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# Register Today Soule Kindred's 50th Anniversary Reunion September 8-11, 2017

We're getting very close... but it's not too late to register for the Soule Kindred in America 50th Anniversary Reunion in Plymouth and Duxbury, MA!!!

#### Featuring:

A presentation on the origins of George Soule and Mary Beckett by historical researcher Caleb Johnson

- Tour of Duxbury and Garden Dedication
- Reception and Banquet with Soule descendants
- DNA & Family Tree Projects Information
- Tours of Cape Cod and Plimoth Plantation
- The annual Soule Kindred meeting

This reunion is being held in conjunction with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants General Congress (September 8-13).

#### **Register NOW**

Go to the Soule Kindred website under 2017 Reunion Exciting New Events Added or (click here) for information and registration for both the Soule Kindred Reunion and GSMD Congress.

Please see the updated agenda on page 4, and if you have already registered, note the additions to the agenda! You may go back into the registration to add and pay for additional events. Any questions or concerns contact Sara Soule-Chapman at kirbychap@msn.com or call at 651-402-7585.

Hope to see you there!

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Julia O'Hara Slayton [George, John, Joshua, Joseph, Capt. Joshua; Bishop, Joshua, (Dr) Joshua, James Collins Soule] and fellow society members singing hymns at the 1985/86 Mayflower Society reunion in Plymouth, MA.

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I'm sure all who are planning to attend our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion are getting excited. I, for one, am really looking forward to meeting Soule cousins face-to-face, and hearing stories from other cousins who can't make the trip. One such cousin I had the pleasure of hearing from recently was SKA member Don Young, who e-mailed me:

"I'm just getting around to reading the current *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, full of information about the upcoming 50th Anniversary Reunion. I was surprised (and pleased) to get to page 8, which described part of the 1949 Reunion. I attended that reunion (but with no current memory of it — I was 5 at the time). My maternal grandfather is Henry M. Soule, who was the Chairman of the Reunion Committee at the time. I have seen the picture of the Quintet of 1949 a number of times; it's contained in the *Souvenir Booklet* of that reunion, where my brothers and sisters are listed as 11th generation in the Sanford Perkins lineage."

At that point in Don's message, he offered to mail me a copy of the *Souvenir Booklet* from the 1949 Reunion if I wanted one; I replied, "Yes, please!" Don lamented that he couldn't attend the 50th Reunion, but ended by saying, "My best wishes for a wonderful reunion, building lots more memories for the newer generations of Soules."

#### Kathleen Kingman

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# Remember to register for our 50th SKA Reunion!

Check out the updated agenda on page 4 and registration form on page 13

#### Presidents' Corner

Greetings to all Soule cousins and families from your co-presidents, Darrel Young and Sara Soule-Chapman. We hope to meet all of you at our reunion in September. For those who cannot attend, watch for pictures and reports on our website and in the newsletter.

Many of our efforts these past few months have been focused on planning the reunion and getting information out to our members. If you have had a move recently, please correct your address on the SKA website profile page so you will receive Soule Kindred correspondence.

Plans for the reunion include: dedicating a garden and plaque to George and Mary, hearing about the research being conducted by our historians, learning more about the ongoing DNA project and Family Tree Project and taking interesting tours of the area. We will also engage in some of the activities planned by the GSMD.

In addition, this will be a time when Soule Kindred members can attend the annual meeting and provide input into the goals and actions of Soule Kindred in America, Inc.

Although the reunion has been a big focus this year, we need to recognize the ongoing contributions to the organization being made by many people. Accounting, note taking, keeping up the website, twitter and FB, general communication, organizing and conducting meetings and many other tasks are the responsibility of Board and Committee members, requiring time, focus, collaboration and dedication to the mission of Soule Kindred.

If you would like to be more involved in our organization, you can e-mail me, Sara Soule-Chapman at <a href="kirbychap@msn.com">kirbychap@msn.com</a>, and I will help you make the necessary contacts.

