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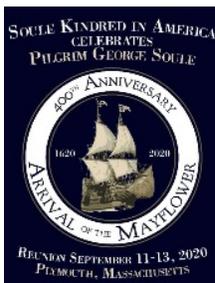
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for Future Generations*

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### A Man of Many Talents



Cadet Robert M. Soule, 1941

A descendant of George Soule of the *Mayflower*, Robert "Bob" Marion Soule, Sr., Commander (CDR) U.S. Navy, retired, was born August 9, 1921, in Phoenix, Arizona. He was the eldest son of George and Beatrice Soule, and big brother to Donald F. Soule.

Early in life, Bob developed an interest in the ham radio and spent many hours talking with people around the world. While still in high school, he became an excellent photographer and had several of his photos published in the *Arizona Highways* magazine.

Always a high achiever, by 16, Bob had obtained his pilot's license, having been trained by a female bush pilot, alongside future presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater, who was 12 years older. That was the beginning of his

lifelong love of flying the vast expanse of the sky. He thought about crop dusting for local Phoenix farmers, but that wasn't challenging enough for Bob; so, he became an aerobatics and stunt pilot, performing in and around Phoenix. He also worked for the park service, guiding people safely through the Superstition Mountains, about 65 miles from Phoenix.

While at Phoenix Union High School, Bob was the drum major. As luck would have it, the drum majorettes were a pair of beautiful, long-legged identical twins named Dortha and Dorris Baker. There, Bob met his second love, Dortha. Not surprisingly, Bob was the one who went to the Dean of Women to request short skirts for the drum majorettes!

Bob played a mean trumpet and he worked his way through high school with his own band. In fact, the band's hot, sweet sounds could be heard regularly at the Westward Ho, the largest nightclub in Phoenix.

Bob was popular, intelligent, a great dancer, a pilot, a photographer and a musician. Add to that his charismatic good looks, with dark wavy hair; chiseled features; flashing blue eyes; a winning, dimpled smile; and a tall, lean physique; and you had a killer combination. Yes, he made all the girls swoon... but only Dortha held his heart!

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## Editor's Comments:

Thank you for taking the time to read our Winter/Spring 2020 issue of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*. Hopefully, the stories inside will help you escape some of the stress of living in the days of COVID-19, as you sit in your favorite spot at home, perhaps with a cup of coffee or tea.

Vicki Soule's inspirational *Soules in Service* piece, featuring her father, Navy Pilot Robert Marion Soule, Sr. ([cover story](#)) chronicles the outstanding career and unusually large family (14!) of a man with many talents and a huge heart. Learn what former recipients of SKA Scholarships have experienced since college ([page 14](#)). These are just a few examples of the talent and perseverance embodied in our Soule Kindred community.

The future may be uncertain in some ways, but we Soules do our best to try to look forward... we contribute to the lives of young people wanting to spread their wings in college through our SKA Scholarships (pages [3](#) and [18](#)); we focus on the goals of our organization (see the *President's Report* on [page 13](#)) and we support SKA (read more about the successful 2019 Fundraising Appeal in the Summer issue of the newsletter).

Have a safe and peaceful Spring as we look forward to sunnier days this Summer!

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• Boston's Liberty Tree •  
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## President's Corner

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Hello cousins and friends. It is hard to know what say. These are difficult times. I hope you and all of your loved ones are safe and healthy. I also hope you are able to take heart, be hopeful and helpful. We will get through this.

As I read about the struggles of so many in the world today, I see some commonalities between our struggles and those our ancestors experienced during their first year in the New World, on a much smaller scale. By the time the *Mayflower* reached land, illness had set in and passengers began dying. By the following spring, they had lost one-half of their population. The lack of understanding about that illness and lack of medications to treat patients, as so many were dying, is not unlike the coronavirus pandemic. The survivors must have felt fear, grief and loss similar to what we are feeling today.

Dealing with this tragedy can be overwhelming, making it difficult to move forward. However, now may be the time to take a lesson from our ancestors and the other Pilgrims. They carried on and those that survived that first year built a community that has persevered for 13-15 generations. How did they do this? Families who lost loved ones moved in with other families, skills and goods were shared, thanks were given, plans were made and followed. And throughout their ordeal, leaders and heroes emerged.

Among the heroes were Wampanoag women and men, who befriended the Pilgrims, taught them to hunt, fish, grow corn and survive in this New World. What a relief it must have been when the Pilgrims discovered they could rely on these New World friends to help them. The Natives had gone through a similar experience not long beforehand; whole villages were wiped out by mysterious illnesses. And here they were helping.

As we face our present-day ordeal, let us look to the legacy of our ancestors and work with all citizens of the world to meet these challenges with courage, strength and grace.



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### **Announcing the 2020 Soule Kindred Scholarship**

The Board of Directors will again offer a scholarship to students who are about to enter their first or second year at an accredited institution of higher learning. This year we will be awarding two scholarships of \$1620 each (to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the *Mayflower* arriving at Plymouth). The awards will be based upon the answers to the questions in the application. Particular attention will be given to the statement of lineage from George Soule (question #2) and the one-page statement addressing question #8 of the application.

All applications with supporting material must be received by the Scholarship Committee by July 1, 2020. The announcement will be made by September 1, 2020, and the actual monetary awards will be made after the Scholarship Committee has received the academic transcripts of the winners' successful completion of their first semester.

If no applications are considered sufficiently meritorious to justify awarding the scholarships, then none will be awarded. The Scholarship Application is located on [page 18](#).

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## The 2020 SKA Reunion Canceled

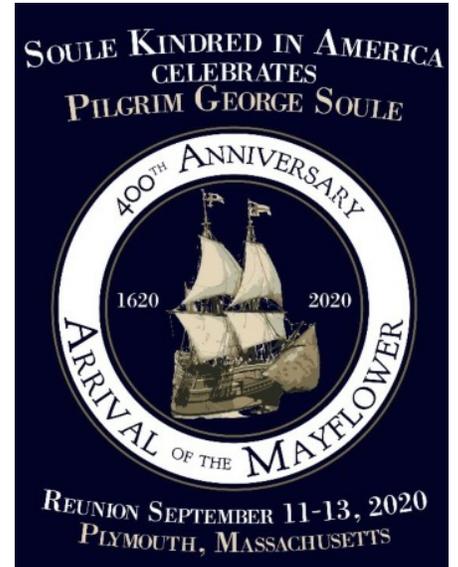
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### Announcement from Soule Kindred President Sara Soule-Chapman:

I am sorry to report that the 2020 SKA Reunion has been canceled. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, gathering in large groups in the fall of 2020 would be irresponsible. The GSMD has announced its decision to cancel the 2020 Congress, Plimoth Plantation has not yet opened, and many other celebrations that were planned for this summer have been canceled or postponed. Our hope is to reschedule this formidable celebration, possibly in 2021, time will tell. Check for updates on the SKA website and Facebook. All SKA registration payments will be fully refunded. We encourage you to contact your travel and lodging providers to know what you can expect from them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lori Soule, our Reunion Committee Chair, for all the planning she has done over the past two years. We are survivors, we come from tough stock, we will get through this, and when we do, the celebration will be that much sweeter!

