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for Future Generations*

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Soule Sleuths Make Headway in the Search for George **By Marcy Kelly**

Theories abound as to where Pilgrim George Soule came from and how he ended up as a 'manservant' to Edward Winslow on the *Mayflower*. Church, family and neighbors were the typical sources for finding servants and apprentices. Did George connect with Edward in England, or maybe Leiden, Holland, where *Mayflower* passengers lived for seven years before sailing to the New World?

Caleb Johnson, lead researcher for the Soule Kindred Research Project, has always believed that Edward Winslow, to whom George was indentured, is a strong lead to George's early years. Edward was born in 1595 in Droitwich County, Worcester. However, no connection to a Soule family has ever been found there. Another possibility is that George was a friend or relative of Edward's wife, Elizabeth Barker. Researching that possibility wasn't an option because Elizabeth's origins were unknown.

During the time of the Soule Kindred Research Project, Sue Allen, author and chair of Pilgrim Fathers of UK Origins, with assistance from Simon Neal, Soule Kindred's English-based researcher, discovered that Elizabeth was born at Chattisham, Suffolk.

Jeremy Bangs, Director of the Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, later turned up Elizabeth's will, witnessed by her niece, Jane Peverel (or Paxsell), in Leiden, further confirming the identification.

Before setting sail to the New World, Edward and Elizabeth returned to Chattisham to sell off Elizabeth's land inheritances from her father, Samuel Barker. Knowing that they would need help to build a house and farmland, perhaps they looked for a manservant among Elizabeth's connections? Could this be when and where they found and hired George Soule?

The year following the *Mayflower* voyage, sale of Elizabeth's father's property was recorded at the Chattisham Manorial Court. The revelation of Elizabeth Barker's documents led to a chain of far-reaching discoveries by Johnson and Neal.



Simon Neal



Caleb Johnson

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While my family is sticking to small trips within our Heartland corner of the Midwest this summer, it sure is fun to travel vicariously with my Soule cousins as they relive the good times shared in Europe during their tour in May (see [page 13](#)). I can imagine sitting on a beach with a banana daiquiri in the Virgin Islands, where Capt. George Soule created the tropical beverage in 1953 ([page 12](#)).

Of course, work comes before play, and in this issue you'll find out just how industrious our cousins have been. Marcy Kelly compiled a research update in Caleb Johnson's and Simon Neal's search for George ([cover story](#)). W. Becket Soule is serving as editor and manager of a big new project to revise pink books and create a new silver book on George Soule ([page 5](#)). John Sims has been finding Soule descendants who served in the Spanish-American War ([page 10](#)). Lori Soule continues to fine-tune the details for our upcoming 2020 SKA Reunion in Plymouth ([page 4](#)).

Our organization is bustling with vitality and goals for the future! There are almost too many New Members to count ([page 15](#))! Soules are popping up everywhere! I recently interviewed a Soule who is living in Hawaii with his family and has an all-natural shave ice business and a whitewater rafting business ([page 12](#)).

Cheers to all!

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President's Corner

If you happen to be a genealogy nerd, or better yet a Pilgrim George Soule nerd, like me, you are in for a treat! For the next year and a half, people around the world will be celebrating the 400 year anniversary of the Pilgrims landing in what is now Massachusetts. There will be a wide range of opportunities for learning, exploring and reliving the life of George, his wife, Mary, their 9 children and the other 101 passengers and 20-30 crew members who made the voyage aboard the *Mayflower*.

- You may want to listen and watch from the comfort of your own home as news reports, videos, parades and historical accounts of the story are shared.
- You may decide to travel to Plymouth to see various events that will be taking place during 2020.
- You may want to attend our Soule Kindred Family Reunion in Plymouth Sept. 11-13, 2020, and meet cousins, tour Plimoth Plantation and other local areas, receive updates on our research projects and talk genealogy.
- Or, if you really want to embrace the Pilgrim adventure, you can sign up for one of many tours of England and Holland where you can see, firsthand, places where the Pilgrims worshiped, lived, were jailed and set sail.

I was fortunate to be able to go on such a tour in May, with 25 Pilgrim ancestors, most of whom descended from George Soule and Mary Beckett. Our VP, John Sims, worked with Restoration Tours to plan the 12-day trip. It was definitely the best trip I have ever taken! We had excellent tour guides who were able to nourish us with the information and speculation so desperately needed by nerds like me! See fun pictures and captions from our trip on [page 13](#)!

So, if you haven't already, make plans for 2020!

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Reunion Logo Contest Officially Launched!

Now is the time for all interested SKA members, as well as any of your extended family members, to submit designs for the Logo Contest for our 2020 Soule Kindred Reunion! There are TWO categories: Adult (high school and older) and Youth (younger than high school). Get the word out to your creative family members and maybe even spend a fun afternoon with your grandchildren creating some special designs. All designs are welcome — you don't even need to be "artsy"! You could be the winner of a \$100 Amazon gift card, a t-shirt with your winning design and free registration for the reunion!

