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for Future Generations*

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Make Your Reservations for the 2020 SKA Reunion at the John Carver Inn, Plymouth, MA By Lori Soule

It is now time to secure your spot at the next Soule Kindred Reunion, **September 11-13, 2020**, in Plymouth, Massachusetts! Our home base for the reunion will be the beautiful **John Carver Inn and Spa (855-771-3293)**. Call now to reserve a room by identifying yourself as a member of Soule Kindred in America. We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12 at the cost of \$225 plus tax per night, with a two-night minimum required. Although we realize this is pricey, most hotel rooms in the area during this special 400th anniversary celebration are expected to be similarly priced.

This reunion is going to be so much fun! Not only will we get a chance to renew friendships with our long-lost Soule cousins, but many of us will choose to stay the next week to participate in many extra events being planned during the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Congress. Furthermore, Plymouth 400, the organization coordinating all events in the Cape Cod area, from Boston to Provincetown, is planning many exciting events. This will ensure that America properly celebrates the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* in America and the beginning of this great American experiment.

The 2020 SKA Reunion Committee has been reaching out to SKA members over the last year and has received many great ideas for our upcoming 2020 reunion. As a result, events under consideration for the SKA 2020 Reunion include the following:

- Tours of Plimoth Plantation and the newly renovated *Mayflower II*.
- Specific workshops and lectures on everything from tracing your Soule lineage, to applying for membership in the GSMD, to finding out the latest news on several archaeological sites in the Plymouth area.
- BBQ get-together with other Duxbury family organizations at the Alden House in Duxbury.
- A reenactment of the signing of the Mayflower Compact in Provincetown.
- Updates on our SKA research projects, business meetings, and numerous meals together. (There may even be a special surprise regarding Plimoth Plantation — Shhh! It's a surprise!)

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Here in Iowa, the August corn is lush, green and stretching high to the sky. Summer is a time to reconnect with family and friends, be outside and rejuvenate, before everybody's back to school. Busy, busy autumn days and cooler weather lie ahead. We will stretch ourselves as we begin new classes, take on new projects and try new things!

It's exciting to see what my Soule cousins have been up to recently. Energy and vitality are clearly demonstrated in our SKA organization, as we welcome many New Members ([page 15](#)).

Lori Soule, Dave Soule and the Reunion Committee have been organizing activities for the greatest Soule Kindred Reunion ever, coming up in 2020, when the nation will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth. (See stories on [cover](#), [page 4](#), [5](#) & [8](#)). John Sims is another dedicated member of SKA, organizing a European Tour for May 2019 ([page 7](#)) creating and contributing to our newest feature "Soules in Service" ([page 10](#)) and performing his duties as VP.

We recently lost two of our Senior SKA members, Mona Moeckel and Natalie Soule Goodrich ([page 9](#)). When you read the bios of these enthusiastic, passionate Soules, or watch the link to Natalie's interview, you will be reminded of the spirit we all can share with the world as we celebrate our common history and hopes for the future. Soule Kindred, let's keep stretching high to the sky!

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Our 2020 SKA Reunion will be enhanced tremendously by the events planned for the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower* landing at Plymouth.

Mayflower Tour of Europe

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President's Corner

Soule Kindred in America continues to be a vibrant, growing organization! Our membership numbers are up and our new website is in place!

The next three years will prove to be especially exciting as we prepare for and participate in activities related to the 400 year anniversary of our founding ancestors! Lori Soule, our reunion chair, is collaborating with a number of organizations to make plans for the 2020 reunion. John Sims, our Vice President, has worked with Reformation Tours to plan a Pilgrim Tour of England and Leiden for May 2019!

We have a number of dedicated, hard working volunteers who give their time, talent and energy to achieve the goals of our organization. What are those goals? In short, we are striving to: expand and improve our methods of communication with members and potential members; increase the number of members in our organization; provide member satisfaction; create a broad base of financial resources to support various programs and expand our research into the origins of George Soule. Hefty goals, but achievable!

This is my invitation to you to become involved more actively in our great organization. I know you, our members, possess talents and ideas that would benefit Soule Kindred and want you to know what a warm welcome you will receive if you decide to volunteer your time and energy to this valuable organization!

We always have a need for committee members on all of our committees! In some cases, we have chairpersons who are looking for that next generation of volunteers to mentor so as to pass the baton in the not-too-distant future! In other cases, volunteers are needed just to bring fresh ideas, skills and energy into the group. If you have a passion for genealogy, love technology, have great organizational and/or leadership skills or are talented in managing finances, there is a place for you!

Additionally, every year we have Board members who have served their time on the Board and need to retire. Our by-laws dictate the number of years and terms Board members are allowed to serve, so we are always looking for interested folks to put their name in the hat! Please don't be shy! Contact one of the persons listed here and become an active and contributing member of Soule Kindred. This may be one of the best legacies you can leave to future generations!