Sara Soule-Chapman



The winning logo from our contest was submitted by Steven Soule from Escondido, CA

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## The Plymouth 400 Opening Ceremony is Postponed

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Due to developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plymouth 400 Opening Ceremony has been postponed. Following is a statement by Plymouth 400 Executive Director Michele Pecoraro:

*In adhering to policies put forth by the federal, state, and local governments, the Plymouth 400 Commemoration Opening Ceremony scheduled for April 24, 2020, is being postponed to a suggested date of June 26th, 2020, subject to conditions at the time. Plymouth 400, Inc. has been carefully monitoring updates related to coronavirus (COVID-19) under the guidance of health and municipal agencies. This decision is being made out of an abundance of caution to ensure that we are doing what is needed to keep local citizens, invited participants and visitors, to the best of our ability, safe and healthy. We will continue working with municipal and state officials, and closely follow updates from organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Public Health, regarding all future planned events.*

*While the risk in the Plymouth area remains low, this situation is changing very quickly, and we are closely monitoring all developments. We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the World Health Organization's suggested safety precautions including regular hand washing, covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, and avoiding close contact with anyone showing signs of illness. Our first priority is public safety and we ask that you please continue to monitor Plymouth400inc.org for new information as it becomes available regarding this and all other Plymouth 400 events.*

Also, the America Sails event with *Mayflower II* in Boston Harbor has been canceled.

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## Soules in Service Continued

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Bob graduated from high school in 1938, then attended California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, where he studied aeronautical engineering. Meanwhile, working for Lockheed Aircraft Company in California, he participated in a Civilian Pilot Training Program. Of course, he also played in the Cal Poly band. However, his studies were cut short when he joined the U.S. Navy in October 1941, shortly before the December 7th bombing of Pearl Harbor. Since Bob was already a licensed pilot, he chose Naval Flight School. The prospect of flying off of a carrier posed an intriguing challenge for him. As an Aviation Cadet, he began his training at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station in Texas. Following months of intense combat training, on August 6, 1942, Bob received his military flight wings and his commission with the rank of Ensign.



Dortha and Bob Soule on their wedding day, August 9, 1942

On his twenty-first birthday, August 9, 1942, Bob married Dortha Baker. Following a brief honeymoon at Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona, Ensign Soule was assigned to Norfolk, Virginia, for carrier qualification aboard the USS *Charger* on the Chesapeake Bay and to Chicago, Illinois, for carrier qualification aboard the USS *Wolverine* and the USS *Sable* on Lake Michigan. Then Bob and other pilots went to Creeds Field, Virginia, for bombing training and back to Norfolk for catapult training. Afterwards, Lieutenant (Lt) Soule joined the melee of WWII, shipping out with the first squadron to board the first USS *Independence* when she came out of the yard. In addition to his duties as a pilot, Bob became the ship's photographic officer. Following a shake-down cruise and additional training in Bocas de Dragon (Mouth of the Dragon) in Trinidad, they met up with the Pacific Fleet in San Francisco, California, and headed for Pearl Harbor on July 3, 1943. They transited the Panama Canal and arrived in Pearl Harbor on July 14th. After two weeks of vital training, they headed for the raid on the Marcus Islands. Bob later served aboard the USS *Cowpens*. He flew fighters and

torpedo bombers in 51 battles in the South Pacific; and he returned from a sortie (mission) and made a successful carrier landing in the midst of Typhoon Cobra. He never ditched nor bailed out; but three of his planes were either on fire or so badly shot up when he landed on the carrier that they had to be shoved over the side. His skill and courage against the enemy earned him two Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals.

On a lighter note, even in the midst of war, Bob entertained the ship's crew with his own on-board band. Their upbeat tunes helped to relieve the tension between sorties. He also designed a .30 Caliber waist gun for his plane, as well as six patentable modifications to bomb sighting equipment. Another of his ideas turned a single-gun turret into a two-gun turret.

Bob's home base while he was in the South Pacific was San Pedro, California, near Long Beach Naval Air Station, where daughter, Vicki, was born in 1943, while Bob was away. Three years later, after Bob was again stateside, his son, Bob, Jr., joined the family.

In 1945, Bob was an engineering test pilot at Terminal Island, California. As an interesting side note, on October 13, 1947, Bob Soule flew the Douglas Skystreak 99.9% of Mach 1 in level flight; and he expected to break the sound barrier the following day in an authorized flight. However, the next morning, October 14, 1947, Chuck Yeager set that record in an unauthorized flight.

Bob was transferred to Adak, Alaska, to fly photographic mapping and reconnaissance missions over Russia. From there, he and his family moved to Newport, Rhode Island, where he attended the Navy's General Line School.

After Newport, Bob was transferred to San Diego, California. He then shipped-out aboard the USS *Bairoko* to serve on Rear Admiral (RADM) R.W. Ruble's staff (CCD 15) and fly fighters with great success during the Korean War (1949-1950). After Korea, Bob returned home to San Diego, where he set up and headed the Pacific Fleet's Antisubmarine Warfare School and the Navy's Special Weapons School (1950 and 1951). During this period, his second son, Ronald Bruce, was born. Ron's birth was not, however, without drama. The Naval hospital was quite a long way from the family's home in the Chula Vista foothills. En route to the hospital, they had a flat tire. Dortha swore Bob must have ripped that tire off without even removing the lug nuts and literally threw on the new tire before continuing their mad dash for the base. Needless to say, they barely made it to the hospital, where Ron was born on a gurney in the hall.

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Bob's next assignment was in Patuxent, Maryland, where he attended the U.S. Navy's Test Pilot School in 1952. Those selected for this honor were the very best of the best Navy fighter pilots. Bob tested the flight capabilities and pushed the limits of early jet planes, like the F7U-3 Cutlass, one of the Navy's first swept-wing jet fighters; and he performed armament testing. In 1952, he graduated from Test Pilot Training Class 9 at the Naval Air Test Center at Patuxent River, Maryland, along with future astronaut, John Glenn.

