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## What In The World Is The SKFTD? And Why Are We So Excited About It?

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Some of you may have heard a reference to the **SKFTD**, but most of you probably have not. Well, **SKFTD** is the somewhat unwieldy acronym for the **Soule Kindred Family Tree Database**, Soule Kindred's newest venture. Just what is the **Soule Kindred Family Tree Database**, you ask? We'll get to that in a minute but, first, a little history.

In 1926, Rev. Gideon T. Ridlon published *A contribution to the history, biography and genealogy of the families named Sole, Solly, Soule, Soule, Soulis, with other forms of spelling : from the eighth century to the present, with notes on collateral families, both foreign and American*. Soule Kindred was founded in 1967 to update Rev. Ridlon's story of George Soule's descendants and in 1980, as part of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Five Generations project, *Volume III, Mayflower Families Through Five Generations: George Soule*, co-authored by Soule Kindred Historian, Col. John E. Soule, and Soule Kindred President, Dr. Milton E. Terry, was published. Work has continued with additional updates published in 1999 (Wakefield), 2005 (Throop), 2006 (Throop) & 2011 (Throop). Additionally, in 2002, former Soule Kindred Historian, Jack Sowles, in an effort to begin computerizing information from the Soule Kindred archives, created CDs containing various indices of Soule descendants and spouses.

As the history above shows, creating and making available the complete Soule lineage has been a goal (dream?) of Soule Kindred from the beginning. Now, in 2014, technology finally allows Soule Kindred members to literally work together to build the complete Soule family tree, branch by branch and descendant by descendant to make the "dream" a reality.

The screenshot shows the website's header with "Soule Kindred Family Tree Database (SKFTD)" and "Contact Us" buttons. Below is a navigation menu on the left with links like "What's New", "Most Wanted", "Photos", "Histories", "Documents", "Videos", "Recordings", "Albums", "All Media", "Cemeteries", "Headstones", "Places", "Notes", "Dates and Reports", and "Sources". The main content area features a "Welcome!" message, a portrait of a man in a hat, and a "Log In | Register for a User Account" link. A search box is present with fields for "First Name" and "Last Name", and a "Search" button. Below the search box are "Features" and "Resources" sections. The "Features" section includes links for "George Soule Research" and "Mary Beckett Research". The "Resources" section includes links for "Ancestry", "Archives.com", "Cyndi's List", "FamilySearch", and "Find a Grave".

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## Editor's Comments

My apologies to everyone for the lack of a Spring newsletter and the late delivery of the Summer newsletter. Health issues and increased work hours conspired to keep me from my assigned duties as Editor.

That being said, I hope you will find the wait to be worth it. After several years in the making, the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database (SKFTD) is finally "ready for prime-time", as they say, and you can read all about it in the cover story, *What in the World is the SKFTD?* We hope you will be as excited about the potential of this new venture as the authors and the rest of the members of the Board of Directors are.

Also included in this issue are the 2013 Soule Kindred Annual Report (page 12) and the 2013 Financial Report Summaries (page 14).

Look for information on the 2015 Soule Kindred Reunion in Ft. Wayne, IN, in the Fall issue. Virginia Hayes of Kendallville, IN, is hosting. If you are interested in helping with the planning, you can contact Virginia at [vlhayes46755@yahoo.com](mailto:vlhayes46755@yahoo.com).

This issue marks the beginning of my fifth year editing the newsletter and, given my new work schedule, I will be unable to continue after the Fall issue. If you are interested in becoming Editor, please contact Helen Soulé at [helenasoule@gmail.com](mailto:helenasoule@gmail.com).

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## FEATURED ARTICLE

*On the Cover:*

**What In The World Is The SKFTD? And Why Are We So Excited About It?**

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Soule Kindred is embarking on a new venture and all members are invited to be a part of the journey. After years in the making, the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database (SKFTD) is finally ready for its debut.



SKFTD - George Soule's 2 generations descendant chart

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So, what is the **SKFTD**? The **Soule Kindred Family Tree Database** is a genealogy software application purchased by, and modified for, Soule Kindred in America. Essentially, it is a genealogy program similar to the Family Tree Maker, Legacy Family Tree, or Reunion program you use at home for your personal genealogy. The SKFTD has been in development and testing for over two years and is now ready for use by the entire membership.