Sara R. Soule Chapman

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Committee Volunteers Needed... Join the SKA Team!

1. Communication Committee (includes Development) - Chair, Russ Francis rfrancis97@me.com This committee is looking for someone to write some blogs to post on the website and FB pages.
2. Family Tree Committee (formerly Soule Kindred Family Tree Database) - Chair, Deanna Lucas deedalu2@yahoo.com This committee is looking for a co-chair, someone interested in research and willing to learn the ins & outs of the database. This is a long-time commitment. Additional volunteers are needed to assist members in inputting their data into the database.
3. Nominating Committee - Chair, Darrel Young barb7801@hctc.net
- 4A. Membership Committee - Chair, Jeanette Taylor jeanettetaylor092@gmail.com This committee seeks someone who can learn the methods used for keeping track of members.
- 4B. Membership Directory Committee - Co-chairs, Andrew Turner abt85750@comcast.net and Judy Hughes judyhughes36@gmail.com This committee needs some volunteers to learn how to update and monitor the various lists of members.
5. Research Committee - Chair, Marcy Kelly marcykelly1@gmail.com This committee is in need of assistants to help with the DNA project.
6. Reunion 2020 Committee - Chair, Lori Soule lorisoule3@gmail.com
7. Scholarship Committee - Chair, Helen Soulé helenasoule@gmail.com
8. Lineage Assistance Committee (formerly Soule Kindred Family Tree Committee) - Chairs, Andrew Turner abt85750@comcast.net and Judy Hughes judyhughes36@gmail.com This committee provides another opportunity for anyone interested in genealogy and research.



2020 SKA Reunion in Plymouth continued

Several people have expressed that they would like to include families and specifically children at this reunion. Although school will likely be back in session at this time, many SKA members have indicated that they might be willing to attend the 2020 SKA Reunion with their children because of the significance of this 400th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth and America. With this in mind, we are planning events and activities such as scavenger hunts, informal BBQs, and hands-on activity time at Plimoth Plantation. Moreover, the Carver has an amazing pool area complete with a replica of the *Mayflower* and water spouts and slides. One of the other Pilgrim family societies is planning to concentrate exclusively on children who are visiting Plymouth with their families, and will likely host an area in town with refreshments and interactive, creative play (details yet to be determined).



The pool at John Carver Inn & Spa features a *Mayflower* replica so don't forget your swimsuit!



As of now, the tentative (I stress TENTATIVE!) schedule for the SKA 2020 Reunion is as follows:

Friday, September 11

- Check-in at the Carver
- Participant's choice of tours of historical sites, talks on archaeological projects in area, assistance for SKA members on documenting specific Soule lineage lines and/or assistance with application for GSMD membership, scavenger hunt and or geocaching in the area

- Evening Welcome Reception at the Carver
- Either joint BBQ with other Duxbury family groups at the Alden House or optional dinner at nearby restaurant

Saturday, September 12

- Tour of renovated *Mayflower II* and Plimoth Plantation with possible special event (to remain secret at this point)
- SKA business meeting
- Banquet at the Carver

Sunday, September 13

- Breakfast at the Carver
- Participation with GSMD on Mayflower Compact Signing Reenactment in Provincetown
- Alternative day for Duxbury family BBQ



Other events are being planned for the following week (See Plymouth 400 info on page 5) so you may want to plan on extending your time in Plymouth. Consider relocating to Cape Cod, or Hotel 1620 if you're attending the GSMD Congress, renting an Airbnb or VRBO, or even camping! This is going to be a great time to be in New England and, hopefully, many, many Soule cousins will plan to join in on the fun.

Plymouth 400 Planning Huge Commemoration for 400th Anniversary

By Lori Soule



Round up your family! Start saving your pennies! Make your reservations! If you've ever thought about attending a Soule Kindred reunion, this is the time to do it! In just two years the entire nation will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* on American shores! Thanks to the work of the

official planning organization, Plymouth 400 Inc., Plymouth, Massachusetts, and the entire Cape Cod region (from Boston to Provincetown) will be the center of all the fun and Soule Kindred doesn't want to miss out on any of it!

In September of 2016, Governor Baker of Massachusetts signed an executive order establishing the Plymouth, Massachusetts 400th Anniversary Commission, whose mission is to ensure a "befitting national and state observance of the settlement of Plymouth Colony in 1620." Appointees to this commission plymouth400inc.org are a diverse group including representatives from "English descendants of the Pilgrims to Indigenous Wampanoag people and all manner of immigrants that came later." These commission members include experts in "tourism, business and industry, community outreach, marketing and advertising, media, food services, travel, water transit and technology" as well as liaisons to government and security entities. Plymouth 400 is focused on honoring the many legacies of America's story such as exploration, innovation, self-governance, religious freedom and thanksgiving and all events are being planned with these values in mind.