By the age of 31, Bob had fought in and survived two wars. He was serving as a Naval Test Pilot in Maryland when Dortha's identical twin, Dorris Baker Peterson, was in a horrendous auto accident. Upon hearing that Dorris had been critically injured, Dortha immediately prepared to fly to Arizona to be with her sister. Unfortunately, before Dortha could leave, Dorris, a widow, succumbed to her injuries, leaving the four Peterson children parentless. Dortha quickly told Bob, "I'm going for the children!" He immediately replied, "Of course! I loved her, too!"

Dortha took care of necessary responsibilities in Arizona and returned to Maryland with Gayle (11), Lynne (10), Gary (8), and Dee (3), adding to the three children they already had – Vicki (9), Bob (6), and Ron (3). Bob and Dortha quickly adopted their three nieces and nephew before the judge could tell that Dortha was expecting yet another child. At the time both Bob and Dortha were only 31 years old; and Dortha had just lost half of her heart with the death of her identical twin. Yet, these two exceptional people opened their hearts to a total of seven children. They never even considered doing otherwise. Their burgeoning family soon increased to eight children with the birth of Dorris, a beautiful baby girl named after Dortha's twin.

Having many children born in various, sometimes remote, places was not without its challenges. In order to get to the hospital in Patuxent River from the Solomons Naval Annex across the river, where the Soules lived, they had to take a Navy crash boat (similar to a launch). Maryland's summers were warm; and Dortha loved going barefoot. However, she would never go to the hospital without a shower so she'd have clean feet in delivery. The following summer when Kent was on the way, Dortha was in the shower, while Bob paced and encouraged her to hurry. When she was finally ready, they jumped into the car, rushed to the boat landing, and piled into the crash boat for a wild ride across the river! Upon reaching the other side, Bob loaded Dortha safely into the car he kept there. They tore off toward the hospital, skidding to a stop in front of the Emergency Room doors. The hospital staff took one look at Dortha and promptly delivered Kent in the back seat of the car. But Dortha's feet were clean! Bob and Dortha had arrived in Maryland with three children. Four years later, they left for their next assignment with nine lively youngsters.

In 1955, Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Soule was transferred to Moffett Field, California, for four years of sea duty. He was commanding officer of three carrier-based fighter squadrons. While skipper of the first of these squadrons, Bob was promoted to full Commander (CDR). Two years into this assignment, fraternal twin daughters, Debbie and Denise, were born. Dortha was 36 and Bob was 35; and they were the proud parents of 11 children! Now a family of 13, they became what the former Dortha Baker was fond of calling her *Baker's dozen* and Bob referred to as *The Tribe*.

For the next assignment in 1958 the family returned to Newport, Rhode Island, where CDR Soule spent a year attending the prestigious U.S. Naval War College. While he studied advanced tactics, techniques and strategies, the family lived in a lovely, 1870's Victorian home on Goat Island, a small, historically important strip of land just a short ferry ride from Newport. In truth, it was the only USN housing location large enough to accommodate a family of 13.

From there, in 1959, the family moved to Grand Prairie, Texas, for three years, where Bob served as Assistant Bureau of Aeronautics Representative (ABAR), the liaison between Chance Vought, a military aircraft manufacturer, and the U.S. Navy. As ABAR, Bob tested and accepted or rejected new fighter planes for the Navy as they came off of Chance Vought's manufacturing line. During this time, Dortha's half-sister, Janet, passed away; and her son, Donald Rohasek, was added to *The Tribe*, bringing the grand total to 12 children.



13 Soules at Breezy Hill Manor,  
Grand Prairie, TX

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## Soules in Service Continued

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Bob had planned to retire after the ABAR assignment; but, as fate would have it, the U.S. Navy had other plans. They extended Bob's service for an extra year so he could serve on Rear Admiral (RADM) Robert J. Stroh's Staff (CCG-6) aboard the carriers USS *Saratoga* and USS *Independence* (#3), based near Jacksonville, Florida, during the Cuban Missile Crisis (October 16-28, 1962). The Russians had been shipping highly destructive weaponry into Cuba via submarines. Admiral Stroh called a meeting to see if his staff could find a solution that would stop the Russians without causing WWII. Bob's idea was to remove the warheads from some of our submarines' torpedoes; then, every time they saw a Russian sub, they would fire these drones at it. It was a risky move, but they decided to try it. While the drones simply bounced off the ships' hulls, the captains of those ships knew they'd been targeted. Since they didn't know when one of the torpedoes would be armed, they quickly headed for home!

Negotiations with the Russians regarding removal of these weapons were not going well. Thus, a short time later, Bob was in his jet fighter on board an aircraft carrier, just two minutes from launch against Cuba when Premier Khrushchev finally backed down, and President Kennedy called-off the attack. Yes, we were only two minutes from WWII!

Bob remained in the U.S. Navy until 1963, when he retired with the rank of Commander, having fought in two wars; made 713 carrier landings; flown over 160 different types of aircraft; served on 15 aircraft carriers in various locations worldwide, including the first three versions of the USS *Independence*; been a Naval Test Pilot and a member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots; not only broken the sound barrier, but flown MACH-2; belonged to the elite 4-Cs Club (comprised of pilots who had flown the Corsair, Cutlass, Crusader, and Corsair II); been a member of the 1,000-mile-an-hour club; established and taught two important air combat training schools; commanded three fighter squadrons; and served on Admirals' Staffs during both the Korean War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. At 42, Bob Soule retired from his remarkable military career, having served 22 years defending the United States throughout the world during some of the most perilous times in our nation's history.

Although Bob's military duties kept him extremely busy, he still found time to:



Bob and Dortha Soule's 50th Anniversary, August 9, 1992

- Go hunting, fishing and boating;
- Design and carve incredibly beautiful, custom-made rifle stocks;
- Build double-laminated re-curve bows;
- Create hunting arrows;
- Tool leather quivers and cases;
- Hand-tie fishing flies;
- Teach the older boys how to build model airplanes from scratch using balsa wood and silk cloth;
- Instruct his sons on the finer points of gliding; and
- Conduct clinics for his 12 children on the basic moving parts of an automobile engine and how to change a tire before they were allowed to get their driver's licenses.

Bob owned and sailed a 24-foot mahogany cabin cruiser and a catamaran sailboat. The family often joked about their submarine, a leaky rowboat that spent more time under water than on top. Bob also designed and dreamed of building a ranch house somewhere in the west.

Upon retiring from the Navy, Bob became Head of International Sales for Ling-Temco-Vought, formerly Chance Vought, in Grand Prairie, Texas. With the approval of the U.S. Government, he spent the next 15 years selling jet fighters to friendly foreign governments. Bob also made regular trips to Washington, D.C. to confer with the U.S. Senate in secret hearings about the international balance of power.