Why are we so excited about this? Because for the first time, Soule Kindred members will be able to enter their Soule lineages in a central location and share this information directly with other members. As far as we know, Soule Kindred is the only Mayflower family association to provide an online database which not only allows members to enter their lineages, but also allows them to collaborate in real time as they do so.

### **Why did we build the SKFTD?**

There were several reasons for building our own site.

The first was **accuracy**. We have always known our Soule lineage, right? Well, not necessarily. While some members have well-documented lineages, others are still looking for that illusive connection to the original George Soule. In addition, thanks to recent updates from the Mayflower Society, other members have recently discovered new and different lineages than they previously thought to be the case. Wherever possible, this database uses the most recent information. As additional Mayflower Society publications became available, the database will be updated accordingly.

Another problem has been the proliferation of information on the internet that is not always accurate. Who among us hasn't tried to chase down some ancestor and, just when we thought we had struck gold, run into some logic problem that cast doubt on the accuracy of the source? Inaccurate information travels at the same nanosecond-speed as accurate information. We are striving to avoid misinformation by asking for source documentation as much as possible.

**To build the most robust online site** for Soule genealogy on the internet. While some people have spent many hours gathering Soule lineages, we felt that with our breadth of membership, we could surpass anything that one individual could create. We want to become recognized as the best online site on the internet. It is our **joint effort** that will be our ultimate strength.

**Increasing membership.** Only members will be able to enter their lines and view all of the existing lineages, but non-members will be able to access an index of all names in the database. Hopefully, non-members who share a surname or recognize a shared ancestor's name will join Soule Kindred in America, enter their own lineages, and enjoy the other benefits of membership. *You can view the surname page and a sample list of George Soule descendants on page 4.*

**Helping members find and better understand their lineages.** While the Family Tree Committee strives to assist members with completing their lineages, it can only do so much. As the database grows, the possibility of finding that missing link also grows.

**Having fun!** It's fun to learn, and it's fun to be a part of something larger than one's self. We enjoy seeing and sharing our own research efforts in a public repository. So will you. We enjoy learning that some of our early non-Soule ancestors connect with other members though non-related lines. So will you. We enjoy fixing our mistakes. So will you. We enjoy learning about better source documentation. So will you. We enjoy genealogy and like the fact that we descend from George Soule. We know you do, too!

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Surname List

Show surnames starting with

[no surname] { A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W Y }

Show all surnames (sorted alphabetically)

Top 30 surnames (total individuals):

- |                     |                    |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. SOULE (301)      | 21. RICKETSON (22) | 21. BROWNELL (9)   |
| 2. PETERSON (57)    | 22. REMINGTON (21) | 22. DRINKWATER (9) |
| 3. WEST (52)        | 23. GIFFORD (18)   | 23. WRIGHT (9)     |
| 4. HASKELL (48)     | 24. BARBER (16)    | 24. DAVOL (8)      |
| 5. BARRETT (46)     | 25. SOLES (14)     | 25. HOWLAND (8)    |
| 6. HUDDLESTON (27)  | 26. DAVIS (13)     | 26. LAFUZE (8)     |
| 7. AUSTIN (25)      | 27. SIMS (13)      | 27. MANCHESTER (8) |
| 8. CHAFEE (24)      | 28. WESTON (12)    | 28. POTTER (8)     |
| 9. KINGMAN (23)     | 29. DENNIS (11)    | 29. ALLEN (7)      |
| 10. STURTEVANT (23) | 30. BLANDING (9)   | 30. FOWLER (7)     |

Show top 100 ordered by occurrence Go

Search Results

Matches 1 to 8 of 8 for Last Name equals DAVOL AND Tree equals George Soule

Last Name, Given Name(s)	Born/Christened	Person ID	Tree
1 DAVOL, Benjamin	b. 26 Jan 1709 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I731	George Soule
2 DAVOL, Christopher	b. 27 Jan 1700 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I726	George Soule
3 DAVOL, Hannah	b. 4 Apr 1707 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I730	George Soule
4 DAVOL, Jonathan	b. 4 Aug 1711 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I732	George Soule
5 DAVOL, Joseph	b. ca. 1681 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I725	George Soule
6 DAVOL, Joseph	b. 15 Dec 1703 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I728	George Soule
7 DAVOL, Lydia	b. 3 Apr 1701 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I727	George Soule
8 DAVOL, Mary	b. 14 Jul 1705 Dartmouth, Bristol Co., Massachusetts	I729	George Soule

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## How is the SKFTD site set up?