Throughout the 2020 anniversary year, several Signature Events are being planned with the crescendo building in September of 2020. Soule Kindred wants to ensure that our membership has every chance to participate as much as possible and that's why the Board has scheduled our reunion for September 11-13, just ahead of the Mayflower Society Congress, which will be held later the following week. Now is the time for Soule cousins to start making our plans to be part of all the fun!

Here are the Plymouth 400 Signature Events and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) events currently being planned:

Friday, April 24, 2020 is the official Plymouth 400 Commemoration Opening Ceremony. Scheduled as an all-day event in Plymouth, this will be a day of "historical content, musical headliners, interpretive readings, choreographed movement, original productions, and visual narratives to create a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle for attendees and viewers across the globe."

Saturday, August 22 will feature a spectacular Provincetown to Plymouth Regatta and Parade of Lights. This event will trace the *Mayflower's* journey from Provincetown to Plymouth and will include "narrated tour boats which will join the regatta of wooden ships, yachts, work boats and official vessels as pleasure craft join in behind the fleet." Hopefully, the recently restored *Mayflower II* will be featured as the centerpiece of the regatta. In Plymouth, visitors can purchase tickets to a "traditional New England lobster dinner enjoyed in a tented dining facility. Following the dinner, at dusk, recreational boaters will be invited to join schooners, work boats and whale watch vessels in Plymouth Harbor for a spectacular parade of lights, taking in the shoreline of Duxbury as well. Inspirational recorded music will be choreographed to coincide with the maritime themes."



Mayflower II is scheduled to be back from renovations in time for the festivities.

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“Go West Young Man”

By Marcy Kelly

“Go West Young Man, Go West,” a motto of the 19th century, became popular after the Civil War when Horace Greeley, founder and editor of the *New York Tribune*, included it in a July 13, 1865, editorial. The expression, however, was first penned by John Babson Lane Soule, and printed in the *Terre Haute Express* in 1851, when Indiana was considered the West.

Greeley embellished the phrase; his full text was: “Washington is not a place to live in, the rents are high, the food is bad, the dust is disgusting, and the morals are deplorable. Go West young man, go West and grow up with the country.”

Soule, who has only recently been given credit, was born in Freeport, Maine, in 1815. He attended Exeter Academy and graduated in law from Bowdoin College in 1840. He was a teacher in Maine and Indiana before reporting for various newspapers. He became a Presbyterian minister and taught ancient languages at Blackburn University. He died in 1891.

According to Genealogy.com, he descends from Mary and George Soule’s son, John, through Moses, Barnabas, Moses and Moses.

**The Soule Kindred Research Committee is seeking the names of accomplished Soule-Beckett descendants whose names can be added to Memorable Soules listed at soulekindred.org (originally published in the Soule Kindred Newsletter, Spring 2010). If you know of anyone who should be considered, please contact marcykelly1@gmail.com*



John Babson
Lane Soule

Did you know...

The first known celebration of the Pilgrims’ landing at Plymouth to be held on the Pacific coast was during a parade in San Francisco commemorating California’s newly minted statehood. On Tuesday, October 29, 1850, the recently formed society called The New England Society of San Francisco carried a banner depicting the landing of Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock. Over the picture was written: “Religion, Liberty and Law.” The back read, “Sons of the Pilgrims on the shores of the Pacific - New England Society of San Francisco.”

On December 22, 1852, the New England Society of San Francisco held a *Mayflower* celebration at the American Theatre with an address given by the Reverend T. Dwight Hunt, pastor of the Congregational Church. Reverend Hunt’s address was a 20-page celebration of the Pilgrims and ended with this charge to his audience: “Here is our colony. No higher ambition could urge us to noble deeds than, on the basis of the colony of Plymouth, to make California the Massachusetts of the Pacific.”

SKA Mayflower Tour to Europe

May 6-17, 2019

For a sneak peek at the wonderful Mayflower Tour organized by SKA's own John Sims, utilizing the services of Reformation Tours, check out <https://reformationtours.com/mayflower400/>

Here you can scroll down to *Soule Kindred Mayflower Heritage Tour* and get specific information on our customized tour, download a registration form, and sign up! It's not too early to plan for this once-in-a-lifetime experience! The tour price is \$3,399.00, not including airfare.

The tour host is the Rev. John S. Sims, a retired minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He has been a member of Soule Kindred in America since 2009 and is currently serving on the SKA Board as the Vice President, as a member of the Scholarship Committee, and as a frequent contributor to the newsletter. He is "twice" a Soule having two paternal 3x great grandparents who are descendants of George Soule. "We may never know where George was born and raised, but this tour will allow us to walk in his footsteps across the Atlantic Ocean from the Leiden community to the birthplace of Edward Winslow, onto their Southampton point of departure, and finally to London with its Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe. It promises to be a delightful and uplifting journey for all of us Soule cousins."

