project (SFTP) Committee which reached out one more time to the 15% of our members who had not submitted their lineage in 2010. The committee also offered its help to the new members who did not yet know their lineage back to George Soule.

Thanks go to the Board Members and all other volunteers for their commitment to ensuring the sustainability and future growth of Soule Kindred.

Karen L. McNally, President

Mayflower Trivia Questions

1. How many passengers on the *Mayflower* were believed to be *Separatists*?
2. What were the non-*Separatists* called?
3. When did we start referring to the *Mayflower* passengers as Pilgrims?
4. From where in England did the "*Separatists*" leave?

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

2011 Financial Report Summaries

Statement of Financial Activities Summary 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011

REVENUE

Total Operating Revenue	\$ 8,501.78
Total Scholarship Revenue	2,294.58
Total Bequest Revenue	3,318.04
TOTAL REVENUE	\$14,114.40

EXPENSE

Total Operating Expenditure	12,728.71
Total Scholarship Expenditure	2,000.00
Bequest Expenditure	4,412.38
TOTAL EXPENSE	19,141.09

NET REVENUE/LOSS **-5,026.69**

Statement of Financial Activities Summary 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2010*

REVENUE

\$12,715.48
3,038.42
3,162.04
\$18,915.94

EXPENSE

8,267.05
2,250.00
2,320.00
12,837.05

6,078.89

Statement of Assets Summary 1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011

Total Operating Accounts	\$49,366.63
Total Scholarship Accounts	22,311.27
Total Bequest Reserve	21,734.80
TOTAL ASSETS	\$87,658.85

Statement of Assets Summary 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

\$43,612.78
22,066.69
24,536.76
\$95,970.08

*Adjusted based on a financial review conducted by an independent Certified Public Accountant in January 2012.

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All four women in the photograph were identified and it was the other two who eventually commanded my attention. The second woman from the left is Mehitable *Smith* Black (1809-1874), Laura's mother. The woman to her left is Charlotte *Soule* Smith (1790-1869), mother of Mehitable. Suddenly my brain changed gears. Here, while mucking around amongst the enormous family of Isaac Smith, I had stumbled across another Soule (it was the marriage of my great grandfather, William Henry Soule, to Isaac Smith's granddaughter, Ellen Sophia, that had gotten me going on the Smith family in the first place). Some research on my own and a little help from fellow Soule Kindred member, Andy Turner, proved that Charlotte was a sixth generation descendant of George Soule of the Mayflower [George, Nathaniel, Sylvanus, William, Edward, William]. I was now staring at five generations of his descendants. I had to learn more.

Charlotte Soul was born to William Soul and Mehitable Walton in Chester, Hampshire (now Hampden) County, Massachusetts, on 4 May 1790. She married Caleb Smith on 6 Sep 1806, probably in Chester. Caleb Smith (no relation to the Isaac Smith family I have been tracking) was born on 27 August 1782 in Chester. There are a plethora of online genealogies for this couple, which focus exclusively on daughter Charlotte (1807-after 1860).

The couple had, in fact, five children, the oldest of whom was Charlotte, born in 1807.* In addition to her, there were Mehitable (b. 1809), Albert C., (b. 1811), Nathan, b. 1812), and Cynthia, (b. 1816), all in Chester, Massachusetts. Cynthia died before her first birthday, probably in Chester. However, as of the 1820 census, the remainder of the family was residing in Newbury Township, Geauga County, Ohio. There most of the family would remain until the 1850s.

For what happened to the family during and after the 1850s, we turn to a short biographical sketch of the family of Sylvester and Mehitable (Smith) Black entitled "They Came to Michigan" that was included among the documents obtained by Skip Higgins and forwarded to me. It was written by a descendant, Mary Mulligan Konik, for the Detroit Genealogical Society and published by the Society.

