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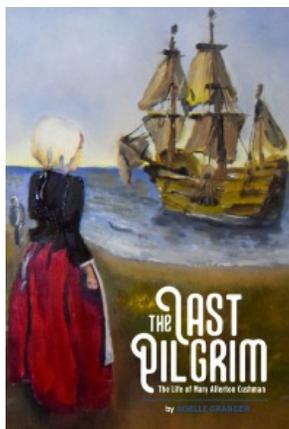
*Preserving Soule Heritage  
for Future Generations*

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## **Soules in Service Honors Oliver and Matthew Perry by The Rev. John S. Sims**

If you were asked to name America's most famous naval commanders, would your list include two Soule descendants, or even one? Until Becket Soule's comments during our SKA Virtual Reunion last November, I could not. Now I know that two brothers whose line of descent flows from Susannah Soule are decidedly among our most distinguished naval veterans. They are Oliver Hazard Perry and Matthew Calbraith Perry, both Commodores. They were born to Christopher Raymond Perry and Sarah Wallace Alexander. Christopher himself was a navy veteran. Rising to the rank of Captain, he served in the Revolutionary War and the Quasi War with France. All five of his sons served in the US Navy and several grandsons continued with distinction in naval service.

As you look up and down the Perry ancestral tree, it would be difficult to find another family with more men of distinguished service to our country in every war through the 20th century.



I include here, as just one example, Rear Admiral Thomas Slidell Rodgers. The photo included here is him boarding the Presidential yacht, *The Mayflower*, in 1918; Rodgers was the great-grandson of Christopher Perry. He served 1878-1919 and was awarded the Navy Distinguished Service Medal in World War I.

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## Editor's Comments:

Hello cousins! I hope you are all enjoying renewed freedom and positive energy as we move to safer, healthier times.

Soule Kindred in America is very future-focused, with 89 New Members joining the organization in the past year ([page 15](#)). You can be part of the action from the inside by sharing some of your time as a volunteer for the Membership or Reunion Committees ([page 3](#) and [16](#)). Or help shape the Board of Directors by submitting candidates (including yourself!) on the Nomination Form ([page 14](#)).

One SKA member who contributes much to our Soule Community is The Rev. John S. Sims, who wrote another fascinating historical salute to two Naval Commodores, brothers Oliver and Matthew Perry, in *Soules in Service* (cover).

Our cousins in Australia continue to stay in touch as they also move into a more "normal" time since Covid-19 impacted the world. Martin Lawrence shares his family's link to George Soule and how they came from Plymouth to Australia ([page 6](#)).

Sadly, we lost two women who were wives of Honorary Life Members, Carol Joyce Sager Soule and Nancy Tiffin. SKA cousins share their memories and insights on [page 9](#). Soule Kindred is a family; we care for each other and look to a bright future where we can research, explore and learn together.

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Follow our Aussie cousin, Martin Lawrence as he describes his family's journey from Plymouth to Australia

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Prof. Emeritus Noelle Granger from the University of North Carolina tells the story of Mary Allerton Cushman, who as a young girl traveled on the *Mayflower* with her parents and grew up in the challenging New World.

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Submit your candidates for Soule Kindred's next Board.

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## President's Corner

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Hello cousins and friends! I'm especially happy to be able to write to you following a year of tragedy and turmoil for so many! For those of us who survived the pandemic, I wonder what wisdom and traits we may have inherited from our ancestors that contribute to survival.

I like to reflect on our common ancestors and imagine how they felt, what they thought etc. so many years ago. When I was in Plymouth in 2015, we stayed at the John Carver Inn. I am generally up early so thought I'd take a walk to the Dunkin' Donuts down the block and bring back some donuts for my husband, sister and brother-in-law. As I was returning to the hotel, I decided to walk down Leyden street, which begins at the church in front of Burial Hill; the same path that was the main street in the original Plimoth Plantation. As I walked, it started to rain, hard! The wind blew and I had no umbrella, so I hid in the doorway of a business on the street. Nothing was open and no one was around, so I enjoyed the storm for 15-20 minutes until it let up enough to return to the hotel. During that time, I imagined what it was like for our great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great-grandparents as they experienced storms in that exact spot. The earth is covered with buildings and pavement now, but the weather has not changed.

It occurs to me that through the generations there have been many times when our Pilgrim ancestors and their descendants have faced adversity and had to rely on one another. Also, how many times did they have to make choices that were in the best interest of the whole community rather than choosing to do what was most profitable or convenient for their individual self?

The original Pilgrims committed to work together and help one another when they signed the *Mayflower Compact*! Records from court cases, fines and punishments are well-documented. That leads me to believe adhering to a sense of justice and fairness was important to them. Additionally, transfer of property was well-documented, making it easier to be clear about what belonged to whom. Of course, when making these transactions one must trust the other party and along with trust comes honesty. These documents helped hold everyone accountable.

