



# Soule Kindred Newsletter

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for Future Generations*

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## **Martha (Soule) Ricketson** by Keith L. Kingman

**M**artha (Soule) Ricketson is my fourth great-grandmother and the last of my ancestors to bear the Soule surname. Martha was the daughter of Benjamin Soule and Elizabeth Davis who appear in the Mayflower Society Descendants of George Soule as (Family #531 in Part Three of the fifth and sixth generations). She was the granddaughter of Joseph Soule and his unknown spouse who appear as (Family #125 in the sixth edition of the first four generations). Martha's relationship to her parents and grandparents was recently discovered by Louise Throop prior to the publication of these books.

Her father, Benjamin, was probably born in Dartmouth, MA, and was likely a part of a sizable contingent of Soules and other Quaker families who migrated to Dutchess County, NY, around the late 1730s or early 1740s. He would have been an adolescent, accompanied perhaps by his mother or some other Soule relative.

Martha, born in Dutchess County, was one of eight children and was likely a twin of her sister, Ruth, born on 15 Oct 1765. She was probably a member of the Oblong Quaker Meeting near Pawling, NY. The Meeting House served in the Revolutionary War as a hospital and still stands in a wooded area called Quaker Hill.

In about 1780, Martha married Abednego Ricketson, who was also a descendant of Quakers from Dartmouth, MA. They had fourteen children, the eldest three were born in Dutchess County; the next were born in Watervliet, Albany Co., NY, where they appear in the 1790 census; and the remaining nine were all born in Peru, Clinton Co., NY, where the family appears in the 1800 census.



**Oblong Meeting House, Dutchess Co., NY**

The principal town in Clinton County is Plattsburgh, near smaller villages including Peru, Ausable, Peaselyville and Keeseville where the Quaker families resided. Clinton County lies on the shores of

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"Like branches on a tree, our lives may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one." Author Unknown

It was evident how true that statement is at the Soule Kindred reunion in Meridian, MS, in November 2013, with Soule Kindred members and family from the East and West, North and South in attendance. You can read about the reunion on page 6.

And, although some members of Martha (Soule) Ricketson's family not only moved across the country, but also left their Quaker faith behind, they clearly cherished their roots as evidenced by the preserved letters/remembrances quoted in our cover story.

Of course, George and Mary (Beckett) Soule's descendants have dispersed in all directions over the last 400 years and "yet our roots remain as one." We thank you all for your membership and devotion to Soule Kindred.

On another note, I do apologize for the delay in getting this issue to press. Fall 2013 was to be my last issue, but we have not as yet identified a new editor. Because the newsletter/communications survey results (see page 8) reiterated to us the importance of the newsletter to our members, I agreed to continue, but after four years, it is truly time for me to step aside. **If you are interested in becoming editor or submitting an article, please contact me at [editor@soulekindred.org](mailto:editor@soulekindred.org).**

Karen L. McNally

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## President's Corner

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*Greetings Soule Kindred Members!*

*I hope that each of you have had a happy healthy start to 2014, in spite of this cold, snowy winter. Once again, it is an honor to serve as your Soule Kindred in America President.*

*Your Board of Directors continues to be dedicated to growing and improving Soule Kindred and bringing added value to you, our members. Here are a few 2013 highlights:*

*A successful 2013 Reunion was held in November in Meridian, MS, where our own Keith Kingman previewed the new Soule Family Tree Database. We honored outgoing Board members Andrew Turner and Anna Bristol, and generally enjoyed getting to know our Soule cousins better.*

*Also in Meridian, your Board began creating Soule Kindred's first-ever 3 year strategic plan (2014-2017) to be completed by July 2014. Let us hear your ideas about SKA's goals and objectives.*

*2013 brought exciting news on the research front. Caleb Johnson's research produced significant information about the origin of Mary Beckett and was published in the Mayflower Quarterly, as well as in our newsletter.*

*Soule Kindred membership continues to grow and I encourage you to get involved in SKA. What can you do? Here are a few examples of ways to become active:*

*~Volunteer to serve on one of our committees: Scholarship, Research, Family Tree, Membership, Communications (contact Helen Soule if you are willing to serve)*

*~Put your genealogical history into the Family Tree Database (contact Keith Kingman for information)*

*~Have a talent for or interest in journalism? Volunteer to work on the newsletter or write an article (contact Karen McNally)*

*~Love social media? Tweet about Soule Kindred, post information to our website and/or through our Facebook page (contact Karen McNally)*

*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.*

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

*Helen Soule*

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### Board of Directors Election Results