Not one to sit around, Bob spent the following 10 years working in the oil industry. When he finally retired for the third and last time, it was to a somewhat quieter existence, pursuing another of his passions, restoring vintage Jaguar cars with his sons, and playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dortha was hospitalized with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's in 2000. After that, Bob spent much of each day visiting her and taking her the chocolate Frostys she loved. Unfortunately, in 2005, Bob experienced a massive stroke, which kept him from doing most of his favorite things. In the same care facility as Dortha, he could be seen wheeling himself down the hall each day to her room, where he would spend hours sitting with her. In 2006, Dortha, 86, left her earthly home to join her sister, Dorris. Bob and Dortha had been married 64 years. Always a fighter, Bob continued to hang in there for many more years. He finally passed on April 28, 2013, at the age of 91.

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## Soules in Service Continued

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Bob Soule was an extraordinary man throughout his life. He knew the early astronauts who walked on the moon, as they had all been test pilots together. (His one regret was that he was one-inch too tall to become an astronaut due to capsule size limitations.) Bob was good friends with senators, knew presidents and conferred with kings. He did it all and he did it well! Robert Marion Soule, Sr., was a True American Hero who lived, loved and fought for home and country, while raising an enormous, blended family.

Tim McNerey said, "Courage is facing our deepest fears. Heroism is facing them again and again." He could have been talking about Bob Soule, who repeatedly faced death in WWII and the Korean War to protect our freedom while he kept our defenses strong to maintain peace during the Cold War and at other critical times for our nation.

Bob never backed down and he never gave up! When asked to serve, no matter how difficult or dangerous the challenge, he simply saddled up and showed up ready to do what was needed. Robert Marion Soule, Sr., always served the United States of America with pride and honor.

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

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### ***The Heart and Soule of Aviation*** **Interview with Vicki Soule about her incredible father, Navy Comander**

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Lt. Robert Soule, Squadron VT-22 in 1943, WWII

*We are very privileged to have Soule Kindred member, Vicki Soule, share a tribute to her amazingly accomplished father, Bob Soule, in this issue's Soules in Service (cover story). You will learn, through the perspective of his daughter, how Robert Marion Soule, Sr. contributed to the world through his experiences in WWII, the Korean War and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Vicki Soule is also the author of a book about her father, entitled The Heart and Soule of Aviation.*

Find out more about Vicki, her book and her father through an interview conducted recently by Editor Kathleen Kingman.

#### ***(K) What brought you to the idea of writing this book?***

**(V)** The year before my father passed at 91, my family knew he would not be with us long. We met to prepare for his memorial. I said I'd write a eulogy and both my sister, Dorris, and my brother, Kent, wished to do so, as well. Upon reflecting on how to handle these eulogies, I decided I could bind them all into a small book. However, I didn't want Dad's memorial to be all sadness, but rather a celebration of his life. So, I sent emails to my 11 brothers and sisters and other relatives asking for funny stories about Dad. I received many, many stories and I thought I'd bind those into a second book that attendees could take home with them. At the time, I was not even contemplating writing an actual real book.

However, Kent contacted me to say that he had Dad's photographic archives and would be happy to send pictures. I responded, "That would be great!" Over the next few days, I received literally hundreds of photos! Now I had a new dilemma... how to organize the information I had and create something cohesive that made sense. I decided to organize all of this data chronologically throughout Dad's life. I needed to do this quickly, as we didn't know how much time Dad had and I wanted to complete it before he left us.

I charged myself with the task of creating a cohesive book. Even though this was primarily a documentary, one challenge was how to obtain the colorful information about Dad that would make the book come alive. Over the next six months, I worked day and night on this project. As each section was finished, six of my brothers and sisters in various cities across America edited the manuscript.

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## ***The Heart and Soule of Aviation Continued***

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### **(K) How did you and Kent divide the work?**

**(V)** Since I am one of the older children, when I left home, all of Dad's military accomplishments were still classified. However, as Kent was one of the younger children and he idolized his father, he kept asking Dad about what he had done during his military career. Fortunately, most of Dad's military data had been declassified and Dad enjoyed telling Kent about his many exploits. As a result, Kent became my go-to-guy for this information and he was able to identify the subject matter of various photos. Since we lived in different states (TX and AZ), this information was shared by phone and email. Without Kent's knowledge and expertise, *The Heart and Soule of Aviation* would not have been nearly as rich as it is. Thus, it was only right that Kent be listed as co-author on the finished product. When I released the book to be printed, I called Kent to tell him that he had just co-authored his first book... a nice surprise for him!

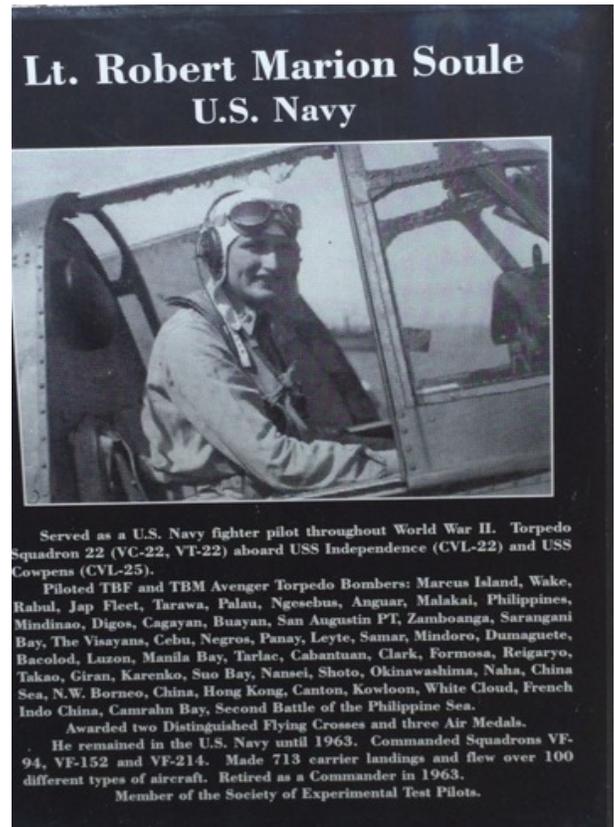
### **(K) How can our Soule Kindred members purchase the book?**

**(V)** *The Heart and Soule of Aviation* originated as a family genealogical document and it is not currently available to the general public outside of the locations listed below. Also, due to its size (654 pages), this book must be reproduced in hard copy and it is full color. Thus, it is quite expensive to reproduce (rough estimate is at least \$150/each for printing, plus tax, shipping, and handling). In addition, I do not want to make this book available electronically. However, if there is enough interest, we can order an additional run of copies.\*

***The Heart and Soule of Aviation*** is a 654-page, full-color document, and it is fully cross-referenced and indexed. It is currently in a number of primarily military museums. A copy of this book can currently be found in each of the following locations:

- Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20540;
- Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, 22156 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653;
- National Naval Aviation Museum, 1750 Radford Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32508
- USS Hornet Sea, Air, and Space Museum, 707 W Hornet Ave. #3, Alameda, CA 94501;
- Arizona Historical Society Museum in the Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 College Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281;
- The National World War II Museum, 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
- (Soon) National Museum of the Pacific War, 340 East Main Street, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. A plaque for Robert Marion Soule, Sr. is located there as well.