You have from now until October 31, 2019, to submit designs (a maximum of 3 per person, please). The winning designs will adorn all things "Reunion" such as tote bags, nametags, t-shirts, hats and other souvenirs of our time together in Plymouth. Full details are posted on the Member section of the Soule Kindred website soulekindred.org/members. Have fun!

Fun Family Reunion Taking Shape for September 2020!

By Lori Soule

Plans are beginning to solidify for our Soule Kindred Reunion in Plymouth, Massachusetts, the weekend of September 11-13, 2020. Hopefully, you have made your lodging reservations, as space is quickly filling up in Plymouth and surrounding towns. There are still some rooms available in our block at the John Carver Inn, but you should call soon to secure your spot. Call 888-906-6181 or 508-746-7100. Make sure to identify yourself as part of Soule Kindred to reserve your room at the discounted rate.

Updated Schedule of Events

9/11 (Fri)

- Reunion check-in is to begin mid-morning and continue throughout the day in the lobby of the John Carver Inn.
- Afternoon — Our SKA Lineage Assistance Committee will be available to provide help for attendees wishing to solidify work on their individual Soule lineages.
- Evening — Welcome reception at the John Carver Inn, along with guided tour of Burial Hill.

9/12 (Sat)

- Reunion check-in to continue at the John Carver in the morning.
- 9 a.m. Arrive at Plimoth Plantation via “cousin carpool” to attend a guided tour and dedication of the new George Soule Children’s Discovery Center, as well as other exhibits at Plimoth Plantation.
- Lunch will be the “Eat Like a Pilgrim” group lunch experience hosted by a museum educator during which we will experience the types of foods typically eaten by our forefathers and mothers and in the manner they would have eaten them — that means no forks!
- Afternoon is free for members to continue their exploration of Plimoth Plantation or other sights on their own.
- 4 p.m. All-member SKA business meeting at the John Carver Inn.
- A banquet at the John Carver will take place in the evening with speaker(s) yet to be announced.



9/13 (Sun)

- 9 a.m. Luxury bus tour from the John Carver to Provincetown to join with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) for its Mayflower Compact Re-enactment Ceremony featuring the newly restored *Mayflower II* at 11 a.m. We are planning a box lunch and several stops of “Pilgrim” interest along the route back to the Carver, returning by 5 p.m. Some members may prefer to take the ferry service between Plymouth and Provincetown. Watch for details including pricing in future newsletters and on our website (soulekindred.org).



For those of you staying in town for the GSMD Congress, many exciting activities are being planned — check out the websites for the Mayflower Society at themayflowersociety.org and Plymouth 400 at plymouth400inc.org. Of particular interest to Soules is the event at the Alden House in Duxbury for Thursday, September 17, for all descendants of *Mayflower* families who settled in Duxbury. Demonstrations, tours, talks and a BBQ lunch will bring us together!

As you can see, this promises to be an exciting week on Cape Cod! Make your travel plans now to join in all the fun! Specific details and registration forms should be available to our members by late 2019 or early 2020, but now is the time to secure your lodging arrangements. This promises to be a wonderful and unforgettable time to enjoy our Soule Cousins! For more information, contact Lori Soule at lorisoule3@gmail.com.

George Soule's Silver Book Project

By W. Becket Soule

Beginning in the 1970s, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants sponsored the publication of a series of books originally called the "Five Generation Project," which sought to document all of the descendants of the passengers with known descendants for the first five generations. The aim of the project was to bridge the research gap between the Plymouth Colony's beginnings and Revolutionary times. Most of the *Mayflower* Families have been published as a single volume for each individual passenger; those covering Pilgrims with a large number of descendants have been published as multi-part sets. They soon became known as the "Silver Books" (because of the color of the cover), and are an invaluable tool because of the meticulous research and documentation they contain. The more recent books have expanded to contain six generations, naming the seventh, and thus frequently reach into the early nineteenth century.

One of the earliest volumes to appear (vol. 3 [1981]) was the descendants of George Soule, the work of John E. Soule and Milton E. Terry. While it was a painstaking operation, it very quickly became clear that this book was not adequate to substantiate the identities and families of George Soule's descendants. It suffered from the change in genealogical standards that was occurring at just about that time.

Starting in the 1990s, Louise Throop began documenting the lines with substantial further research, and published several soft cover volumes officially called *Mayflower Families in Progress (MFIP)*, but more colloquially known as "Pink Books" because their covers are the hue of the "may flower." The complete list of these books is at the conclusion of this article. Other family organizations have produced these interim books, as well, and then combined and revised them for publication in