We begin with one **Family Tree** which is called George Soule. There are no other trees. In that tree we have pre-entered the first four generations of Soule descendants on your behalf. We used the *George Soule of the Mayflower and his Descendants for Four Generations, Sixth Edition* as our source. It was published in 2011. These first four generations are not a part of any subsequent **Branch**. While some of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Generation “Pink” books have been published, we have not entered those descendants.

It is the members’ task, (with our assistance) to begin their lineages with their 5<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor. Once you indicate your desire to enter data, we will provide you with access rights to enter your lineage from your 5<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor. Each 5<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor becomes his or her own **Branch**. *For an example of a Branch, see Karen’s ancestor chart from her 10th generation ancestor, the last one with the Soule surname, back to her 5th generation ancestor on page 6.*

Some of you will share that access with other members who descend from the same 5<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor or **Branch**. You will also want to connect your 5<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor to your 4<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor and thus, to the original George Soule of the Mayflower. Even after you are entering data on your own, we will be available to give assistance. If we cannot solve your problem at the user level, we have access to technical assistance as well.

## What features does the SKFTD provide?

### Privacy

The database allows you to hide the names of all living people by checking the “Living” box. Only the member with Editor Rights and the Administrator will be able to see living people. **A word of caution!** Since some members will share the same 5<sup>th</sup> generation ancestor, they will also be able to see all living people within that same lineage. If you don’t want any other member to ever see your living relatives, then do not enter them. Non-members will never be able to see living relatives, nor change any of your entries.

### People Feature

The database automatically assigns an individual number to every individual you enter. You only need then to follow the screens to enter birthdates and places, gender, etc. Your person will automatically be assigned to your particular Branch and of course the George Soule Tree. *An example of all the information associated with an individual, in this case, Karen’s 7th generation ancestor, John W. Soule, can be viewed on page 7.*

### Family Feature

Whenever you add a spouse or relationship, the database automatically assigns a unique family number for each spouse created. The list of family surnames always begins with the male spouse, and assumes that the children will carry the male spouse’s surname. When that is not the case, the children’s surname may be changed, but the father’s surname will remain the same. *See page 8 to view the editing page for one of the families of Karen’s 7th generation ancestor John W. Soule.*

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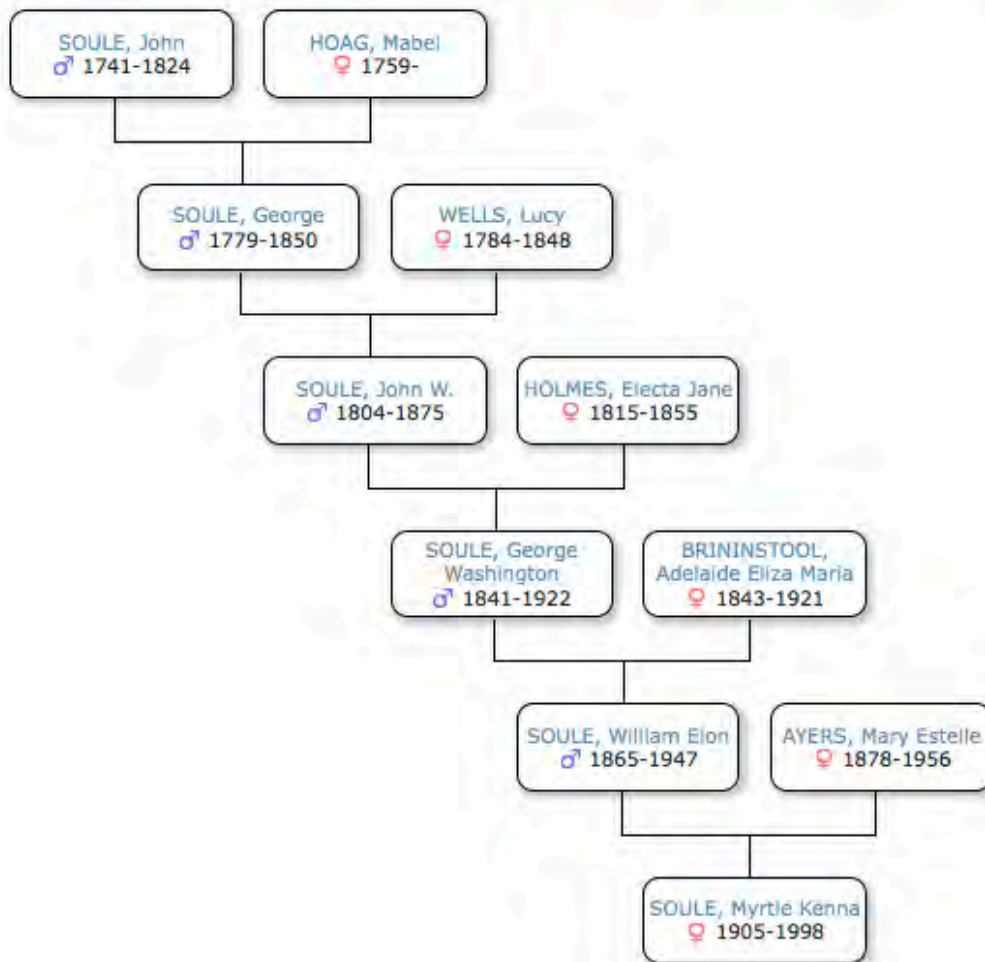