\*If you are interested in purchasing a copy of *The Heart and Soule of Aviation*, please email SKA at [kathleenkingman@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenkingman@yahoo.com). If there is enough interest, it may be possible to print more copies.



Plaque at National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, TX

### **(K) Are there other books or articles you have published?**

**(V)** None under my byline. I was a Technical Publications Manager and a Corporate Communications Manager in high tech in the Silicon Valley of Northern California for nearly 30 years. Thus, my myriad publications were produced for various companies/corporations (start-ups through multi-billion-dollar, multi-national corporations) without personal credit.

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## The Heart and Soule of Aviation Continued

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### **(K) How did The Heart and Soule of Aviation come to be in the Library of Congress?**

**(V)** *The Heart and Soule of Aviation* has 6 introductory pages; 328 pages in the initial sections; and 26 appendices with back-up and supporting data that take it through 606 pages. It has a glossary of terms 607-618 and a cross-reference index 619-648. Historical information indicating where our father was in each of the wars and during the Cuban Missile Crisis is included in the supporting data. Since the book was originally written primarily for our younger family members, this allows them to better understand what their grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather did for this nation. Other appendices provide information that is related to the included subject matter. Most personal photos are from our father's archives and may not exist anywhere else.

After completion of the first cut (for family and a couple of friends only), *The Heart and Soule of Aviation* was reviewed by a couple of senior Naval officers, who said it should be published and it needed to be in the National Archive. So, I contacted the National Archive and found that it could become a part of the Veterans History Project.

I spent six weeks clearing all of the copyright data I would need for public viewing of the book. I also added a few heretofore elusive photos, two of which I received clearance for the day we went on-press. The printer was kind enough to hold those two pages, and allow me to remove the existing photos and replace them with the new photos before resending them for final printing. All of this was done at the 12th hour, while under a tight deadline for delivery to Washington, D.C.

Upon completion, I hand-carried *The Heart and Soule of Aviation* to the Library of Congress. When I delivered the book, I was told that if it had been only biographical, it would have been on display, but not available for review. However, since there are sections of the book with data actually written by my father, that autobiographical information qualified the book to become a part of the Library of Congress Reference Library. People can review it at that site, but they cannot remove it or check it out.

Note: *The Heart and Soule of Aviation* has already aided someone else in creating his own book. A young man who was writing a book about the USS *Cowpens*, contacted me to say that his grandfather had served on that ship at the same time as my father. In the crew picture, my father was on row 1, and his grandfather was directly above him on row 3. He was interested in obtaining some of our photos to include in his book. I put him in touch with Kent, who has the originals, and he was able to provide high-quality copies of the photos the fellow needed.



Commanding Officer LCDR Soule takes delivery of the FJ3 jets for newly commissioned Squadron, 1955, Moffet Field, CA



LCDR Soule Advanced to Rank of Full CDR, June 1959



Bob Soule, Test Pilot for Chance Vought, 1960

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## Soule Kindred Remembers Levin Cooper Soule' Jr.

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### Levin Cooper Soule' Jr.

Levin Cooper Soule' Jr., 89, [George, George, William, George, Benjamin, George, George, Ebenezer, George, Albert Lee, Levin Cooper] of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019.

Mr. Soule', who joined Soule Kindred in 2004, was an Army Veteran and a former supervising training instructor for Army Missile Maintenance at Redstone Arsenal. He is survived by his children, Linda Soule', Elizabeth (Michael) Larose and Susan (Thomas) Cagna; seven grandchildren, Gabriel, Nicole, Danielle, Christopher, David, Sarah and Alexander; five great grandchildren, Amelia, Violet, Cooper, Lucille, Penelope and Oswald; and sister Mary Lou Conroy.

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### Did you know...

Modern scholars have argued that indigenous communities were devastated by leptospirosis, a disease caused by Old World bacteria that had likely reached New England through the feces of rats that arrived on European ships. The absence of accurate statistics makes it impossible to know the ultimate toll, but perhaps up to 90 percent of the regional population perished between 1617 to 1619.

During the winter, the passengers remained on board the *Mayflower*, suffering an outbreak of a contagious disease described as a mixture of scurvy, pneumonia and tuberculosis. When it ended, only 53 passengers remained—just over half; half of the crew died, as well.

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## Soule Kindred Remembers Norman Standish

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### Norman Standish

(Reprinted with permission from the *Illinois Mayflower Newsletter*, Winter 2020.)

Norman Standish, 89, [George, John, Aaron, Rachel (Soule) Magoun, Hannah (Magoun) Standish, James, David, Samuel Weston, John Gallagher, Fred Weston] of Lanark, Illinois, passed away in Freeport, Illinois, on October 28, 2019.

Norman was also a 10th generation descendant from Myles Standish. [Myles, Alexander, Thomas, David, James, David, Samuel Weston, John Gallagher, Fred Weston]. Norman had proven descent from John Alden, William Mullins and Edward Doty as well.

Beloved by many of our long-term members, Norm was SKA President (2001-2002) and hosted/chaired the 1999 Reunion in Lanark, IL. He joined SKA as a Life Member on October 31, 1995.

Norman belonged to many genealogical associations, including the Illinois Mayflower Society, the Ohio Mayflower (Cleveland Colony), Sons of the American Revolution, The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America and Soule Kindred in America.

He was born in Marion, Iowa, on April 4, 1930, to Fred Weston Standish and Mary Caroline (Cooley) Standish, and came to Lanark with his parents in 1937/38. Norman's great-grandfather, Samuel, moved from Maine to the Midwest in 1840 and worked as a conductor and signal man on the railroad.

Norman's parents purchased a Queen Anne style house at 540 W. Carroll St. in Lanark as their family home in 1945. After serving for two years in the Korean War, Norman married Ingrid Juescke in 1956. Years later, with his parents gone and his children grown, Norman and his wife decided to turn the 12-room home into an elegant and historic bed and breakfast. [The Standish House](#), opened in 1988, is still operational today.

