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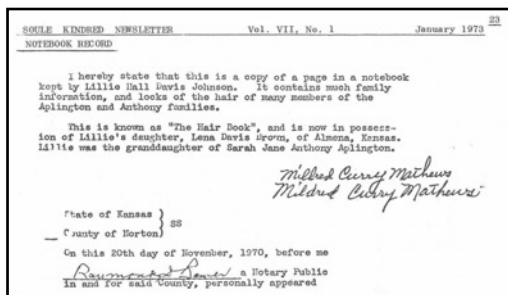
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*Preserving Soule Heritage  
for Future Generations*

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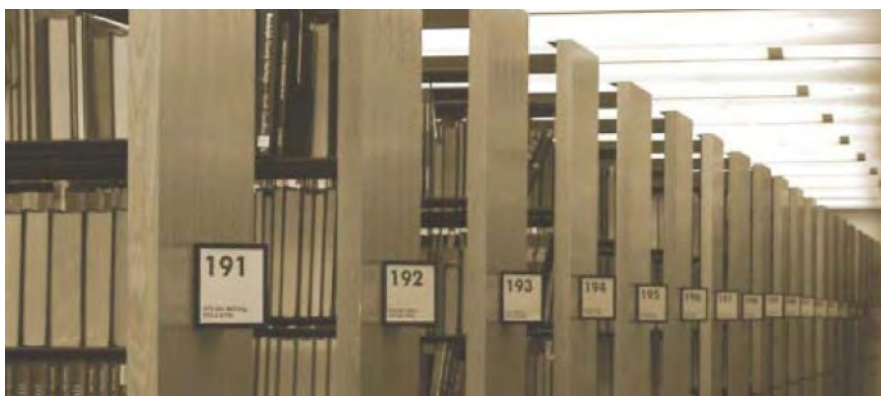
## An Introduction to the Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library

by Karen L. McNally

Will you be attending the Soule Kindred reunion in Fort Wayne, IN, in October? If so, you, as am I, are undoubtedly looking forward to meeting cousins and learning about the Soule families who have resided in northeast Indiana for well over 100 years. Are you also excited about the opportunity to conduct research at one of the best genealogy libraries in the country? Maybe filling in gaps in your family tree or breaking through a brick wall? I know I am!

If you love genealogy and have never visited the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) before, you are in for a real treat. The Genealogy Center contains the largest public genealogy collection in the United States. The Family History Center collection in Salt Lake City is larger but is privately owned.

The Fred J. Reynolds Historical Genealogy Collection, named for the head librarian who first organized a genealogy collection at ACPL, focuses on North America, including Canada. However, there are numerous British Isles and both Eastern and Western European resources as well.



*Photo courtesy of Allen County Public Library*

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## Editor's Comments

My apologies to everyone for the late delivery of the Summer newsletter. My July wedding, August honeymoon, and shuttling our four children around to their various camps and activities demanded much of my time and attention. I guess you could say we've been adding to the historical record rather than reviewing it.

Hope you all had a more relaxing summer than me! If you're not convinced you have, try kicking back with this issue of Soule Kindred Newsletter and enjoy some quiet time with our organization's news and interesting articles, like Russell Francis' story of the mystery of "The Hair Book" (page 8).

Included in this issue are the 2014 Soule Kindred Annual Report (page 12) and the 2014 Financial Report Summaries (page 14). Look for the most updated information, including some small schedule changes, for the 2015 Soule Kindred Reunion in Ft. Wayne, IN. Virginia Hayes and her reunion committee have organized a fun-filled and inspirational event. Questions, please contact Virginia at vlhayes46755@yahoo.com.

I had been counting on bringing my whole family, but unfortunately, the timing is terrible: it's the week of standardized testing at our twins' junior high school and our oldest will be auditioning for All-State Band on clarinet that Saturday. Regrettably, I won't have the chance to meet you in person, quite yet, but I look forward to hearing all about the reunion!

**Kathleen Kingman**

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~**City and other directories**, both printed (1961-present) and microtext (1785-1960). Examples: *A Directory of American Military Goods Dealers & Makers 1785-1885* (Book, Call#: 973 B347DI) and *Massachusetts Business Directory, 1860* (Microfiche).