# SOULE, Myrtle Kenna

1905 - 1998 (92 years)

Individual | **Ancestors** | Descendants | Relationship | Timeline | GEDCOM | Edit

Generations: 6 | Standard | **Vertical** | Compact | Box | Text | Ahnentafel | Media | PDF



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## SOULE, John W.

1804 - 1875 (70 years)

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[Personal Information](#) | [Media](#) | [Notes](#) | [Sources](#) | [Event Map](#) | [All](#) | [PDF](#)


Name	SOULE, John W.	
Born	24 Aug 1804	Hebron, Washington Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> [1]
Gender	Male	
Occupation	Carpenter	
_UID	9433B376C4884BCAAB92E69D3A89D6E38DF2	
Died	8 Apr 1875	Jackson, Jackson Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> [2]
Person ID	I18	<a href="#">George Soule</a>   <a href="#">John Soule</a>   <a href="#">I30</a>
Last Modified	20 Jul 2004   <a href="#">Edit</a>	

Father	SOULE, George, b. 7 Apr 1779, Cambridge, Washington Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> , d. 20 Dec 1850, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a> (Age 71 years)	
Mother	WELLS, Lucy, b. 25 Jul 1784, Cambridge, Washington Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> , d. ? 18 Jun 1848, Nankin, Wayne Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 63 years)	
Married	10 Jul 1800	Hebron, Washington Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> [1]
_UID	C7703B7DC1324CE598D42D13ADE17F3C0854	
Family ID	F6	<a href="#">Group Sheet</a>

Family 1	BURDEN, Phebe Ann, b. 7 Nov 1803, Warren, Herkimer Co., NY <a href="#">P</a> , d. 18 Apr 1833, Palmyra, Wayne Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> (Age 29 years)	
Married	7 Jan 1829	Palmyra, Wayne Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> [1]
_UID	8907047CCAC948D2964D0687731BF0701BC9	
Children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOULE, Frances, b. 5 Oct 1830, Palmyra, Wayne Co., New York <a href="#">P</a>, d. 26 Mar 1903, Stockbridge, Ingham Co., MI <a href="#">P</a> (Age 72 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Arthur Montieih, b. 30 Jul 1832, d. 27 Jul 1833, Palmyra, Wayne Co., New York <a href="#">P</a> (Age 0 years)</li> </ol>	
Last Modified	<a href="#">Edit</a>	
Family ID	F11	<a href="#">Group Sheet</a>

