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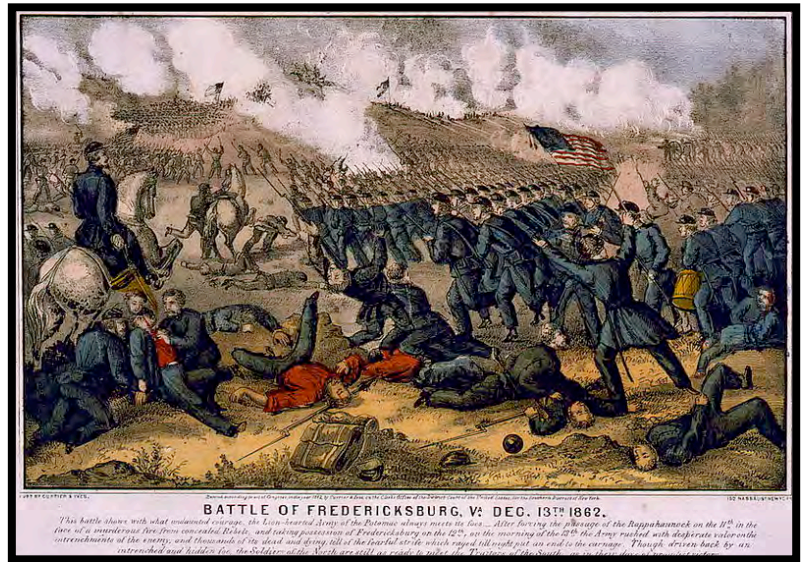
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Battle of Fredericksburg, Currier & Ives

Seven days after the bloody repulse at Fredericksburg, the 21st Connecticut camped in the bitter cold along the north bank of the Rappahannock. There, just three days before Christmas, 1862, they court-martialed their surgeon. None of the misdeeds alleged were connected with the battle.

The regiment had begun their service with three months at Arlington Heights, in the Defenses of Washington, D.C. In early December they started south, but by a circuitous route, which took them through the village of Lovettsville, in the little bulge of northern Virginia that lies just below Frederick, Maryland. At Lovettsville, "Surgeon Soule ... neglected to examine and prescribe for Private Francis Cosgrove of Company A ... who was then lying upon the ground, coughing violently and raising blood."

There were three other parts to the charge of "neglect of duty": At Wheatland, Virginia, Soule refused to examine Pvt. William McClellan, a man with a broken collarbone; on December 10th, at Fredericksburg, Dr. Soule failed to examine Cpl. Henry B. Luce, who was "helpless in his tent with fever"; the same week he failed to visit Sgt. A. L. Prentice, who was in a "dying condition." The eleven witnesses summoned told eleven different stories. All those who testified were from the

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Tradition: Ring out the old and ring in the new on January 1. Tradition: Resolve that the new year will be better, happier, more prosperous than the previous year. Tradition: Every fourth January, conduct a Presidential Inauguration with all the traditional pomp and circumstance an event such as that can muster.

Lincoln's 1860 election and subsequent inauguration in 1861 led to the secession of the southern states and, inevitably, to the Civil War. Dr. William Soule, the subject of our cover story, *Dr. William Soule is Court-Martialed*, was a surgeon during the Civil War. When he joined the war effort in 1861, Dr. Soule was practicing medicine, as the Union army surgeon general put it, "at the end of the medical Middle Ages." Was Dr. Soule neglectful or did following centuries-old medical "tradition" cause him to be court-martialed?

Tradition: Soule Kindred awards scholarships to deserving college-bound Soule descendants. You can read about the 2012 recipients on page 8.

Tradition: Soule Kindred has held reunions since 1969. This year the reunion will be held in Mississippi where Soule family tradition runs deep. Note that the date of the reunion has changed to **Friday, November 1, and Saturday, November 2**. Check out the latest reunion information on page 7.

In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, but never in want. ~ *Traditional Irish toast*

Karen L. McNally

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An account of the trial of Dr. William Soule of the 21st Connecticut Infantry accused of "neglect of duty."

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President's Corner

Greetings and Happy New Year, Soule Kindred Members!

It is an honor to serve as your Soule Kindred in America 2013 President. This year promises to be an excellent one.

Your Board of Directors is dedicated to growing and improving Soule Kindred and bringing added value to you, our members. A number of exciting projects are taking place in which you can be involved, including the Family Tree Project; the 2013 reunion, November 1-2 in Meridian, MS; the new scholarship program; a new member directory; the quarterly newsletter; and communications/social media activities on Twitter, Facebook, and our website.