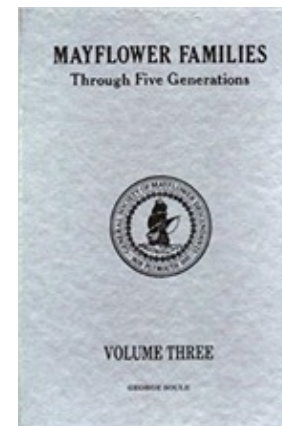


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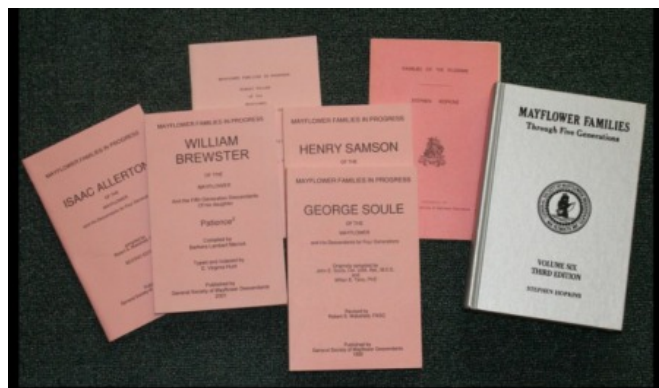


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the final, definitive silver book. The most recent volume to go from pink to silver is for William Brewster, and a series of (green) books have been published on the descendants of Phillip Delano, a passenger on the *Fortune* (1621), but whose children married into many Pilgrim families (including the Soules).

Soule Kindred in America proposed sponsoring a revision and completion of Louise W. Throop's pink books with the ultimate goal of producing a final silver book, and thus fulfilling the project begun by John Soule and Milton Terry half a century ago. At the board meeting on 13 April 2019, a committee was formed to pursue this project, composed of Russell Francis, Judy Hughes and Andy Turner, with Becket Soule as editor and chairman.

The two main goals for 2019 are:

1. To recruit volunteers to assist with research and obtaining documentation. We are hoping to get at least two people for each of the seven children of the Pilgrim George Soule who have descendants (neither Zachariah Soule, George's eldest son, nor Benjamin Soule, George's youngest son who was killed in action during King Philip's War in 1676, had any children that we know of). The goal is to locate documentation, particularly family bibles and other sources that may not be readily available or digitized online, so that these can be recorded. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Becket at editor.soulesilverbook@gmail.com. We will certainly not limit it to two research volunteers, and in some cases we will need more. No previous publishing or genealogical experience is necessary, although it is certainly welcome. This may be just the push you need to get past your genealogical brick wall!
2. To raise funds to support this research and publication. John Soule gave the royalties from the original book, now long out of print, to Soule Kindred for scholarships, and bequeathed funds in his estate for research and publications, but this may not be enough to complete research and publication of a new silver book. The Soule Kindred Board has authorized this project as a recipient of donations in the 2019 drive, along with scholarships, research, general operations and the Children's Discovery Center (George Soule House) at Plimoth Plantation. While all of those working on this project are volunteers, there are necessary expenses that need to be met, and having these funds will be a major support for the project. The George Soule Silver Book project welcomes your contributions, which can be made either online at the Soule Kindred website (<https://soulekindred.org/Donate>) or sent to our treasurer, Russell Francis, at 1804 NW 7th Court,

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George Soule's Silver Book Project Continued

We welcome any questions, and particularly any assistance you can provide: remember that these are, after all, your ancestors!

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MFIP Four Generations, Gens 5 & 6 parts 1-5 George Soule:

- George Soule, Four Generations (family numbers 1-241), revision of original Volume 3, originally compiled by John E. Soule and Milton E. Terry, revised by Louise Walsh Throop, MBA. 7th Edition published 2015 by GSMD.
- Part 1 (family numbers 230-349), fifth and sixth generation descendants; compiled by Louise Walsh Throop, MBA. Published 2000 by GSMD.
- Part 2 (family numbers 350-464), fifth and sixth generation descendants; compiled by Louise Walsh Throop, MBA. Published 2002 by GSMD.
- Part 3 (family numbers 465-551), fifth and sixth generation descendants; compiled by Louise Walsh Throop, MBA. Published 2003 by GSMD.
- Part 4 (family numbers 552-636), fifth and sixth generation descendants; compiled by Louise Walsh Throop, MBA. Published 2005 by GSMD.
- Part 5 (family numbers 637-763), fifth and sixth generation descendants; compiled by Louise Walsh Throop, MBA. Published 2008 by GSMD.



Did you know...

Plymouth, Massachusetts, wasn't named for Plymouth, England. The Pilgrims departed from Plymouth, England, but aren't responsible for naming Plymouth, Massachusetts. It had been named that years earlier by explorers in the region and was marked as Plymouth – or Plimoth (spellings varied) – on maps. It's just an odd coincidence that the *Mayflower* sailed from and landed in a town called Plymouth.

There are an estimated 10 million living Americans and as many as 35 million people worldwide descended from the Pilgrims, according to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Soule Sleuths continued

Following the Clues

Johnson, the author and historian behind MayflowerHistory.com, has uncovered the origins of many *Mayflower* passengers, including Stephen Hopkins, Peter Browne, William White, Susanna Jackson and Isaac Allerton. According to him, “Families often came from the same communities, so finding one leads to others.”