Family 2	HOLMES, Electa Jane, b. 1815, New York <a href="#">P</a> , d. 23 Aug 1855, Ingham Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 40 years)	
Married	7 Jan 1835	Plymouth, Wayne Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> [1]
_UID	18C110C76C6A4DD8B97283A0F83BE70B1E84	
Children	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOULE, Arthur Monroe, b. 29 Oct 1835, Plymouth, Wayne Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a>, d. 8 Oct 1836, Nankin, Wayne Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 0 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Isaac H., b. 31 Aug 1837, Nankin, Wayne Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a>, d. 21 Apr 1841, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a> (Age 3 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Lucy Anna, b. 14 Apr 1839, Nankin, Wayne Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a>, d. 30 Mar 1841, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a> (Age 1 years)</li> <li>SOULE, George Washington, b. 20 Mar 1841, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a>, d. 25 Sep 1922, Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 81 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Levi Lyman, b. 15 Jan 1843, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a>, d. 26 Aug 1916, Grand Traverse Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 73 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Phebe Ann, b. 23 Aug 1844, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a>, d. 5 Jul 1845, Redford, Wayne Co., MI <a href="#">P</a> (Age 0 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Charles Henry, b. 10 Nov 1847, Lansing, Ingham Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a>, d. 8 Jan 1852, Lansing, Ingham Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 4 years)</li> <li>SOULE, Franklin Vernor, b. 7 Aug 1849, Lansing, Ingham Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a>, d. 26 Jan 1872, Jackson, Jackson Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a> (Age 22 years)</li> <li>(SOULE) DOUGLASS, John Milford, b. 11 Mar 1855, Ingham Co., Michigan <a href="#">P</a>, d. 9 Apr 1913, South Haven, Van Buren Co., MI <a href="#">P</a> (Age 58 years)</li> </ol>	
Last Modified	<a href="#">Edit</a>	
Family ID	F5	<a href="#">Group Sheet</a>

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 Families >> Edit Existing Family

Search Add New Review **Edit**

Help for this area | Expand all | Collapse all | View | Add Media

**SOULE, John W./HOLMES, Electa Jane (F5)**

 Save  Notes  Sources  Associations

Last Modified: (soulekindred)

▼ Spouses / Partners





Father:

Mother:





Living  Private Tree: George Soule Branch: John Soule I30 (▼ Edit)

▼ Events



**Note:** When entering dates, please use the standard genealogical format DD MMM YYYY. For example, 10 Apr 2004.

Married:      

Marriage Type:

Divorced:      

Other Events:

Action	Event	Event Date	Event Place	Detail
   	-UID			18C110C76C6A4DD8B97283A0F83BE70B1E84

▼ Children (9)

Sort	Child
Drag	SOULE, Arthur Monroe - I19 b. 29 Oct 1835
Drag	SOULE, Isaac H. - I20 b. 31 Aug 1837
Drag	SOULE, Lucy Anna - I21 b. 14 Apr 1839
Drag	SOULE, George Washington - I12 b. 20 Mar 1841
Drag	SOULE, Levi Lyman - I11 b. 15 Jan 1843
Drag	SOULE, Phebe Ann - I69 b. 23 Aug 1844
Drag	SOULE, Charles Henry - I70 b. 10 Nov 1847
Drag	SOULE, Franklin Vernor - I71 b. 7 Aug 1849
Drag	(SOULE) DOUGLASS, John Milford - I72 b. 11 Mar 1855

New Children:

On save:  
 Return to this page  
 Close Window

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## Sources

You may enter source information for any individual. The database will automatically assign a source number for each source you enter. The database also gathers together all source entries so they can be easily reviewed. You can see all of the individuals linked to a particular source number. You may wish to review the collection for your earlier generations to avoid duplicate entries of the same source.

The screenshot shows the SKFTD website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Logout, and (Edit Profile: soulekindred). There are also dropdown menus for Find, Media, and Info. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is "Record # 180, 1875, Jackson Co. Clerk, Jackson, MI" with "Print" and "Bookmark" icons to the right. Underneath, there are buttons for "Source" and "Edit". A dark green bar labeled "Source Information" is followed by a table with the following data:

Title	Record # 180, 1875, Jackson Co. Clerk, Jackson, MI	
Short Title	John W. Soule Death Record	
Source ID	S4	<a href="#">Edit</a>
Text	John W. Soule, death record no. 180 (1875), Jackson County Clerk's Office, Jackson, MI.	
Linked to	SOULE, John W.	

## Notes

You may add individual notes for any individual or family. These notes are also gathered together and may be reviewed.

The screenshot shows the "Notes" section of the SKFTD website. It contains the following text:

Notes

- o John W. Soule - Town 2 South - Range 9 East - Nankin Twp. Residence Washtenaw Co., MI. Sec 14 40 acres Date: 7/15/1835.

Citation: Williams, E. Gray. First Landowners of Wayne Co.