Sylvester Black was born in Cherry Valley, New York, in 1803. His parents were Rufus Black and Lois Riley. He married Mehitable Smith, daughter of Caleb and Charlotte (Soule) Smith in 1830. Caleb Smith's father, John D. Smith, and the father of Lois Riley, Julius Riley, were veterans of the Revolutionary war.

Sylvester Black and Mehitable Smith had six daughters, Laura, the oldest married James Whaley in 1848. Adeline married Sabien Gibbs, destined to be the Tuscola County Sheriff, Lucy married Dwight (or Demeric) S. Mott, Emily married James North of Vassar, and Anna remained single. She taught school in the Caro School System for fifty years.

Sometime around 1850, Sylvester came to Tuscola County, Michigan, from Geauga County, Ohio, to purchase land for his family. After the land was purchased and the log cabins built, Sylvester sent for his family.

Mehitable, accompanied by her parents, Caleb and Charlotte (Soule) Smith; her brother Albert and his wife Rachel; her daughters; her grandchildren, Eliza, Alice and Albert Whaley; and at least two son-in-laws, D.S. Mott and James Whaley, journeyed to Cleveland and there embarked on a lake ship for the journey to Detroit. They were met by Sylvester with wagons and horses to complete the trip to Northville, Michigan, as Vassar was then called, where they found the log cabins awaiting them. They settled in on the land, farmed and helped to harvest the white pine lumber that grew so plentifully at that far-off time.

From what can be gleaned from contemporary records, Mary's account appears to be accurate in almost every respect. As of the 1850 census Sylvester Black was already in Tuscola County, Michigan living with four others and "farming," while his wife and children remained in Newbury Township, Ohio, living between her brother Albert and parents on one side and brother Nathan on the other. Exactly when the rest of the family made the journey to Michigan is a bit more difficult to pinpoint. If it is true that the members of the family mentioned in the account above traveled en masse to Michigan after the birth of Laura's third child, Albert, then the journey would probably have been made in the late spring or summer of 1851.

Entries of land purchases in Tuscola County show Sylvester Black buying land on 17 July 1850 and again on 5 May 1851, brother-in-law Albert Smith purchasing land on 13 December 1850 and 1 January 1851, and Nathan Smith on 7 May 1852 and 21 October 1853. In addition, one of Mehitable's daughters and one of Albert's daughters got married in Michigan in the latter half of 1852. Thus, it is most probable that the main party of eighteen individuals (Albert's three children should have been included in Mary's narrative, while D. S. Mott, even if he was a member of the party, had not yet married into it) made the lake crossing and journey by wagon in the late spring or summer of 1851. And, though he is not mentioned in Mary's account, Nathan and his family of eight were probably also in Tuscola County by 1852 or 1853.

And a wilderness it must have been. Though the first white family settled permanently in Tuscola Township in 1836 there were, by 1850, only 291 people, 12 farms and 390 acres of "improved land" in the entire county. The extended family of Caleb and Charlotte (Soule) Smith all settled in Tuscola Township in the southwestern part of the county taking up lands in Sections 11, 12 and 14, just to the west and southwest of what would become the village of Vassar. A reminiscence by a pioneer

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What's In A Picture?

physician to the village of Vassar made the following comment:

“The first resident family (of Vassar) was that of Leander W. VanKleeck; Mr. North’s family came in June, 1850, and the same year O. A. Gibbs, Jacob Alber, Chauncy Furman, Mr. Waterman, and some others. It was some time during this year that J. D. Smith and Sylvester Black located about two miles below Vassar, their clearings being the only ones between (the village of) Tuscola and here.”

The Cass River, which flows southwest through the village of Vassar and the southern half of Tuscola Township, including Section 14, on its journey to the Saginaw River, was for many years during the timbering of the area in the 1860s and 1870s, a major highway for the transport of logs. An 1883 county history said of those early days:

“As early as 1852 the lumbering operations on the Cass had assumed such proportions as to work an entire relief to the settler who had previously found it so difficult to make sale of his products. A home market was established at prices frequently in excess of those governing outside by more than the difference of cost for transportation, and it became a frequent occurrence for the farmer after having effected a sale to the lumbermen of the surplus products of the farm, to engage for the service of himself and team, likewise his wife and family, in the camp during the winter following. This state of things continued for many years and it was only within a few years past that the lumbering operations have become so curtailed as to fail to provide winter employment for all the surplus labor of men and teams.”