The strength of every organization lies in the involvement of its membership and Soule Kindred is no exception. I encourage you to be actively engaged in Soule Kindred -- the more active you are, the more benefit you receive from membership, and the stronger the organization becomes.

There are many ways to be involved, such as visiting the website and members-only section regularly, uploading historical documents and pictures, volunteering for a committee or a project, attending the reunion and following us on Facebook and Twitter.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the other Board members regarding your interests and ideas. We want to hear from you!



President

Board of Directors Election Results

Soule Kindred held its membership-wide Board of Directors election in the late Fall of 2012 and the members voted for the slate of candidates endorsed by the Board of Directors. Julia Soule Holden, Jo Anne Makely, and Charles Everett Soule were elected to their first terms as Board members. Julia, Jo Anne, and Chuck are welcome additions as each of them brings a wealth of experience to the Board. Thank you to all who voted.

The officers of the 2013 Board are:

Helen A. Soulé, President
Karen L. McNally, Vice President
Peggy C. Jared, Secretary
Andrew B. Turner, Treasurer

The Board expresses gratitude to outgoing Board members Marcy Kelly Brubaker, Marjorie Everoski, and David Hargreave for their service. Marjorie and Dave were Board Members for two terms beginning in 2006. Dave was Vice President in 2011 and 2012, chaired the Scholarship Assessment Committee in 2012, and was a driving force behind the adoption by the Board of the Soule Family Tree and Database Project.

Marcy became 2nd Vice President in 2007 and hosted the Beverly Hills Reunion in 2009, where she was elected Co-President for 2009-2010. Marcy remained on the Board as Past President in 2011 and as a Board member in 2012, completing the remainder of the term of a former Board member who resigned. Marcy also chaired, and continues to chair, the Research Committee.

Thank you, Dave, Marcy, and Marjorie for your dedication and all your efforts to preserve Soule heritage on behalf of both current members and future generations.

Soule Court-Martialed

21st Connecticut, except for two surgeons. Capt. Joseph Jordan recalled:

While at camp near Lovettsville, I was called to look at Francis Cosgrove, who was lying by the side of the campfire, coughing and raising blood. I ordered that the surgeon be called. I went with the messenger, it being on my way to regimental headquarters, and stopped to hear what reply the surgeon made. He told the sergeant that they were 'all abed' and he could do nothing for him that night. After the surgeon refused to prescribe for Cosgrove, I reported the fact to the colonel of the regiment, who sent for the hospital steward to prescribe for him. As to Private McClellan, he came to me while we were near Wheatland, Virginia, and said that he had hurt his arm. I went with him to the surgeon's quarters. Dr. Soule said that he could do nothing for McClellan to Surgeon [Abner] Warner of the 16th Connecticut, who bandaged the shoulder and put the arm in a sling.

Zouave ambulance crew demonstrating removal of wounded soldiers from the field



Jordan also had some information about the treatment of Corporal Luce. "Luce was unable to answer the hospital call. He remained in his tent, and was examined later that day only when I called the attention of the three surgeons to him. Surgeon Smith and Dr. Soule looked at him, but did not prescribe any treatment."

The defendant then cross-examined Captain Jordan. "Exactly what time did you see Private Cosgrove lying on the ground, did you personally see what was wrong with him, and how did you know it was from the lungs and not from vomiting?" Captain Jordan, who had made no claims to being a doctor, said he did not know the exact time, but it was clearly "after candlelight"; he had personally seen blood coming from Cosgrove's mouth; and he had no way of telling what organ it came from. He added, "Cosgrove has been troubled badly with a cough ever since he joined my company, and although he is now on duty, he is about as unfit for duty as any man who is up and around." Soule then insisted that he

was not the regimental doctor assigned to Jordan's company. The captain replied, "I have never been officially notified of who our surgeon is. At various times, Drs. Soule, [Lewis] Dixon, and [Hamilton] Lee have prescribed for men in my company."

Lt. George P. Edwards recalled that at Lovettsville, after the march from Pleasant Valley, Maryland, Cosgrove was taken with violent coughing and raised blood. The surgeon did not come to see him, but later the hospital steward did, and he prescribed salt and water. Sgt. H. F. Roberts had sat next to Cosgrove and saw "blood coming from his mouth, almost a stream. Cosgrove lay down on the ground, and said he was too weak to sit up." Roberts confirmed the story of Soule, saying that he had gone to bed, but added that he called out of the tent, suggesting the use of salt water.