During the restoration, Norman and Ingrid decorated and furnished the house with 18th and 19th century English and American antiques. Norman crafted much of the interior trim and woodworking himself. A cabinet built by ancestor James Standish, a shipbuilder in Maine, displays their collection of Native American artistry.

The guest rooms are named after ancestors or men closely associated with the Standish family including: Myles Standish, William Brewster, Edward Doty, John Alden and William Bradford. For many years, full-time innkeepers managed the house as they lived out of state, checking in often. In 2000, they sold their Ohio home and made the Standish House their permanent residence.

Norman graduated from Beloit College and earned a Masters Degree and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from Purdue. He began his long and distinguished career with Standard Oil of Ohio and British Petroleum, where he did unusual work for the National Institute of Health.

He then explored uses for polymer recycling and traveled to Washington D.C. and the EPA. He held 25 U.S. Patents for various chemical processes and was involved with many technical and scientific organizations. Norman was an invited speaker to England, Scotland and Italy where he spoke on a number of scientific topics.

He served as a Boy Scout Master and was skilled in pottery, photography, hand bookbinding and woodworking. A particular favorite activity was speaking to a variety of groups and organizations dressed in an authentic Pilgrim costume made for him by the head seamstress at Plimouth Plantation (see photo above). One of his favorite invited speaking engagements was in the town of Standish, England, dressed in his Pilgrim outfit.

His survivors include his wife, Ingrid C. Standish, his sister, Mariene Caroline Standish, and his children: Robin (James) Hicks, N. Aurora, IL; Christopher Standish, Lanark, IL, and Hilary Standish, Bryan, TX.



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## President's Report for 2019

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Soule Kindred in America had a busy and successful year in 2019 and so far in 2020. Our membership continues to grow and now stands at over 450 and our Facebook group has over 1,000! The following members served on the Board in 2019:

President - Sara Soule-Chapman  
Vice president - John Sims  
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Board Member - Christine Conley-Sowels  
Board Member - Marjorie Turrell Julian  
Board Member - David Soule  
Board Member - Andrew Turner



The annual Board election to select three Board members for 2020 was held in the fall of 2019. Christine Conley-Sowels, Judy Hughes and Becket Soule were elected to the Board for 2020-2023. Andy Turner and Jeanette Taylor exited the Board.

Our financial status continued to be positive, allowing us to provide support to projects that address our organizational mission and goals:

- Scholarships awarded to two college students
- Support for the development of the Children's Discovery Center at Plimoth Plantation in MA
- Research into the origins of George Soule

### **Other activities/accomplishments in 2019:**

- We held our annual meeting in April 2019 by video conferencing.
- Three SKA newsletters, Winter/Spring, Summer and Fall were published.
- A successful fund-raising effort was conducted and our goal of \$10,000 was surpassed!
- Twenty-six SKA members, family and friends participated in a tour of Holland and England, following the path of the Pilgrims, in May 2019.
- Planning for the 2020 reunion, in cooperation with the Plymouth 400 planning group, was led by Lori Soule.
- A logo contest was held and a logo for the 2020 reunion was chosen.
- A new committee was added, the George Soule Silver Book Project, with Becket Soule as Chair of that committee.
- A new position, volunteer coordinator, was added to coordinate and increase the number of active volunteers in SKA.

### **Our plans for 2020 include:**

- Holding our annual meeting, spring 2020
- Continuing our planning for the big SKA Reunion
- Continuing our research efforts both for the origin of George Soule and for the lineage associated with our ancestors.
- Revising our three-year Strategic Plan
- Awarding two scholarships
- Restructuring our committees
- Finding volunteers for several positions on committees
- Electing three people for the 2021 Board

Please check out both the SKA website ([soulekindred.org](http://soulekindred.org)) and Facebook page for more information and to connect with other descendants. Join us as we endeavor to fulfill the mission of Soule Kindred in America.

- Submitted by Sara Soule-Chapman, SKA President, 2/18/2020

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## Past SKA Scholarship Recipients... Where Are They Now?

Two of our past winners, Julia (Soule) Holden and Katherine (Dutton) Zhang, share their winning life experiences since then.

By Kathleen Kingman

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For the past 37 years, Soule Kindred in America has awarded scholarships to outstanding young people as they begin their college journey. Every time Scholarship Winners are announced, we, as Soule cousins, have the chance to learn about what the recipients have accomplished thus far, and what their goals are for the future. Have you ever thought, "I wonder what happened to ... {insert promising young person's name}... after they completed their college degree?"

Now you can get an update on two such wonderful people, Julia (Soule) Holden, one of the three first recipients in 1983, and Katherine (Dutton) Zhang, who was awarded a scholarship in 2012. It's both fascinating and heartwarming to follow the lives of these women who were recognized and encouraged years ago by Soule Kindred.

### Background of the Soule Kindred Scholarship Program



BJ Haner and Peg Rocke  
2011 Reunion in Salt  
Lake City, UT

The SKA Scholarship Program began in 1983, after a thoughtful and enthusiastic Board Member, Betty-Jean (BJ) Haner, had proposed the idea of selecting and awarding college-bound students who are descendants of George Soule with a monetary award to support their academic pursuits. BJ was SKA Treasurer for 4 decades (1970-2010). She also served as Membership Chair and Secretary, and for many years was the SKA main office, receiving all organizational mail. BJ was, and is, treasured in the organization; so when she proposed the idea for a scholarship at the July 1982 Board meeting in Cincinnati, others backed her up. Col. John, our fearless leader and co-founder of SKA, had passed away not long before this time, in 1980. In his honor, the scholarship was named the "Col. John Edward Soule Memorial Scholarship".

As Chair of the Soule Kindred Memorial Scholarships Committee, for many years BJ served on its Selection Committee. Different scholarships were created through the years. In addition to the Col. John E. Soule Memorial Scholarship, there was The George Standish Soule Memorial Scholarship, the Bertha Soule Erickson Memorial Scholarship and the Avis Roberson Haner Scholarship, in memory of BJ's mother.

In 2011 a survey went out to SKA members to help determine support for the scholarship program, and what future direction it should take. The SKA Scholarship Assessment Committee was established in 2012, headed by then Vice President David Hargreave. It was at this time that the application was enhanced by putting the most weight on an essay question, which you may now recognize as Question #8 on the current Scholarship Application (see [page 18](#)). This question, which is changed by The Scholarship Committee from year to year, requires candidates to show a reasonable understanding of and personal reflection on their Pilgrim heritage. At this time, the various differently named scholarships were folded into one, The Soule Kindred Scholarship (see current Announcement on [page 3](#))



### Julia (Soule) Holden

Julia Ramsay Soule graduated from high school in 1983 and made plans to attend Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. When her mother opened the letter from SKA announcing she was one of three selected to receive that very first scholarship, she called Julia at the department store where she was working to tell her the good news. Julia, in her excitement, not only told her coworkers but went on to tell customers the good news!