And, of course, we can take a lesson from the greatest friends our ancestors made, the Wampanoag Indian tribe, who helped the Pilgrims survive when they could have so easily allowed them to languish. This is something we should never forget.

So, I implore all of us to stay true to the qualities we have inherited from our famous ancestors; truthfulness, lawfulness, fairness, kindness, and selflessness, that our democracy, set in place 400 years ago, might continue to survive.



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### **Volunteers Needed: Soule Kindred in America needs YOUR help!**

- Our organization is growing and thriving, with 89 new members joining just in the last year! To continue to offer the best services to our members, we rely on the talents of our cousins and friends.
- The Membership Committee and Reunion Committee need to add to their teams. The Membership Committee is responsible for recruiting new members, membership renewals, oversight of the membership database, tracking membership trends, coordinating online membership information and updating lists for mailing labels.
- The Reunion Committee is responsible for helping to identify future reunion locales, assisting reunion hosts, and promoting educational programs at the reunions that reflect the mission of Soule Kindred in America.
- We are a fun bunch and with enough members pitching in, nobody is overburdened with too much to do. Consider reaching out to our Membership Volunteer Chair, Christine Conley, who can get you connected to a committee just right for your skills and talents.
- Come join the team of cousins! [Christineconley1@gmail.com](mailto:Christineconley1@gmail.com)

## Soules in Service continued



Oliver Hazard Perry became known as “The Hero of Lake Erie” for his leadership in battle during The War of 1812.

Oliver Hazard Perry was the oldest son of Christopher Perry. He was born on 23 August 1785 in Rhode Island. In 1799 he gained appointment as a midshipman on the recommendation of his father. Oliver H. Perry then served in the Quasi War with France, the Tripolitan War against the Barbary pirates, and the War of 1812 where he would come to be hailed as “the hero of Lake Erie.” In a war with very few American battle victories and eventually a stalemate, he is credited with this naval victory by the fleet of six ships he had built in 1813. Receiving the surrender of the British on his flagship, he wrote the now famous words, “We have met the enemy and they are ours.”

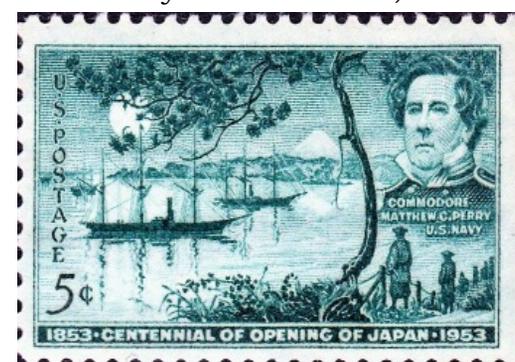
His naval service continued until a diplomatic journey to Venezuela. He died there from yellow fever on his birthday in 1819. Initially buried in Trinidad, his remains were removed in 1826 to Island Cemetery in Newport, Rhode Island. In Put-In-Bay, Ohio, there is a 352-foot-tall monument in his memory, six US ships have been named after him, and there are also a number of American towns named in his honor; the nearest to me is Perry, Georgia, just South of Macon.

Matthew Calbraith Perry was a younger brother and the fourth of the eight Perry children. He was born 10 April 1794 in Rhode Island and he enlisted in the US Navy in 1809. He had secured a midshipman’s appointment and initially served on the USS *Revenge* under his brother’s command at Lake Erie. Matthew Perry participated in many sea battles in his naval career (most notably the Mexican-American War in 1846-47) and he rose eventually to the rank of Rear Admiral. However, his greatest historic notoriety is the “gunboat diplomacy” in 1853 and 1854 which opened Japan to the West. Also hailed as the “Father of the Steam Navy,” Matthew Perry would see only a few more years of life as rheumatic fever would cause his death on 4 March 1858. Initially buried in New York City, his remains were removed to be with his brother and other family at Island Cemetery. Japan erected a monument to him in 1901; it survived World War II and is today located in Yokosuka as part of a museum focused on the Perry expeditions. There is also a monument in Touro Park, Newport, RI, and in 2008 the US Navy dedicated the USNS *Matthew Perry* in his honor.

For our Perry family cousins we say, “Peace be to your ashes and honor be to your memory.” We thank them for their dedicated service to our country!



Portrait of Oliver H. Perry by Gilbert Stuart, 1818.



Commodore Matthew C Perry 5 cent stamp, Centennial of Opening of Japan, 1853-1953.