Surgeon Wagner of the 16th Connecticut recalled, "At camp near Wheatland, a man came to me and said he had hurt his shoulder. He was sent to me since his own surgeon would not attend to him. I examined him and found a simple fracture of the collarbone. I put his arm in a sling, and put a pack in the axilla and told him to see his own surgeon in the morning. I do not remember his name. I don't think any injury would have come by delaying the treatment until the morning."

Capt. Jeremiah Shepard stated that Prentice was his orderly sergeant and had died at 4:00 in the morning on the 9th of December. He visited Prentice at the hospital two days before the death and found him unconscious. "Dr. Soule made no prescription for him whatever, although the man was evidently dying. I also noticed on several visits that Prentice was not clean and that the bedding and ventilation were poor. Dr. Lee ordered that Prentice should have stimulants and warm bricks be placed to him, but Dr. Soule did nothing about that." Soule's first cross-examination question was, "What would you have prescribed for a dying man?" Shepard's answer, not surprisingly, was, "I don't know; I'm not a doctor!" He then went on to add that he was concerned for Prentice's comfort, as there was no hay or straw for a bed.

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The next witness was the man who had been coughing up blood. “At the time we marched from Pleasant Valley, I had a cold and was taken with coughing and raising blood. Dr. Soule did not come to see me, but the hospital steward did. The spitting of blood stopped about an hour after the salt water [maybe it does work!], but not the coughing. The next day, I was strong enough to march, but without a knapsack.”

Soule’s first defense witness was Dr. Dixon, who stated that he had been a practicing physician for eleven years. “The usual prescription I would give for spitting up blood would be salt and water. It is a favorite prescription with old-school physicians, and I think it would be good judgment to use it. The man with the injured shoulder came to Dr. Soule, who told him to bathe his shoulder in cold water and said that there were no medicines, since they were still behind with the transport.

There was no neglect on the part of Dr. Soule to prescribe. With reference to the case of Luce, Dr. Soule went up with a committee to visit the tents, and when he came back, he told me to attend to Corporal Luce, which I did.” The witness also spoke to the problem with Prentice’s bedding, saying that neither hay nor straw was available, and Prentice was kept as clean as possible under the circumstances. His final statement explains some of the conflict in the regiment. “I have heard Captain Jordan make threats against which men were too sick to march. Soule thought men should march who Captain Jordan thought were too sick for the march.”

William Smith, a surgeon with the 103rd New York, had been in practice since 1846. He also endorsed the use of salt and water for spitting blood and described it as “a good astringent and a domestic remedy.” He thought the hospital under the charge of Dr. Soule was in good condition and the patients well cared for. As for the dying Prentice, “If a man is insensible [unconscious], and apparently suffering no pain, there is no need for treatment.” He also spoke to the relatively benign aspects of fractured clavicle but admitted that a compound fracture could be a very dangerous injury.

Lt. Hiram Richmond, the regimental quartermaster, stated that for six days it was impossible to get any straw for the hospital beds, and he, too, had heard Captain Jordan make threats about Dr. Soule. Pvt. Aaron Eldridge had been a nurse at the hospital and confirmed that Prentice had been unconscious for the twenty-four hours before his death. “The night before he died, Prentice had an involuntary discharge. His drawers were then taken off and he was kept as clean as he could be. I fed him gruel three times a day. The last day, both Dr. Lee and Dr. Soule made an examination, and said that he would die.” Pvt. John Simmons, another hospital nurse, confirmed that Prentice was washed every day and seen by the doctor every day. The hospital steward, James S. Barber, recalled that Dr. Soule had paid so much attention to the dying Prentice that Barber thought that Soule might “be acquainted with him.”



Field Hospital at Savage Station, VA

The penultimate witness was Dr. Warner, who was called back to testify again. He also spoke of the benefits of salt water but said it was for hemorrhage of the lungs, not for hemorrhage of the stomach. The court asked him, “Would it not be in your opinion neglect to prescribe in a case of vomiting blood without examining the patient?” Warner sidestepped the question deftly: “I think he should have made such an examination, unless he had a previous knowledge of the case.” Closing out the witness parade was the hospital steward, James S. Barber, who spoke of the man with the broken collarbone. “That night, Dr. Soule asked the man if he had broken anything. In the morning, he set the bone and excused the man from duty.”