~**Local history and genealogy**, including vital records; church and cemetery records; and court, land, probate and naturalization records. Examples: *Wilkes County, North Carolina Marriage Records 1779-1868* (Book, Call #: 975.601 W65IN) and *Naturalization Index for Eaton County, Michigan* (Book, Call #: 977.401 EA8IA).

~**Military records** from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq War, including service and pension records, unit histories, personal stories of soldiers, draft registrations, and casualty lists. Examples: *Civil War Memories* (Book, Call #: 973.74 AA1CIVM) and *Wisconsin WWI Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918* (Microfilm).

~**National Archives passenger lists** and indices as well as immigration records. Examples: *Index to Ship Passenger Lists: Pennsylvania and Delaware (1641-1825)* (Book, Call #:974.8 B69S) and *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, 1833-66* (Microfilm).

~**U.S. city newspapers** from the 1800s and 1900s plus colonial newspapers from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Examples: *Atlanta Constitution, June 17, 1868-January 20, 1985* (Microfilm) and *Pennsylvania Gazette, December 24, 1728-October 11, 1815* (Microfilm).

~**British, Irish, Scottish, Welsh, German** and other European heritage can be researched through records such as parish registers, vital records, periodicals, maps, and emigration records. Examples: *A Genealogical Atlas of Ireland Compiled from Original Maps* (Book, Call #: 941.5003 G17G) and *A List of Emigrants from England to America, 1682-1692* (Book, Call #: 929.12 G34L)

~**Canadian resources** include vital records, parish records, land records, and all published censuses from 1666-1901. Examples: *Loyalist Children of Upper Canada: A Collection of Names: Source, Ontario Archives* (Book, Call #: 971.3 L9497) and *Quebec Census, 1825* (Microfilm).



In addition to the onsite collection, the Genealogy Center offers free online access to sites such as Ancestry.com, AmericanAncestors.org, FindMyPast, HeritageQuestOnline.com, Newspapers.com, and PERSI. PERSI (PERiodical Source Index) is a subject index for genealogy and local history periodicals and is produced by the Genealogy Center staff.

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Photo courtesy of Allen County Public Library

The Genealogy Center has also collaborated with the Family History Books project ([books.familysearch.org](http://books.familysearch.org)) and Internet Archive ([archive.org](http://archive.org)) to digitize genealogy and family history publications and public domain books which can be accessed through the Center's website. One example of the types of records that have been digitized are passport applications from as early as 1795. Who knew that the issuance of passports dated back that far? They were so fascinating I almost forgot about completing this article! Another example from this resource: *Directory of Maine Pioneer Ancestors*.

Of course, one of the best resources is the staff of the Genealogy Center. The librarians are all experienced genealogists who are willing and eager to answer questions and help you with your research.

As always, when visiting a location to conduct genealogy research, it's a good idea to prepare in advance. To find resources in your areas of interest, you can access an online catalog at [www.genealogycenter.org](http://www.genealogycenter.org). You can also view an orientation video and download a brochure which describes the collection. Additionally, research guides are located under the Pathfinders section of the website.

I have already started my list of resources to search and can't wait to fill in some gaps in my family tree. Who knows? Maybe a brick wall or two will come tumbling down as well.

See you in October.

[2015 Soule Kindred Reunion  
Registration Form can be found on p. 11](#)

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## **Revised 2015 Soule Kindred Reunion Schedule**

### **Thursday, October 22**

#### **Lunch on your own**

**1:00 pm:** Walking tour of interiors of downtown buildings - The Court House, Embassy Theater, Lincoln National Bank led by Michael Sowle. Leave from Hotel Lobby.

**3:30 pm:** Registration in the Lobby of the Hilton Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne

#### **Supper on your own**

**6:00 pm:** Allen County Public Library Room "A" - Welcome, Overview, Introductions of all in attendance

**6:45 pm:** Membership Meeting

**7:30 pm:** Soule Family Tree Database presentation

**8:00 pm:** Library Tour

### **Friday, October 23**

#### **Morning:** Your options are:

Use library for research, Tour Ft Wayne on your own, or Visit Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn (\$10.50), Old Fort Wayne (Free), or other places of interest (on your own.)