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## Past SKA Scholarship Recipients... Where Are They Now? Continued

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She was awarded a scholarship for \$500. Two other fine young people, (Eleanor) Frances Frane and Robert Paul Rocke, were also awarded \$500 scholarships.

In her thank you letter to BJ, Julia wrote the following:

*Ms. Haner,*

*I want to thank you for choosing me as one of the first recipients of the Col. John Memorial Scholarship. Unfortunately, I never met Col. John, but we have some letters from him, dating back to 1961, when he aided my father in our twenty-some-odd-year search for proven lineage to George Soule. That finally accomplished, my father applied for and received membership (and a number!) to the Mayflower Society. Col. John did so much in helping us discover our past, that I am so proud to be one of the first to receive his Memorial Scholarship.*

Julia attended Carleton College in Northfield, MN, from 1983 to 1987. She was an English major, after having edited her high school's yearbook and developing an interest in Journalism. She worked on the school newspaper at Carleton and enjoyed her English classes. One of her English professors was "George Soule". And yes, he was a distant cousin and played in the Senior Jeopardy tournament!

Julia's parents were James (Jim) Soule and Nan (Stevning) Soule and the family lived in Minnetonka, MN. Her dad, Jim Soule, served as president of SKA from 1988-1991. Julia attended SKA reunions in Seattle and Des Moines in the late '80s with her father. Julia also served as the Soule Kindred Newsletter Editor from 1988 to 1990! She even picked up the publishing and mailing piece in 1988, a big undertaking. These responsibilities were passed on to her by Geraldine Schlosser, who managed these duties for many years with much skill and loving care. Julia was on the Board of SKA 2013-2015. She loves history and often wondered, just like her dad, if she should have majored in that instead! Julia says she really enjoys learning family stories and poking around cemeteries, but time doesn't permit for much of that.

Julia reports that as kids, she and her brother, Rob, were well-aware of their dad's search for the link to the *Mayflower*. Jim started corresponding with Col. John shortly before there was a Soule Kindred in America. Notes to George Standish Soule with his dues, and a little extra for the office coffee can, were common. Julia typed up many possible lineages for her dad when she was growing up.

Julia worked in retail management and human resources until 1994. After the birth of her 2nd child, James, she became a mainstay at the elementary school for a few years and then began subbing in the media centers and technology areas. A few years later, she came back to retail and now is employed by Target as a Service and Engagement Service Advocate. Julia reports that her hands are very itchy from the gloves and hand sanitizer, but she and others at Target are there for those who need to shop!



Julia visiting Sammie in NYC during her AmeriCorps experience.



Julia, James and Sammie at the State Capital in St. Paul, last October 2019, after James ran the Twin Cities Marathon. They all went and cheered at various locales!

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## Past SKA Scholarship Recipients... Where Are They Now? Continued

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Jim Soule and Opal Soule Manley at the 1988 Seattle Reunion.

Julia has been married to Chris Holden since 1990. If anyone remembers being at the 1989 SKA reunion in Des Moines, Iowa, he attended with Julia and got his first exposure to our family of cousins! Julia and Chris have two kids. Their daughter Sammie (29, who graduated from the U of M Twin Cities) just returned to Minnesota after a year-and-a-half with AmeriCorps in New York City and is doing consulting work, which luckily is still happening with all the closures. Sammie joined Julia for the 2013 SKA reunion in Meridian, Mississippi – some may remember Sammie accompanying Julia there! Their son, James (26, who attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison), is in his second year of Law School in Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota.

Julia mentioned a story that many of you will know – the story of how Jim Soule met Col. John has made the rounds at many reunions! Jim Soule, was a research librarian at Green Giant

in the early '60s. That led to him working on his family tree; no one had yet, although everyone in the family said they went back to George Soule. He had written the National Archives to get copies of his grandfather's Civil War records and his grandmother's widow benefits information. At that same time, Col. John Soule was already very active in searching out records for Soules and on that one day was surprised when the clerk told him he couldn't have access to one of the above records, as it was being copied for someone else. Jim always said the clerk sure obeyed the rules and wouldn't tell Col. John who had requested that information but allowed Col. John to put a note into the packet being sent to her dad. That note led to their meeting, and the rest, as they say, is history.

### **Katherine (Dutton) Zhang**

A more recent recipient of the SKA Scholarship was Katherine (Dutton) Zhang. Katherine Zhang was one of three recipients of SKA scholarships in 2012. She is the daughter of David W. and Judith A. Smit Dutton of Milford, Massachusetts, and the granddaughter of SKA Member Shirley Dutton. Shirley had recently shared with SKA some updates on Katherine's life and gave us the idea for this article!

At the time she was awarded the scholarship, Katherine had received straight As in high school and for the two semesters she had attended Quinsigamond Community College (while still in her senior year of high school 2011-2012). She then transferred to MassBay Community College to continue her prerequisites and join its associate degree nursing program in 2014. Katherine graduated with the highest honors in 2016, and then she transferred to Southern New Hampshire University to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Katherine graduated summa cum laude in 2018.



When asked what extra-curricular activities she enjoyed in college, Katherine wrote:

*I think most nursing students will tell you that in order to survive nursing school, you eat, breathe, sleep and live nursing school. During my associate degree, it was difficult to have any extra interests. I also worked every weekend, so that didn't allow for much free time. In order to relax, I would try to take long walks in between studying or play games with my siblings.*

*Getting my BSN was much easier. At the time I was working full-time night shift, so I did part-time online classes for eight week-long semesters. I would make sure I had one day off a week where I wasn't working or doing homework to hang out with friends and family, take a day trip somewhere, and be outside as much as possible.*

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## Past SKA Scholarship Recipients... Where Are They Now? Continued

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Katherine became interested in genealogy early on after hearing from her grandmother, Shirley Dutton, and her great aunt, Barbara Wallace, about the Soule family. Her Aunt Barbara spent a long time mapping out genealogy and passed her findings along. Her mother also had genealogy from her Dutch side of the family back to the 1600s, so Katherine would spend hours in high school making her own maps and doing research online. Her family lived close to Plimoth Plantation so field trips for immersive history also brought historical figures to life for Katherine.