The court rendered their verdict: not guilty. This conclusion was approved by the much-wounded Maj. Gen. John Sedgwick, best known for his last words: “They couldn’t hit an elephant at this distance.”

Two months after his court-martial, Soule resigned. On the back of his letter, someone has written, “Surgeon’s [sic] Soule’s usefulness is much impaired by reason of difficulties with the officers of the regiment. A change in his department would be highly beneficial to the service.”

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Soule Court-Martialed

[AUTHORS'] COMMENT: In many ways, Soule's treatment ideas met the standards of practice. Salt and water for coughing up blood was a well-accepted (if utterly useless by today's standards) remedy. Uncomplicated fracture of the clavicle is still treated with the simplest of bandages. Poor Sergeant Prentice, unconscious and dying, was apparently not in pain, so no specific treatment seemed indicated.



Battle of Fredericksburg: The Army of the Potomac crossing the Rappahannock

The defect in Soule's behavior seemed to be a lack of initiative, bordering on callous indifference. Cosgrove's comrades, facing a great battle, might well have wondered, "Will the doctor exert himself for *me* if I am wounded or sick?"

Whatever technical advances occur, a physician has a duty to reassure. The ancient joke about the two factors needed for a successful practice (gray hair for a look of dignity; hemorrhoids for a look of concern) has more than a little truth to it. Surely, Soule's professors at Yale had told him that. Every real doctor has had night duty and knows that "being abed" will not do as an excuse.

In 1890 he applied for a pension, saying that he had been sick with chills and fever (probably malaria) since 1862, was ruptured, and was totally deaf in one ear. In 1900 he died in a carriage accident at Jewett City, Connecticut. Four years later his widow, Martha, applied for a pension, but she was turned down, because she had an income in excess of \$250 a year.

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United States Civil War. Caption reads: Unknown location. Zouave ambulance crew demonstrating removal of wounded soldiers from the field. [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

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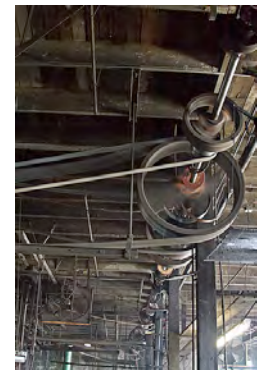
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Soule Kindred 2013 Reunion November 1-2, 2013 Meridian, MS

Join us for the Soule Kindred 2013 reunion in Meridian, MS, on **Friday, November 1,** and **Saturday, November 2,** (*note: this is a change from the dates previously published*) to learn about how Soule descendants lived and worked in the South. Meridian has been home to the Soulé family for more than 115 years.

Our visit coincides with one of the most popular and anticipated events of the year in Meridian, the *Whistle Stop Weekend*, which is the combination of the Meridian Railfest and Soulé Live Steam Festival. Located on the site of Soulé Steam Feed Works, a manufacturing company which began operation in 1896, the Festival will feature live demonstrations of vintage steam engines as well as an operating machine shop from the early 1900s. There are also other demonstrations including a potter's wheel, broom making, spinning wheel and weaving loom. As part of the reunion program, we are planning a special tour of the original offices of Soulé Steam Feed Works where we will hear some first-hand accounts of the history of Soulé family members in the South. The Railfest will feature visiting railroad rolling stock as well as model railroad exhibits.



Soulé Steam Feed Works drive shaft, the longest operating one in the country.



Dentzel Carousel

We are planning other optional activities for those who want to stay over the weekend. These have not been finalized, but options include a tour of Merrehope, the only Antebellum home in Meridian, and the F. W. Williams house, a restored Victorian home; a visit to the Dentzel Carousel, built in 1896 and the only one of its kind in the South; and a visit to the Jimmie Rogers (father of country music) Museum. For those with southern roots, the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History is a fully certified archives and record center for research which holds records of more than 100 families in its research rooms and offers more than 90 publications including church histories, marriage records, indexes and abstracted newspaper articles.