#### **Lunch on your own**

**Afternoon:** Research or sightseeing on your own.

**3:30 pm:** Meet at library, meeting room "A" Presentations by the local Soule descendants: "Soules/Sowles in the Area"

**6:00 pm:** Banquet at Hilton Grand Wayne Hotel - Hamilton Hall

**7:00 pm:** Group photo following dinner

**7:15 pm:** Show and Tell

### **Saturday, October 24**

#### **No formal activities**

#### **Your options are:**

Allen County Public Library research or visit the Botanical Gardens, take a walking tour and view exteriors of other historical buildings. (on your own) Buildings are closed on Saturday except for the Botanical Gardens. A "Walking Tour" map is available.

Note: Check out of hotel by noon unless you have reserved additional days.

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## **Soule Kindred Remembers: Robert W. “Bob” Soule and Norman R. Soule’**

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**Robert W. “Bob” Soule, 89**, passed away on Sunday, June 14 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. He was born July 13, 1925 in Randolph, Vermont, the son of Horace and Ada (Allen) Soule.

Bob graduated from Randolph High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army, 274th Armored Field Artillery Division, during WWII. He received numerous awards and citations including The Purple Heart, a Silver Star and a Bronze Star. Following his discharge from the service, Bob attended Goddard College. He then went to the Faust School of Piano Tuning and Allied Arts in Boston. He was married to Roberta Eddy December 24, 1947 in Randolph. He worked as a piano tuner for many years throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. Bob also was a postal worker at the Randolph Post Office until retiring in 1981. His memberships included Montague Golf Club, Randolph American Legion Post #9, the Randolph V.F.W.

Post #9449 and was a 60-year member of the Randolph Masonic Lodge. Bob was an avid golfer and had won the Montague Club Championship in 1956. He was also an artist, writer, stamp collector and music lover.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas Soule and wife, Karen, of Bethel, VT, and Russell Soule of Haverhill, MA; a daughter, Elizabeth Soule of Randolph; two foster sons, Donald Osmer of Ayer, MA, and Jeffrey Osmer of Nantucket, MA; three brothers; Allen Soule of Calais, Jack Soule of Inverness, FL and Ron Soule of Mandeville, LA; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Soule, in 2014.

**Norman R. Soule’, 95**, of Ocala, FL, and Eden, NY, died June 11, 2015. Norman (George, Nathaniel, Nathaniel, Wesson, James, Gardner, William, James, Norman) was “Keeper of the Banners” for the Soule Kindred Reunion, always bringing them in his camper each year.

Norman was born on Feb. 4, 1920 to James Soule’ and Maude Sheffield in Atco, NJ. He grew up and went to school in Randolph, NY. With a love for sports, he played soccer, volleyball and basketball, both during and after high school. In 1942, he joined the service and was a gunner in the Navy Armed Guard aboard a Merchant Marine ship during WWII.



Once out of the service, he married Florence Heiderman of Lake View, NY, and made their home in Eden, NY, raising four children: Bill, Jim, Rosemary and Bob. Norm was a Carpenter Foreman and over the years he worked for Leising Brothers, Rademaker Brothers and Henrich Construction. He was a proud and lifelong member of the Newell Falkner Post 880 American Legion. When the Post on Legion Drive was built in 1955, Norm was head of the Building Committee where thousands of hours of labor, materials and equipment were donated by members, as well as the community. With a wife who loved to dance, they took dancing lessons and joined numerous dance clubs over the years, enjoying both ballroom and square dancing. Their favorite song was *In the Mood* by Glenn Miller and his orchestra.

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## Remembering Norm Continued...

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Once retired, Norm and Florence moved to Ocala, FL, bought an RV and started traveling. Norm got as much enjoyment planning trips as he did traveling. They went to every state in the U.S. and traveled in Europe. When asked which spot was his favorite, he'd say, "I enjoyed them all with each place having something special!"

