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for Future Generations*

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Matching Fund Opportunity The Children's Discovery Center at Plimoth Plantation

Soule Kindred in America (SKA) has entered into an agreement with Plimoth Plantation to dedicate the Children's Discovery Center (CDC) at Plimoth Plantation to George Soule, Mary Beckett and their children, in exchange for funding to support the project. The Center will offer games and interactive learning experiences for children of all ages. Watch future editions of *Soule Kindred Newsletter* for more information about this exciting new partnership!

Each member should have received a Fundraising Appeal letter with options for designating your contribution to particular funds. One of those options was for the Children's Discovery Center.

SKA has received a matching funds offer from an anonymous source. Funds designated to the Children's Discovery Center, up to \$2000, will be matched!

With this matching gift offer, combined with gifts from you, our members, we will be able to raise nearly 100% of our first-year financial commitment to the project. This partnership gives Soule Kindred in America a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for outreach. Every gift, no matter how small, will help keep Soule Kindred in America and George and Mary Soule and their children in the public eye. Please consider designating this option when making your contribution to SKA, or if you wish, you may increase your contribution. All contributions, whatever size, are welcome!

Special message from a committed supporter:

"As a former educator, parent and grandparent, I am a strong advocate of this project. I have used materials from Plimoth's educational website to bring to my grandchildren's daycares and visited that site just last week to download materials for this



George Soule and Mary Beckett house at Plimoth Plantation.

Photo courtesy of Dick McCreight, Bluestem Light Photography, LLC, www.bluestemlight.com

year's efforts. I brought my children to Plimoth Plantation when they were young and have plans to bring them back, along with their children, in 2020. I am excited about the opportunity to show them the Children's Discovery Center and the whole living history museum. Keeping our history alive and motivating children to learn about their heritage is important to me and to the future of our organization."

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Bright crimson leaves and various yellows and oranges can still be spotted around my hometown of Iowa City. But the air has grown chilly, and there's no denying that Winter is on its way.

Yet Thanksgiving is a warm, cozy time with family. We put our busy lives on "pause" and enjoy some relaxation following a big meal. What better time than to read *Soule Kindred Newsletter*! I've been looking forward to this Fall issue for a whole year, as I've been eager to share the reprinted article "Be a Pilgrim for a Day", which I stumbled onto last year while going through past issues. Glancing at the page, the name *Richard Pickering* popped out at me... we had just met him at the SKA Reunion in Plymouth a few months earlier. It was the same Richard Pickering who chatted me up at Plimoth Plantation and then appeared as George Soule himself at our Reunion Banquet! We found A.J. Jacob's story so interesting and entertaining that we read the whole thing aloud to our kids and parents at our Thanksgiving supper! Hope you enjoy it as much as we did ([page 9](#)).

Thank you to Marcy Kelly for suggesting we rerun an article on Civil War Veteran and Indian Photographer, William Soule, for Soules in Service ([page 10](#)). I encourage you to send stories of your family in the service, or Soules in other realms, to be honored in future issues of the newsletter.

We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for when it comes to our amazing Soule family!

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George Soule/Mary Beckett House at Plimoth Plantation

The future site of the Children's Discovery Center. SKA is helping to support its creation thanks to donations from you! Our Soule cousins!

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Helen's special occasion included being presented with a gift in her honor to Soule Kindred in America.

Soules in Service

A tribute to William Soule, [p. 10](#) whose captivating historic photographs of Indians were featured in a museum exhibit in Los Angeles in 2009.

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President's Corner

Welcome cousins and friends!

Soule Kindred in America is a growing, thriving organization! Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters for continuing the legacy of our fore-parents. We continue to focus our efforts on addressing our mission; to preserve Soule heritage for future generations.

We have made a shift, this past year, to a 'greener' and more technological organization, utilizing a variety of tools that enable us to communicate more efficiently. For those who do not have access to the tools necessary to participate in this fashion, we gladly continue to include you through the use of US mail.

Our new website makes it easy and efficient to contact members using email! Rather than managing an email list in another database, Wild Apricot allows us to utilize the member list to send emails to all who have an address listed in their contact information. Many emails have been sent in the past few months. If you are not receiving them, please check your spam/trash and make sure your contact information is up to date.

Our annual Board election is in process, with the vast majority of our members voting electronically. Twenty-five members were sent ballots through the mail, and 403 ballots were sent via email, using a Survey Monkey ballot. Results should be available by mid-November.

We held our Annual meeting via Zoom Webinar on Saturday, Oct. 20th. In addition to Board members, we had 11 members at large attend the meeting. It was nice to be able to see one another during the meeting.

Our annual fundraiser is in process and everyone should have received a letter via US mail, with an envelope included, to make it easier to send in your contribution. In addition, there is a 'Donate' button on the website that can be utilized at any time during the year.

Plans for the 2020 Celebration are underway and enhanced with our participation in the Plymouth 400 organizing group. Lori and Dave Soule have been participants in several telephone conferences to plan events with the Plymouth 400 group. SKA has a block of rooms reserved at the John Carver Hotel, so make your reservation early! The dates of our reunion are Sept. 11-13, 2020.