Caleb, Albert and Nathan Smith all were farmers, as was Mehitable’s husband, Sylvester Black. So, too, were Albert’s son and two of Nathan’s three sons. The daughters of those three, however, married men of varied backgrounds and occupations. In fact, the thirteen daughters of Mehitable, Albert and Nathan are an interesting lot. Eleven of the thirteen are known to have married, four of them twice, one three times and one four times. Given the nineteenth century norm, they had relatively few children, thirty one in all, with only one woman having more than four children. One married into the prominent family of the first permanent settler of Tuscola Township, Ebenezer Davis. Another married into the equally prominent family of one of the two founders of the village of Vassar, Townsend North, from whence came the community’s first name of Northville. A third married a man who had been the first Tuscola County Treasurer and a fourth married the Principal of the Vassar School.

Once settled onto the land in Tuscola Township, the family put down deep roots. Caleb and Charlotte Smith are buried in Riverside Cemetery in the village of Vassar, as are their three children, Mehitable, Albert and Nathan, and their spouses. Five of the six daughters of Sylvester and Mehitable Black, as well as their spouses are laid

to rest in the same cemetery, as are all three of Albert’s children and their spouses. Four of Nathan’s eight children and their spouses are also to be found in Riverside Cemetery, together with a husband of a fifth child. In all I have found sixty members of Caleb and Charlotte’s extended family buried in that one cemetery, representing six generations of descendants of George Soule, the *Mayflower* passenger.

Before leaving the haunting photograph of that strong, pioneering woman, I wish to share one other thing I discovered while tracing her descendants. The name Charlotte was not a common one within the Soule family at the time of the birth of William’s daughter in 1790. None of William’s siblings bore the name Charlotte, nor was there a Charlotte amongst the siblings of William’s father Edward. Indeed, there are no Charlotte Soules at all to be found amongst the first four generations of descendants of George Soule. William’s daughter may be the first Soule woman of that name, though William’s younger brother John also appears to have named a daughter Charlotte, and we don’t have a birth date for her.

However, once introduced, the name reverberated down through the next five generations of Charlotte Soule’s descendants. She named her eldest daughter Charlotte *Smith*, and that daughter named her eldest daughter Charlotte *Squires*, and that granddaughter named her first child Lenora Charlotte *Snow*. Son Albert Smith named his younger daughter Charlotte, and his older daughter named her third daughter Charlotte *Davis*. In all I have uncovered thirteen Charlottes amongst Charlotte Soule’s descendants; one child, two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren and at least two great great great grandchildren.

It is hoped that sometime in the not too distant future the research undertaken to illuminate this family can be uploaded to the Soule Kindred website in a format that will allow other interested SKA members to correct, clarify and extend what I have done. In the interim, I am happy to share the information I have obtained with anyone who contacts me.



***The arc of daughter** Charlotte’s life differs significantly from that of her younger siblings, Mehitable, Albert and Nathan. You can read more about Charlotte Smith’s family on the Soule Kindred website at www.soulekindred.org/index.php/articles.

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2012 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.

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2. Proven lineage to Mayflower Pilgrim George Soule (attach pages)

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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:
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Obituaries

Dorothy (Smith) Harrigill (5/23/1923-12/21/2011)

Dorothy was born in Baton Rouge, LA, where she met her husband, Gerry Harrigill, in first grade. She was the daughter of George and Nita Priest (Smith) Utley, and had lived in Tulsa, OK, since 1964.

