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Christmas in Vietnam

In December 1968, a young Army Advisor, Lt. Philip Soule, was inspired to write a poem to reflect on Christmas past and the Christmas he was experiencing that night on guard duty in the Me Kong Delta of South Vietnam.

Many years later, Phil's youngest daughter, Estelle, created a beautiful memento – a hardcover book to feature Phil's poem along with photographs he had taken during his assignment in Vietnam. Phil and Estelle graciously let SKA Editor Kathleen Kingman borrow the book so we could include Phil's words and images in the *Soule Kindred Newsletter*. Thank you, Phil and Estelle! This truly is a holiday gift! Find Phil's poem "Christmas in Vietnam" on [page 8](#).

Finding Phil

Phil and I have corresponded over the course of the last year; ever since I first discovered articles from the October 1968 and April 1969 issues of *Soule Newsletter*, where Lt. Philip Soule was shown in a photograph distributing necessities and gifts to Vietnamese children. Lt. Soule also shared his feelings about the war in a heartfelt letter home.

Thanks to the help of some keen Soule detectives, I was provided with a possible current mailing address for Philip Soule. So I sent him a letter, asking permission to reprint the articles from '68 and '69, and asking about his life since then. After a short time, Phil responded with an email...

success! How lucky I felt to be able to connect with this passionate and accomplished veteran. And how grateful I was to find such a generous Soule cousin with whom to collaborate. Phil mentioned his poem, "Christmas in Vietnam", and offered the use of his book and incredible photographs! I eagerly accepted! Along with the poem on page 8, you will find Phil's reprinted letter home from the 1968 issue of *Soule Newsletter* on [page 5](#) in the feature "Soules in Service".

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I hope this holiday season finds you, my Soule cousins, healthy, happy and surrounded by family and friends. The great thing about life is that we can keep on making friends and learning new things no matter how old we get. I, for one, am thankful for this fact. My four teenagers may think their mom is clueless about some things like teen slang or social media, but I remind them all the time, "You learn something new every day."



In putting together this issue of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, I learned some things about the Vietnam War from a Soule who was there... Lt. Phil Soule. Read the letter he wrote home in 1968 while he was serving as an advisor in South Vietnam ([page 5](#)). I also learned how writing poetry helped Phil, as a young soldier, process what it was like to be in Vietnam during Christmastime. See [page 8](#) for his poem "Christmas in Vietnam".

I also learned that two of George Soule's sons have been linked genetically to a Scottish family who lived long before George. DNA technology is amazing! Read about it on [page 12](#).

Whatever new experiences or knowledge you encounter this holiday season, may they add something meaningful to your life.

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President's Corner

Greetings fellow members of Soule Kindred in America. We are on the cusp of the 400 year celebration of our famous ancestors who made the courageous voyage to the coast of this country in 1620. We are here because our many-times great grandfather, George Soule, had the strength and good fortune to survive that first year in Plymouth. Only half of the Pilgrims did!

George was among the signers of the *Mayflower Compact*, a document believed to be instrumental in establishing a form of government later outlined in our U.S. Constitution.

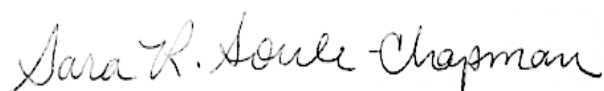
On [page 4](#) you will find an image of the original handwritten page of Governor William Bradford's history, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, followed by an exact, line-by-line transcription. Spelling and punctuation have not been modernized. This is reprinted with permission from Caleb Johnson from his website MayflowerHistory.com

I hope many of you can participate in the 2020 SKA reunion, September 11-13, in Plymouth, MA. Lori Soule and members of the Reunion Committee have been working on plans for the reunion for two years, and I think it will prove to be a fun, educational celebration! If you have not completed the survey regarding the reunion online, please complete the one found in this newsletter on [page 14](#). We hope to open registration for the reunion in January or February 2020.

The logo contest is coming to an end and we will be sharing the winning submission soon. In addition to the reunion planning, 2019 has been a good year for SKA:

- A Board election was held to fill three positions; the new members will begin in January.
- We have awarded scholarships to two young college students.
- Our membership continues to grow, both paid and unpaid! Perhaps we will have a record number of folks join in 2020!
- A new committee emerged, whose function is to complete portions of the research and documentation needed to update the current "Pink" books, and publish a "Silver" Book for George Soule and his descendants.
- A number of SKA members toured Leiden and many cities in England that were important to the Pilgrim story.
- The research team continues to pursue the origins of George Soule.
- The annual fund drive is underway.
- We are continuing to support the Children's Discovery Center at Plimoth Plantation.
- Our newsletter is written and sent three times per year, mostly in electronic form.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving and don't forget to remind your family members that they descend from the folks whose fall celebration inspired this holiday!