# Residence: Bef Apr 1837 Washtenaw Co, MI  
# Note: from land grant

# Event: Land 1 Apr 1837 Nankin, Wayne Co, MI  
# Note:  
Patentee: John W Soule  
Of: Washtenaw Co, MI  
Acres: 40  
Issue Date: 4/1/1837  
Aliquot Parts: SESW  
Sec / Block 14/  
Township: 2-S  
Range: 9-E  
State: MI  
Counties: Wayne

# Event: Land 22 Jun 1853 Nankin, Wayne Co, MI  
# Note: from James Stevenson and wife Lucy Ann, John R Moore and wife Elizabeth, Horace Haight and wife Lucinda, John W Soule and wife Electa J ... a quit-claim deed to Morrison Swift. SENW sec 23 Nankin 8 acres. This is the 8 acres previously owned by George Soule and sold to Morrison Swift in 1848.

## Tutorials

We have created three tutorials to help with your understanding. We will build more as needed.

## Media

You may upload photos and documents to an individual or family.

## Other Features

The database allows for the gathering and presenting of cemetery entries, place names, birthdates and anniversaries, statistics, albums, and much more.

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## So, how do you take part in this new venture?

Well, as a member of Soule Kindred, you can access the SKFTD by first going to the Soule Kindred website ([www.soulekindred.org](http://www.soulekindred.org)) and logging in using your e-mail address and password. Once you are logged in, click on **SKFTD** in the red menu bar. Then click on **SKFTD** again.

For privacy and security purposes, you will initially be asked to create a username, password, and profile (name, address, and phone number) specific to the SKFTD. All new profiles will be approved by Soule Kindred as either having editing rights, for members who wish to add lineages to the database, or viewing rights for those who just want to explore the database.\* Only dues-paying members of Soule Kindred will be granted approval. Guest Members and the public will only have access to an index of all the names in the database as shown on page 4. The approval process may take a few days, but you will receive an e-mail when your profile has been approved.

Once your profile has been approved, you'll be able to access the SKFTD using the same process described above. Log into the Soule Kindred website, click on **SKFTD** in the red menu bar, click on **SKFTD** again, and then enter your SKFTD username and password.

One way to start your exploration of the database is by clicking on **Soule Kindred Family Tree Database (SKFTD)** in the red menu bar (circle A on page 11). You'll be taken to Pilgrim George Soule and can work your way down through his descendants. Another way to begin is to search for a particular name, either using the search function or clicking on **Surnames** (circle B on page 11) to view the list as shown on page 4. Or you may want to click on **Places** (circle C on page 11) to see a list of the states where Soule descendants were born, lived, married, died, and/or were buried (*shown below*) and begin your exploration of the database from there.

**Place List** Print Bookmark

Show largest localities starting with

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P R S T U V W

Show all places containing:

Show all largest localities (sorted alphabetically)

**Top 30 largest localities (total places):**

1. New York (97)	11. Georgia (15)	21. Minnesota (9)
2. Michigan (68)	12. North Carolina (14)	22. USA (9)
3. Massachusetts (66)	13. MI (14)	23. South Carolina (8)
4. Rhode Island (48)	14. NY (14)	24. Iowa (7)
5. Indiana (41)	15. New Jersey (14)	25. Washington (7)
6. Maine (30)	16. Canada (13)	26. Kentucky (6)
7. Pennsylvania (30)	17. California (11)	27. Florida (6)
8. Connecticut (29)	18. Vermont (10)	28. Alabama (5)
9. Illinois (20)	19. Ohio (10)	29. Arkansas (4)
10. Oregon (18)	20. Wisconsin (9)	30. Mississippi (4)

\*Those members who wish to be “editors” and add their lineages to the database should indicate that interest in the Notes box when they initially complete their profiles. They will be contacted by Keith, who is the SKFTD administrator, and given instructions on how to enter their lineage.

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**A** Soule Kindred Family Tree Database Contact Us

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**Sources**

**Welcome!**

**Welcome, Soule Kindred.**  
[Log Out](#)

The Soule Kindred Family Tree Database is an exciting, ongoing collaborative effort to gather and make available information on all of the descendants of Pilgrim George Soule and his wife, Mary Beckett, starting with the fifth generation and continuing forward to current descendants.

Creating a complete Soule family tree has long been a dream of our organization. Indeed, Soule Kindred was founded in 1967 in order to gather information and document George Soule's descendants.

**B** Search  
 First Name  
 Last Name  
 Search  
 Surnames  
 Advanced Search

**Features**

Learn about the latest research on George Soule and Mary Beckett.