Norm enjoyed helping people. While living in Eden, he was a Little League Baseball Coach and joined the Eden Emergency Squad and Rescue Team. In Florida, he and Florence delivered Meals on Wheels until he was 93.

Norm loved animals. When he and Florence would take their morning walk in Florida, he would talk to the rabbits, squirrels, dogs, osprey, etc. along the way, saying his "good mornings" and the animals would always answer back (like Dr. Doolittle)! A crane would even come tapping on their glass doors every now and then, wanting a piece of bologna.

Norm's other interests were camping, hiking, fishing, watching sports on TV, and making wood crafts. He would take his creations to craft shows and enjoyed talking to the people. He even became a dancing instructor and a disc jockey for the Senior Center ballroom dances in Ocala, FL.

In October of 2009, Norman and other WWII veterans took the Honor Flight from Ocala, FL, to Washington, D.C. to tour the WWII Memorial; he said it was a time of reminiscence and an emotional experience. When the plane carrying these members of "The Greatest Generation" finally touched ground again in Florida, family, friends, relatives and total strangers erupted into cheers and applause that surely was heard all the way up to heaven's door.

In April of 2014, Norm and Florence moved back to Eden, NY, to be near family and they were living at Eden Heights Assisted Living. In March of 2015, Norm was diagnosed with cancer and three months later he passed away, under the wonderful, heartfelt care of Hospice and the staff at Eden Heights.

Survivors include his wife, Florence, his children William (Beth) Soule', James (Jendy) Soule', Rosemary (Dennis) Peters, and Robert (Cindy) Soule', 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

### Do you know....

Were there any marriages between *Mayflower* passengers after arriving in Plymouth?

Yes. John Howland married Elizabeth Tilly, John Alden married Priscilla Mullins, and Edward Winslow married Susannah White, after both had been widowed. During the next two generations there were many marriages between *Mayflower* families, but not among those who were blood related.

What event posed the greatest risk of the *Mayflower* sinking while at sea?

During a severe storm the main beam broke that, if not repaired, would almost certainly have caused the *Mayflower* to sink. A large wooden screw was found on board that was to be used in construction of houses in their colony and, with the use of that screw, the beam was repaired.

## Relationship: Susan Corrine (Bradshaw) Beckmann to George Soule Sr.

George Soule Sr. is the 9th great-grandfather of SKA member, Susan Corrine (Bradshaw) Beckmann. Here is her lineage chart along with a few wonderful photos.

### 9th Great-Grandfather



**George Soule Sr.**  
b: **Bet. 1595–1599**  
d: **Bef. 22 Jan 1679**  
**Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachuset**

### 3rd Great-Grandfather



Howard Soule  
b: 22 Oct 1789  
Dover, Dutchess, New York, USA  
d: 24 Apr 1875  
Sennett, Cayuga, New York, USA

### 8th Great-Grandfather



George Soule Jr.  
b: Abt. 1639  
Duxbury, Plymouth, Massachuset  
d: 17 May 1704  
Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusett

### 2nd Great-Grandfather



George Wright Soule  
b: 08 Nov 1826  
Sennett, Cayuga, New York, USA  
d: 14 Nov 1873  
Grand Island, Hall, Nebraska, USA

### 7th Great-Grandfather



William Soule  
b: 1670  
Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusett  
d: Bef. 25 Apr 1723  
Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusett

### Great-Grandfather



George Lorenzo Soule  
b: 01 Dec 1864  
Ohio, USA  
d: 01 Jan 1906  
George Lorenzo Soule, Nellie Jane Fouts Soule (his wife) and their children: Edwin Maurice Soule, Corinne May Soule (my grandmother)

### 6th Great-Grandfather



George Soule  
b: 05 Oct 1695  
Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusett  
d: 29 Jun 1776  
Great Nine Partners, Dutchess, NY

### Maternal Grandmother



Corrine May Soule  
b: 08 Nov 1895  
Kansas, USA  
d: 21 Dec 1917

### 5th Great-Grandfather



Benjamin Soule  
b: 12 Aug 1728  
Dartmouth, Bristol, Massachusett  
d: 1779  
Great Nine Partners, Dutchess, NY