Soule Kindred held its membership-wide Board of Directors election in the Fall of 2013 and the members voted for the slate of candidates endorsed by the Board of Directors. Keith Kingman and Jeannette Taylor were elected to their first terms as Board members and Helen Soule was elected for a second term. Keith and Jeannette 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 2014 Board are:

Helen A. Soule, President  
Jo Anne Makely, Vice President  
Julia S. Holden, Secretary  
Judith A. Hughes, Treasurer

The Board expresses gratitude to outgoing Board members Anna Bristol and Andrew Turner for their service. Anna and Andy each served for one term. Anna is the keeper of the Soule Kindred cup plates which were donated to Soule Kindred in 2011. You can contact Anna at [dabristols@wcnet.org](mailto:dabristols@wcnet.org) to order at the new low price of \$5.00 per plate. Andy was treasurer throughout his term, maintaining a high level of integrity, diligence, and an eye for detail as the guardian of Soule Kindred's finances. He also chaired the Membership Committee in 2013, and will continue to do so this year.

We're happy to welcome Helen for another term and her second year as President.

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

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## Martha Soule Ricketson

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Lake Champlain and Abednego and Martha could have witnessed the Battle of Plattsburgh during the War of 1812.

Abednego Ricketson and Martha Soule did not travel to Clinton County alone, but like the Darmouth, MA, to Dutchess Co., NY, migration, they were part of a contingent of Quaker families, several of whom were related. They belonged to the Orthodox Quaker sect and were known as "The Union", but shared their meeting house and cemetery with the Hixite Quaker sect until the Hixites built their own Meeting House.

From what we can tell from the records, "The Union" was in decline by the 1840s and by the 1860s, the last members had died and it had been disbanded. They were a very strict community and, I believe, were especially against sanctioning any marriages with someone outside of the faith. This, no doubt, was a contributing factor for its demise. The "Union" cemetery lies just behind where the Meeting House sat, and contains both marked and unmarked graves. Initially, it was the tradition not to set markers on any graves.



**Abednego Ricketson built this home in 1805.**

Abednego died in 1825 and never saw this decline, but by the time of Martha's death in 1857, the demise of the "Union" was obvious to all. One may assume that this abandonment of the community must have been very difficult for Martha. In 1833 she remarried within the faith a fellow Quaker, Peter Hallock. As in all Quaker marriages, all of the attendees give witness to the marriage and sign a certificate. A record of this marriage exists in the Clinton County archives, and there were thirty-four signatories, only five of which appear to be her relatives. At this time, most of her fourteen children and nearly all of her, by then, eighty grandchildren were still living in the area.

By the 1840s, their eldest son and my third great-grandfather, Jonathan Ricketson and his wife Esther Slyter (probably German or Dutch), had migrated to Illinois and participated in the founding of the town of Plattville in Kendall County. He was later joined in the area by the families of three more siblings. There are no records in Kendall, or any nearby county, that indicate that any Quaker community was ever established. It would appear that the children of Abednego and Martha who migrated, not only left "The Union" but also left the faith.

In 1842, a grandniece of Martha, through Martha's brother Jonathan Soule, wrote a rather charming letter to her Uncle and Aunt, relating the news of Martha's 1833 second marriage.

*9th mo. 8th 1842*

*Affectionate Uncle and Aunt:*

*Having an opportunity to send a letter by private conveyance, I thought Best to improve it. We are all enjoying pretty good health at present and hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same great blessing. Father and Mother were at Uncle Jonathan's last first day and he and his family were as well as usual, Uncle Abslomy's folks were well the last time we heard from them. Uncle George's two girls, Diana and Hebe Anny, are as well as usual, Diana lives but a short distance from here. Phebe Anny lives at Uncle Jonathan's now; Father received a letter yesterday from Grandfather's sister, Martha Hallock, at Peru. She is older than Grandfather was. She states that she is able to attend meeting generally twice a week accompanied by her husband. She says in her letter that her sister Ruth was there a short time since and spent several weeks at their house. She is a widow and lives bout eight miles from their house with one of her sons and she is still older than herself.*

*Please write and inform us where Sarah now lives and where to direct a letter to her. I must now conclude. Please send my love to all inquiring friends.*

*I remain your well-wishing niece, Matilda Soule.*

*P.S. Please excuse my poor writing as my pen is poor, and time is very short that I now have time to write.*

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## Martha Soule Ricketson

Those of Martha's grandchildren who migrated to Illinois, including my second great-grandmother, knew and remembered Martha fondly, and some could even recall their grandfather, Abednego. One of them, Phebe Ferris LaBaron, left us with these remembrances.