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**C** Places

We hope you find the SKFTD to be a valuable addition to the benefits of your membership in Soule Kindred. This database project has been several years in the making and involved many individuals - Dave Hargreave who had a vision to collaboratively update/correct Rev. Ridlon's 1926 book; Board members who voted to approve the project; the technical assistance of web gurus Jeff Carroll and Bryan Larson who installed and tweaked the program to fit Soule Kindred's needs; and members such as Carolyn Cunkle, Andy Turner, John Sims, & David Gregory, to name a few, who beta-tested the site by entering their lineages.

If you have questions or problems regarding the Soule Kindred website, you can contact Karen at [info@soulekindred.org](mailto:info@soulekindred.org). If you have questions, problems, corrections, or comments regarding the SKFTD, please contact Keith at [kkingman@aol.com](mailto:kkingman@aol.com) or at (469) 426-4380.

We are embarking on a whole new era within Soule Kindred. Please join us in this great adventure which will help make Soule Kindred in America *the* go-to organization for all things related to Pilgrim George Soule.

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## 2013 Soule Kindred Annual Report

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*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 2013 Financial Report Summaries can be found on page 14.*

In 2013 Soule Kindred in America continued to grow, evolve and develop. We began to develop a 3-year strategic plan, saw membership remain steady, and worked to expand outreach and benefits to our members. We remain dedicated to our mission as we adapt to the changing world of communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Soule Kindred membership stood at 351 members at the end of 2013, a slight increase from 2012. We continue to build our online presence through Facebook, email, and the website, while utilizing postal mail to ensure we reach every member.

Our finances continued to be stable and even slightly improved. A very successful fundraising appeal netted SKA over \$3,000 for scholarships, general operations and research.

With the funding of the Social Media grant from the Merle and Luther Soules Family Foundation, we continue to increase our visibility through our website, Facebook presence and Twitter activities. Although the website suffered a few technical glitches this year, traffic to the website and through our social media outlets continued to grow. All SKA Newsletters are available digitally to the general public through the website. The site also provides relevant information for the public and potential members, including an online membership application and payment process.

Soule Family Tree Project Committee, chaired by Keith Kingman, expanded its mission in 2013 and launched a brand new project that has tremendous potential benefit for SKA members. Using The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding (TNG) software, which has been adapted specifically to meet the needs of Soule Kindred, members can chart their own genealogical history online and connect it to others across the Soule Family Tree and, of course, to George Soule. The Family Tree Committee also continued to advise and support Soule Kindred members in tracing their lineage to George Soule and also helped members wishing to join other lineage societies such as Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy and similar organizations. We encourage all members to contact Keith ([kkingman@aol.com](mailto:kkingman@aol.com)) to get an orientation for using the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database.

Soule Kindred did not receive any applications for scholarships in 2013 and therefore did not award a scholarship. Because of that, the Scholarship Committee decided to slightly revise the application to make the required essay less complicated and less extensive. We are optimistic that we will receive applications in 2014 and be able to again award Soule Kindred scholarships.

One of the highlight events of 2013 was the Soule Kindred reunion held in Meridian, MS, longtime home of an extensive family of descendants of George Soule. Bob and Helen Soulé hosted the meeting, which included visits to the Soulé Live Steam Festival held at the Mississippi Industrial Heritage Museum (formerly Soulé Steam Feed Works, established in 1898); the 1890's Grand Opera House; the antebellum home, Merrehope; the 1904 Denzel Carrousel; and the Jimmy Rogers (the father of country music) museum. Attendees enjoyed getting to know their cousins as they explored the Soules in the South. Soule Family Tree Chairman, Keith Kingman, treated attendees to a demonstration workshop on the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database.

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Another highlight of the year relates to the research commissioned by Soule Kindred to research the origins of Mary Beckett, George Soule's wife. Caleb Johnson produced an outstanding report, published in our newsletter and the Mayflower Quarterly, containing new information about Mary that appears to clarify her identity and shed new light on her origins. Soule Kindred has allocated additional funds for 2014 to commission more research in this important area.

The Soule Kindred in America annual meeting was held again via conference call. Any SKA member was able to join the call, listen to the Board members give their reports, and ask questions. A recording of the meeting was also available afterwards through the website for those who could not participate live. While it is always preferable to have face-to-face meetings, using this method for the annual meeting gives more members a chance to participate and provide input for the future direction of SKA. The next face-to-face reunion is scheduled to be in Fort Wayne, IN, in 2015.

For Soule Kindred, 2013 was a successful year and 2014 will continue our progress. Looking ahead, priorities include finalizing, approving and implementing the SKA strategic plan; continuing implementation of the the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database; and planning for reunions in 2015 in Fort Wayne, Plymouth in 2017 and the Mayflower 400 year anniversary in 2020.