### Mother



Nina Camille Bodvin  
b: 14 Jan 1917  
Washington, USA  
d: 27 April 1984

### 4th Great-Grandfather



Elijah Soule  
b: 14 Feb 1757  
Dutchess, New York, USA  
d: 22 Apr 1825  
Sennett, Cayuga, New York, USA

### Self



**Susan Corrine Bradshaw**  
**b: 05 Nov 1950**  
**Crisfield, Maryland, USA**  
d: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Continuing a Soule Kindred Family History Chart... 42 Years Later

By Russell D. Francis

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I became interested in my family genealogy about two years ago. Fortunately, my aunt on my mother's side had been collecting and assembling family history documents and photos for many years. My aunt passed away in 2008 but left a treasure trove of information for me to get started.

My aunt had documented our lineage going back to Abigail Soule and noted that we were descendants of George Soule, a Mayflower passenger. But there was no indication of how Abigail Soule was related to George Soule. As I was sorting through my aunt's archives, I found a letter from my great-grandmother's cousin, Mildred Curry Mathews, which mentioned Abigail Soule. Ms. Mathews again noted that we were descended from George Soule. There was also a blank application to join the Mayflower Society.



Beverly Jean (Iburg) McFarland - My Aunt Jean gave me a head start on my research.

Not knowing where to begin, I started searching on the Internet. Eventually, I found the Soule Kindred website. Looking through the archived newsletters I ran across a multipage family history chart submitted by the very same Mildred Curry Mathews back in January 1973 (Vol. VII, No. 1, Pg. 20-25). Mildred's charts clearly showed the family history from my 2nd great-grandmother to Abigail Soule to George Soule, who was Abigail's 3rd great-grandfather.

With that information in hand, I decided to submit an application to the Mayflower Society of Oregon. Little did I know, they wanted a lot more than just a family history chart, so I spent most of last year gathering birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, census documents and obituaries to prove my relationship to Abigail Soule.

Finally, in March 2015, I received my certificate from the Mayflower Society.

There may be a few members who remember Mildred Curry Mathews (she passed away in 1982). Her contribution to the Soule Kindred newsletter was instrumental in discovering my lineage to George Soule, my 10th great-grandfather. You can find my complete lineage to George Soule in The Soule Kindred Family Tree Database.

In that same 1973 Soule Kindred newsletter, Mildred Curry Mathews includes an affidavit declaring some pages she submitted to the newsletter were from a notebook kept by my 2nd great-grandmother, Lillie Hall Davis Johnson, which "contains much family information, and locks of hair of many members of the family". It is known as "The Hair Book" and was passed down to Lillie's daughter, Lena Davis Brown of Almena, Kansas. I've been trying to track down that book, but I am at a dead end. As you can imagine, I would love to get a look at that book. Any help in that area would certainly be appreciated.

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Mildred Curry Mathews



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## Continuing a Soule Kindred Family History Chart...42 Years continued...

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SOULE KINDRED NEWSLETTER Vol. VII, No. 1 January 1973 <sup>23</sup>  
NOTEBOOK RECORD

I hereby state that this is a copy of a page in a notebook kept by Lillie Hall Davis Johnson. It contains much family information, and locks of the hair of many members of the Aplington and Anthony families.

This is known as "The Hair Book", and is now in possession of Lillie's daughter, Lena Davis Brown, of Alma, Kansas. Lillie was the granddaughter of Sarah Jane Anthony Aplington.

*Mildred Curry Mathews  
Mildred Curry Mathews*

State of Kansas }  
County of Horton } SS

On this 20th day of November, 1970, before me  
*Raymond D. Jones* a Notary Public  
in and for said County, personally appeared



Please contact Russell should you have a lead on "The Hair Book".

Russell D. Francis  
Beaverton, OR  
rfrancis97@yahoo.com  
503-449-3838

The affidavit sent to the Soule Kindred Newsletter in 1973.

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### **\*\*Wanted: A Few Good Soules\*\***

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#### Soule Kindred Needs You!