Our tour of England and Leiden, planned for May 2019 is filling up, but there is still room if you are interested! Information can be found both in this newsletter and on the website.

Check out SKA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouleKindred> and at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/31193675886/>. The SKA Facebook group now has over 900 members! This is a good place to share information and pose questions about your ancestry and activities in the world of Pilgrim history. It is also a good forum for recruiting members to SKA.

SKA has a continuing need for volunteers to keep the organization functioning well and growing! Please consider putting your talents and interests to use with SKA and become involved with this group of dedicated, hard-working and caring individuals! You may contact any Board member or committee chairperson or me! We will find a place for you in this organization!

Thank you!

Sara R. Soule-Chapman

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Soule Kindred in America 2018 Annual Meeting Summary

The 2018 annual meeting was held via Zoom webinar on Oct. 20, 2018. All members were invited to attend, and we had 7 Board members and 11 members at large in attendance.

Reports from our Treasurer, Secretary and committee chairs provided information about recent activity and current projects.

In summary:

- Our revenue is close to target and expenses are below budget on most items. We are saving money on our *Soule Kindred Newsletter* due to fewer being printed and mailed.
- We plan to provide funding to Plimoth Plantation to create and operate a Children's Discovery Center in the house previously designated as belonging to George Soule and his family, and other Pilgrim families.
- Our new website is working well; some changes to directions and lists are being made when the need arises. Use of Paypal to renew membership is still possible, but the auto pay function is not.
- We currently have 430 members including 83 new members and 2 new youth members.
- Our 2020 reunion committee is making great strides and is planning to run a contest for creating a unique SKA logo for our 2020 reunion.
- SKA is now an organizational partner with Plymouth 400, a planning group working together to plan events for 2020.
- Research using DNA testing continues in Scotland and England.
- Three individuals were nominated and ballots were sent to all members. Voting has begun and is in process. Results will be tabulated in November and shared on the website and in the winter issue of the newsletter.
- The Fall Fund drive letters have gone out to all members.
- The Plymouth tour of England and Leiden planned for May 2019, has 15 people registered and is looking for 10 more.
- Volunteers are needed for a number of committees and projects in the organization. If interested, contact a committee chair or Sara Soule-Chapman at kirbychap@msn.com.

Meeting dates for 2019 will be January 19, April 20, July 20, and Oct 19.

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 Soule 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.

Plans continue to develop...

2020 SKA Reunion less than two years away!

By Lori Soule

We hope everyone is making plans to attend our upcoming SKA Reunion September 11-13, 2020. It's not too early to secure your reservation at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth, Massachusetts, so call today and identify yourself as part of SKA to reserve your room. Soule Kindred in America has arranged for 30 rooms to be held for our members and already 7 have been reserved. You sure don't want to miss out on this special Reunion Weekend as, this time, it coincides with the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the *Mayflower*. Many exciting events are being planned for the entire area from Boston to Plymouth to Provincetown, and every hotel room in the area is likely to be booked well in advance. Don't be left out!

The plans for the SKA reunion weekend continue to evolve and there are a couple of very exciting developments in the works that we hope to share with you soon. Your SKA Board and Reunion Committee are actively working to finalize these plans. Watch upcoming SKA newsletters, social media and our website for further details.

At this point, SKA Reunion attendees should plan to arrive in Plymouth, MA, on Friday morning if possible, as check-in and events are being planned for Friday afternoon, followed by an event Friday evening. Saturday promises to be a full day and evening with details to be announced as soon as they are confirmed. On Sunday, SKA is planning to join with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants for their Mayflower Compact Re-enactment Ceremony in Provincetown. Ferry service is being planned. You may want to consider extending your time in the area and staying on to participate in the GSMD and Plymouth 400 events being planned through the following weekend, September 19-20.

Make your travel plans now to attend the next SKA Reunion. Specific details and registration forms should be available to our members in late 2019 or early 2020, but now is the time to secure your hotel arrangements. Soule Cousins know how to have fun, so plan now to be a part of it all!

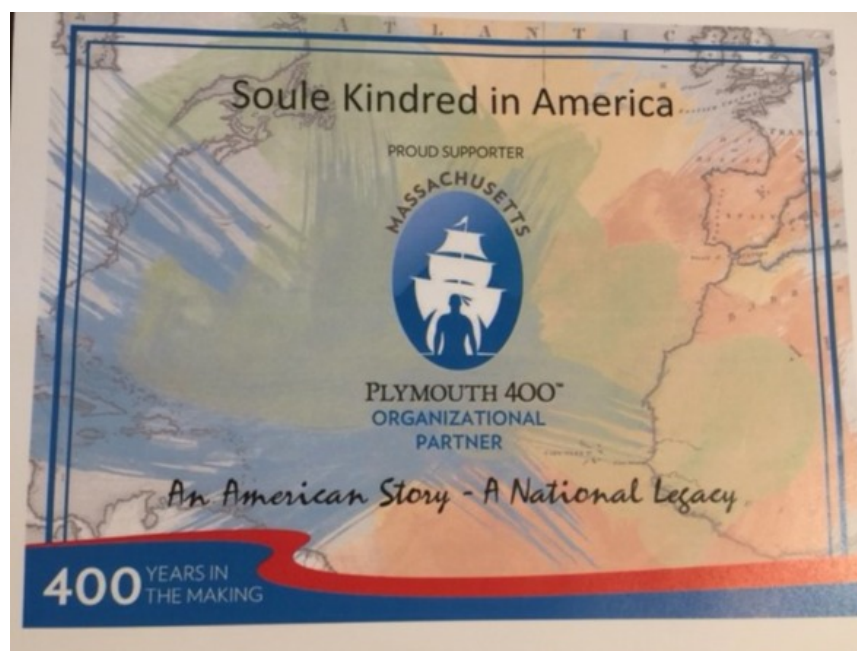
Soule Kindred becomes a Plymouth 400 Organizational Partner