Katherine feels she was very fortunate to get her dream job immediately after passing her board exams in 2016. In nursing school she worked as a student nurse aide in maternity and pediatrics at a community hospital. Maternity is a specialty area that is difficult to get into as a new graduate, but Katherine's manager gave her a chance. Katherine worked at that hospital for three years within all areas of maternity including triage, labor and delivery, circulator and scrub for Cesarean sections, well-baby nursery nurse, and postpartum.

After three years of gaining experience and honing in on what she loved most, Katherine decided to pursue a job that exclusively focused on labor and delivery. Smaller hospitals typically have maternity nurses working in all areas while larger hospitals typically have subspecialties where nurses focus on one aspect of the birth journey. Katherine now works at a large suburban hospital that has the second highest delivery rate in the state of Massachusetts. It is a very fast-paced environment, and she looks forward to continuing learning and growing as a nurse.

Some of Katherine's fondest memories of being a nurse involve really bonding with a patient and her support team in labor and helping her achieve the goals for her labor and delivery experience. She explains:

*This can be very challenging at times, particularly if the labor is delayed and she isn't making progress. I hated physics in high school, but I've learned that there is a lot of physics involved with bringing babies into the world, and I work hard with my patients to facilitate an easier delivery. There's almost nothing more rewarding than guiding a woman who had minimal progress to having a natural delivery instead of needing a cesarean section because the baby wasn't coming out!*

Katherine has been married to her soulmate, Ace, since August 2019. Practically newlyweds, Katherine says they are enjoying married life together. Prior to the current pandemic, they would take day trips every



Katherine and Ace Zhang

couple of weeks, whether it be visiting a cafe and reading books together for awhile or going on a nature walk. Katherine is big into bird photography and Ace loves reading, so she will lug around her 10 lbs. of camera gear, snapping pictures of anything that moves, while Ace walks beside her and pauses to read.

So far, their favorite place they have visited together is Cape Neddick, Maine, but they are

looking forward to many more trips together exploring, enjoying the outdoors and eating great food.



Katherine and Ace visited her grandmother, Shirley Dutton, and Shirley's partner, Sandy deLahunta, in Portland, OR. They are pictured here at a dry-docked boat turned into a restaurant in the Old Port called DiMillos.

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## Soule Kindred in America, Inc. 2020 Scholarship Application

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Soule Kindred in America, Inc. awards scholarships annually to George Soule descendants for the freshman or sophomore year of college. To apply, complete the application below and mail it to the address below by July 1 of the year before the applicant's fall enrollment date.

1. General information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Demonstrated lineage to *Mayflower* Pilgrim George Soule (attach pages)

3. What college or training program do you expect to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you been accepted into this college or training program? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What will be your major field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

6. In what extra-curricular activities have you been involved?  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Write a short statement of your goals for the future (attach additional pages if necessary).  
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\_\_\_\_\_

8. The 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' voyage and arrival is in 2020. If you were responsible for planning the events to commemorate this event, what are the most important things that you would want to emphasize to educate the public about the Pilgrims and their importance four centuries later? (Please use a separate page for your answer)

9. Enclose two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members. (e.g., teacher, scout leader, advisor, supervisor/boss, etc.)

10. Include an official academic transcript with the application and SEND APPLICATION TO:

Soule Kindred of America, Inc.

C/O Helen Soulé

339 River Route

Magnolia Springs, AL 36555

## This and That

### Liberty Tree Society



Emancipation Proclamation  
1865



U.S. Constitution  
1789



Declaration of Independence  
1776



America's First Flag  
1765



Mayflower Compact  
1620



Magna Carta  
1215

### Updates can be Found on Plymouth 400th Anniversary Links

Here are a few links to help keep yourself up-to-date on the rescheduling of our SKA Reunion and the Plymouth 400 celebration:

For information about Soule Kindred's celebration click here:

[soulekindred.org/events](http://soulekindred.org/events)

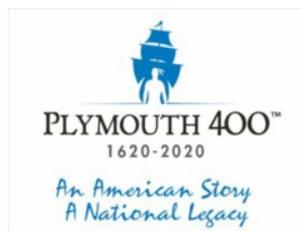
The official celebration website can be found here:

[Plymouth400inc.org](http://Plymouth400inc.org)

Plimoth Plantation:  
[Plimoth.org](http://Plimoth.org)

General Society of Mayflower Descendants:  
[Themayflowersociety.org](http://Themayflowersociety.org)

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### "America's First Constitution"

On November 11, 1620 the Pilgrims, having "boarded the vast and furious ocean", established in America, by written Compact, the first "government of the people, by the people and for the people."  
(Compact below edited for space requirements. Signers listed alphabetically)

### Mayflower Compact

Nov. 11, 1620 - In the name of God, Amen. We...do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our...preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid...to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices...as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due obedience.

John Alden	Francis Eaton	John Kigabale
Isaac Allerton	Thomas English	Thomas Rogers
John Allerton	Moses Fitcher	George Soule
John Billington	Edward Fuller	Nyles Standish
William Bradford	Samuel Fuller	Edward Tilley
William Brewster	Richard Gardner	John Tilley
Richard Brittonbridge	John Goodman	Thomas Tinker
Peter Browne	John Howland	John Turner
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James Chilton	Edward Lyster	William White
Richard Clarke	Edward Marston	Thomas Williams
Francis Cooke	Christopher Martin	Edward Winslow
John Crankstone	William Mullins	Gilbert Winslow
Edward Dady	Degory Priest	

John Quincy Adams: "This is perhaps the only instance in human history of that positive social compact which speculative philosophers have imagined as the only legitimate source of government."

### Certification

Organizations and prominent individuals who agree that the Mayflower Compact is America's First Constitution

1. [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org): "The Mayflower Compact was the seed of American democracy and has been called the world's first written constitution..."
2. [Britannica.com](http://Britannica.com): "Mayflower Compact... was the first framework of government written and enacted in the territory that is now the United States of America."
3. "The Mayflower" by Rebecca Fraser: "Plymouth Colony was the first experiment in consensual government in western history between individuals with one another and not with a monarch."
4. "Mayflower" by Nathaniel Philbrick: "It is a document that ranks with the Declaration of Independence and the U. S. Constitution as a seminal American text."
5. [history.com](http://history.com): "The Mayflower Compact was the first document to establish self-government in the New World"



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father of  
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father of  
Charles S. Soule, born 1858  
father of  
Arthur T. Soule, born 1886  
father of  
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**Confirmation of Descendancy**  
 The above information is on file with local chapter of The General Society of Mayflower Descendants as the first step in confirming our relationship to one of the signers of the Compact.

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