The first hint the research team was getting close to uncovering previously unknown facts about *Mayflower* passengers came in the manorial archives of East Bergholt, Suffolk. Pilgrim names started turning up in lists of religious recusants (those not excused from service), parish registers and probate documents. The Crackstones were at Stratford St. Mary; the Allertons at East Bergholt; Thomas and Alice Willett, the Chandler family and William and Joyce Bucknam at Woodbridge, Suffolk.

On 10 April 1599, at the View of Frankpledge (meeting of a unit of ten families held responsible for one another), it was recorded that Robert Peverell, William Barker and John Sole were living at an inn “contrary to statute” (not where they had promised to reside) and were fined 10 shillings. Was this a link to Jane Peverel (or Paxsell), Elizabeth Barker’s niece? Could the man named John Sole be related to George?



On 14 April 1601, John Soule (spelling was fluid at that time) is listed as a “chief pledge” (head of the unit of families) at Old Hall Manor in East Bergholt, along with Robert Barker (Elizabeth Barker’s uncle). This is the same manor where Samuel Barker (Elizabeth’s father) lived, as did Bartholomew and Mary Allerton, the parents of *Mayflower* passenger Isaac Allerton.

Unfortunately, the parish registers of East Bergholt were destroyed in the English Civil War in 1643, and there appear to be no surviving Soule family wills in either the Archdeaconry of Suffolk or the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, which might help identify the children of John Soule. A more thorough search of the manorial documents was then undertaken.

Tracking John Sole or Soule of East Bergholt

On 10 April 1599, John Soule married Elizabeth, widow of John Jacobson (and previously widowed by a man whose last name was Wilkenson). The couple was listed as tenants of the manor in 1600. At the View of Frankpledge on 26 April 1603, it was noted that “John Sole, to whom custody both of the body and lands of the tenements of Jacobson and Wilkenson was committed, has died since the last court. And that Isaac Mitchell is the next guardian.”

Isaac Mitchell appears to have been the brother of John Soule’s wife Elizabeth. No record of any children of this John Sole or Soule was found.

Search Continues in Neighboring Parishes

Efforts moved to nearby parishes to see if a trace of the Soule family could be found. None was detected at Chattisham, Bentley or Holbrook. The baptismal record of Susan Sole, dated 20 September 1565, was discovered in the parish of Stratford St. Mary. She was the daughter of Richard and Alice Sole.

In this same parish, on 5 October 1567, Catherine Bates, daughter of Thomas and Agnes Bates — wife of *Mayflower* passenger John Crackstone — was baptized. Four months later, on 21 February 1567/8, a John and Alice Sole baptized a daughter Elizabeth. They went on to have two more children, James Sole (bp. 1 January 1570/1), and John Sole (bp. 25 October 1573). John Sole, probably senior, was buried at Stratford St. Mary on 4 January 1594/5. And a Catherine Sole, widow, was buried there 12 June 1602. Again, this is an interesting Soule family, living in a community with other *Mayflower* passengers, but no evidence for a son named George of an appropriate age.

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Soule Sleuths continued

Expanding the search eastward, Johnson and Neal studied the parish records of Clare, Suffolk, in pursuit of Elizabeth Barker's niece, Jane Peverel or Paxsell. Here they found a similar name on the marriage record of John Paxhale to Jane Mortlock, 5 November 1588. They also found a Soule family living there from the 1570s through at least the 1590s.

On 21 January 1570/1, John Sole, son of John, was baptized (John was a popular name of the time, complicating the researchers' job). Strangely, the name George was crossed out in the baptismal record and replaced with "John." Two years later, a man named George Sole had a son, Thomas, baptized 17 August 1573. About 20 years later, a John Sole's son, Geoffrey, was baptized there and five years later he was buried.

No Soule family that could be a reasonably good candidate for the parents of George Soule of the *Mayflower* was found. However, the archival searches performed so far in this region have only been cursory looks into the Soule families in and around Chattisham, East Bergholt and Stratford St. Mary.

A search was also made at the Norfolk Record Office (which houses the records of the Archdeaconry of Suffolk) to look for religious recusants of the surname Sole or Soule, but none was found. Additional investigation in these areas may turn up more leads.

Many parish registers in England have been microfilmed and can be searched in the United States. However, most Suffolk registers have not been microfilmed. This may explain why so little has been learned about *Mayflower* passengers from this area. Because no Sole/Soule families in the modern day have been found that trace their ancestry back to these Suffolk Soules, no DNA testing has been done.

Soule DNA Search

DNA efforts between 2016 and 2018, led by Johnson and Neal, tested a number of English men with the Surname Soule and its common variants in Sussex, Worcester/Gloucestershire, Kent and Buckinghamshire. The results showed that the closest Soule relatives appeared to be the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Soules, but they were 5,000 years distant cousins, predating the development of surnames. This was disappointing, but it does not eliminate an English origin for George Soule; it simply eliminates the Soule families that were sampled.

Numerous Soule-surnamed families in England have not been tested, either because no volunteer was available to supply a DNA sample, or because the branch surname has since gone extinct. For example, families may have had no surviving children; children left the country; or only daughters survived, whose DNA cannot be tested at this time.