We are pleased to announce that SKA is now an official partner with Plymouth 400 in celebrating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower*! Plymouth 400 is the official planning group, working to coordinate an appropriate commemoration of this special anniversary in the years leading up to and following 2020.

Becoming an official Organizational Partner involves no financial commitment from SKA; we merely agree to publicize and promote the official Plymouth 400 Signature Events, linking to the Plymouth 400 website in our social media and newsletters, something we would have done anyway.

(<https://plymouth400inc.org/>)

In exchange, SKA's visibility as one of the most active and growing *Mayflower* family societies is greatly enhanced. Our name and website are now linked on the Official Commemoration website and in "other supporting marketing and press vehicles" as would be appropriate for an audience beyond our SKA membership. This means that, should SKA choose to host an event during our reunion that would be of interest to other family societies or the general public, that event could be designated as an official Organizational Partner Event, making our information available to all who may be interested in attending through Plymouth 400.



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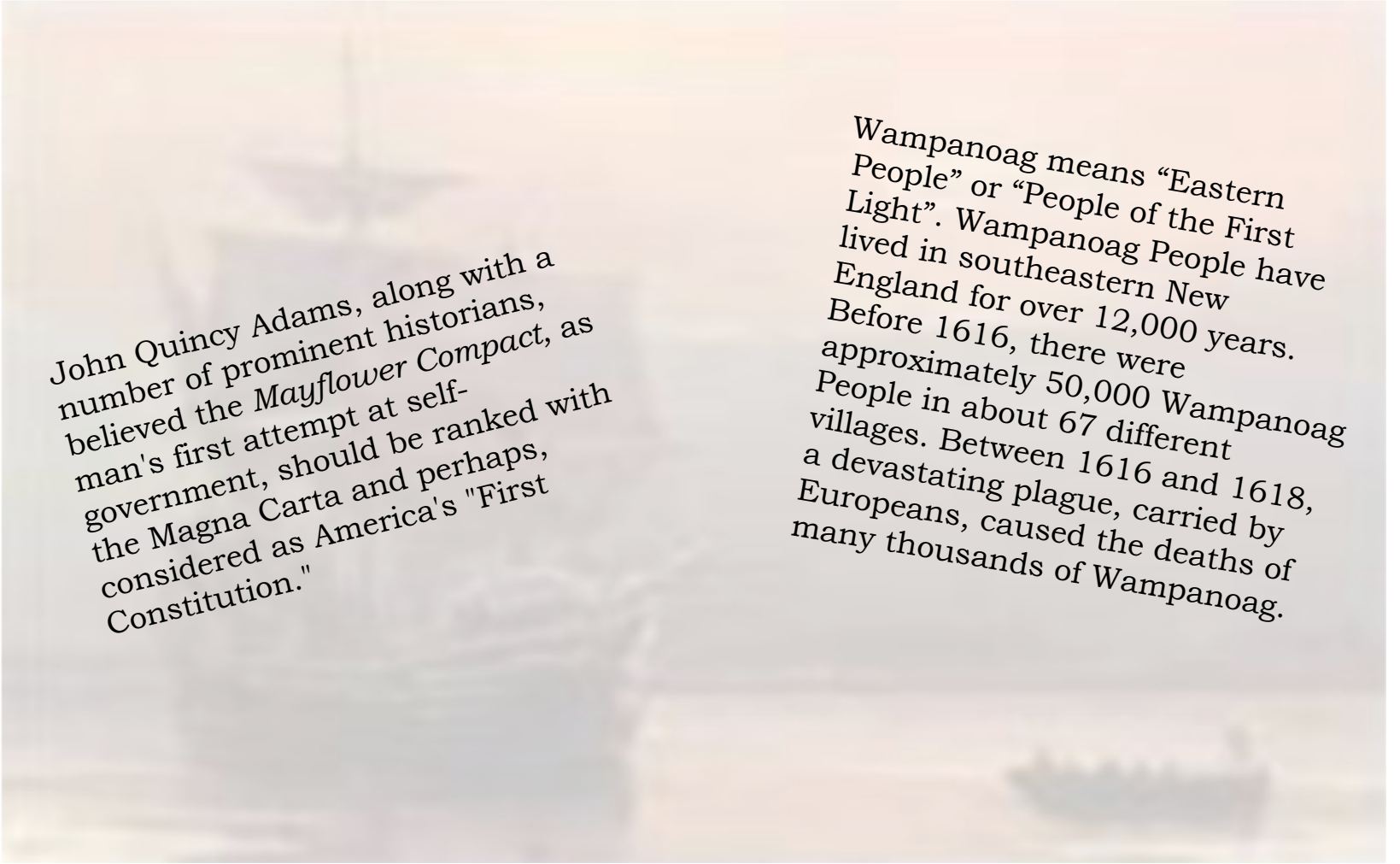
At this time, the SKA 2020 Reunion Committee is considering a number of possible events that would benefit from this large exposure. More details on these exciting possibilities will be shared as they are confirmed.