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

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#### **Announcing a New Descendant!**



Jeanette Taylor shared that she is now a great-grandmother! Baby Ava Jean Cazenas was born on June 17! Her lineage is:

George, John, Aaron, Mary (Soule) Chamberlain, Freedom, Mary (Chamberlain) Sturtevant, Solomon, Charles Franklin, Edith Florence (Sturtevant) Conk, Bingham, Miriam (Bingham) Martin, Jeanette (Martin) McCrostie Taylor, Jean (McCrostie) Embler, Hannah (Embler) Cazenas, Ava Jean

Both her grandmother (Jean Embler) and Jeanette are Soule Kindred members.

#### Congratulations!!!!

#### 50th Anniversary Reunion continued

#### Soule Kindred Agenda

#### Friday 9/8/17:

- 12:00 PM 4:00 PM Tour Plimoth Plantation and The Grist Mill with a group of Soule cousins. Cost Adults \$28, Seniors \$26, Children \$16
- 7:00 PM Opening Night Reception for Soule Kindred at the Hotel 1620, Plimpton Room, no charge, cash bar.

#### **Saturday 9/9/17**:

- 9:00 AM 4:00 PM Tour Duxbury, MA, home of George Soule & Mary Beckett and attend the dedication of a plaque and garden in their memory at the King Caesar House. There is no cost to attend the dedication or take the self-guided tour. If you want to take the guided tour, on a bus, the cost will be \$50.00 each. This includes a box lunch. The bus will pick us up at the Hotel 1620 and take us to Duxbury for the dedication and then a tour guide will narrate our tour of Duxbury.
- 4:00 PM The Soule Kindred Annual meeting will take place at Hotel 1620. Attendance is encouraged but optional.
- 7:00 PM The Soule Kindred Banquet at the Hotel 1620. Come hear the presentation on the latest research by renowned historian, Caleb Johnson, on Soule & Beckett, and learn about the Family Tree Project and DNA Project. The cost is \$45.00 with a cash bar.

#### Sunday 9/10/17:

- 9:00 AM We are offering two options for breakfast, one will be to gather with other Soule Kindred folks for breakfast at a local restaurant, the other will be to join members of the GSMD at the Plimoth Plantation for a Buffet Breakfast\*. Individuals will pay for their own breakfast.
- 2:00 PM The GSMD is sponsoring the Pilgrim Progress\*: Everyone will begin at the Mayflower Society House and walk to Cole's Hill, then to the Town Square. This will be immediately followed by GSMD Opening Ceremonies at the First Parish Church
- 7:00 PM Soule Kindred will have a no-host dinner at local restaurant (TBD).

#### Monday 9/11/17:

• 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM - Paths of the Pilgrims Tour of Cape Cod and Provincetown will be available for those interested. The bus will pick up us at the Hotel 1620. If not enough folks sign up, we may cancel this tour. The cost is \$95.00 each.

The GSMD is offering several other tours during the week. You must register for those through their website, or, if you are not a member of the GSMD you may register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/41st-mayflower-general-congress-tickets-32323049110.

\* These GSMD sponsored activities do not require registering, a sign up will be available at the registration table in Plymouth.

We hope to see you there!

Sara Soule-Chapman & Darrel Young Soule Kindred Co-Presidents

#### **Scholarship Form**

# Soule Kindred in America, Inc. 2017 Memorial Scholarship Application

Soule Kindred in America, Inc. awards scholarships annually to George Soule descendants for the freshman or sophomore year of college. To apply, complete the application below and mail it to the address below **by August 15\*** of the year before the applicant's fall enrollment date.

1. General information				
Name				
Address			_	
City Telephone				
Telephone	E-mail			
Father's Name	Mother's	Maiden Name_		
2. Demonstrated lineage to May	vflower Pilgrim Georg	e Soule (attach	pages)	
3. What college or training prog	gram do you expect to	attend?	-	
4. Have you been accepted into	this college or training	g program?	-	
5. What will be your major field	d of study?			
6. In what extra-curricular acti	vities have you been ir	ivolved?		
7. Write a short statement of yo		•		
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9. Enclose two (2) letters of recoadvisor, supervisor/boss, etc.)	ommendation from no	n-family memb	ers. (e.g., teacher, scout leader,	
10. Include an official academic	transcript with the a	oplication and	SEND APPLICATION TO:	

Soule Kindred of America, Inc. C/O Helen Soulé 339 River Route Magnolia Springs, AL 36555