Transportation options are many. Meridian is easily accessible by auto, being located at the intersection of Interstate 20 and 59, 93 miles from the capital, Jackson; 11 miles from the Alabama border; and 134 miles from Birmingham, AL. It has an airport that is served by Silver Airways (also called Island Air), a Delta partner. Meridian also has train service provided by the Amtrak rail system at the newly restored train depot. One could also fly into Jackson or Birmingham and rent a car to drive to Meridian. Hotel accommodations and the full schedule of events will be announced in the Spring Newsletter. Contact reunion hosts Helen and Bob Soulé at reunion@soulekindred.org if you have questions or would like to help plan the reunion.

2012 Soule Kindred Scholarship Recipients



Katherine Jane Dutton is awarded the 2012 *George Soule Memorial Scholarship*.

Katie is the daughter of David W. and Judith A. Smit Dutton of Milford, Massachusetts. Her aim is to become an ER nurse in an area of the world where there is great need. In July she took a trip to Peru to work with a team of doctors and nurses. This was through The Christian Emergency Relief Team. They set up clinics to serve the Peruvian people.

Katie has been a straight A student in high school and for two semesters at Quinsigamond Community College during her senior year of high school. She was on the Merit List both semesters at the college

Katie's outside activities have included being a shadow at a veterinary clinic, Inner City Soup Kitchen worker and a tutor at Quinsigamond community college in biology, anatomy, physiology and college algebra. She also shadowed at Milford Regional Hospital in the ER to see if she would be able to handle the job.

Katherine's parents are very supportive of her goals "but because they want to instill in me the value of education, they are entrusting me with the responsibility of paying for college. To avoid debt, I only take as many classes per semester as I can afford. Thus the money for this scholarship would enable me to move closer to my goal by allowing me to finish college sooner."

Amber Jane Peabody of Thompsonville, Michigan, is the recipient of the *Bertha Soule Erickson Memorial Scholarship* for 2012. She is the daughter of Lorne R. and Dawn Farnsworth Peabody.

Amber will be a student in the Engineering Department of Michigan Technological University studying biomedical or environmental engineering. She has had many opportunities in science which helped her in developing her future goals. She attended a Lake Superior College "Women in Technology" summer camp and a Rotary "Life Leadership" conference through participation in a PASSES Edge and Langford Teams Training – teaching her skills as part of a workplace team. She also attended the Manufacturing Technology Academy in Traverse City, MI.

Some of Amber's other interests include track and field, cross country, being a member of three state champion and three runner-up teams. In the community she was active in 4-H, volunteered at the local library and assisted at many 5K runs and triathlons.



Amber was Salutatorian of her class and a member of the National Honor Society.

The *Avis Roberson Haner Memorial Scholarship Award* was received by **Amelia N. Jones**. She is the daughter of Rea V. and Marylou Van Denburgh Jones.



Amelia was active in a variety of activities in high school including, but not limited to, Chamber Singers, Pit Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Line-n Cue (Drama club), tennis, Ski Club and gymnastics. She participated in Science Olympiad and was a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club. She was also active in Girl Scouts and her church as a junior counselor at its Camp Days.

Amelia's aspiration is to become a pediatrician. To attain this goal, she is attending Gordon College majoring in kinesiology with a minor in music.

Her Physics teacher says of her, "She is an intellectual who enjoys learning about all aspects of life and one who strives to challenge herself. I have no doubt that Amelia will be successful in the field of medicine or anything she puts her extraordinary mind to."

Submitted by **B.J. Haner**
Chair, Scholarship Committee

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SOULE LINEAGE (if known or if you have not already provided this information): _____

Sample: George, Nathan, John, Asa, Mary (Soule) Smith, Adele (Smith) West, Joshua West... [PLACE MAIDEN NAMES IN PARENTHESES.] If you need assistance with your lineage, contact familytree@soulekindred.org.

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This and That

Spotlight on: Soule Family Tree Project Committee

Have you ever thought about becoming a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants or applying for membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but have no idea where to begin? Well, Soule Kindred just might be able to help you.

The Soule Family Tree Project (SFTP) Committee, which was established in 2010 to assist Soule Kindred members with identifying their lineage back to Pilgrim George Soule and is currently chaired by Judy Hughes, recently expanded its charter. With the Board's approval, the SFTP Committee will now also provide direction to members wishing to apply to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, Daughters of the American Revolution, and other hereditary organizations. Although committee members will not provide actual documentation, prepare an application for membership, nor guarantee acceptance into a particular hereditary society, they will happily suggest genealogical sources and resources and work with you to provide whatever guidance and assistance they can.