I encourage all SKA members to keep a watchful eye on, not only the SKA website, but also the Plymouth 400 website to stay up on the latest developments in the exciting commemoration being planned for 2020. And make your plans now to be in Plymouth in September 2020!

Brainstorm your ideas for the SKA 2020 Reunion Logo Contest!

Plans are in the works to develop a unique SKA logo for our reunion in 2020 and to use the winning logo in our promotional and commemorative materials. Flex your creative muscles to come up with words and/or a design to cleverly commemorate the 2020 SKA Reunion as it coincides with the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* in America. Specific details will be announced sometime in 2019, but you can start thinking up your contribution to this fun contest now. Maybe you will win the big prize and see your logo on all our upcoming materials!

Did you know...



John Quincy Adams, along with a number of prominent historians, believed the *Mayflower Compact*, as man's first attempt at self-government, should be ranked with the Magna Carta and perhaps, considered as America's "First Constitution."

Wampanoag means "Eastern People" or "People of the First Light". Wampanoag People have lived in southeastern New England for over 12,000 years. Before 1616, there were approximately 50,000 Wampanoag People in about 67 different villages. Between 1616 and 1618, a devastating plague, carried by Europeans, caused the deaths of many thousands of Wampanoag.

Soule Kindred Mayflower Tour

May 6-17, 2019

There's still time... register for Soule Kindred in America's spectacular 12-day tour in Europe, which will bring SKA members along the path of our Pilgrim ancestors to America. We have 15 registered and there's still room for 10 more. The tour begins in the Netherlands on May 6, 2019, and moves on into England with stops in Leiden, Delfshaven, Harwich, Boston, Worcester, Scrooby, Gainsborough, Droitwich Spa, Worcester, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Southampton, and London.

A complete schedule of day-by-day activities and the details of the tour can be found at www.ReformationTours.com/package/ska or you can call 618-222-9914 or 800-303-5534 for more information on how to sign up. Reformation Tours is a Mayflower 400 Official Tour Operator.



Soule Kindred Remembers Sisters and SKA Life Members Laura Stallcop and Leola McAfee

The lineage for sisters Laura Stallcop and Leola McAfee is: George, John, Benjamin, Benjamin, Benjamin, David, Benjamin F., Nora Belle (Soule) Marvin, Thomas Clinton Cooney

Laura "Dolly" Stallcop, 87, of Big Lake, MN, passed away on March 17, 2018. Laura was preceded in death by her husband, Delos; parents, Thomas and Mamie Marvin; brothers, Edgar, Clair, George and Thomas Marvin; and sisters, Mae Brossard and Leola McAfee.

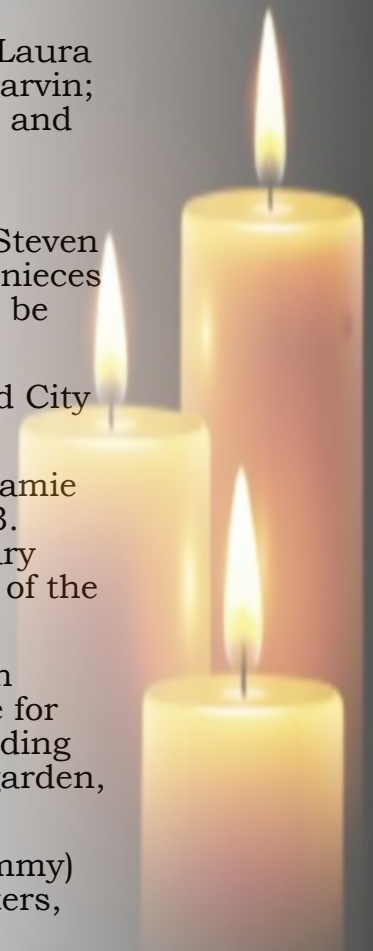
Dolly is survived by children, Carol (Gordon) Anderson and Marvin Stallcop; grandchildren, Frank, Robert and Eric Anderson, Ryan (Mindy) Stallcop, and Steven and David (Jen) Anderson; sisters, Ruth Ebbenga and Nora Powell; and many nieces and nephews. Laura enjoyed reading, sewing and was an avid quilter. She will be greatly missed.