Popular Names in Tudor England

MALE

John
Thomas
William
Richard
Robert

FEMALE

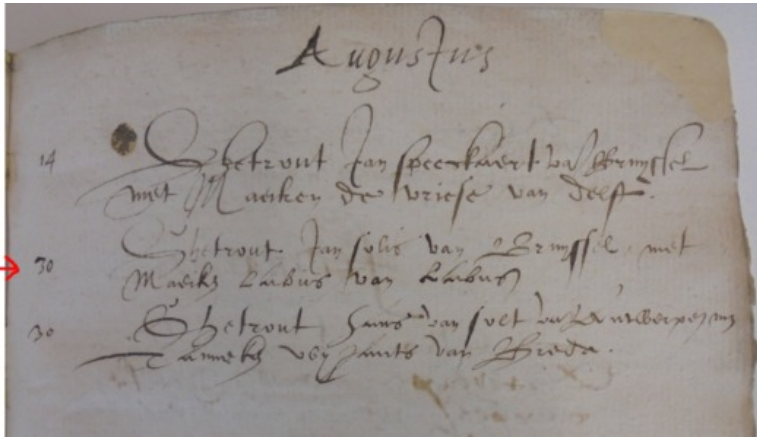
Margaret
Elizabeth
Catherine
Mary
Ann

Definition of Olde English Terms

Contrary to Statute	Contrary to contract or agreement
Manor	Large estate gifted by the King and leased to tenants
Manor Court	Court for those who resided on the Manor
Notorial Records	Notarized records
Religious Recusants	Those not excused from services
Frankpledge	A law enforcement system in which members of society are mutually responsible for the behavior of their peers
View of Frankpledge	Meeting of members, often a unit of ten families
Chief Pledge	Chair of the Frankpledge
Manservant	One contractually obligated to work as an apprentice, house-hand, and perform some manual labor

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Soule Sleuths continued



The Holland Theory

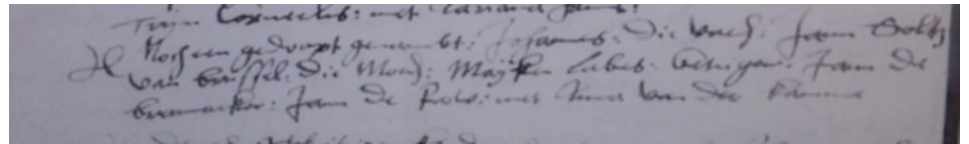
George Soule is listed with the passengers of the *Mayflower* as a manservant to Edward Winslow, who worked as a printer in Leiden. In the same shop was another printer named Johannes Sols. The possibility has been raised that George was a member of this Dutch Sols family.

A breakthrough came in late 2009 when Armando Framarini, a Georgia-based researcher who is leading a separate DNA project for Soule Kindred, noticed the marriage record of Jan Solis of Brussels, to Maecken Labus, at the Dutch Reformed Church in Austin Friars, London, dated 30 August 1586.

The marriage record for Jan Solis and Maecken Labus, found in parish registers of Austin Friars.

Following the Lead to London

With this information, Neal began checking the parish registers of the Dutch Reformed Church at Austin Friars, London. He found that Johannes Sols was baptized on 6 October 1591, the son of Jan "Soltz" of Brussels and Maijken Labis. His further search of the church records found that "John Sols and his wife" were admitted into the congregation in 1585. Seven other children were born after they returned to Haarlem about 1590: Gertrude, Johannes (the Leiden printer), Sara, Maria, Johanna, and twins Pieter and Susanna. No definitive connection has been found between the Sols family and George Soule.



The baptism record from Haarlem.

Future Research Direction

Caleb Johnson and Simon Neal have uncovered groundbreaking information since they began their search for George Soule and Mary Beckett in 2015. Their efforts led to the probable birthplace of Mary Beckett, daughter of John Beckett and Ann Aldyn (Alden) in Watford, Hertfordshire, 1605.

They also discovered the origins of other passengers who boarded the *Mayflower* with George in 1620, and through the process of elimination, have been able to discount some areas of England in which George may have lived. They believe, as does the Chair of the Soule Kindred Research Committee, that the right course of action at this time is twofold: to search for more English Soule descendants whose DNA can be tested and, at the same time, continue to comb surviving church and manorial repositories, written in Latin and Old English, for Soule families living in England in the 1500s. Any new updates on their search will be published in future issues of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*.



A woodcut depicting the Dutch Reformed church at Austin Friars, London.

The next edition of *Soule Kindred Newsletter* will report on new, more sophisticated DNA testing that will allow Soule men to identify from which of Mary and George Soule's three sons they descend: George, Nathaniel or John.

Soules in Service: The Spanish American War

By John S. Sims

The Korean conflict is often called the “forgotten war,” but there are other wars we have neglected to pay attention to in our general collective memory as Americans. Among them is King Philip’s War, which was noted in the last edition of the newsletter; the War of 1812, which our country really lost; and the War with Spain, about which few people can say more than to mention Admiral Dewey and Teddy Roosevelt as war heroes.