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SKA President

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2020 Soule Kindred Reunion John Carver Inn - September 11-13

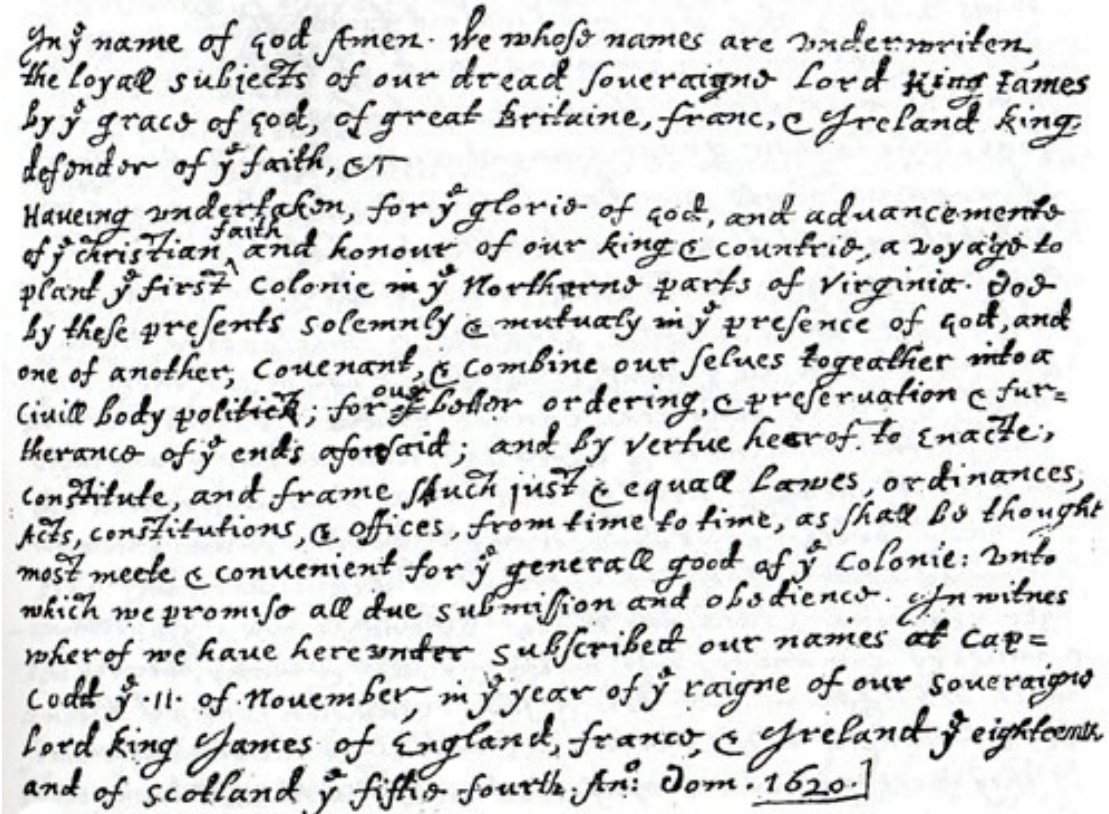
As part of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* in America, we expect rooms in Plymouth to sell out quickly. We've reserved a limited number of rooms for members at the John Carver Inn for the dates 9/11 and 9/12 for \$225 per night. If you call, be sure to tell them you are part of the Soule Kindred reserved block. All rooms outside of our reserved dates are sold out at the John Carver.

There are also a few rooms reserved for Soule Kindred members at the Hotel 1620 from 9/8 - 9/14 at \$210 per night.

For more information check out the Event Calendar on our website (<https://soulekindred.org/event-2697323>) We will be updating it with information on events, meals and transportation as we get closer to the Reunion date.