*President*

### ❧ Two Sisters Pass Away Within Three Months of Each Other ❧



**Eleanor (Soule) (Irwin) Crosby**, age 89, died August 5, 2013, at Manoir Lac Brome in Quebec. Eleanor was a member of Soule Kindred from 1990-2011.



**Thelma May (Soule) Gage**, age 87, passed away on November 1, 2013, in East Stanbridge, Quebec. Thelma joined Soule Kindred in 1990 and became a Life Member in 1992.

**Eleanor and Thelma** (George, George, Nathan, Timothy, Joseph, Timothy, Timothy, Henry Alvin, Clelen Alvin Austin) were both proud members of the Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada.

# 2013 Financial Report Summaries

**Statement of Financial Activities Summary**  
1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013

REVENUE

Total Operating Receipts	\$15,580.54
Total Scholarship Receipts	1,799.67
Total Bequest Receipts	1,633.28
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$19,013.49</b>

EXPENSE

Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 9,137.07
Total Scholarship Expenditures	0.00
Bequest Expenditures	654.00
Undesignated Expenditure	500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$10,291.07</b>

NET REVENUE/LOSS                      \$ 8,722.42

**Statement of Financial Activities Summary**  
1/1/2012 - 12/31/2012

REVENUE

	\$14,234.05
	2,125.21
	271.75
	<b>\$16,631.21</b>

EXPENSE

	\$ 7,187.84
	1,750.00
	0.00
	<b>\$ 8,937.84</b>

\$ 7,693.37

**Statement of Assets Summary**  
12/31/2013

Checking Account	\$12,872.23
Total 5 Generations Accounts	23,357.81
Total Bequest Accounts	22,104.83
Total Life Membership Account	38,352.84
Total 5 Year Accounts	2,834.15
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$99,521.86</b>

**Statement of Assets Summary**  
12/31/2012

	\$ 7,434.70
	21,458.14
	21,471.55
	39,102.06
	3,070.11
	<b>\$92,536.56</b>

**Support Soule Kindred with your tax-deductible contribution.**

*To help fund the 2014 scholarship and/or the research into George Soule's origins, and/or the general operations of Soule Kindred, please return this form with your check.*

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

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## This and That

### Board Notes...

*from the January 2014 meeting.*

The slate of new officers was unanimously elected.

**Andy Turner** was appointed as **assistant treasurer** to help Judy Hughes with the transition to her new duties as treasurer.

The Board received and filed the Treasurer's report which showed a **net revenue** of **\$8,722.42** for **2013** and **\$99,521.86** in **assets** (see page 14 for the 2013 financial statement summary).

**Jeanette Taylor** was appointed as the new **Membership Committee chair**.

**Jo Anne Makely** was appointed to continue as chair of the **Nominating Committee**.

*from the April 2014 meeting.*

The Board received and filed the Treasurer's report which showed a first quarter **net revenue** of **\$3,707.43** and total assets of **\$101,002.17**.

The Board continued its ongoing discussions related to the **3-yr strategic plan** to be implemented in 2015, the **search** for a **newsletter editor**, and the **search** for someone to **chair** the **2015 reunion committee**.

Board members agreed that it was time to **highlight** the **Soule Kindred Family Tree Database** in the **next newsletter**.



### Mark Your Calendars!

**The 2014 Soule Kindred Annual Meeting** via conference call will be held on **Saturday, October 18**. Call details will be distributed to all members as we get closer to the date.

### 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.

### New Members January - June

Jean Andorf, IA  
Thomas Broecker, MI  
Donald Coon, NY  
Joseph Crowley, NY  
Richard Kingman, IL  
Maura Mackowski, AZ  
Dolores Miller, CA  
Julia Mitchel, KY  
Andrea St. John Nocher, NC  
Delores Shipman, CA  
Charles Soule, PA  
Stephen Soule, VA  
Clay Soules, CA  
Roberta Wilkinson, AZ  
Judy Wilson, OR

PBS's show **Finding Your Roots** with Henry Louis Gates, Jr. begins a new season on **September 23**. Guests include Ben Affleck, Carol King, Stephen King, Tom Colicchio, Derek Jeter, and Ken Burns.

## Meet the Soule Kindred

### Board of Directors

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**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”.**