\*Note new, extended deadline

#### Soule Kindred Remembers Michael L. Sowle



AUBURN — Michael L. Sowle, 63, [George, Nathaniel, Sylvanus, William, Joseph, Joseph Sowle, Abel, Abel L., Harry L., David Donald] of Auburn, Indiana, passed away suddenly Tuesday, May 16, 2017 due to complications with Type 1 Diabetes. He was born on January 30, 1954 in Angola, IN, the son of David D. and Roberta B. (Cope) Sowle. He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1972 and earned his Associates Degree in Biology from Tri-State University. Mr. Sowle worked as an EMT and as the director of housekeeping at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He enjoyed working on family genealogy, gardening and spending time with his beloved daughters. He had extensively researched his family history and was a member of Soule Kindred in America, the Mayflower Society and the Indiana Genealogy Society. He also enjoyed volunteering with the DeKalb Outdoor Theater. Surviving are: his daughters, Andrea Sowle Kern (Jacob) of Auburn, and Allison M. Sowle of Fort Wayne; and his sisters, Carol A. Sowle of

Indianapolis, and Phyllis J. Wade of Auburn. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Douglas. A memorial gathering to celebrate his life was held on Thursday, May 25, 2017, in Auburn, IN. Interment will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Memorials are to the DeKalb Outdoor Theater, P.O. Box 452, Auburn, IN. Both Michael and his sister (Carol Sowle, also a member of Soule Kindred) attended the Fort Wayne, IN, reunion in 2015.

#### Did you know...

The John Alden House in Duxbury, Massachusetts, was presumed to have been built in 1653 by John Alden and his son, It is the oldest Jonathan. It is the oldest standing house built and lived in by Pilgrims. That house was to prince a round an older house built by John Adams, and house built by John Adams, perhaps as early as 1632. And that perhaps as early as moved to archaeological dig suggested the older house was moved to the current location and the later house built around it.

Some of the other houses that were built in the 17th century in Plymouth that are still standing and may have been frequented by some Pilgrims are the William Harlow House (1667), the John Bradford House (1674), and the Richard Sparrow house (1640).

# **How to Re-Create Your Patriot's Company By Tom Adams**

Introduction by SKA Member Joe Cox

If you are a descendant of Moses Soule of the Revolutionary War, you probably know that he commanded a company of minutemen from the Berkshire region of Western Massachusetts. Two gentlemen from California (Tom Adams & Jim Young), whom I became acquainted with through my membership in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), stumbled upon the fact, while doing own their genealogical research, that both their patriots served in Captain Soule's Company. With Jim's help, Tom wrote the article below, "How to Re-Create Your Patriot's Company". The fortunate fact for we Soules is that the example they used to show how it could be done, was to re-create Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen! They actually identified 57 men who served under Captain Soule!

They were so delighted with their discovery that they proposed a quasi-society: "The Descendants of Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen." They found my name and a few others in the SAR Directory and asked us what we thought, and asked us if we would like to join. Also, I must tell you, they feel it would be most fitting for a descendant of Capt. Soule to take command! So keep that in mind as you read and enjoy their article below.

Compatriot Tom Adams of El Dorado Hills, CA, wrote this article for publication in the California Compatriot, the official magazine of the California Society Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society's newsletter. For inclusion in Soule Kindred Newsletter, I, Moses Soule descendant Joe Cox of the Texas Society SAR, have been asked to provide supplemental information concerning Capt. Moses Soule of the New Marlborough, MA, Minutemen company.

Moses Soule, 2nd great-grandson of Mayflower passenger and Compact signer George Soule, was born in Pembroke, MA, on 2 April 1738 and died at Schoharie, NY, 4 April 1796. His parents were Isaac and Agatha Perry Soule. Moses married Eleanor Williams in Marshfield, MA, on 7 May 1761. Their children were Charles, Eleanor, Bildad (William), Moses, Isaac, and Mary. The first four were born in Pembroke, and Isaac and Mary were born in New Marlborough; all children are recorded in New Marlborough town records. Wife Eleanor Williams Soule died in New Marlborough between 1779 and 1782. We do not have an exact date that Moses Soule moved to New Marlborough, but certainly it was before the Revolution.