The SFTP Committee has also taken on the task of publishing the 2013 Membership Directory and in 2013 will be implementing and overseeing the online Soule Family Tree and Database Project (see Vol. XXXXVI, No. 4, p. 7 for more information). Look for your new Membership Directory sometime in early summer and for more information on the Soule Family Tree project as the year progresses.

Contact Judy at familytree@soulekindred.org to take advantage of the expertise and assistance of the SFTP Committee volunteers or to become a Soule Family Tree Project volunteer yourself.



Board Notes...

from the October 6, 2012 Meeting.

The Board received and filed the Treasurer's report which anticipates ending the year under budget.

The Board voted to **publish a directory in 2013** due to the large increase in new members.

The Board voted to set aside **\$1000 to fund new research on Mary Beckett**.

The Board voted to set aside **\$1000 to fund collaborative research** with Caleb Johnson and/or others **on the origins of George Soule**.

The Board approved **a donation of \$500 to the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum** (www.leidenamericanpilgrimmuseum.org/Page12.htm) run by Dr. Jeremy Bangs, author of *Travellers and Sojourners - The Pilgrims, Leiden, and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation*.

The Board voted that **the same criteria and selection mechanism be used in selecting all scholarship recipients** (see description of selection criteria in Vol. XXXXVI, No. 2, p.12).

The Board approved the **purchase and installation of the The Next Generation Familytreemaker-like software program** (see announcement of this program in Vol. XXXXVI, No. 3, p. 7).

Meet the Soule Kindred

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More This and That

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.

Give the Gift of Membership

If you're looking for something unique for friends and family, consider a Soule Kindred gift membership. It's a gift that gives all year, supporting our work while informing your loved ones about their family history. To purchase a membership as a gift or for yourself, simply visit soulekindred.org. Memberships are essential to our present and future as we honor the past.



Give a Donation

And support the preservation of Soule heritage for future generations. To donate online, visit soulekindred.org, click on Donate, and choose the Colonel John Soule Research and Publication Fund, the Soule Kindred Memorial Scholarship Fund or the General Support Fund.

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.

Submit articles or milestones to the Editor.

Be an active participant on our Facebook group page at www.facebook.com/groups/31193675886/.

Offer your suggestions for future research topics.

Contribute information to the Soule Kindred website.



Like our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/SouleKindred.



Follow us at www.Twitter.com/SouleKindred.

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

RootsTech Family History & Technology Conference March 21-23, 2013 Salt Lake City, UT

The conference helps individuals learn and use the latest technology to get started or accelerate their efforts to **find, organize, preserve** and **share** their family's connections and history. Over 4,000 attendees representing 46 states, six Canadian provinces, and 23 additional countries attended the 2012 conference. Discounted Early Bird registration now available at www.rootstech.org.

New Members October - December

- Abigail daSilva, MD
- Clara daSilva, MD
- Shirley Dutton, ME
- Delbert Dyche, NM
- Heidi Eggebrotten, WA
- Connor Ervin
- Jonathan Gaudlitz, TX
- David Gregory, MO (Sept.)
- Robert Maehre, MD
- Brigit Mahon-Soukup, CO
- John Poe, FL
- Adam Rothermel, CT
- Dianne Saario, CA
- Sheila Schroder, OR
- Molly Schulte, KS
- Weston Sherman, GA
- Diane Swenson, MA

REMINDER!

If you haven't already done so and your membership renewal date was January 1, 2013, now is the time to renew your membership in Soule Kindred.

Members receive the quarterly Soule Kindred Newsletter, assistance with their Soule lineage, guidance on applying to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and other hereditary associations, access to the members-only portion of the Soule Kindred website, invitations to the Soule Kindred reunions, and a membership directory as well as the opportunity to connect with cousins, both distant and close. You can renew your membership or purchase a gift membership online at www.soulekindred.org (where you can pay online or download membership renewal and application forms) or contact the Membership Chair, Andy Turner at membership@soulekindred.org. You will also find a membership form on page 9 of this newsletter.

**DON'T MISS OUT!
RENEW TODAY!**

Answers to Fall 2012 Trivia questions:

1) No - the compact was signed by 41 male passengers; 2) One - a sailor; 3) No pumpkin pie was served

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Please help by notifying us at editor@soulekindred.org that you prefer to view the newsletter on the Soule Kindred website and no longer wish to receive a paper copy via regular mail.

Thank you for helping Soule Kindred go “green”.