The Mayflower Compact

Below is a photograph of the original handwritten page of Governor William Bradford's history, *Of Plymouth Plantation*, that includes what would later be called the *Mayflower Compact*. This image and translation are reprinted with permission from Caleb Johnson, as taken from his website MayflowerHistory.com



In y^e name of god Amen. We whose names are vnderwritten,
the loyall subjects of our dread soueraigne Lord King James
by y^e grace of god, of great Britaine, franc, & Ireland king
defendor of y^e faith, &c
Hauing vnder taken, for y^e glorie of god, and aduancement
of y^e christian^{faith} and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to
plant y^e first colonie in y^e Northerne parts of Virginia. doe
by these presents solemnly & mutually in y^e presence of god, and
one of another, couenant, & combine our selues together into a
ciuill body politick; for y^e better ordering, & preservation & fur=
therance of y^e ends aforesaid; and by vertue hearof to enacte,
constitute, and frame such just & equall lawes, ordinances,
acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought
most meeke & conuenient for y^e generall good of y^e Colonie: vnto
which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witnes
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Lord king James of England, franc, & Ireland y^e eighteenth
and of Scotland y^e fiftie fourth. An: Dom. 1620.]

Here is an exact, line-by-line transcription of Bradford's handwritten page above. Spelling and punctuation have not been modernized. On November 11, 1620, needing to maintain order and establish a civil society, the adult male passengers signed *the Mayflower Compact*.

In ye name of God Amen · We whose names are vnderwritten,
the loyall subjects of our dread soueraigne Lord King James
by ye grace of God, of great Britaine, franc, & Ireland king,
defender of ye faith, &c
Hauing vndertaken, for ye glorie of God, and aduancement
of ye christian ^faith and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to
plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia· doe
by these presents solemnly & mutually in ye presence of God, and
one of another, couenant, & combine our selues together into a
ciuill body politick; for ye our better ordering, & preservation & fur=
therance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hearof, to enacte,
constitute, and frame shuch just & equall lawes, ordinances,
Acts, constitutions, & offices, from time to time, as shall be thought
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Lord king James of England, franc, & Ireland ye eighteenth
and of Scotland ye fiftie fourth. Ano: Dom ·1620·

Signers of The Mayflower Compact:

John Carver
William Bradford
Edward Winslow
William Brewster
Isaac Allerton
Myles Standish
John Alden
Samuel Fuller
Christopher Martin
William Mullins
William White
Richard Warren
John Howland
Stephen Hopkins
Edward Tilley
John Tilley
Francis Cooke
Thomas Rogers
Thomas Tinker
John Rigsdale
Edward Fuller
John Turner
Francis Eaton
James Chilton
John Crackstone
John Billington
Moses Fletcher
John Goodman
Degory Priest
Thomas Williams
Gilbert Winslow
Edmund Margesson
Peter Browne
Richard Britteridge
George Soule
Richard Clarke
Richard Gardiner
John Allerton
Thomas English
Edward Doty

Soules in Service Honors Lt. Philip Soule

This feature includes excerpts from reprinted *Soule Newsletter* articles from Fall 1968 p. 97 (cover) entitled "Lt. Soule Calls Assignment *Madison Avenue in Jungle*" and Spring 1969 p. 50 entitled "Vietnam Tots Receive Cub Gifts".



Soules in Service honors Lt. Philip Soule, who served in the Me Kong Delta in South Vietnam during the years of 1968-1969. Lt. Soule was a former Raymond, Massachusetts, resident and a Boston College graduate.

The following is Lt. Soule's vivid account of the war as he saw it in his capacity as advisor. His letter was first published in *The Laconia Evening Citizen*, on August 10, 1968, and *The Lakes Region Trader*, on August 14, 1968, in Laconia, NH. The article was reprinted in *Soule Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 4, October 1968, p. 97. It is quite interesting to contemplate Phil's experiences and impressions 50 years later.

Neutral Position on Policies

"I'm writing this letter to tell my neighbors in Laconia [NH] about the third war is Viet Nam. We all know about the war in Viet Nam, or at least we think we do. Everyone has something to say about this issue, and most have set ideas. I did, and I thought I knew all about the war. I'm writing home to tell you some of the things I see and learn. Let me state that I wish to take a neutral position, if that is possible for one emmeshed in the situation. I want neither to support nor condemn policies, but to present the situation as it presents itself to me.

Right now, I'm stationed in the Me Kong Delta, the Southernmost portion of South Viet Nam. The uniqueness of this area is the fact that it is run, the war is fought, completely by the Vietnamese, not the Americans. Here, the Americans are Advisors."