By 4 January 1787, he was at Schanamus Creek, Montgomery County, N.Y. Captain Soule's initial Revolutionary War service is recorded in Compatriot Adams article below. Other service is recorded in the Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War (MS&SRW), Vol. 14, pg. 648/654. Sons Charles and Bildad (William) also served in the Revolution. Of interest to Soule Kindred members with Texas connections is that William's (Bildad) son Nealon (Nelon) received a land grant from the Republic of Texas, thus qualifying descendants for membership in Sons or Daughters of the Republic of Texas (Third Class Headright, Bastrop Co., TX, 26 December 1839).

Joe Burton Cox, Battle of Medina Ceremony August 16, 2014

I have never met Tom Adams or his associates in this endeavor, Jim Young and Bill Vette; yet I feel a real kinship with them through the close ties of ancestors in establishing our nation and through the SAR. Tom's e-mail appeared in my inbox on Oct. 17, 2016, asking whether I was descended from Lt/Capt. Moses Soule from Col. John Fellows' regiment. The rest of the story is described in Tom's article.

(Unless otherwise cited, sources for above information are: Mayflower Families through Five Generations Volume III, George Soule, edited by Anne Borden Harding, General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1980; MSSR, and Pembroke and New Marlborough, MA, and Schoharie County NY Records, and DAR Patriot Index: DAR Lineage 305557/332.)

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## How to Re-Create Your Patriot's Company continued



Tom Adams

When I joined SAR in 2008, Compatriot Jim Young was the registrar of our newly formed Mother Lode Chapter. Jim was knowledgeable of the content of my SAR application and had read information I had provided on my patriot — including the excerpt from the *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War* (MS&SRW). A few years later when Jim was preparing a supplemental application for himself his memory-mind connected the dots, and he discovered our two patriots *were in the very same Minuteman Company!* 

That minuteman company in faraway Western Massachusetts, like so many others at the time, assembled days after the Lexington-Concord Alarm. The record in the MS&SRW reads the Capt. Moses Soule's Company from New Marlborough, "marched April 21, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775." Jim and I could imagine our patriots could have walked side-by-side,

Moses Adams and Obadiah Brown, heading east 150 miles from Boston. The common travel allowance at that time was 20 miles a day, meaning they were a week away. These were the minuteman companies, all marching toward the conflict, which would ultimately form the "Siege of Boston."

For compatriots who are blessed with living in the very same region as their patriots, this coincidence is probably not that surprising. But for two compatriots living in the foothills of Northern California's Sierra Mountains, who had *never even been* to Massachusetts, it is absolutely remarkable.

Soon after learning of the connection of our two patriots, I traveled to the Berkshire region in Western Massachusetts for the first time. My patriot had died at Valley Forge. His young wife appears to have died about the same time; she never applied for a pension, and a probate



Jim Young

court record shows the sons were given over to another family. I was desperate for any information. I joined The Berkshire Family History Association, and the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society, met with staff and members seeking information, including any report on Capt. Moses Soule's Minuteman Company coming out of the region. I could find nothing on minutemen or militia companies.

A few years later during a SAR Leadership Meeting in Louisville at the Massachusetts Society's information table before the 2016 Congress, I was lamenting about my lack of information regarding my patriot to the very knowledgeable Dr. David Schrader of MASSAR. MASSAR Society President Steven Perkins, and Tom Vincent, President of the Pomeroy Chapter, were also at the table and joined in our conversation.

One of them mentioned having heard of a Massachusetts compatriot who had compiled the roll of their local militia by painstakingly searching for members while reading through the entire set of 17 volumes of the MS&SRW. That is an impressive achievement.

Shortly after talking to them I began to think that I might try the same effort. Then I recalled the MS&SRW has been digitized — and if the FIND search capability worked, I could actually do this in my own lifetime!

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### How to Re-Create Your Patriot's Company continued

As soon as I reached home I tried the search function and it worked! So if your patriot was from Massachusetts, the members of his Minuteman or Militia Company can be found in the MS&SRW. (I am going to depend on others to develop a process for the other colonies.)