Leola McAfee, 79, of Custer, SD, passed away on October 8, 2017, at the Rapid City Regional Hospice House in Rapid City, SD.

Leola was born on March 23, 1938, in Onamia, MN, to Thomas Cooney and Mamie M. (DeWitt) Marvin. She married her husband, Wayne, on September 28, 1963. Leola was a CNA at the Custer Regional Senior Care Center. Leola was Honorary State Regent, South Dakota Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and Soule Kindred in America.

Leola was an amazing seamstress and tailor, including many pieces of Scottish attire. Her love of sewing and others was displayed in hundreds of quilts made for family and friends. Leola was a beautiful, kind, loving person. She enjoyed reading and spending time in her garden. When she wasn't reading or tending to her garden, she was spending time with her children.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne McAfee of Custer, SD; son, David (Tammy) McAfee of Conway, AR; daughter, Janet (David) Kassmeyer of Gillette, WY; sisters, Nora and Ruth; seven grandchildren: Jesse, Crystal, Duncan, Conner, Seth, Summer, Sarena; and one great-grandchild, Aiden.



Helen Soulé honored at Retirement Party with gift to Soule Kindred in America

Helen Soulé, SKA's former president and current Scholarship Committee Chair, was honored at a retirement dinner in Washington, D.C. on June 5, 2018. Helen was recognized for dedicating her service and talents to the Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21) since 2008, serving in many roles, including as Board member, Director of State Partnerships and Executive Director. Approximately 50 professional colleagues, P21 Board and Strategic Council members, staff and friends were in attendance. A generous donation to Soule Kindred in American was made in her honor.



Certificate presented to Helen commemorating the gift given to SKA in her honor.

P21's mission is to serve as a catalyst for 21st century learning by building collaborative partnerships among education, business, community and government leaders so that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in a world where change is constant and learning never stops. P21 recognizes that all learners need educational experiences in school and beyond to build knowledge and skills for success in a globally and digitally interconnected world. P21 supports educators, families and community partners who are actively trying to integrate teaching 21st century skills into broad-based curricula for all students. P21 advocates for the teaching of 21st century skills at the local, state and federal level.

Helen managed P21's day-to-day operations, including implementation of the programs in the 2013 strategic plan and P21's state partnership program. Helen is a longtime educator with P-16 leadership experience at the local, state and national level. She is a former elementary school teacher and district level administrator. At the state level, she served as Director of the Mississippi Department of Education Office of Technology, with responsibilities ranging from the statewide internet backbone and student information system

to textbooks and professional development. At the national level, Helen served as chief of staff to the assistant secretary for the Office of Postsecondary Education in the U.S. Department of Education and Executive Director of Cable in the Classroom, the cable and telecommunication industry's education foundation.

Helen served on numerous boards, including the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), the State Education Technology Directors Association (SETDA), the George Lucas Educational Foundation Advisory Board and the Consortium for School Networking. She is the recipient of the SETDA's Pioneer Award, Converge magazine's 30 'Shapers of the Future' award and E-School News 'Impact 30 Award for Excellence'

Helen holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from Mississippi State University, M.A. in Educational Administration from Mississippi State University and Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Helen is trying to figure out what she wants to do in retirement. She and her husband, Bo, are doing some traveling including a trip to Australia and New Zealand and the SKA trip to England and Amsterdam in May 2019 (see [page 7](#)).

Helen enjoys playing Mahjong, bridge and doing yoga. She is also getting active in her community, serving on the Board of the Magnolia Springs Community Association, and will begin a 4-year course through their local Episcopal Church called Education for Ministry, which originates from the University of Sewanee. Helen and Bo are also very interested in genealogy. Of course, they do lots of activities with their five grandchildren!

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Be a Pilgrim for a Day

by A. J. Jacobs

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This time of year, most people like to wish each other “Happy Turkey Day.” But in my home, we prefer “Happy Deer Day,” “Happy Eel Day,” or “Happy Swan Day”.

Let me explain. A few months ago, my 4-year-old asked me if the Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving featured a SpongeBob float in the parade.

No, I said. They didn’t even have a Snoopy balloon. This vision of hardship shocked him.



It also made me realize I didn’t know much more about the first Thanksgiving than he did. I knew there were the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians and they ate some food together. Then, afterward, they, um, unbuckled their shoes and watched a football game? I had no idea.

The point is, many of us have become disconnected from the original celebration of the holiday. And since I believe in hands-on—or stomach-on—learning, I decided we’d recreate the first Thanksgiving. The real menu, prayers, games, everything.

The best chefs create your perfect Thanksgiving

My wife reluctantly agreed, as long as I promised not to wear a loincloth. I realized we needed a guide for our culinary adventure and found the perfect one in historian Richard Pickering, deputy director of Massachusetts’ Plimoth Plantation, home of the Pilgrims. He agreed to help us.

“The Thanksgiving we practice today has more to do with myth than reality,” Pickering said. The food we eat is much closer to the cooking of 1860s America—when President Abraham Lincoln made Thanksgiving a national holiday—than to 1620s Pilgrim fare.