Construction in Destruction

"My duty is to fight the third war in Viet Nam. The first war is the battle to destroy the enemy. I say the enemy, and not the Viet Cong because it is preposterous to label an enemy made up of North Vietnamese and Chinese advisors, South Vietnamese communists and conscripted, drafted and kidnapped farmers, women and children as Viet Cong.

The second war is the battle to build a nation. Construction in the midst of destruction! This war goes on daily in the form of building homes, schools, training centers, rehabilitation schools, business centers, roads, etc. And there is the third war; the battle for the spirit of a nation, the struggle for the hearts and minds of the people needed to make up the nation."



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Trying to Outsell Communism

“The world labels our warfare ‘Psychological Operations’; I call it ‘Madison Avenue in the jungle’. We are selling a product here; we are trying to catch the eye of our customer by an advertising campaign, an appealing package, and money saving value. We are trying to outsell our competitor, Communism, but at times, it seems without very much success. You see, there is no better business bureau here, no consumer protection laws that could give us a way to stop our competitor from using unfair practices like terror, murder, forced labor, child labor, taxation, etc. He knows the consumer, he lives with the consumer, he is the consumer.

This is a war we are waging in as many areas and in as many ways we can dream up. Imagination is really the only limit. We aim our efforts at everyone, trying to incubate a spirit of nationalism, trying to get a unit to surrender, trying to get people to defect and rally to our side, trying to get mothers to demand the return of their children, trying to help people learn to help themselves, trying to educate, uplift, give reason to existence, develop and nourish a way for peace.

The third war is waged in order to see that peace will come from confusion, hope from despair, life from death, and understanding to those who thirst for the knowledge that freedom brings.”

Philip Soule’s Life Since Vietnam



Philip Soule was married in January 1968 to Jane Longley. Two short months later, in March 1968, Lt. Soule was deployed to Vietnam. After spending one year there, Phil came home in April 1969 and met his first son, Philip, Jr., born on November 7, 1968.

(Jane, Phil’s wife, is shown on the left, Phil and his new baby, Philip Jr., on the right.)



Phil stayed in the Army Reserves and retired in 1992 as an LTC USAR. Phil and Jane lived in Gilford and Franklin, NH, for the next 24 years, where Phil worked several jobs and ended up retiring from the State of NH as the Medicaid Director. Phil and Jane moved to Delaware in 1992, where Phil became the Medicaid Director for that state. He retired for good in 2005. Phil and Jane have been married 51 years and have six children: three boys and three girls, along with nine grandchildren plus two “adopted grands”.

They now have time to travel and have enjoyed vacations in places like Ireland, the Isle of Madeira, Portugal and Spain, Thailand, Cambodia, Italy, France, Scotland, England, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro plus several European River Cruises and Canada.

A most memorable trip was in 2014 when they revisited Vietnam. Phil and Jane traveled on the Mekong River from Cambodia down to MyTho, Vietnam. Phil got to see some of the places where he had served during 1968-1969, including MyTho, SaDec and Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City now). Then they flew to Hanoi on Vietnam Airlines. Things were very different than in the past. According to Phil, the southern part of the country has made much progress and Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) has high-rise office buildings and more modern vehicles (such as Toyotas). However, the traffic is still horrendously chaotic!



Phil returned to visit Vietnam in 2014.