In Massachusetts you could use the following method to re-create a unit serving under a particular officer, <u>or</u> for large scale efforts such as re-constituting a town's 'Honor Roll' of Revolutionary War Veterans. That is exactly what I, Tom Vincent (MASSAR), Buck Turner (retired Army officer) and James Parrish (National Park Service Historian) are doing for the Town of New Marlborough, Massachusetts.

#### Here are the steps:

- 1. Begin by downloading (one at a time) one of the 17 volumes of the MS&SRW published in 1896. Source: http://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/122025 The documents will be in PDF format.
- 2. First identify the town(s) of origin of Soldiers & Sailors that define the scope of your 'Honor Roll', or a specific Commander your patriot served under. . ... That is what you will be doing your searches on.
- 3. Enter 'Ctrl-F', or click on the 'Magnifying Glass' icon, to bring up the Window's search box and then insert your search words in the command box and click 'NEXT' (For this article the search subject was 'Moses Soul'.)
- 4. I recommend you create an Appendix of the extracts from the MS&SRW of the members of the 'Honor Roll', or 'Militia' or 'Minuteman Company' you are creating.
- 5. I recommend you set the final edited extract font Georgia 10. This will result in the extract appearing in a readable and printable form.
- 6. I recommend you manually edit the extracts for OCR errors in copying. (e.g. 'W' often comes out 'vv'.) Common Editing: m = in; mitil = until; Jmie = June; West Pomt = West Point; a?so = also; including = including
- 7. I recommend you append the source document reference to the extract. Show the actual page in the MS&SRW the extract came from, plus the PDF page, such as: MS&SRW Vol 1 pg 63/104.
- 8. Extract all the members that appear as the result of your search from all 17 volumes and compile a list for the Appendix in the MS&SRW default 'Last Name, First Name order' occasionally followed by town of origin, and rank.
- 9. Consider adding an 'Honor Roll' column, and manually reformat the default 'Last Name, First Name order' into 'Rank First Name Last Name.
- 10. The 'Honor Roll' list is your final product. ... Congratulations!

That is the process. It just takes *time*. But I am delighted with the results of the process: **57 Men** of Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen have been identified! I had also created an Appendix of the MS&SRW extracts of the Company members (22 pages) which contains the description of service of each of the listed men. Here is a sample of an extracted record:

**Adams, Zebadiah**, New Marlborough. Private, Capt. Moses Soul's co.. Col. John Fellows's regt., which marched April 21, 1775, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Sandisfield and New Marlborough; service, 17 days; also, muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 8, 1775; service, 3 mos. 1 day; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money, dated Camp at Dorchester, Nov. 1, 1775. Source: MS&SRW Vol 1 pg 83/125.

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#### Soule Kindred Objectives Then and Now

Just How Far Have We Come in 50 Years?
By Kathleen Kingman

As we ponder over how much can happen to us in the course of a half-century (for those of us who have been alive that long), it's exciting to also realize what has happened in the "life" of Soule Kindred in America. I found a list of early objectives included in one of the first issues of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, which our SKA founding fathers, George Standish Soule and Col. John Soule, brainstormed back in the fall of 1967. With the help of excellent leadership through the years, and hard work and dedication from SKA members, we have come a long way toward achieving these objectives! Co-Presidents Sara Soule-Chapman and Darrel Young, Soule Kindred Family Tree Database Chair Deanna Lucas and Communications Chair Karen McNally gathered current data and details to help us see where we are today in our journey toward achieving these objectives that were outlined so many years ago.

You will see George Standish Soule's words below, taken verbatim from the *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, Vol. I, No. 4, October 1967, Page 45, and written in *italics*. Our current state of affairs, as reported by SKA leadership, is written in **bold**. Enjoy!

-Kathleen Kingman, Editor

#### Objectives as outlined in his "Dear Cousin" letter by George Standish Soule

Objectives and aims of the Soule Kindred are formed as we go along presently. Suggestions have been sent in what the Kindred COULD do and I list them for your consideration and comment.