On this 12-day tour, you will discover the story of courage and conviction, secret worship, growing persecution, and the start of an epic journey that would establish the Mayflower Compact.

Highlights include:

- Amsterdam – American Pilgrim Museum
- Pilgrim Father's Church
- Hook of Holland
- Boston Stump
- Babworth Church
- Scrooby Manor House
- Old Home – John Wesley
- Droitwich Spa
- St. Peter's Church
- "Faithful" City of Worcester
- Worcester Cathedral
- Guided tour in Plymouth
- Mayflower Museum
- Southampton
- Mayflower Pub in Rotherhithe
- St. Mary's Church



SKA member Judy Hughes was eager to sign up after learning more about the tour:

"Before registering for the tour I had concerns because I am a slow walker and have arthritis and weak muscles. I was concerned whether or not I would be able to keep up with the group. I called **Rowena Drinkwater at (800) 303-5534** and she was happy to discuss my concerns and made suggestions for how I could participate up to the level that I wanted and opt out of other more vigorous activities. Perhaps other Soule Kindred members who have similar concerns may want to discuss them with Rowena."

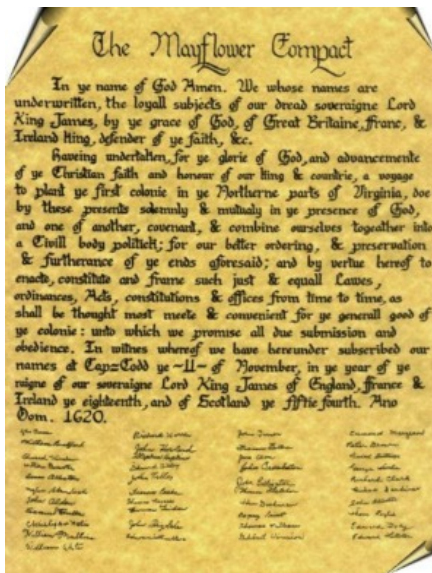
Rowena can also be reached by email at info@ReformationTours.com or by calling **(618) 222-9914**.



Plymouth 400 Celebration continued

Then, on the second weekend of September, the intensity of the 400th Anniversary celebration really gets going. **Soule Kindred has planned our reunion to begin on Friday, September 11 at noon and to run through a breakfast on Sunday morning, September 13.** Many fun-filled family-friendly activities are being planned in addition to the official SKA business meetings. (See [cover story](#) and [page 4](#).)

Picking up right after breakfast on the **13th**, interested Soule cousins can participate with GSMD in an all-day event at Provincetown. The **Mayflower Compact Signing Reenactment** celebration will include lunch at the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, as well as other activities. Ferry service from Plymouth and Boston is being planned for this event.



On the following day, **Monday, September 14, the 2020 Embarkation Ceremony in Boston will commence.** This event, held at the State House and including the governor and other elected officials, will honor the Pilgrim forefathers and Native people who are immortalized in the historic founding of Plymouth Colony. The rarely seen journal of Governor William Bradford, "Of Plymouth Plantation", will be on display inside the State House and the Massachusetts State House will be open for a reception and tours following the ceremony.

Tuesday, September 15 is an ideal day to schedule individual family tours of Boston or other historical locales in the area. GSMD is planning to offer several so stay tuned for further details.

Then, beginning on **Wednesday, September 16, the 2020 GSMD Opening of Congress** is scheduled to begin in Plymouth. This day will include the traditional opening of Congress with the customary breakfast at Plimoth Plantation, followed by a church service at First Parish Church. This year, it is expected that the deed to First Parish Church will be presented to the Mayflower Society, an event over three years in the

planning. **GSMD Congress meetings** will be held at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth on **Thursday and Friday, September 17-18.**

Saturday and Sunday, September 19-20 the Embarkation Festival will be a "grand cultural and arts festival led by the English and Wampanoag cultures, and honoring the diverse immigrants who have become the fabric of American life" through the centuries since the sailing of the *Mayflower*.

Thousands of people are expected to be engaged in America's story of exploration, immigration, innovation, self-governance, religious-freedom and thanksgiving via "cultural and tourism presentations, historical exhibitions, genealogical displays, culinary experiences, and continuous live entertainment.

Headliner concerts, celebrity involvement, continuous tours of iconic venues and living history presentations will make this festival a 'must attend' public event." Soule Kindred is considering joining with other Pilgrim family societies in sharing a booth at the Festival.



Several additional exhibits and events are being planned throughout 2020 including several highlighting the Wampanoag and other Native peoples. See the Plymouth 400 website for specific details as plans develop at plymouth400inc.org/signature-events

As you can see, this is the year to attend the SKA Reunion! Make your plans now and watch future issues of *Soule Kindred Newsletter* for more information and registration details.

If you have any questions, please contact SKA Board member, Dave Soule (davidwsoule@gmail.com) or 2020 SKA Reunion Chair, Lori Soule (lorisoule3@gmail.com).