“Was there even turkey at the original dinner?” I asked Pickering. It’s unclear, he replied. The only eyewitness account of the event mentions “wildfowl,” but that could have meant ducks, swans, passenger pigeons, or other birds native to the region.

Venison was definitely one of the main dishes in 1621, and we know the Wampanoag Indians provided five deer. The tables may also have contained lobster, eel, mussels, fish, Indian corn, radishes, turnips and spinach.

Oh, and there wasn’t a buckle in sight—the Pilgrims never wore them. Victorian-era magazine illustrations erroneously showed the Pilgrims wearing accessories with buckles, and the idea stuck.

Armed with my new knowledge, I started calling stores and browsing supermarkets, asking the clerks questions like, “Do you have any liverwort?” and, “What about black carrots?” (Today’s orange carrots are a newfangled 18th-century hybrid.) They shook their heads. Nor, thankfully for all concerned, was I able to track down swan.

Finally I did manage to pull together a smorgasbord of authentic ingredients. I planned to roast and boil all of the dishes, since sautéing and stir-frying were unheard of then.



Richard Pickering portraying George Soule at the SKA Reunion in Plymouth, MA. September 2017.

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Soules in Service

This article is reprinted from the Fall 2009 issue (Vol. XXXXIII, No. 4) of Soule Kindred Newsletter. It was published after the SKA Reunion in Los Angeles, hosted by Marcy Kelly. Reunion attendees were fortunate enough to see the Shadow Catcher Exhibit, a collection of Rare 19th Century Indian Photographs by William Soule. The exhibit was made possible by the Seaver Center for Western History Research and the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.



Civil War photo of Will Soule

Soule Kindred proudly salutes William, or Will, Soule [George, John, Moses, Barnabas, John, Benjamin, John, William Stinson], who served in the Civil War and took historic Indian photographs between 1868 and 1875 while clerking at military forts and serving as official photographer at the newly established army post, Fort Sill, deep in Indian Territory.

His photos of Indians in the area—Kiowas, Apaches, Cheyenne, Wichitas, Caddos, Arapahoes and Comanches—is the first known single collection of Indian photographs and one of a very few to record Indians not yet living on reservations. They precede Edward Curtis' photos by 30 years.

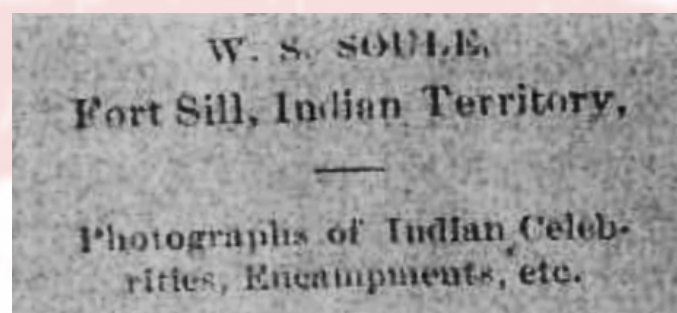
Soule's photos were taken at a time when Indian tribes were in a fierce struggle against whites and many had been relocated to Oklahoma. The Sand Creek and Washita Massacres of the plains tribes were recent and some of his subjects were prisoners captured by General George Armstrong Custer. Yet the Indians, who called photographers "shadow catchers" appear to be willing subjects. It was not long after these photos were taken that the Indian life he captured vanished.

A descendant of *Mayflower* pilgrim George Soule, Will was born August 28, 1836, in Turner, Maine, and raised on a farm. He learned the photographic trade from his elder brother, John P. Soule, founder of the Soule Photogenic Company in Boston. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Will enlisted in the 13th Massachusetts Infantry. He was wounded at Antietam and served out the war in the Invalid Corps.

In 1867, when a fire destroyed the photo studio in Chambersburg, PA, where he was employed, Will moved west in an effort to improve his health. He found work as a clerk in the sutler's store at Fort Dodge, KS. A year later he moved on to Camp Supply and then to Fort Sill.

Most of Will's Indian portraits were probably posed in a studio with a skylight, but often he carted cumbersome equipment out on the plains where he recorded Indian life. A photograph he took of a scalped hunter, only hours after the event, was reprinted as a wood engraving in Harper's Weekly, January 16, 1869.

After seven years in the west, Soule traveled to Washington with a delegation of Indians. He stayed in the east, married, and lived in Philadelphia and Vermont before settling, in 1882, in the Boson area. Here he continued in the photographic business with his brother and sold prints of his Indian portraits, often in albums with multiple images.



Will Soule's photographic imprint

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Soules in Service continued



Tosh-A-Wah, First Chief of the Penatecka Comanches

In 2005, an album of Will's original prints, once owned by his sister, was sold for \$70,500 at the American Indian & Ethnographic Art auction at Skinner's in Boston.