- 1. Plan and hold a SOULE REUNION; perhaps next Labor Day one could be held IF PLANNED. Certainly, a grand SOULE REUNION should be held on the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower which is 1970. (Already some plans are being made by other groups for this and the government hopes to issue a special commemorative stamp to honor this event.) As you all know, we are preparing to join together very soon for our 50th Anniversary Reunion in Plymouth/Duxbury, MA. SKA biennial reunions bring together hundreds of cousins and offer many opportunities for learning, exploring and growing family ties.
- 2. Plan and hold small "Soule Reunions" throughout the country where feasible. The list of past reunions can be found on the website and shows that they have been held in various areas of the country.
- 3. DISTRIBUTE the Soule Newsletter and attachments to various genealogical libraries throughout the U.S. and Canada. Copies will be placed in the Library of Congress and with the D.A.R. Soule Kindred Newsletter has been continuously published for 50 years. The current mailing list includes 302 U.S. members (with hundreds more opting for electronic copy only), 13 foreign members and 10 institutions.
- 4. PUBLISH a set of SOULE FAMILY HISTORY books. This would update what Rev. Ridlon did and supplement that with corrections, new facts, additional information and data resume sheets on every Soule-blooded person we can find, complete with personal pictures wherever possible. If would probably take 5 volumes. There is a set of Soule Pink Books published, documenting the first 5 generations of descendants of George and Mary.
- 5. Establish a permanent headquarters. This question, of course, needs a lot of thought. Presently, the Newsletter is printed and mailed from wherever I am. Being involved in the construction business, my location can and does change. There is not any plan in sight presently for the Soule Kindred to establish a physical headquarters. The Newsletter is prepared in different Soule homes. The one-room Soule House at Plimoth Plantation is, of course, a museum. Our website acts as our headquarters, with responsibilities shared among Board members, committee members and others.

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#### **SKA Objectives Then and Now continued**

- 6. Provide for various monuments. At its third reunion in 1971, Soule Kindred dedicated a headstone in Standish Cemetery in Duxbury to the memory of George Soule. At our upcoming Reunion, we will honor Mary Beckett and George Soule, with the dedication of a plaque and garden in their memory at the King Caesar House, Duxbury.
- 7. Provide scholarships for worthy or needy Soules. SKA awards scholarships every year a viable candidate is identified. In some cases, as in 2014, two scholarships were awarded. We currently have over \$22,000 in SKA's Scholarship Account.
- 8. Provide a DEPOSITORY for Soule documents, microfilms, historical items, etc. The historical records are stored at the Drew Archival Library in Duxbury, MA.
- 9. Co-operate with the Mayflower Society and other Pilgrim Kindred groups and possibly have joint meetings, reunions, summer camps, which would emphasize and teach our Pilgrim heritage, etc. The SKA became an 'Endorsed Family Member' of the GSMD this past year. This endorsement provides more exposure for the individual family societies on the GSMD website and coordination with GSMD for various activities. In addition, our reunion in Plymouth/Duxbury, Sept. 8-11, overlaps with GSMD's General Congress there, Sept. 8-13.
- 10. Establish a COMPUTER program on the Soule family. Already some thought has been given to this and Mr. John W. Soule, a Research Computer Programmer, is presently in charge of this area. With the thousands of Soule descendants now living, a computer will soon become a necessity if anyone is to trace his genealogy back very far. This will also help us answer many questions very fast. LOL! Our SKA forefathers could not even imagine where computers and technology would bring us today! The Soule Family Tree Database is an ongoing project, collecting genealogical information on Soule descendants. It has 190 registered users who have entered their lineage. Of the original 9 children, there are now 56 branches, 889 families and 2,347 people listed in the database. Our SKA website provides information about the organization and acts as a communication vehicle between SKA members. There were 14,683 page views between January 1 and June 15, 2017. The website has mobile device compatibility, with 41% of visitors using a mobile device or tablet to access the site. Our Soule Kindred in America Facebook group currently has 752 members and our Facebook page has 481 Likes. Our Twitter account has 109 Followers.
- 11. Publish quarterly the Soule Kindred Newsletter. This, of course, is a reality now and is a vital organ of our group. Future articles are mentioned in Vol. I, No. 1. Soule Kindred Newsletter switched from a quarterly to a triannual publication in the Winter of 2015. Each 16-page issue includes organizational news; reports from committees, such as Research, Communications and Family Tree; and articles and family stories created by YOU, our members!