Soule Kindred Remembers Mona Moeckel and Natalie Goodrich



Mona C. Moeckel, 96, passed away in her home (Stockbridge, Michigan) on February 15, 2018. Mona descends from George Soule in two ways as shown here by her lineage: (1) George, George, William, Joseph, Benjamin, Jonathan, George, Phebe Ann (Soule) Collins, Charles Ethelbert, Florence Emily (Collins) Mills; (2) George, George, William, Joseph, Benjamin, Jonathan, Benjamin, Joel H., Susannah N. (Soule) Bennett, Alice Adelia (Bennett) Collins, Florence Emily (Collins) Mills. Mona joined SKA in 1980, and became a Life Member in 1998.

She was born March 3, 1921, in Stockbridge, MI, the daughter of Claude and Florence (Collins) Mills. She enjoyed creating beautiful things with her sewing. Mona loved cooking and canning, filling her kitchen with delicious smells. Curious about the world around her, she was a genealogist who enjoyed traveling. She loved dancing and spending time with her joyful grandchildren. She is survived by her children Wendell (Carol) Moeckel of Grass Lake, MI; Chita (Duane)

Kunzelman of Gregory, MI; Timothy (Wanda) Moeckel of Munith, MI; Kim (Linda) Moeckel of Pinckney, MI; RoxAnn (Dennis) Jarrell of Napoleon, MI; Sheri Williams of Holland, MI; Betsy (Phil) Lewis of Stockbridge; and son-in-law, James Nottingham. She is also survived by her 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, with one great-great-grandchild on the way. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Ken Moeckel; daughter, SueZelle Nottingham; brother, Max Mills; and son-in-law, Steven Williams.

Natalie Soule Goodrich, 96, [George, John, Joshua, Nathan, Simeon, Thomas, Thomas, Eugene Thomas, Russell Wakefield] of Duxbury, MA, passed away peacefully on Thursday June 28, 2018, her family by her side. Natalie was born August 5, 1921, in Malden, Massachusetts, to Ethel J. and Russel W. Soule. Natalie was a 10th generation *Mayflower* descendant. Natalie joined Soule Kindred in 1988 and became a Life Member in 1998. She spent her early childhood in Everett, Lexington, and Lockport, NY, and was a resident of Duxbury for over 80 years. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lt. James N. Henry II (USN) of Rhode Island, and their son, James N. Henry III of Dennisport, MA; her second husband of 57 years, Benjamin F. Goodrich, Jr.; and her sisters Phyllis Murdock of Chatham and Elizabeth Anderson of Duxbury. She is survived by her daughter, Nina E. Goodrich of Charlottesville, VA, and her son, Benjamin F. Goodrich of Duxbury; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



Natalie graduated from Duxbury High School in 1939 and was a fixture in the art, theater, charity and social world of Duxbury for over 70 years. Her loves ranged from The Mayflower Society and Soule Kindred in America, to her association with the Bay Players and the stage. She loved Duxbury's Church of Saint John the Evangelist, volunteering for the Historical Society and The Art Complex, participating in the Duxbury Garden Clubs and arranging flowers. She also enjoyed tennis, golf and boating on the bay, picnics on Big Beach, working in the garden, birding, poetry, art, nature and history. She will certainly be remembered for her indomitable spirit, optimism, grace and sense of humor. These traits can be seen in her 2016 video interview conducted at the "Duxbury Mass. Memories Road Show". To view this interview from Umass Boston Archives, use this link: <https://vimeo.com/187202003>

Soules in Service



Capt. Charles W. Soules,
United States Navy, Ret.

Soule Kindred proudly salutes member Charles (Chuck) Soules [George, Nathaniel, Sylvanus, Jonathan, David, Israel, Leander Soules, Charles Wilbert, Webster Fladlien]

Chuck Soules' father, Col. Webster F. Soules, United States Army Reserve Ret, served in the Army Signal Corps. He was in the ARMY ROTC at the University of Minnesota and received his commission in the USA Reserves in 1932. He was called to active duty in 1940 and served on active duty until 1946. He served first at Fort Monmouth and in 1941 was transferred to Fort Knox to work in a group assigned to make tube type radios survive in a tank. In 1943 he was transferred to India to command a Signal Corps battalion that was the communication link between the Royal Army and the US Army. His unit was in China when the war ended. As a civilian, he was active in the US Army Reserve Mars Net for many years. He was in charge of the Mars Net in Michigan when he retired. He retired as a full Colonel after 30 years of active and reserve service. He passed away in 1982 and is buried in Buchanan, Michigan.