Dorothy taught her family the value of love, service, and generosity as a Cub Scout Den mother, Campfire and Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, and the “go-to” mom for all the neighborhood. She also volunteered with the Emergency Infant Service and was a long-time member of the Brookside Lion Tamers.

Dorothy (George, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Wesson, James, Wesson, Hiram, Harriet (Soule) Smith, George Utley) became a member of Soule Kindred in 1982 and a Life Member in 1987.



Soule Kindred member **Joyce Elaine (Henson) Zoch**, died February 26, 2012. She was 53 years old.

Joyce loved American history and her heritage. She also loved genealogy and helping others discover their family heritage.

She was the founder and first President of Delaware’s “Caleb Ross”, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Chapter #2635 in Seaford, DE. She also was a member of Seaford’s “Mary Vining” Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter #216, the First Families of Mississippi, and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants through George Soule (George, George, William, Benjamin, Joshua, Isaiah, Lennon, Oren, Lydia B. (Soule) Henson, John E.).

James Theodore Soules (George, John, Moses, Isaac, Moses, Bildad William, Nealon, Francis Marion, Francis Marion, Luther Hugh) died September 25, 2011 at age 88 in Cedartown, GA. His parents were Luther Hugh and Blanche (Harper) Soules. He is the brother of William Fred Soules.

During World War II, James served as a B24 bomber pilot in the Army Air Corps. After earning a degree in Agronomy, James traveled the world with the U.S. Agricultural Service and the Rockefeller Foundation and as International Vice President and later President of Rome Plow Company. He received the U.S. Army’s Outstanding Civilian Service Award for his work during the Vietnam War.

James became a member of Soule Kindred in 1997.



Long-time Soule Kindred member, **George Alan Soule, 81**, died December 24, 2011 in St. Paul, MN. He was born in Fargo, ND, to George Alan and Ruth (Knudson) Soule.

George attended Carleton College in Northfield, MN, where he graduated Summa cum Laude and won a Rotary Fellowship to attend the University of Cambridge. He joined the Carleton faculty in 1964 and retired as Professor Emeritus from the English Department in 1995. From 1998 to 2009 he taught in Northfield’s Cannon Valley Elder Collegium. He also lectured at the Wordsworth Winter School in Grasmere, England.

George (George, George, Nathan, Timothy, William, Timothy, George Hicks, George Alan) had been a member of Soule Kindred since 1969.



Susan Linette (Bragdon) Van Horn (George, John, Sarah (Soule) Wright, Mary (Wright) Gifford, Peleg, Ruth (Gifford) Mosher, Bethiah (Mosher) Mosher, Obediah, Mary A. (Mosher) Canfield, Henry Obediah, Emma Blanche (Canfield) Bruce, Muriel Canfield (Bruce) Bragdon) died September 13, 2011 at age 77 in Terre Haute, IN. Her parents were Hugh C. and Muriel C. (Bruce) Bragdon.

Susan was a professional pianist for United Service Organization (USO) of New York City. She also was a featured pianist for the Southern California Motion Picture Council and featured pianist and soloist in concert tours in Japan, Republic of Korea, Wake and Midway Islands, and the U.S.

In addition to her membership in Soule Kindred, Susan was also a member of 23 additional Genealogical Societies, including the Hereditary Order of the Presidents and First Ladies of America.

PAST PRESIDENT REMEMBERED

William Fred Soules, age 93 and a long-time member of Soule Kindred, died on February 8, 2012 in Waco, TX. Fred was born in Mills County, TX, to Luther Hugh and Blanche (Harper) Soules.

He married Sibyl Skinner in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. navy in 1942, serving in the "Seabees" 34th Construction Battalion in the Pacific Theater. He was injured in battle and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

After graduating from Texas A&M with a degree in Civil Engineering, Fred started a private engineering practice and was highly respected for his civil engineering expertise throughout the southern border states. He was a lifetime member of the Society of Professional Engineers.