NONE of the above will happen or remain UNLESS each Soule helps us all he can. Many of you may prefer a passive role in the Soule Kindred, but even if you only send us in YOUR family VITAL STASTISTICS (i.e.: Births, Marriages, Deaths), you are helping. We hope that each "Soule" in his own way will help insure that the "Kindred" becomes a lasting permanent organization. How do you think we've done so far, SKA members? Take these 50-year-old words of George Standish Soule seriously. Honor his call to action and do what you can to help keep us marching toward success. Volunteer on a committee, write a story for the newsletter, join the Board of Directors, give to our Scholarship or Research Funds. If you have Soule kin who are not members of Soule Kindred, e-mail them the link to our webpage, soulekindred.org, and encourage them to join. In any way that works for you, let's unite in our efforts to celebrate 50 Years together and look forward to the next half-century of Soule Kindred!!!

#### How to Re-Create Your Patriot's Company continued

Jim Young and I are so pleased with the outcome that we have proposed a quasi-society: **"The Descendants of Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen."** Please look over the Muster Roll of the Capt. Moses Soule's Company (below). If your patriot is listed, won't you join us?\*

#### Compatriots Tom Adams & Jim Young

Mother Lode Chapter SAR, California Society

#### Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen

Capt. Moses Soule
Lt. Noah Allen
Ensign Solomon Deming
Pvt. Joseph Foot (Drummer)
Pvt. Charles William Soule (Fifer)
Sgt. Simon Adams
Sgt. William Beatman
Sgt. Cornelius Cone
Sgt. Luke Hitchcock
Cpl. Moses Adams
Cpl. Richard French

Cpl. Darius How

Pvt. Obadiah Adams Pvt. Zebediah Adams Pvt. Jonathan Allen	Pvt. Jonathan Huntly Pvt. Obadiah Johnson Pvt. John Kidder	Pvt. Ebenezer Smith Pvt. Nathan Smith Pvt. Benjamin Smith
Pvt. William Baker	Pvt. Hezekiah Kilburn	Pyt. Nathan Smith
Pvt. Obadiah Brown Pvt. Reuben Brown	Pvt. Ephraim Leonard Pvt. Ezra Manely	Pvt. Uriah Spalding Pvt. John Stewart
Pvt. Joseph Camfield	Pvt. Asa Manely	Pvt. Timothy Stocking
Pvt. Valentine De Forest	Pvt. William Manely	Pvt. John Stuart
Pvt. John Deming	Pvt. Drake Mills	Pvt. Elisha Terry
Pvt. John Dodge	Pvt. Joseph Myrick	Pvt. Silas Tracy
Pvt. Noadiah Gillett	Pvt. Luke Noble	Pvt. Solon Trescott
Pvt. Samuel Gibson	Pvt. John Picket	Pvt. Elijah Tucker
Pvt. Joseph Gleason	Pvt. Timothy Roberson	Pvt. Isaac Tucker
Pvt. Sylvanus Harris	Pvt. Willard Sears	Pvt. Ezra Walker
Pvt. Ephraim Hewett	Pvt. Ezra Shaw	Pvt. Joseph White

\* **FOOTNOTE:** As I completed this draft, I decided to test our proposal to form "The Descendants of Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen." Using the SAR 2015 Membership Directory I attempted to contact the descendants of **Captain Moses Soul**. The results were encouraging and enlightening! One of Captain Moses Soul's descendants **Joe Cox, TXSSAR**, showed great interest in helping us "muster" the descendants. If you believe you are a descendant, please contact me, Tom Adams, tomadams1776@yahoo.com and join your compatriots. Our numbers are growing. By the end of October 2016, there were already 8 of us!

Along the way I have already learned four things that caused me to revise this draft. (1) The MS&SRW most often referred to the Company Captain as Moses Soul not Moses Soule. However, his descendants refer to him as Moses Soule, plus his Mayflower Ancestor was George Soule. So, I revised his name to Soule; (2) I learned from Military Historians that though the MS&SRW most often referred to minute-men, "minutemen" is now a more acceptable spelling; (3) I realized from reading the source records, the phrase is either "Company of Minutemen" or "Minuteman Company", and "Company of Minutemen" was far more common.; (4) I also learned from Military Historians that there is a difference between a Minuteman Company and a Militia Company so I make that distinction. Consequently, our name became: "The Descendants of Capt. Moses Soule's Company of Minutemen."