After Will's death in 1908, his only surviving child, Lucia Soule, shipped all of her father's Indian glass plate negatives to Henry G. Peabody, a professional photographer in California, who had worked with Will. At her urging, he made some prints for the Bureau of American Ethnology in Washington, D.C., and years later gave the negatives to the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Eventually the negatives found a home at the Los Angeles County Museum of National History. The photos in this exhibit were printed from those original glass plates. It is estimated that 166 original paper prints and 69 negatives of his work survive.

Sources: Will Soule, Indian Photographer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma 1869-187, Ward Ritchie Press, 1969; Special Collections and University Archives, Wichita State University; Encyclopedia of Frontier Biographies; and the Fort Sill Museum.

Please submit photos and information about your own family members who have served or are currently serving by emailing John at jsims99@comcast.net or the editor at kathleenkingman@yahoo.com.

Helen Soulé honored at Retirement Party continued

Family is extremely important to Helen and she has a large extended family. She and Bo have two girls, both married: Tricia, the eldest, and her husband, Steven, own a jewelry store that was founded by her husband's father (LaBiche Jewelers) in Meridian, MS. She is also a registered nurse, but works instead with Steven in their store. Tricia and Steven have three children: a son Matthew, 24 (and newly married to Jessica), who is getting his master's degree in teaching in Memphis; a daughter, Jessica, (a different Jessica) 21, (senior accounting major at MS State University) and a son, Maurice, 8 years old. Helen's youngest daughter, Nicki (Nichole), has boy/girl twins Gray and Mary Gara who are 15 (and new drivers!). They live in Memphis, TN. Nicki is an attorney working at Rhodes College (where she is also an alum) as a development officer and her husband Andy is CEO of a new non-profit there called MyCityRides (mycityrides.org). Helen and Bo see Nicki's family often as they visit their home on the Magnolia River where they enjoy water sports like wakeboarding; skiing, and tubing. They also visit Nicki's family to enjoy sporting (volleyball, baseball, basketball) and other events.

Bo and Helen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on Sept 1, 2018. The children and grandchildren gave them a big party, attended by 90 family members and friends from around the US.



The award and gift to SKA were presented to Helen by Board member Stephan Turnipseed, Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, Pitsco Education (Pitsco is a member company of P21)

A Viking Legacy: Baron Guillaume Dupuytren's Contracture by Marcy Kelly

The Summer 2010 issue of *Soule Kindred Newsletter* announced that DNA tests revealed the Soule family originated in Scandinavia and had Viking roots. These invaders brought many attractive physical attributes with them to Europe: they were taller and more muscular than most Europeans, and combed their blond or red hair daily. Chroniclers of the time described them as clean and attractive to noble English women. Vikings also brought with them a disease known today as Dupuytren's Contracture.

The condition, whose cause is unknown, manifests itself by a nodule or a cord-like thickening of tissue just beneath the skin, on the palm of the hand, usually near the ring and small finger. It may not proceed beyond the initial lump in the palm, but eventually it could bend fingers out of position. When this happens, and fingers can't straighten out completely, everyday activities are made more difficult.

Baron Guillaume Dupuytren (pronounced du-pwe-trahn), a famous French surgeon of the 19th century, performed the first hand surgery to correct the problem, in 1831. The disease, which sometimes also occurs in feet, is usually painless at onset. The problem is more common in men, people over age 40, and those who trace their ancestry to northern Europe.

Dr. Ryan DellaMaggiore, a hand surgeon at the Cedar Sinai Medical Group in Los Angeles, says that having the condition does not mean treatment is needed. "As long as the affected hand can be placed palm down flat on a table, observation is enough. When the pull of a finger makes flattening the hand not possible, treatment is needed." Options include needling to break the chord of tissue, enzyme injections to weaken the cord and straighten fingers, and surgery to remove the affected tissue.

Famous people reported with Dupuytren's Contracture include English actor Bill Nighy; author of *Peter Pan*, James Barrie; playwright Samuel Becket; and politicians Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher.

While there is no evidence that Pilgrim George Soule had the disease, it is probable that he brought it with him to the New World in 1620. According to Bennett Greenspan, President of Family Tree DNA, "It can be reasonably speculated that an ancestor of George Soule's crossed into Europe with the Vikings between the 5th and 14th centuries. Where he settled was likely England, Germany or the British Isles."



Be a Pilgrim for a Day continued

Thanksgiving in Half the Time

On the big day, my wife, children, and I went to Central Park to gather branches and twigs for the fireplace in our New York apartment. After returning, I lit the fire and stoked it. I went to the kitchen to grab a mallard duck to roast.

Then I heard sirens outside. This modern noise! What a nuisance! How could I get into the Pilgrim mind-set with all this hubbub?

Fists pounded on our door. "Something burning in there?" a voice yelled. I opened the door and saw five New York City firefighters.

As it turned out, our chimney was sending plumes of smoke into our neighbor's apartment. One of the firefighters sprayed foam on our fire, and the blaze—and my duck—sputtered out.

"I'm sorry about this," I told them. "Can I offer you some radishes? Or turnips?"