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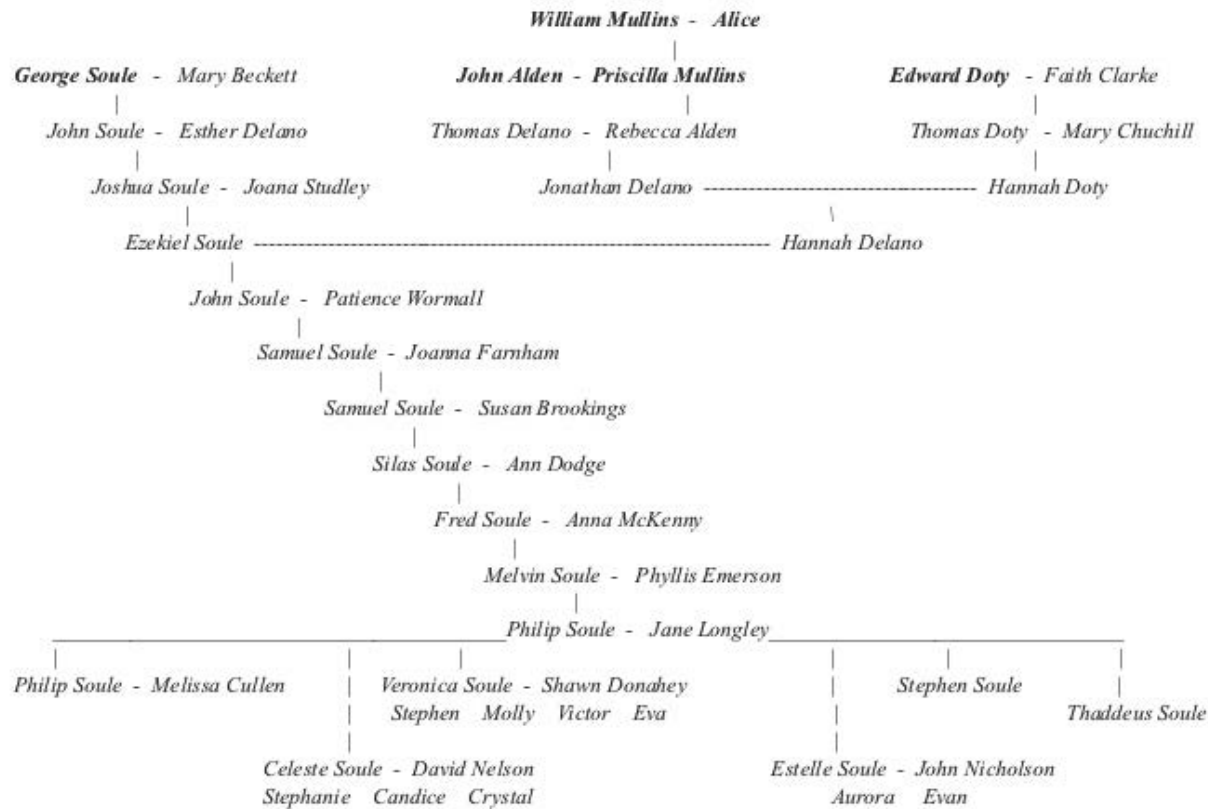
Soules in Service continued

In Hanoi, there are less modern building and mostly the old French style. According to Phil, things have improved even though it is still a Communist country. Phil explained, "The trip was very rewarding and the people are still wonderful and seem to have no animosity to us as Americans." While there, Phil spoke to a young man whose dad was fighting against the U.S. in 1968. The young man said, "We have fought with just about everyone in our country, so we carry no grudges."

Philip Soule's Family Tree

In 2015, Phil's High School class had its 55th reunion in Plymouth, MA! While in Plymouth, Phil and Jane visited the Mayflower Society, where they were presented a certification of Phil's straight ancestral line from his father, Melvin Dodge Soule, all the way back to George and Mary.

MAYFLOWER CONNECTION



Final Thoughts

Back in 1968, the Vietnam War was complex and confusing to many people everywhere. Emotions and tensions were rising. College students protested on campuses across the nation. Folk singers and rock 'n roll bands pleaded to "Bring the boys home." It is also the year I was born. As I told Phil, I've always been curious about Vietnam and wondered what it must have been like for the young soldiers. Phil, even as a young man, was able to share powerful insights. His commitment to the people of Vietnam and his fellow soldiers was evident through his poetry and letter home.

Phil has lived a fulfilling life since then. Traveling back to Vietnam five years ago gave him the chance to share with his wife, Jane, some of the memories, and compare then and now. Since I connected with Phil, he has become a member of Soule Kindred in America and what a thrill it is to have him among the cousins. Please extend a hand to Phil and Jane Soule when you see them at our 2020 Reunion in Plymouth. They are looking forward to meeting everyone. Let us honor our cousin, Veteran Lt. Philip Soule, who served the greater good in so many ways, both in Vietnam and at home.

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.

Christmas in Vietnam

By Philip Soule



The night air, heavy laden
Bows under the weight of pregnant winds
Whispering while they sing
Past the ears of tired troops.
“Santa’s coming.”

“Yeah,” security sighs,
“And he’s bringing gifts.”

Two men, aged before their time;
Men, cold on a hot night
Have no visions of sugar plums
Dancing in their heads.
Instead, haunting images,
Shoot up like Marley’s ghost,
Roam in the darkness before them.