*Are you interested in preserving Soule heritage for your children, grandchildren, and all future generations? Do you have talents and skills that are currently not being used to their fullest? If your answer to both questions is yes, why not combine the two and consider becoming a member of the Soule Kindred Board of Directors?*

Soule Kindred has made great strides over the past six years turning itself into a 21st century organization. The Soule Kindred website attracts both guests and new members. The Soule Kindred Facebook group now has over 625 members and the newer Soule Kindred organizational Facebook page counts more than 250 Likes. The Soule Kindred Family Tree Database is active and currently contains 855 families and 2,300 individuals, and additional research on Mary Becket's origins was conducted this year. The potential for Soule Kindred to become the go-to resource for all things related to George Soule and his descendants is unlimited.

But that vision can only become a reality through the help of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time and expertise. Volunteers make it happen, such as Keith Kingman, who chairs the Soule Family Tree Committee and is the administrator of the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database; or Jo Anne Makely, who took on the duties of Treasurer this year; or Virginia Hayes, host of the 2015 Soule Kindred Reunion.

As Soule Kindred looks toward its 50th anniversary in 2017, wouldn't you like to be a part of the continuing effort to create a bigger, better, "go-to" organization? Although all talents and skills are welcome, the Board is in particular need of **expertise in accounting, computer databases and programs such as Excel, reunion planning, social media and, especially, web development.** Members may nominate themselves or other members.

Board directors must be willing to participate in quarterly phone-conference meetings and actively participate in the administration of the organization. Attendance at biennial reunions is encouraged. To nominate yourself or another Soule Kindred member, just complete the nomination form on page 10 and mail it to the address shown on the form. Alternatively, you may go to the Soule Kindred website at [www.soulekindred.org](http://www.soulekindred.org) and click on Wanted: A Few Good Soules. Nominations must be received by September 30.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Anne Makely at [jamakely@gmail.com](mailto:jamakely@gmail.com) or 843-412-2103.

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# 2015 Soule Kindred Nomination Deadline is September 30

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## Board of Directors Nomination Form

*Please note: Board directors must be Soule Kindred members in good standing and are expected to attend conference call quarterly meetings and annual meetings during their term of office. Board members must also be familiar with the Internet and use e-mail. Feel free to nominate yourself as well as someone else.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other experience (personal, volunteer, or non-professional): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which of the following skills/experience/expertise the nominee/you possess. (check all that apply)

Accounting and Finance

Genealogy expertise/familiarity

Business/Business Administration

Legal

Computer expertise/Web Development

Marketing and public relations

Fundraising

Volunteer coordination

What area of Board work might the nominee/you be most interested in? (check all that apply)

Board Policy and Governance, Board Development

Marketing

Finance

Membership

Fund Development

Reunions

Genealogy/History

Scholarship

Why are you nominating this person/yourself to serve on the Soule Kindred in America Board of Directors? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominator's/Nominee's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Send completed form to:  
Jo Anne Makely  
43 Whitney Hill Park Ridge, NJ 07656 or  
go online to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DM532RL](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DM532RL)



# 2015 Reunion Registration Form

## Join Us in the Heartland!

**Soule Kindred Reunion**  
**October 22-24, 2015**  
**Fort Wayne, IN**



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

	Number/ Person(s)	Cost	Total
<b>Registration Fee: (\$35 per person)</b>	_____	X \$35.00	_____
<b>Reunion Banquet (\$40.00 per person)</b>	_____	X \$40.00	_____
<b>TOTAL</b>			_____

**For those interested in the Walking Tour and/or on-your-own sightseeing, here is a list of entrance fees which each participant will pay at the time of the activity.**

**Thursday Walking Tour:**

- Allen County Courthouse (\$2.00)
- Embassy Theater (\$5.00)

**Friday and/or Saturday On-Your-Own Sightseeing:**

- Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum (\$12.50)
- National Auto and Truck Museum (\$5.00)
- Botanical Garden (\$4.00)

**Payment:** Please make check payable to Soule Kindred in America and send it with a copy of the registration form to Treasurer Jo Anne Makely at 43 Whitney Hill, Park Ridge, NJ 07656. Please write "2015 Reunion" on check.