They politely declined all root vegetables. My only consolation was that the first Thanksgiving also had unexpected guests—the Wampanoag—so I wrote off our visitors as a tribute to them. (Yes, the Native Americans essentially crashed the Pilgrims' party. Contrary to what many of us learned in school, the first Thanksgiving was not a carefully-orchestrated diplomatic event. It was serendipity.)

Around then, Pickering arrived to assist with the preparations and keep us true to our 17th century mission. A *Mayflower* descendant with a gray-flecked beard, he brought energy and wisdom—and two lumpy heirloom pumpkins. He was able to join us because we were holding the feast not in November but in September. The first Thanksgiving is thought to have occurred in either September or October, and it lasted for three days.

We cooked the rest of the meal on the stove without tripping the fire alarm. Guests trickled in: parents, in-laws, friends and cousins. We ended up with about a dozen participants—short of the original 150 but not bad for a city apartment.

"A little etiquette," I announced as we sat down at the table. "First, no forks. The Pilgrims and Wampanoag used only their hands, spoons and knives. They held their spoons like shovels, not like felt-tip pens." Pickering had brought a 17th century book of manners, and I read aloud some rules. "Save teeth picking for later and moderate your spitting. No smacking your lips like hogs. While sitting, do not move back and forth, lest your fellow diners think you are breaking wind."



I passed around a hand-washing bowl filled with water and leaves of basil and marjoram. (Though in this flu season, I offered Ye Olde Purell as well.)

By this time, Pickering had changed into period costume, a purple wool suit trimmed with silk braid and topped off with a beaver felt hat. He said a prayer, and we dove in.

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We started with the fowl. For our meal, we included turkey. Pickering told me that if the Pilgrims did eat turkey, they'd have eaten a wild bird, leaner than today's Pamela Anderson types and with more dark meat. I found one at a gourmet butcher, and we cooked it Pilgrimstyle, in a stew with herbs and toast. It was a little gamy.

The lobster, boiled in red-wine vinegar, was a big hit. Although our lobsters are shrimpy compared to those of 1621, when the crustaceans commonly weighed 20 pounds and had claws the size of a human arm.

As for deer, a friend had venison in his freezer. (Bonus: He's a descendant of Miles Standish!) We cooked it in a stew thickened with ground walnuts to mixed reviews. Next up were grits, turnips and a boiled salad (yes, boiled) of spinach and currants.

We saved the eel for last, boiled in white wine and sprinkled with fennel seed. But maybe I should have called the Butterball Eel Hotline, because it was downright nasty—a mix of rubbery eel flesh and hard bone. As my friend Shannon said, "My gag reflex is getting quite a workout."

Rocco DiSpirito's Turkey 911

We washed down our food with water and white wine. The Pilgrims (and, in fact, the Puritans) approved of beer, wine and spirits, but they frowned on drunkenness.

The overall verdict of the meal? Surprisingly edible—but not so edible you'd overeat. Although the flavors weren't overpowering, it wasn't as tasteless as I'd imagined. The Pilgrims did sneak in some seasoning.

As we digested, Pickering treated us to a Pilgrim-era riddle: "What goes over the water and under the water but doesn't get wet?" Pickering asked.

"A tunnel?" people guessed. "An extremely early submarine?"

Pickering shook his head. "No, a duck's egg that is still inside the duck." Hmm—I guess you had to be from 1621.

Other kinds of entertainment enjoyed at the original Thanksgiving were running races (I let my sons play Wii Fit Jogging), shooting off guns in military exercises (we substituted water pistols), and a charming game called "Kick the Shins." The last is played exactly like it sounds: We stood in a circle and kicked one another in the shins until only one person was left standing. My 5-year-old son thought this was even more fun than Wii.

The real miracle of Thanksgiving, Pickering explained, was that the Pilgrims and Native Americans had any fun at all. "This was their first harvest after a devastatingly harsh winter," he said. "Forty-eight of the original 102 Pilgrims died that winter."

He let it sink in. Half of the Pilgrims died of scurvy or exposure—half. The Wampanoag weren't much better off, since they had just come off a lethal plague. "Some Native American populations suffered a 90% death rate," Pickering said. "And some villages, like Patuxet, the original site of the Pilgrims' colony, were completely wiped out."

The 1621 revelers had undergone a mind boggling amount of suffering. And yet there they were at the first Thanksgiving, sharing their harvest, running races, and overflowing with gratitude.

If they could appreciate life amid such chaos, pain and uncertainty, I could give thanks for all the good things in my relatively cushy life. I'm thankful for this night, for the courage of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag, for the love and tolerance of my wife, for the Snoopy float, for the abundance of food, for our families, for our health, for our Wii Fit, and for the fact that my neighbor forgave me for almost burning down his apartment.



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How Many Inaccuracies Can You See?

After attempting to recreate the food and activities of the first Thanksgiving, A. J. Jacobs could tell you! Read all about the adventures (and misadventures) of his attempt to “Be a Pilgrim for a Day” on [page 9](#).

Did they eat turkey? What did they do for entertainment after they ate? Where can one find black carrots these days? Please tell me they at least had pie!

Check out the article to see if your family could “Be a Pilgrim for a Day”!