Fred (George, John, Moses, Isaac, Moses, Bildad William, Nealon, Francis Marion, Francis Marion, Luther Hugh) became a member of Soule Kindred in 1969 and a Life Member in 1972. He served as President from 1970-1971 and in 1980.

Exciting News!

An index of names and places from Soule Kindred Newsletter Volumes 34 (2000) through 45 (2011) has now been completed. Many, many thanks go to Soule Kindred member Cindy Hayostek for volunteering to take on this enormous, and enormously beneficial, task.

You can view the index on the Soule Kindred website at www.soulekindred.org/index.php/documents.

Social Media



As part of our social media efforts, Soule Kindred is upgrading its Facebook page. You can like us at www.facebook.com/SouleKindred.



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2013 Soule Kindred Reunion

Planning is underway for the 2013 Soule Kindred Reunion which will be held in Meridian, MS, and hosted by George Robert Gara (Bob) & Helen Soulé in conjunction with the Soulé Live Steam Festival. The festival is held annually the first weekend in November. You can learn more about the festival at www.soulelivesteam.com or in the Winter 2011 (Vol. 45, No. 1) Soule Kindred Newsletter at www.soulekindred.org/index.php/documents.

Bob and Helen are asking interested members to help them plan a fantastic reunion. If you would like to be a member of the 2013 Reunion committee, please contact Bob and Helen at reunion@soulekindred.org.

Annual Meeting Announcement

For the first time in its 45 year history, all Soule Kindred members will be able to attend the Soule Kindred annual meeting which will be held in September. The annual meeting will utilize new technology and be offered as a webinar. Members can either call in (toll-free) or watch the webinar on their computers. Watch for more specific information in the Summer Newsletter.

Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

As reported on the Finding Your Roots website (www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/about/), the basic drive to discover who we are and where we come from is at the heart of this series. Professor Gates' goal is to "get into the DNA of American culture." He works with leading U.S. genealogists (including staff of the New England Genealogical Historical Society) to discover the unknown histories of his celebrity guests. He also traces the bloodlines of each participant through DNA analysis.

A partial list of this year's celebrities includes Barbara Walters, Cory Booker, Harry Connick, Jr., Branford Marsalis, Wanda Sykes, Martha Stewart, Margaret Cho, Robert Downey, Jr., Condoleeza Rice, Samuel L. Jackson, Rick Warren, and Kevin Bacon. What unknown histories will these celebrities discover?

The first show aired on Sunday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. EDT on PBS (check your local listings). The series runs through May 20. You can watch previously aired shows at www.pbs.org/wnet/finding-your-roots/video/.

More This and That

Duxbury, MA, Celebrates 375th Anniversary!

Duxbury, originally settled by John Alden and Myles Standish, was incorporated in 1637. That same year, **George Soule** was granted land at Powder Point in Duxbury, across the bay from Plymouth. Along with John Alden, William Brewster, Myles Standish, and other Pilgrims, he farmed the land in good weather at first, and in 1642 he and Mary moved there permanently. Later their lands expanded to include Dartmouth, Middleboro, Marshfield, and Bridgewater. Seven of George and Mary's children -- George, Susanna, Mary, Elizabeth, Patience, and Benjamin -- were born in Duxbury. In 1971 Soule Kindred dedicated a gravestone in the Old Burying Ground to the memory of George Soule.



View from Myles Standish Homestead Site

Duxbury's 375th Anniversary festivities are continuing throughout the year, but the main "birthday week" celebration is June 9-17 and includes a clambake and a picnic on the town green. You can check out all the activities and special items for sale at www.duxbury375.com/component/content/?view=featured. You can read more about Duxbury in the article titled *Soule Kindred Archives Have A Permanent Home* at www.soulekindred.org/index.php/articles.

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@wcnnet.org or (419) 872-0124. The cost is \$10.00 per plate, plus shipping.

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

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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.

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Join a committee.

- Membership
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Offer your suggestions for future research topics.

Contribute information to the Soule Kindred website.

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

Love Genealogy?

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

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