*My recollection of grandfather Ricketson is of a very fine looking gentleman, dressed in Quaker style; broad-brimmed hat and drab coat with very long vest and breeches buckled at the knee, with low shoes with large buckles, and grandmother with long kid gloves or mitts meeting her short sleeves above the elbow and plain cap and kerchief with a little drab shawl tied over her shoulders.*

*She, grandmother Ricketson, was quite a remarkable woman. She preached in her community as long as she was able, and then her friends met at her house, where she would be bolstered up in bed, with her Bible before her, talking to them while they gave their utmost attention, which impressed me very much as a child.*

*She married a second time, after she was seventy years old, Peter Halleck, a very fine old Quaker gentleman. They both had beautiful homes, but felt very lonely, so "formulated a petition" and visited each other's families to gain consent to their marriage, providing the contract should not affect each other's property and their marriage was consummated, both staying at their different homes, until a maiden granddaughter of Mrs. Ricketson's, Martha Davis, came to keep house for them.*

*They lived at Peter Halleck's house until his death, when Grandmother returned to her old home, to remain the rest of her life in great peace and quietness.*

Two hundred years of my Quaker ancestry, which had begun when Henry Howland and his son Seth were fined in Duxbury in 1657 "for using their homes for Quaker Meetings," ended with Martha's passing in 1857.



### NEHGS Albany Research Tour July 23-27, 2014

This is the genealogy trip for you if you are one of the many Soule Kindred members who have Soule (and other) ancestors who lived in New York at any time in the past 250+ years. You can participate in the New England Historic Genealogical Society's very popular trip to Albany and explore the New York State Library and the New York State Archives. The tour includes individual consultations, expert lectures, a reception, and a group dinner. Check out the itinerary and registration information at <http://www.americanancestors.org/Event.aspx?id=29447>

### New Members July - December

Susan Bond, OH  
Donald Brock, LA  
Pauline Cooper, TX  
Dee Flint, MI  
Sarah Gioffre, CT  
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### Meet the Soule Kindred

## Board of Directors

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## Southern Soule History at the Soule Kindred 2013 Reunion

**S**oule Kindred reunion attendees arrived on Halloween night 2013 for the first-ever reunion in Mississippi. Fortunately, there were no tricks, only treats, as they socialized at a welcome reception organized by reunion hosts, Helen and Bob Soulé.

After a bit of rain fell overnight, November 1 dawned bright and sunny. A perfect fall day for visiting the Grand Opera House and enjoying the Soulé Live Steam Festival.

Attendees heard updates on various Soule Kindred activities. Then they were off on their sightseeing adventures. First stop - the Grand Opera House.

The opera house opened in 1890 and immediately attracted some of the top performers in the world, including Sarah Bernhardt. The Grand Opera House has been restored to its original grandeur and is magnificent as you can see in the photo below.

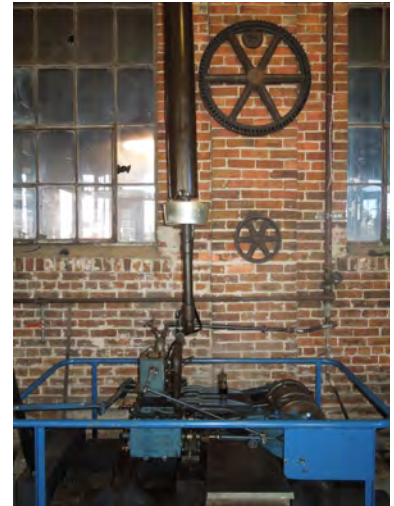
Next, having been awed with cultural might, it was time to

learn about and see first-hand some of the industrial might that has figured so prominently in the history of the United States.

And might there was with machines such as the 1905 Watts-Campbell Corliss steam engine, the longest operating line drive shaft in the country, and a Soulé Rotary Steam Engine rumbling, roaring, and, yes, steaming throughout the former Soulé Steam Feed Works. At its peak, the company, founded by George Wilberforce Soulé in 1893, shipped its products all over the world. It is now the home of the Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum which hosts the annual Soulé Live Steam Festival. You can learn more about the festival and George Wilberforce Soulé in the Soule Kindred Newsletter (Vol. XXXXV, No. 2 & No. 3).

The final stop of the day was Merrehope, an antebellum home remodeled into its current appearance in 1904, where, after a guided tour, a delicious banquet was served.

Visits to the Jimmy Rogers museum and the 1904 Dentzel Carousel on November 2 capped off a wonderful reunion. Later that day, attendees said their goodbyes and headed for home, taking with them memories of the warm hospitality of their hosts and host city and a reminder of the many contributions to the country made by George and Mary (Beckett) Soule and generations of their descendants.