Palm trees, not firs decorated,
Glowing bubbly bright,
Silhouette the perimeter.
Christmas written in the stars
Twinkling bright, leading
Man’s mind like the magi
To the Child in the hay--

Man’s mind, filled
With the “Sound of silence,”
Comforted with warm buddy talk.
Comrades, on duty, keeping
Watch over their friends.

The sky glows brilliant bright,
Not the dazzle of angels
Announcing the Birth to shepherds,
Here, a flare shines,
Dim, then bright as it twirls
Like a dancer pirouetting.
The land glows eerie;
Lit like a store window,
Revolving reels of multicolored plastic,
Tinsel dangling, shimmering,
Sputtering, dead.

Darkness has a wisp of smoke
Like angelhair softly floating.

Click of lighter,
Harsh flame, then soft
Pink glow lights a face
Mannequin-like in Jordan Marsh’s window.
Creak, scrape, tin on tin
As P-38 chews off the top of a
C-Ration can; a midnight snack,
Cigarette and a reverie:

Soft snow snuggling
Round curbstones on Washington street.
Wind driven, it piles,
Flies, bouncing off homes and walls,
Swirls, slides around street lamps
Making a halo glow.

Muffled sound of snow sitting on the roof,
Whining wind, lifting shingles,
Carries the snowplow’s murmur
Furrowing through the white blanket.

Christmas is coming!

“It’s Near,” whispers the wind
At windowpane.

Boots, gloves, hats, earmuffs;
Keep out brisk, biting cold.
Noses stop, cheeks grow ruddy red,
Bright as tree ornaments.
Frozen breath streams out
Hanging in mid-air like vapor trails
Of high streaking jets.

Christmas in Vietnam continued

Winter's freshness brings blood to life.
Sleds, skates, skis, snowball fights;
Skimming slopes of puffy snow,
Spinning down and around
On saucer shaped skidders.

Trees glisten and crinkle,
Shrubs and bushes bend newly white,
Music bounces through the air,
Joy to the world!

Forts, majestic bulwarks of defense
Taught us how to prepare for war.
Armament, slush balls
Stockpiled against aggression;
Bunkers, carved deep beneath snowbanks,
Supplied a place to hide
From bombardment.

(Bunkers, forts, bombardment,
All are here with us tonight.)

Streetsanders spitting filth
All over our sliding spots.
Their vomit soon covered after
The belching trucks moved on.

Remember?

Coming in early
Cause it got real dark
So quick!
Going down cellar, hanging up
Wet clothes.
Hunger--how it struck!
All of a sudden
And you had to wait 'til dad came home.

"It's quiet now, just like when it snows
Back Home.
Back Home for Christmas."

All is dashed away reviewed
As dawn creeps across the paddy dikes
And crawls through the ricefields
Up toward the outpost.

Dappled sky, speckled clouds
But memories on the phantom
Phantasm of this Christmas Eve.
Home for Christmas?

"For a little while I smelled
The aroma of roasting turkey
Tingling the hairs of my nose.

I saw laurel decked wreaths
Spread out across a pointsettiaed
Altar, red blotches on white marble.
Holly, berries; black on white
Surpliced boys attending Midnight Mass."

--Unto us a Child is born!
And to all His name shall be
Wonderful!
Mighty!
The Prince of Peace--

"I saw kids tearing through presents
Eager to find the goodness
Of giving to one another.
Happy faces lighted by the love of home.
I saw the table heavy laden
With dinner traditional:
Pies, cookies, pudding, cider, cakes,
Nuts, fruit, all displayed
On chinaware worn by ages,
Chipped by the friendliness of this day.

I saw friends and relatives gathered
To share in thanksgiving,
Exhausted by the joy of giving.
Homeward bound, they hope for the one
Promise that comes to life each year:"

--Unto us a Child is given
And to all He shall be called
Counselor!
Mighty!
The Prince of Peace!
And

He
Shall
Reign
Forever
And
Ever!--



The Lineage Assistance Committee Helping You Find That Vital Link

By Judy Hughes

Do you recall the thrill you felt when you finally found information about the one ancestor needed to link you to George Soule the Pilgrim? Many of your cousins are still searching for that one ancestor needed to complete their lineage.

Our Lineage Assistance Committee (LAC) assists Soule Kindred members by researching a member's lineage based on information supplied by the member. Some new members list their lineage as part of their Profile on our Soule Kindred website. This may be a complete lineage, or it may be only a partial lineage. When no lineage or only a partial lineage is listed, an email message or letter is sent to the member requesting (if known) the full name at birth, date and place of birth, marriage and death (if deceased) for themselves, their parents and their Soule grandparent. If known, the same information is helpful if supplied for other ancestors and their spouses.