As the National President of the Sons of Spanish American War Veterans (SSAWV), I now lead the effort to especially honor the memory of those veterans; and as the Vice President of SKA, I wonder how many of our Soule family served from 1898 until the end of the Philippine Insurrection in 1902. Verification of military service in the War with Spain is often difficult to achieve. I do not assume that just because their surname is “Soule” that a particular veteran descends from our Pilgrim father George. I also note that while many Soules served, there is not one Soule veteran remembered by the brothers of the SSAWV.

The most distinguished Soule veteran I have discovered to this point is Lt. Cmdr. Henry Bishop Soule, who descends from George’s son John. He was born on 24 September 1866 in Ohio to Josiah Jun Soule and Malvina Kellogg. He enlisted in the US Navy and was appointed as a Gunner in 1893. Henry became an Ensign in 1901, a Lt. Jr. Grade in 1904, rose to Lt. Cmdr. in 1911, and served as a reservist until April 1925. Thus, he served in two wars and well beyond. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery (Section 6 #9698) along with his wife Jessie Eunice Dean, whom he had married in 1897. He joined the Sons of the American Revolution to honor the memory of his great grandfather, Daniel Soule, a Private in the Plympton, Massachusetts, militia. The SAR awarded him a certificate in May 1899 for his service in the War with Spain.



Also of some curiosity, in 2016, a pocket watch “from the family of Myles Standish” was sold at auction by Michaen’s — with it were nine certificates all belonging to Henry, including his commission certificates signed by the hand of Theodore Roosevelt and one signed by William Taft in 1911. According to the item description, the watch had come down six generations from the granddaughter of Standish (Sarah, wife of Benjamin Soule) to Henry.



This watch was reputedly passed on to Sarah Standish-Soule, granddaughter of Capt. Myles Standish, who married Benjamin Soule, grandson of George Soule, a passenger on the *Mayflower*. From there, the watch was passed down through six generations and ended with Henry Bishop Soule and lastly, his niece Dianne Keogh.

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Soules in Service continued

There are four other confirmed George Soule descendants that I have now identified as SAW veterans. They are as follows:

ALMON Soule: Pvt., 23rd Coastal Artillery (1869-1902, son of William R. Soule & Lydia Estes born in Hartland, Somerset County, Maine, and like Henry, a descendent of George's son John; died in Cuba; wife was Emma Woodbury)

GEORGE W. Soule: Pvt., Co.G, 1st Idaho Infantry (1865-1907, son of Rufus H. Soule from Wisconsin who was a wagon master in the Civil War; descended from George's son John; wife was Lucy M.)

JOHN ROY Soule: Corp., Co.A, 12th MN Infantry (1873-1938, son of Sidney Clarence Soule & Mary Eugenia Van Brunt from Minnesota; also a descendent of George's son John; wife was Dorothy Brause)

WILLIAM W. Soule: Stable Sgt., 4th Artillery and Cavalry in World War I. (1865-1958, son of Decalvus Wyatt Soule & Elizabeth Lucia Hosford; descendent of George's son Nathaniel)

Additionally, I am searching for family tree records of:

CARLETON A. Soule (1876-1952, Pvt., 1st VT Infantry, son of H. Alan Soule, FAG#141660931)

CHARLES E. Soule (1865-1935, Pvt., 1st MASS Hvy.Arty., wife Emma Free)

CHARLES E. Soules (1877-1966, 3rd US Artillery)

EDWARD B. Soule (Corp., 5th MASS Infantry)

ELGIN Soules (1874-1973, Sgt., 5th US Arty., son of T. & M.J. Soules)

ERNEST L. Soule (b.1864, 1st MASS Hvy.Arty.)

FRANK Soule (1879-1899, App.1C, US Navy)

FRANK P. Soule (b.1879, Pvt., 6th US Arty. & Hospital Corps)

MELVIN R. Soules (1875-1953, Hospital Corps, 5th Arty.)

MELZER HENRY Soule: Pvt., Battery L, 1st MASS Hvy. Artillery (1872-1943, son of Henry Clay Soule & Annie Thankful Grafton).

WILLIAM E. Soule (b.abt 1863, Corp., 2nd US Engineer Corps in Cuba)

WILLIAM G. Soule (b.1879, husband of Imogene Chapman, 1st Maine Hvy. Artillery)

If any SKA members descend from these men, I would greatly enjoy learning about their lives in military service to our country, and we will include their stories in future Soules in Service columns for the newsletter.

Let us pause here to remember our Soules who served in the War with Spain. Peace be to their ashes and honor be to their memory!

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.



The Fresh Shave and H2O Adventures: Daniel Soule Reveals How His Shave Ice and Whitewater Rafting Businesses Bring Joy to His World and to Others

By Kathleen Kingman

Following a tip from SKA member, Judith Soule, who had seen something in the newspaper about a “Daniel Soule” who owns an all-natural shave ice business in Hawaii, I found The Clean Shave website www.thefreshshave.com and tracked this entrepreneurial Soule down.