**Hotel reservations:** A hotel block in the name of Soule Kindred has been set aside at the Hilton Grand Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN (260-420-1100). The rate is \$119.00 per night. Please reference Soule Kindred when making your reservation by phone or make your reservation online at <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/indiana/hilton-fort-wayne-at-the-grand-wayneconvention-center-FWAFHHE/accommodations/index.html>. Choose your arrival and departure dates and be sure to enter SOU in the box marked "Group Code."

**NOTE: The block will be held until 3:00 pm September 30th; after that any remaining rooms will be released to general inventory.**

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# 2014 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 2014 Financial Report Summaries can be found on page 14*



Soule Kindred in America had a successful 2014, which marks the first year of implementation for Soule Kindred's first Strategic Plan. The plan, approved by the Board in November, 2013, outlined our 3-year goals as follows:

- Expand communications efforts to our membership and potential members through a variety of mediums
- Improve membership experiences and benefits
- Increase membership by 20% by 2016
- Create a stable, broad base of financial resources to support our programs
- Expand research of George and Mary Beckett (Bucket) Soule's ancestors and descendants

Through our annual report, I will report to you, our members, on our activities and progress in reaching these goals.

**Goal 1:** Expand communications efforts to our membership and potential members through a variety of mediums

The Communication Committee, under the leadership of Karen McNally, has made good progress towards our goal, in spite of some challenges. Our website, Facebook group (up 100 members to 546), Facebook page, and Twitter account continue to increase our visibility which continues to be an important objective. At the end of 2014, the website attracted an average of just under 500 visits/month with more than half of them being new visitors. That level of visibility is working to build our membership, as roughly two thirds of our new members this year came to us through the website. An additional 68 guest members have signed up on the website. Guest members have limited access. In 2015 the Board has designated resources to upgrade the SKA website content management system, in order to decrease the number of technical issues on the site, as well as take advantage of new features of the software.

We are thrilled to announce that we also have a new editor of the Soule Kindred newsletter—Kathleen Kingman. After four and a half years of exceptional service as editor, Karen McNally decided to step down and we are thrilled to have Kathleen on board. We are confident that Kathleen will continue to improve the newsletter, which is one of our most important communication vehicles.

A special thank you to all of you who open and read our Soule Kindred e-mail communications. Our open rate averages out at 48%, with the highest percentage being 64%, compared to the industry standard for nonprofits of 22%.

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### **Goal 2:** Improve membership experiences and benefits

Improving membership experiences and benefits will positively impact several committees, including the Scholarship Committee, Reunion Committee, and the Soule Kindred Family Tree Database (SKFTD). Because SKA did not award a scholarship in 2013, the Scholarship Committee, led by Chuck Soule, recommended, and the Board approved, awarding two scholarships in 2014: to Morgan Dromgoole and Amanda Ottersen. The SKFTD is a very valuable member resource and Keith Kingman, as chairman, and his committee have done a terrific job in providing technical assistance to members to get started building their genealogical history online.

There are several very important reunions on the horizon for Soule Kindred members. The 2015 Reunion will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from October 22-24. A very active, organized and enthusiastic committee, under the leadership of Ginny Hayes, have things well in hand. Further information can be found on pages 1,3,4 and 11. Shortly thereafter, planning will begin for the 50th Anniversary (2017) of Soule Kindred in Duxbury, Massachusetts, and in 2020 the Mayflower's 400th anniversary in Plymouth, MA. Marcy Brubaker and Karen McNally are chairing these reunion committees.

### **Goal 3:** Increase membership by 20% by 2016

As of the end of 2014, membership in Soule Kindred stood at 379, a gain of 9% over the 351 members at the close of 2013. This very positive gain puts us close to half-way to our goal of 20% member growth by 2016. Our membership committee, ably led by Jeanette Taylor, is working to increase communication with members and get them actively involved.

### **Goal 4:** Create a stable, broad base of financial resources to support our programs

Soule Kindred continues to be on solid financial footing with \$104,176.74 in total assets at the end of 2014, compared to \$99,521.86 at the end of 2013. You can view summaries of the 2014 financial reports on page 14.