Upon receiving a reply from the member, a LAC member begins to research or verify the information provided using available resources. When identification or verification of ancestors is completed, it is shared with other committee members who need to agree to confirm it. Once confirmed, the lineage is posted under Accepted Soule Line on the member's Profile and is automatically added to the Directory of Members with Accepted Lineage. This can be accessed under the MEMBERS ONLY button after logging in to Soule Kindred website soulekindred.org

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Congratulations to our new 2020 B... e, Judith Hughes, and Christine Conley-Sowels.

It's not too early to make your rese... September 11-13, 2020. As part of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Mayflower in Ame... quickly. There are a limited number of reservations at the John Carver Inn. Be sure to tell them you are a Soule Kindred member. For more information check out the Event Calendar on our website.

We are currently taking submissions for our logo contest for the 2020 SKA Reunion NOW until October 31st! Check out the Soule Kindred Logo Contest page on our site now for details!

Designs!

Welcome SKA Members!

Currently, there are over 350 members listed in this directory. Once a member's lineage is accepted, they are able to register for the Soule Family Tree Database.

Submitted by the Lineage Assistance Committee:

Amy Baderetscher, Janet Carper, Lynde Randall, Janice Sly, Christine Conley-Sowels, Andy Turner and Judy Hughes, Chair.

Soule Kindred Elects Three New Members to the Board

By Carol Sowle

As Secretary of SKA, it is my pleasure to certify the results of the Soule Kindred in America, Inc. Board of Directors election, which concluded on October 15, 2019. Four well-qualified candidates ran for three open positions. The voting results were: Warren Becket Soule - 69 votes; Judy Hughes - 58 votes; Christine Conley-Sowels - 56 votes; and Chris Schlosser - 39 votes. Based on the voting results, and in accordance with our By-Laws, it is my pleasure to certify that Warren Becket Soule, Judy Hughes and Christine Conley-Sowels have been duly elected to the three open positions on the Board of Directors.

This year, we utilized a feature of our new website platform to conduct the poll online and tabulate the results. Jeanette Taylor, chair of the Membership Committee, sent paper ballots via U.S. Mail to 20 members whose profiles do not contain an email address. Five paper ballots were returned, two of which were not counted; one because all four candidates were checked, and one because no candidates were checked. In addition, one email ballot was sent on Oct 15 because the person could not get into the survey.

Thanks to each of the candidates for agreeing to serve and share their gifts and talents with Soule Kindred. Finally, many thanks to our members for exercising their vote. In serving and voting, we are following in the footsteps of many of George's descendants, our ancestors!

Sincerely,
Carol Sowle
Secretary, Soule Kindred in American, Inc.



Did you know...

The *Mayflower* was damaged by a bad storm halfway to America. The storm cracked one of the massive wooden beams supporting the frame of the ship. Fortunately, the passengers had brought along a "great iron screw" which helped raise the beam back into place so the ship could continue.

The Master, in charge of sailing the *Mayflower*, was Christopher Jones. We would call him a "captain" today. He probably had his quarters at the stern (the back) of the ship. This was the driest and most comfortable area on the ship.

Sequencing the DNA of George Soule's Sons

By Marcy Kelly

In 2017, the Soule Kindred Research Committee became aware that a Georgia-based researcher named Armando Framarini was studying Soule DNA to determine if it matched his Dutch family, the van Solt or Soldts. Eventually, he learned that there was no relation, but in the process did find a link between the DNA of a Scottish family named Forrest, with roots in Belgium/northern France and the Netherlands, consistent with George Soule's. Intrigued, the Committee asked Framarini if he would undertake additional research to help find the connection between the families.

The results of his efforts determined that the Forrest and Soule families share a common ancestor one to four hundred years before George's time (1600s). More sophisticated testing identified the DNA sequence of two of George's three surviving sons using a new type of testing called Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism, or SNP.

For the human body to make new cells, an existing cell must divide in half. But first it copies its DNA so the new cells will each have a complete set of genetic instructions. Cells sometimes make mistakes during the copying process leading to variations in the DNA sequence at particular locations. These are the SNPs, pronounced 'snips.'

SNPs generate biological variations between people and lead to differences in health and appearance. They can also be used to determine the closeness of relationships. SNPs are passed from parent to child and the number is greater among close relatives.