I discovered this unique shave ice uses organic ingredients and local farm fresh produce without high fructose corn syrup or artificial coloring. Just simple and pure ingredients! The ice is hand cranked and the syrups are homemade.

To tie together the barbershop feel, they named each flavor after a popular mustache style, and every straw is adorned with a playful mustache sticker. Customers take “selfies” with their ‘stashes and enjoy the goodness.

What followed was a series of warm emails between Daniel and me, in which he’d insert words like (the predictable) Aloha, but also mahalo (thanks) and keiki (child). He told me all about how he began his special brand of shave ice after living in Hawaii with his wife, Priscilla, and three children; how they’ve seen the business ebb and flow, and how he and his brother also started a whitewater rafting business, called H2O Adventures (www.raft-h2o.com). This was the fulfillment of a life-long dream of Daniel’s, who has always loved life on the river.



Although Daniel is not sure if he is a direct descendant of our George Soule, he remembers his father suggesting that they might be linked to the Mayflower Pilgrim. Hope you enjoy this interview while you contemplate floating on a raft down a majestic river in Northern California... or eating a tropical-fruit shave ice among the palm trees and brilliant flowers of Hawaii.

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Capt. Soule Discovered the Daiquiri!

Summer breezes dance through the palm trees and cool your sun-kissed skin as you sip your banana daiquiri from a cushiony patio lounge chair. The waves gently roll onto the beach and you wonder *How could life be this sweet?*

Well, big questions like these are hard to answer in the scope of a newsletter article, but we can at least share with you the story of how the daiquiri was invented!

A popular theory is that British sea captain George Soule, who was on a quest to find the perfect island drink, first whipped one up at the Mountain Top Bar in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, in 1953. He blended Cruzan rum with sugar cane extract, bananas, fresh lime juice and banana liqueur and came up with what he dubbed to be the ultimate Caribbean cocktail.

The Banana Daiquiri is a cocktail which consists of rum, fresh lime juice, sugar and banana. While a fire destroyed the bar a few years ago, Mountain Top rebuilt and once again is serving more than 3 million of these Soule signature classic banana daiquiris every year. mountaintopvi.com

Mountain Top Bar Banana Daiquiri (Recipe#3) The actual recipe is secret, but this is an approximation.



- 3 oz. Cruzan Aged Dark Rum
- 2 tbsp. simple syrup
- 1/2 oz. fresh lime juice
- 1 oz. banana liqueur
- 1 oz. water
- 1 ripe banana

Put all ingredients into a blender with crushed ice and blend until smooth and thick. Pour into a tall glass, garnish with a maraschino cherry, and top with a floater of Cruzan Aged Dark Rum

Located on the highest point of St. Thomas, Mountain Top provides panoramic views of Magens Bay, St. John, and the British Virgin Islands from its expansive observation deck. One of the first attractions on the island, Mountain Top is best known for its world-famous banana daiquiri, invented by Capt. George Soule, and a wide array of duty-free shopping.

SKA Mayflower Tour to Europe Enchanted All!

By John S. Sims

In May 2019, 24 “new pilgrims” joined a tour to follow the path of George Soule and all the *Mayflower* passengers through the Netherlands and England. The group included travelers from 12 US states and Canada; we represented 25 of the *Mayflower* families with 11 being George Soule descendants. It is difficult to choose just a few of the sites and events to highlight, but the following is a sample:



Mayflower Inn at Rotherhithe, London with photo taken inside of Laurel Siviglia signing the descendants' guest book (she claims 17 *Mayflower* family members)



Author and historian Sue Allan at All Saints Church, Babworth



Group photo at Master Christopher Jones' home in Harwich (l to r) John & Phyllis Sims, Rob Chapman, George & Valerie Paul, Laurel Siviglia, Ellie Lienau, Chris Schlosser, (Sara Soule-Chapman in back), Priscilla Simms, Jackie DeBaeremaeker, Merilee Sommers and Bo Soule'.



Group photo at Edward Winslow's statue in Droitwich Spa (l to r) Jackie DeBaeremaeker, Donna Bostron, Chris Schlosser, John Sims, Merilee Sommers, Bo Soule', Sara Soule-Chapman, Marsha Adams and Janice Sly.



“Wanna be royalty?” in the Old Hall of Gainsborough (l to r) Bailiff John, My Lord Rob and My Lady Merilee



Scrooby Manor House



Juerg Gilgen, tour manager for Reformation Tours



Plymouth Lighthouse



Pre-tour group dinner in Amsterdam (at foot of table) Jerry & Priscilla Simms, (l to r) Merilee Sommers, Juerg Gilgen, Chris Schlosser, Andy Turner, Judy Hughes, Phyllis & John Sims, George & Valerie Paul, Sara & Rob Chapman and Marsha Duell.



Mayflower Museum in Leiden

It was certainly the group consensus that the tour met expectations. Overall it was a delightful, uplifting and informative trip, but mostly we just had great fun together as a group of new pilgrims!