### **Goal 5:** Expand research of George and Mary Beckett (Bucket) Soule's ancestors and descendants

The Board continued its commitment to research George Soule and his family by again retaining the services of Caleb Johnson to further explore the origins of Mary Bucket/Beckett, wife of George Soule. Previous research he conducted for Soule Kindred last year identified a strong candidate for George Soule's wife: Mary Bucket/Beckett. This Mary Beckett was baptized at St. Mary's Church in Watford, Hertfordshire, on February 24, 1605. Her mother's maiden name was Alden, and a connection between this Mary and the Warren family in England was hypothesized by Caleb. Further research related to this Mary Beckett will focus on any Beckett, Alden, and Warren family entries in the manorial records of Watford, starting with the period of 1618-1623, then focusing on the 1600-1618 time period. He will also concentrate on any Bucket/Beckett, Alden, and Warren wills in the Watford area. Caleb is also undertaking another research task related to George Soule. Caleb has researched George Soule's origins for Soule Kindred in the past. A George Saule, baptized in 1599 in Braceby, Lincolnshire, was recently discovered in parish registers. Caleb will attempt to find other records related to this George Saule.

  
*Helen Soule*  
President

## 2014 Financial Report Summaries

### Statement of Financial Activities Summary

1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

#### REVENUE

Total Operating Receipts	\$10,632.06
Total Scholarship Receipts	561.74
Total Bequest Receipts	1,008.10
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$12,201.90</b>

#### EXPENSE

Total Operating Expenditures	\$5,549.93
Total Scholarship Expenditures	0.00
Bequest Expenditures	500.00
Undesignated Expenditure	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$6,049.93</b>

NET REVENUE/LOSS

\$6,151.97

### Statement of Assets Summary

12/31/2014

Checking Account	\$17,745.34
Total 5 Generations Accounts	23,919.55
Total Bequest Accounts	22,112.93
Total Life Membership Account	37,561.53
Total 5 Year Accounts	2,837.39
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$104,176.74</b>

### Statement of Financial Activities Summary

1/1/2013 - 12/31/2013

#### REVENUE

\$15,580.54
1,799.67
1,633.28
<b>\$19,013.49</b>

#### EXPENSE

\$9,137.07
0.00
654.00
500.00
<b>\$10,291.07</b>

\$8,722.42

### Statement of Assets Summary

12/31/2013

\$12,872.23
23,357.81
22,104.83
38,352.84
2,834.15
<b>\$99,521.86</b>

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

*To help fund the 2015 scholarship and/or the research into George and Mary (Beckett) Soule's origins, and/or the general operations of Soule Kindred, please return this form with your check.*

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## This and That

### 2015 New York State Family History Conference September 17-19, 2015 Syracuse, NY

The goal of the conference is to help individuals work through the challenges of genealogical research in the state of New York. Conference sponsors include The Federation of Genealogical Societies, [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com), New England Historic Genealogical Society and the New York State Library and Archives. Session topics include New York Land: Patroonships, Manors, Rent Wars, and Land Companies; Colonial New York Research; Research Strategies for Upstate New York; and "To You I Leave My Fortune": Probate Records in New York State. Speakers include Dick Eastman, author and publisher; Henry B. Hoff, Fellow, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and editor of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register; and Curt B. Witcher, Genealogy Center Manager, Allen County Public Library. Register at <http://www.nysfhc.org/index.html>.



### Mark Your Calendars! The 2015 Soule Kindred

**Annual Meeting will be held on October 22 during the Reunion in Fort Wayne, IN and via conference call for those not in attendance. 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](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.

### New Members January - June

Celeste Conte-Gilger, NY  
Karol Everett, IN  
Susan Ferrio, RI  
Paul Griffith, OH  
Raymond Haas, NC  
Linda Houyouse, OH  
Vita Marie Kuczma, NY  
Francy LeGault, GA  
Kristin Luchetta, CA  
Diana McDowell, IN  
Carroll Ray, RI  
Erick Reickert, FL  
Renee Voegele, MN

### Meet the Soule Kindred

## Board of Directors

### Officers

Helen A. Soulé &  
Deanna Lucas  
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Julia S. Holden  
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*Treasurer*  
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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 [kathleenkingman@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenkingman@yahoo.com) 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”.**