## **50th Reunion Registration Form**

### **Soule Kindred in America 50 Year Anniversary Reunion**

September 8-10, 2017, Plymouth MA Registration Form

Name:			
Address:			
City, State and Zip:			
Telephone Number:			
E-mail Address:			
	Number of Persons	Cost	Total
Registration Fee: (\$35 per person)		X \$35.00	
Friday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tour Plimoth Plantation and Grist Mill		Pay at the entrance Adults \$28, Seniors \$26 Children \$16	
7:00 PM Opening Night Reception Plimpton Room (no-host bar) Hosted by Soule Kindred		<b>\$</b> 0	
Saturday: 9AM-4PM Tour Duxbury, MA, home of Mary Beckett & George Soule, attend dedication of a plaque in their memory at King Caesar House, Box Lunches provided		\$50	

## 50th Reunion Registration Form continued

4:00 PM Annual meeting at Hotel 1620	 \$0	
7:00 PM Banquet and presentation on latest Soule & Beckett research		
Hotel 1620	 X \$45.00	
Sunday: 9:00AM		
Soule Kindred Breakfast, location TBA or	 No Host	
*GSMD sponsored Breakfast Buffet at Plimoth Plantation		
2:00 PM *GSMD sponsored Pilgrim Progress: From the Mayflower Society House to Cole s Hill, to the Town Square, immediately followed by Opening		
Ceremonies at the First Parish Church	 \$0	
7:00 PM		
No host dinner at local restaurant (TBD)	 No Host	
Monday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Paths of the Pilgrims Tour of	V	
Cape Cod and Provincetown	 X \$95.00	
Grand Total		

Please make check payable to Soule Kindred in America and send it, with a copy of the registration form, to Jeanette Taylor, 731 North Deer Isle Road, Deer Isle, ME, 04627

<sup>\*</sup>GSMD sponsored activities - must sign up with the GSMD registration table in Sept.

#### This and That

# New Members July 2016 - June 2017

Ted Burbank - MA Joe Capps - TX Curtis Collins - FL Donna Da Luz - TX Erica Davis-Hernandez- MI Gary Dumbleton - Canada Martha Endress - WV Julia Flatt-Cohn - NJ Jim Gore - OR Lauren Hall - TX Glenda Harkins - GA Terri Hart - AZ Ken Hert - WY Kathleen Kingman - IA Linda Latham - TX Patrick MacGuire - MA John McClelland - IA Stephen McGuire - NH Janice Moody - AR Alan Newhall - IL Nicole Newman - CT David Oliver - MI Stuart Rich - ME Terry Sams - TX Jon D. Soule - ME Leslie D. Soule - CA Marcus Soule - MA Susan Straw - NH Nancy Sutton - CA Diane Veitruba - MN Teresa Ziegler - MO



#### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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# Reunion Accommodations

Click here for a list of hotel and transportation options.

#### **Duxbury At-a-Glance**

Population: 15,059 at the 2010

census

Location: Coastal town in

Plymouth County, Massachusetts,

approximately 35 miles to the

■southeast of Boston.

Government: Open town meeting

Total area: 37.6 sq mi Land: 23.8 sq mi Water: 13.9 sq mi Elevation: 36 ft.

Website: www.town.duxbury.ma.us

[To try to "glance" at the Notable
People or Points of Interest in
Duxbury is an impossible feat.
There are just too many. George
Soule is, indeed, listed among the
16 Notables in Wikipedia's entry
on Duxbury. Points of Interest that
are also included in our SKA 50<sup>th</sup>
Anniversary Reunion as well as the
41<sup>st</sup> Mayflower Society General
Congress include the King Caesar
House and gardens and First
Parish Church.]



# Genealogical/Family History Conferences/Events

# 2017 International Germanic Genealogy Conference

http://ggsmn.org/cpage.php?p t=83

Connections: International. Cultural. Personal

July 28-30: Minneapolis, MN

# NEHGS Come Home to New England Research Program

http://shop.americanancestors.or g/products/come-home-to-newengland-2017?pass-through=true Come home to Boston and work closely with NEHGS staff to advance your research. August 9-13: Boston, MA

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