The Fresh Shave and H2O Adventures continued

Interview with Daniel Soule

(KK) How did you come up with the idea to use all-natural ingredients including local farm produce and handmade syrups in your shave ice business? What year did you begin?

(DS) The Fresh Shave was born out of the desire to offer local and visiting keiki a healthier alternative to Hawaii's famous dessert, shave ice. We first opened LL Cool T (our 1961 Lil Loafer camper trailer) in June 2014.

(KK) Would you consider yourselves environmentalists? How does The Fresh Shave minimize waste and promote environmental mindfulness?

(DS) I would say that I try to minimize the impact that we as a business have on our environment. This is especially true in the sense that we live and operate on a tiny island in the middle of the ocean. Whatever we use and discard stays right here. The Fresh Shave is a single use plastic free business. We use paper recyclable cups, wooden spoons, and paper straws (And no, our straws do not get soggy or fall apart).

(KK) How was it getting the business off the ground? How have you grown and who all is involved? Please describe your various locations.

(DS) Every business goes through its ups and downs opening and getting into the swing of operating. Lots of late nights were involved, of course. We now have two locations on the island of Kauai. We recently closed our Long Beach, CA, location but are preparing to open our first franchise in Phoenix, AZ, this summer.

(KK) How long have you lived in Hawaii and where did you grow up? Please share a little about your family.

(DS) We have been living in Kauai for about seven years. I grew up in Colfax, CA, which is a small town located in the foothills outside of Lake Tahoe. I met my wife in the Munich, Germany, airport on the way to Spain where we both studied abroad. After Europe we both finished undergraduate degrees at the University of Oregon. We have three keiki, Kahlo (6 years), Tamayo (4 years) and Melibea (1 year).

(KK) What is your favorite flavor? Priscilla's? Your kids'?

(DS) My favorite flavor would probably be the Caterpillar or the Whiskers. The Caterpillar reminds me of Flintstones Pushpops, which is nostalgic to my childhood and the Whiskers comes across as a virgin mojito. Priscilla loves the Chevron, which is like having a slice of coconut key lime pie, but on ice. The boys love some of the options off our secret menu, and Melibea will eat anything put in front of her.

(KK) Please share anything you can remember about conversations with your father regarding the Pilgrim George Soule?

(DS) My dad always used to tell me that our family name was on Plymouth Rock. I only semi-half believed for the time being, but never thought too much of it. It probably wasn't until being reached out to by [Soule Kindred Newsletter] that I thought of it again in 25 years. My father's name is Douglass Kimball Soule; his dad is Richard Kimball Soule

(KK) How did you get into the rafting trip business with your brother? Does he live in N. California and handle more of the day-to-day activities from there?

(DS) My father got into whitewater kayaking when I was two or three years old. My first trip was at five, and before I could drive a car, I was guiding people down the rapids of the American Rivers in Northern California. My brother Tyler and I both spent years working for numerous rafting outfitters after growing up rafting all over the west. Tyler lives and breathes H2O Adventures right there in the Auburn, CA, area and manages the whole company.

(KK) How many raft trips does H2O Adventures average per year? What are the most popular trips?

(DS) Our first trip of the year is usually sometime in March, depending on the weather. We will finish some floats on the Yubna River in October to wrap up the season. Most popular are the South Fork American River (good for the whole family) and the more elusive North Fork Yuba River offers a more adventurous time (only 3 companies in the world can take you rafting on this one).

(KK) Have you always enjoyed rafting? What are some other hobbies and interests that you have?

(DS) I totally have always enjoyed rafting. It's in my blood and even living in Hawaii I am always planning on the next time to be able to take my kids on the river to show them what experience it can bring. We are always hiking, traveling, or beaching it up most of the time on and off of the island. Mahalo!



Daniel and Priscilla Soule and family.

This and That

New Members July 2018 - June 2019

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Soule Kindred Welcomes Baby Adelaide!

SKA Membership Chair Jeanette Taylor shares exciting news of the arrival of her second great granddaughter, Adelaide Ann Czenas, born May 13, 2019. She joins big sister, Ava Jean, and parents Kevin and Hannah Czenas.

Adelaide is a 13th generation descendant of George Soule, and her lineage is: George, John, Aaron, Mary (Soule) Chamberlain, Freedom, Mary (Chamberlain) Sturtevant, Solomon, Charles Franklin, Edith Florence (Sturtevant, Conk, Bingham) Kock, Miriam E. (Bingham Martin) Freeman, Jeanette E. (Martin, Mccrostie) Taylor, Jean M. (Mccrostie) Embler and Hannah (Embler) Czenas.

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Logo Contest for 2020 Soule Kindred Reunion has Launched!



You have from now until October 31, 2019, to submit designs. See [page 3](#) for details and visit the [SKA website](#) to submit your entries.

Flex your creative muscles to come up with words and/or a design to cleverly commemorate the 2020 SKA Runion as it coincides with the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* in America.