Soulé Steam Feed Works



Banquet at Merrehope

### Soule Kindred 2013 Reunion in Photos



Grand Opera House



Reunion hosts, Bob and Helen Soulé

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## 2014 Soule Kindred Scholarship Application Deadline is July 1

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### Soule Kindred in America, Inc. 2014 Scholarship Application

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

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. What college or training program do you expect to attend?

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4. Are you accepted into this college or training program? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What will be your major field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. In what extra-curricular activities have you been involved? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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8. Because you are descended from a Mayflower family, you have been asked by a local group to make a presentation on the events in the Plymouth Colony during its first year of existence that led your ancestor and other surviving Pilgrims to celebrate and give thanks at the first Thanksgiving. What is it that you would say to this group?

9. Enclose two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members. (e.g., teacher, scout leader, advisor, supervisor/boss, etc.)

10. Include an official academic transcript with the application.

#### **SEND APPLICATION TO:**

**Charles E. Soule  
Scholarship Committee Chair  
Soule Kindred in America, Inc.  
P.O. Box 327  
Nantucket, MA 02554**

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# Soule Kindred Newsletter/Communication Survey Summary

by Karen L. McNally

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*The Board of Directors wishes to thank all Soule Kindred members who participated in our 2013 member-wide Newsletter/Communication survey. Your input is invaluable for the the Board as it makes decisions regarding the organization on your behalf. Below is a summary of the survey results and considerations for the Board based on those results.*

The overall response rate for the Reunion Survey was 25% (N=87). This is a good rate of response. Also, the data showed the respondents closely reflect the breakdown of member characteristics (e.g., long-time members vs. short-time members, Life Members vs. Non-Life Members). Both of these factors allow for a more accurate interpretation of the results. Here are some highlights:

- 95% of responders indicated the newsletter is somewhat important or very important to them; 95% of responders are satisfied or very satisfied with the content of the newsletter.
- 77% of responders ranked Soule Family Genealogies as one of their top 5 content categories; 71% of responders ranked Colonial/Pilgrim History as one of their top 5.
- 37% of responders indicated a frequency of newsletter publication of 2 issues per year; 34% of responders indicated a continuation of current quarterly publication.
- 45% of responders chose temporarily hiring a professional editor until a volunteer steps forward.
- 39% are likely or very likely to submit something to the editor in the future.
- 35% of responders view the newsletter electronically.
- 80% of responders access the website at least a few times per year; 77% of those who access the website have viewed the Membership Directory.
- 51% of responders prefer a frequency of contact as needed (e.g. ballots, surveys); 51% of responders prefer the Newsletter as the method of contact; 38% of responders prefer E-Mail as the method of contact.

The Soule Kindred Newsletter is important to members and members are satisfied with it. The newsletter should focus on Soules [family genealogies (ranked #1), memorable Soules, personal family stories, as well as Colonial/Pilgrim history, and should include a Soule family genealogy Q & A feature.

While members are closely split between a preference for publishing the newsletter two times per year and continuing the current quarterly publication, two-thirds, overall, are willing to accept a decrease in the number of issues per year. Members overwhelmingly do not want production of the newsletter suspended and, accordingly, indicate a willingness to pay (preferably temporarily) a professional editor. Decreasing the number of issues per year, hiring a professional editor, or doing both are options being considered by the Board, especially if no volunteer editor steps forward.

Members indicated a willingness to submit articles for publication in the newsletter. The Board is considering ways to guide and encourage those submissions.

With a high number of members accessing the website and more than a third viewing the newsletter electronically, the Board will continue to promote the effort to “go green”.

Finally, members want to hear from the Board no more frequently than quarterly, with the majority preferring an “as needed” frequency. The newsletter is the chosen method of communication.



**SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC**  
**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:familytree@soulekindred.org).

\_\_\_\_\_ ***New***                  \_\_\_\_\_ ***Renewal***                  \_\_\_\_\_ ***Gift***

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES—SELECT ONE**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership \$1,000         |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$100 per year       | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular \$35 per year              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$35.01-\$99.99 per year | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (up to age 22) \$15 per year |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Membership \$150         |   |  |

***Gift Recipient Information***

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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**WE'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Biennial Reunion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook                          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                       |   |

**...AND YOUR TALENTS:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |  |   |

Would you be interested in serving on a Committee? If yes, on which one?