Capt. Charles W. Soules, United States Navy, Ret., served in the Navy on active duty from June

1958 to June 1989. We know Capt. Soules better as SKA Member Chuck Soules. Chuck served in the Navy as he obtained his commission at the Illinois Institute of Technology from the Navy ROTC program. He served as an Ensign on the USS *Rockbridge* APA 228 as Main Engines Officer and participated in the landing of Marines in Beirut, Lebanon, in July 1958.

Capt. Soules was transferred in August 1959 to the staff of Commander Amphibious Squadron 6 as Assistant Material Officer and Navigator where he was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade. He was transferred in November 1960 to attend the Engineering Officer School in route to the USS *Eaton* DDE 510 as Engineer Officer. Capt. Soules reported in April 1961. While on the *Eaton*, he was promoted to Lieutenant. In August 1962 Chuck reported to the US Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, to obtain a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. While there he met Beatrice Karain Farmer and they were married in April 1963. Chuck graduated in June 1965 and reported to the US Naval Nuclear Power Training Program the next month. He graduated in June 1966.

Capt. Soules was assigned to the USS *Long Beach* CGN9 as Damage Control Assistant from August 1966 to December 1968. *Long Beach* fought in the Vietnam War during two deployments, and he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander while there. While on the *Long Beach*, he converted from a Surface Duty Officer to an Engineering Duty Only Officer in the Navy in December 1968. In January 1969 he reported to the US Naval Ship Repair Facility in Subic Bay, Philippines, and worked in several different positions of increasing responsibility. Chuck was promoted to Commander while there. In August 1972 he reported to the US Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA, and served as the Manager of two ships' overhauls. In May 1975 Chuck was detached and assigned to two schools in route to the USS *Midway* CV 41. He reported to the *Midway* in August 1975 in Yokosuka, Japan, and relieved as Engineer Officer. Then in September 1977, Chuck was relieved and reassigned to the Commander Naval Air Force Pacific staff in Coronado, CA. There he served first as Assistant Ship Material Officer and later as Ship Material Officer. Chuck was promoted to Captain while there. In June 1982 he was assigned as Production Officer of the US Naval Ship Repair Facility in Yokosuka, Japan, and in September 1983 he assumed Command of the US Naval Ship Repair Facility in Yokosuka, Japan.

Chuck was transferred in May 1987 to the position of Supervisor of Ship Building and Repair in San Francisco, his second command. In June 1989 Capt. Soules retired with 31 years of active duty service in the Navy. Charles and his wife, Beatrice, lived in Alameda, CA, from May 1987 to November of 2006. They moved to Columbia, SC, in December 2006 to be closer to their only grandchild. Currently Chuck serves as the volunteer Maintenance Manager of their homeowners association common property.



Col. Webster F. Soules,
United States Army
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Please submit photos and information about your own family members who have served by emailing John at jsims99@comcast.net or the editor at kathleenkingman@yahoo.com.

Commemorate Your Pilgrim Heritage by Submitting Your Name and Photo to Mayflower.AmericanAncestors.org

A new Interactive website documents the lives of Pilgrims and *Mayflower* crew drawn from years of research by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). Biographies of Pilgrims, including George Soule and Mary Beckett, can be accessed on this site, as well as current-day descendants... like you! Sara Soule-Chapman, Kathleen Kingman, and some other Soules have already submitted their names and photos, but we need more Soules represented on this site! People will be perusing the “Who’s Who?” list in anticipation of the 400th Anniversary of the *Mayflower*’s landing at Plymouth. Let’s make sure the Soule Kindred is well represented!!!

The NEHGS is documenting the ever-increasing diaspora of an estimated 30 million living descendants of the original *Mayflower* passengers around the world. Descendants are invited to commemorate their connection and heritage to these venerated figures of our nation’s history by placing their name, photograph, and other identifiers in an online gallery... immediately joining a virtual community of people worldwide who share *Mayflower* ancestry. Participation is free.

The website’s content is the result of years of study by scholars at NEHGS. Data presented is culled from profiles created through the Great Migration Study Project at NEHGS.