George Soule and Mary Beckett Soule had five sons: Nathaniel, George, John, Zacharia and Benjamin. Zacharia and Benjamin predeceased them and there is no evidence that either had children; the surviving sons each had sons.

In the future, it is expected that Soule male descendants using SNP testing will be able to identify from which Soule son they descend. DNA testing on women tracks mitochondrial DNA, or mtDNA, passed from mother to daughter to granddaughter, and so forth. These tests cannot track male ancestors. In order to reveal direct female descendants of Mary Beckett Soule, there would need to be volunteers with direct female lines back to the 1600s.

Framarini has identified the following SNPS for George Soule, two of his sons, and two grandsons:

1st generation	George Soule	SNP A20032
2nd generation	John	SNP BY32573
	Nathaniel	SNP ZW20 (or SNP A20047)
	George	SNP A22686
3rd generation	Sylvanus	SNP A20044 (son of Nathaniel)
	William	SNP A22687 (son of George 2)

The laboratories involved with Framarini's work were [YSEQ.net](https://www.yseq.net/), located in Germany, and Dante Labs of Italy, which donated two Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) tests to the project. A genome is the complete set of genetic material present in a cell or organism; WGS is a comprehensive method for analyzing entire genomes and instrumental in identifying mutations and inherited disorders.



Two Kindred members helped advance scientific knowledge and links to George Soule: Jon Soules, who started the SNP adventure with a National Geographic GEN02 test, and Donald Soule, the first volunteer for a WGS test.

Membership Form

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Interest Survey For The 2020 Reunion

Hello Soule Kindred members! The 400 year anniversary of our Pilgrim ancestors voyage to the “new world” will be celebrated in 2020. As a part of this celebration, Soule Kindred is planning a reunion to take place in Plymouth, MA, September 11-13, which will coincide with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD) Congress.

Lori Soule is the chairperson for our Reunion Committee and has been working on planning for almost two years already! In order to assist in making final arrangements, it would be helpful to know how many members will be attending and which events you are most interested in.

Please complete this short survey and submit it to help us with this planning. Providing answers now in no way commits you to anything, so just answer based on what you are most likely to participate in. We do not have current prices attached to the various activities as we will need numbers of participants to determine cost. Prices will be included on the registration form when we have them determined. Thanks!

Sara Soule-Chapman
SKA President

1. Do you plan on attending the Soule Kindred reunion held in Plymouth, MA, September 11-13, 2020? Yes or No

If you answered yes to question 1, please answer the following question:

1. Where do you plan to stay? Or do you still need to find lodging?
2. Circle all events in which you are interested in participating.
 1. Friday evening reception
 2. Friday evening historical walk of downtown Plymouth
 3. Saturday morning tour of Plimoth Plantation
 4. Saturday “Eat Like a Pilgrim” lunch at Plimoth Plantation
 5. Saturday evening Soule Kindred banquet at the Carver Inn
 6. Sunday celebration in Provincetown, planned by Provincetown 400 and open to all family groups, the GSMD and the general public

If you selected the Provincetown celebration, which of the following forms of transportation would you most like to use (if we can arrange both)

1. Ferry from Plymouth to Provincetown and back (will require quite a bit of walking)
 2. Bus tour from the Carver to Provincetown and back with stops along the way
 3. Provide own transportation
3. Would you purchase Soule Kindred t-shirts, hats, etc.?

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If you're looking for something unique for friends and family this holiday season, consider a Soule Kindred gift membership. It's a gift that keeps giving all year, supporting our work while informing your loved ones about their family history.

To purchase a membership as a gift for someone, or to renew your own, simply go to [page 13](#) or click [here](#) to find membership options and forms on our website.

Memberships are essential to our present and future as we honor the past.



Check Out These 400th Anniversary Links

To help get you excited in anticipation of the 2020 Reunion and Plymouth 400 festivities, here are some websites to check out:

For information about Soule Kindred's celebration click here:

soulekindred.org/events

The official celebration website can be found here:

Plymouth400inc.org

Plimoth Plantation:

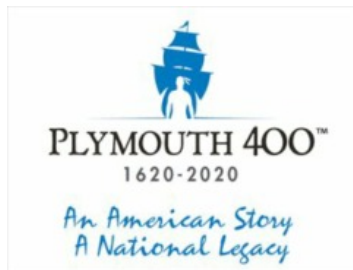
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