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How can Soule Kindred best serve you? \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND FORM & CHECK TO:**

Soule Kindred in America, Inc. 7331 E. Rocky Creek Place, Tucson, AZ 85750  
or sign up online at [www.soulekindred.org](http://www.soulekindred.org).

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# Soule Kindred 2013 Fundraising Appeal

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During 2013 Soule Kindred conducted its first fundraising appeal in recent years. We are delighted to report that more than 40 members and friends have contributed over \$3,500 during the year. These donations help support the ongoing programs and services (scholarships, research, and general operations) of Soule Kindred, and we gratefully acknowledge the following contributors. Donations were directed to general operations (GO), research (R), and/or scholarships (S).

## **\$500 or greater**

Frederick C. Humphreys (S)

## **\$200 to \$499**

Marcy Kelly Brubaker (R) in memory of Mary Soule Kelly  
Martha J. DuBoce (GO, R, S)  
Robert E. Keldgord (S)  
Mary Flynn Palley (R)  
Janice B. Schindler (GO, R, S)  
Andrew B. Turner (GO)

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Janet E. Frame (R) in honor of John W. Soules and in memory of James T., M. Edward, and W. Fred Soules  
Jo Ann Makely (GO)  
Christine Schlosser (GO) in memory of Geraldine Sowle Schlosser  
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Norma J. Soule (R)  
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William L. Soule (S)  
Susan Thole (S) in memory of Bertha Erickson, Harold Thole and Eleanor Tucker-Jacoby  
Roger Alan Walton (GO) in memory of Hannah Ann Soule Randall

## **Up to \$99**

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Genevieve Johnson (GO)  
Marjorie Kane (R)  
Marveen Minish (R) in memory of George Soule  
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Elizabeth Radley (GO, R, S)  
Mary H. Rose (S) in honor of June Zeigler Reilly  
Kathy Schopper (R) in memory of Hazel Pistone  
Gary R. Smith (GO)  
Kate R. Soule (S)  
Virginia W. Soule (GO, S)  
Jane Steinmetz (R)  
Sharon H. Strain (S) in memory of Dorothy Smith Harrigill  
Elizabeth Werner (GO, R, S)

Every effort has been made to accurately report our donors and the information they supplied. We apologize for any errors that may have occurred; please direct any questions to Andrew B. Turner, 7331 E Rocky Creek Pl, Tucson, AZ 85750.

*Soule Kindred 2013 Development Committee*

Julia S Holden  
Robert E. Keldgord  
Charles E. Soule  
Andrew B. Turner, Chair

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## This and That

### Item for Sale New Low Price!!

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](mailto:dabristols@wcnet.org) or (419) 872-0124. The cost is \$5.00 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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.Facebook.com/SouleKindred).



Follow us at [www.Twitter.com/SouleKindred](http://www.Twitter.com/SouleKindred).

To help fulfill Soule Kindred's mission or to find out more, contact us at [volunteer@soulekindred.org](mailto:volunteer@soulekindred.org).

### Board Notes...

*from the October 31, 2013 meeting.*

The Board approved Julia Holden as temporary secretary.

The Board received and filed the Treasurer's report which **showed actual revenue and expenses in line with budgeted revenue and expenses.**

The Board voted to **recognize Caleb Johnson with an honorary membership** for his contribution to Soule Kindred.

The Board agreed to recognize the **members of the Soule Family Tree Committee with Certificates of Appreciation** for their work on the 2013 Soule Kindred Membership Directory.

Board members agreed to actively look for **writers and an editor for the Soule Kindred newsletter.**

*from the December 7, 2013 meeting.*

The Board approved a motion to **transfer \$1,000.00 from the life membership account to the operating account** in January 2014.

The Board approved a **process to dispose of extraneous material.**

The Board approved a motion to **keep a complete set of newsletters for the newsletter editor and dispose of partial sets.**

## REMINDER!

**If you haven't already done so and your membership renewal date was January 1, 2014, 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](http://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](mailto:membership@soulekindred.org). You will also find a membership form on page 9 of this newsletter.

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

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## Help Soule Kindred Go “Green”

**You can help Soule Kindred go “green” by viewing the Soule Kindred Newsletter on our website instead of receiving a paper copy via regular mail. As many of you already know, the newsletter can be accessed on the website long before it arrives in your mailbox and every page is in color.**

**Electronic delivery saves trees and it saves Soule Kindred printing and mailing costs which means more of our limited resources can be used to support Soule family research, increase the content of the newsletter and website, expand the search for Soule cousins, or for other purposes which help us fulfill our mission and preserve Soule heritage for future generations.**

**Please help by notifying us at [editor@soulekindred.org](mailto: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”.**