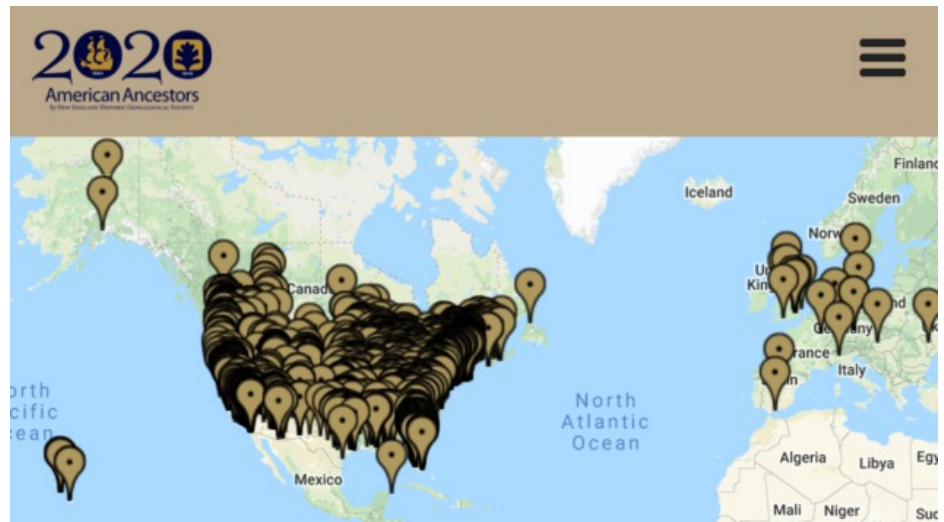
In a section of “Meet the passengers”, the website lists the names of 108 passengers and crew members and highlights those known to have left descendants, allowing participants to link directly to the Pilgrim(s) connected to their family tree. Those who are uncertain about their genealogical relationship to the Pilgrims may access other resources offered by NEHGS to explore a possible family relationship to them. It also leads to resources that may help with one’s search for other ancestors from this era to the present.

A world map illustrates the location of Pilgrim descendants from all over the world — and allows users to click on each for more information from the descendant’s own profile. The site provides an experience that both educates and engages participants in becoming a living part of the *Mayflower* story.

The new website from NEHGS is part of the organization’s preparation for the commemoration in 2020 of the 400th anniversary of the

Mayflower’s passage and landing on American shores. It is the NEHGS portal for all 2020-related announcements and events. As the year 2020 approaches, NEHGS envisions that participation in the online gallery will include thousands of living Pilgrim descendants from around the world as the website itself expands to include additional features commemorating the *Mayflower* experience.

NEHGS, with its national headquarters located in Boston’s Back Bay, is the oldest and largest genealogical society in America. NEHGS serves more than 250,000 members, and millions of online users engage in family history nationally and around the world. It is home to a world-class research library and archive, as well as an expert staff. NEHGS offers an award-winning genealogical research website at mayflower.americanancestors.org with 1.4 billion records and maintains a publishing division which produces genealogical research, scholarship and educational materials, including the *Mayflower Descendant*, a quarterly journal of Pilgrim genealogy and history.



How the Jamestown Colony led to the Sailing of the *Mayflower*

By Erica Hahn with assistance from James McCall

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I admit that, despite many clues, until recently I never thought much about what role Europeans played in New England before the Pilgrims arrived on the *Mayflower* in 1620. All I knew was that their native friend, Squanto, greeted them in English, having been kidnapped and carried off to Europe years earlier. Tragically, when he returned, everyone in his village had died of a European disease. Where his village once stood was now the site of the colony of Plymouth Plantation. We also know that our ancestors agreed to the Mayflower Compact, signed in 1620 off Cape Cod, because they somehow missed arriving in “Northern Virginia,” which was the area of their land patent.

So, when did Europeans first reach New England? Where did the name “New England” come from? How about “Cape Cod?” How about “Plymouth?” And was there competition?

The answers to these questions actually lie in Jamestown, the first English language colony to survive, founded in 1607.

The key founder of Jamestown was an Englishman called Captain Bartholomew Gosnold, born in 1571. He pursued a seafaring life. Before Jamestown, in 1602, he explored colonialization in “northern Virginia” in what is now New England. In doing so, he named the peninsula he reached, Cape Cod because... well, there was a lot of cod. He named an island there for his dead daughter, Martha’s Vineyard. On another island off the cape, now called Cuttyhunk Island, he and his people built a fort, but after a month they abandoned it.



Gosnold at Cuttyhunk, 1602,
by Albert Bierstadt, 1858

The English by this point were quite keen to colonize in North America and as a result two rival joint stock companies were chartered, the Virginia Company of London, based on where its organizers lived, which had jurisdiction in what is now the American South, and the Plymouth Company, based on where its organizers lived, which had jurisdiction in what is essentially now New England.

In Dec 1606, Gosnold managed to pull together enough backing via the London Company, which he helped found, for another try and this time set out for what would become the Jamestown Colony. He died there in August 1607. In 2003, what is probably his long-forgotten grave in Jamestown was discovered by archeologists.

There was another try at establishing a colony in Maine, the “Popham colony” in 1607, at the same time as Jamestown. This effort was sponsored by the rival Plymouth Company, organized by John Popham and Ferdinando Gorges, and led by John’s nephew, George Popham. Both John and George Popham died the first winter and the colony was abandoned within the year.

In 1609, Captain John Smith, who had been the president of Jamestown’s governing council, left for England after injuries and in disgrace. But, in 1614 he again set sail for the New World, with two ships, this time to explore Maine and Massachusetts.

During his expedition, some of his company took native people as captives including Squanto. (It is uncertain as to whether this was the second time Squanto was taken captive. He may originally have been taken captive in 1605 by an agent of Ferdinando Gorges.)

In 1616 in England, Smith published a book called *A Description of New England*. It is believed that this was the first time the name of New England was used for the area.

Smith created the map shown on the next page and gave place names to various locations along the coast of Massachusetts including New Plimouth near Cape Cod.

It is unclear where the diseases that decimated the native people came from, but we know that in the years after Smith’s visit and before the Pilgrims arrived, a number of fishermen, French as well as English, frequented New England’s waters. Cod was a very valuable commodity.

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This map, *New England Observed*, 1616 is provided courtesy of the Osher Map Collection at the University of Southern Maine and is part of John Smith's Description of New England

The religious separatists in Leiden, the Netherlands, who became known as the Pilgrims, must have pored over that book. It was they who chartered two ships, including the *Mayflower*, for their voyage to the New World.

In 1619 in London, the Leiden separatists entered into a deal for a land patent with the London Company in the jurisdiction of the London Company, i.e., no further north than New York, as well as ships with the same company. When the Pilgrims started negotiations, they were soundly cheated by their original investors. To satisfy new backers, a consortium of London financiers known as the Merchant Adventurers, they had to include "Strangers" among the passengers. Many of the passengers on the *Mayflower* were not separatists but instead Strangers.

By accident or design, the *Mayflower's* arrival on Cape Cod was considerably outside the jurisdiction of the London Company. The following year in 1621 the Pilgrims obtained a new patent from the newly reorganized Plymouth Council for New England.

One of the Strangers was Stephen Hopkins, who came on the *Mayflower* with his second wife, some of his children, and two servants. Stephen was unique in that he was the only passenger who had ever been to the New World before. In 1609 he had come on the "third supply", then spent 9 months on Bermuda after a shipwreck, before the castaways built two smaller ships to get to Jamestown. He then spent several years in Jamestown. A letter regarding "Eliezer Hopkins" arrived in Jamestown in 1614, probably bringing the news his first wife had died, and so he returned to England. Thus, he is a qualifying ancestor for both the Jamestowne Society and the Mayflower Society.

And not to forget the Canadian connection: The English were not the only Europeans interested in the area. The French made several attempts to colonize in New England, mostly minor settlements for fishing and hunting as well. Their first real North American colony was established in 1604 at St. Croix, an island at the extreme northern edge of what is now Maine.

St. Croix failed due to disease and in 1605 the founders moved what remained of it to what became Port Royal Habitation in modern Nova Scotia. A second French attempt in New England was a Jesuit mission called Saint Sauveur founded in 1613, also in northern Maine. Two months later forces launched out of Jamestown wiped out both Saint Sauveur and Port Royal in 1613. Thus, Jamestown made New England safe for English Protestants. And so, in 1620 English Protestants, i.e., the Pilgrims, started the successful colonization of New England.

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*A note to SKA members who do not use the Internet or email
from SKA President, Sara Soule-Chapman:*

I want to assure you that your membership and contribution to Soule Kindred is valued! I know some of you have questioned if you will continue to receive the newsletter and other important information from the organization. The answer is 'Yes'! We will send you, through US Mail, the same correspondences we send to other members via email. I have enjoyed the letters I have received from some of you and will make every effort to reply in kind. My address is: 745 Windmill Ct., Eagan, MN 55123

We have recently moved our website to the Wild Apricot platform. Wild Apricot will help us better serve our membership as well as host, update, backup and support our new website.

Some of the features of the new website:

- Easily view member-only content, sign up for events, and interact with other members through the member directory and discussion forum.
- Perform self-service functions such as updating your profile and renewing your membership.
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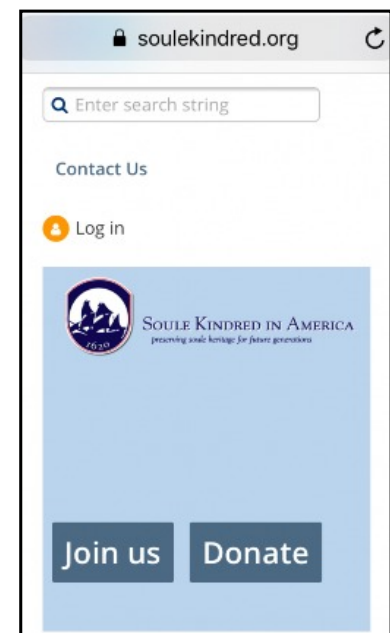
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Screenshot of the upgraded mobile-friendly version on a smartphone.

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Then just add a clever graphic.

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Thank you to our SKA members and institutional colleagues who responded to the “Go Green” inquiry letter. Most readers did not mail back a paper copy request, which indicated they prefer receiving the newsletter online. They can choose to print a hardcopy themselves, or simply read it on their computer, tablet or other device.

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Thank you in standing with Soule Kindred as we move together toward the most promising future we can strive for. Each of us can find ways to be even greener in our everyday lives.