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

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# SOULE KINDRED IN AMERICA, INC. MEMBERSHIP FORM

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# One Australian Link to a *Mayflower* Pilgrim

## Journey of a *Mayflower* pilgrim's family from Plymouth to Australia

by Martin Lawrence

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My contemporary family lives in Australia, on the other side of the world from Plymouth, MA, the destination of our Pilgrim Ancestor, George Soule. The story of how my ancestors came to Australia can be broken up into two steps: one which established a link in the 1790s, the other the actual migration in the 1850s.

### **In the beginning**

The starting point is the Pilgrim initial settlement at Plymouth in 1620.

George Soule, Pilgrim, was granted land in Duxbury, MA, and moved there with his family in about 1632. Duxbury is just a few miles north of Plymouth. George (generation 1) acquired land in Dartmouth, MA, (about 20 miles away), which he gave to his sons, Nathaniel and George, in 1658 and 1668.

The next few generations of my Soule ancestors resided at Dartmouth (George Soule, gen. 2, William Soule, gen. 3 and Mary Soule, gen. 4).

However, Mary Soule moved to Providence, RI (about 10 miles away), when she married William Page. This marriage was not without controversy, since the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Quakers, on 18 Dec 1721, condemned "Mary Soule, daughter of William, for her recent marriage to William Paige". Apparently, Mary married out of order with her elder sister, Hannah, and this was considered inappropriate. However, Mary still inherited her share of the family estate in Dartmouth when her father (William Soule) died a year later.

William and Mary Page had a son, Ambrose Page (gen. 5), who as a ship captain travelled a lot, but who continued to make Providence, RI, his home. Ambrose had a son, Benjamin Page (gen. 6), who features in the next section.

### **Step 1. Benjamin Page**

Benjamin Page was born at 6 o'clock on 22 March 1753 at Providence, Rhode Island. Benjamin played a significant role in the destruction of the *Gaspee*, a customs vessel. This event, on June 9, 1772, some 18 months prior to the Boston Tea Party, is still annually remembered in Providence with week-long celebrations. During the Revolutionary War, Benjamin was first a Lieutenant on a number of ships and later the Commander of the *Regulator*, an armed sloop of 24 guns.

Benjamin was Captain of trading ships sailing out of Providence. Prior to the Revolutionary War, this included voyages to Surinam and the West Indies. Subsequent to the Revolutionary War, several voyages to each of the West Indies and Europe took place (the most distant location was Saint Petersburg).

From 1790 Benjamin's trading voyages became focused on trade between Providence, Rhode Island, and the East. The first such voyage was on the ship *Hope*, to Bombay, India, lasting from January 21, 1790, to July 6, 1791.

Following this, Benjamin's trading voyages became relevant to this tale of how my family came to Australia, in that, while the voyages were from Providence to Canton, China, there was an intermediate stop in Sydney Cove (as it was then known), Australia.

Benjamin undertook four trading voyages to Canton, with timings as follows :

Ship *Hope*, Providence March 17, 1792, Providence September 24, 1793.  
Ship *Halcyon*, Providence February 21, 1794, Providence April 28, 1795.  
Ship *Zenobia*, Providence February 18, 1796, Providence May 14, 1797.  
Ship *Ann and Hope*, Providence July 9, 1798, Providence June 15, 1799.

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I have details of the stop in Sydney Cove for each trip except that of the *Zenobia*, which probably did not stop in Sydney Cove.

### **Ship *Hope* at Sydney Cove, 1792**

*Hope* arrived December 24, 1792; departed January 10, 1793; length of stay 17 days.

In December 1792, as reported by the Colony's Judge Advocate and Secretary, David Collins, "there anchored in the cove an American ship, the *Hope*, commanded by a Mr. Benjamin Page, from Rhode Island, with a small cargo of provisions and spirits for sale. The cause of his putting into this harbour, the master declared, was for the purpose of procuring wood and water. This ship had touched at the Falkland Islands for the purpose of collecting skins from the different vessels employed in the seal trade from the United States of America, with which she was to proceed to the China market." The colony purchased cured beef, port and flour. Notably, "seven thousand five hundred and ninety-seven gallons of [new American] spirits at four shillings and sixpence per gallon, were purchased".

Governor Philip had had to leave the Colony due to ill-health, and the Deputy Governor Francis Grose took command. Grose's first letter back to England (in January 1793) reported the departure of Governor Phillip and the visit of the *Hope*. He first addressed the visit in general and then wrote a long paragraph regarding the large purchase of spirits that was made, starting with: "I lamented on this occasion being obliged to purchase his spirits, without which he would not agree to the disposal of his provisions." In the early days of Sydney Cove, there was largely a barter economy, with rum being the mainstay of the system.



View of Sydney Cove, 1792.

### **Ship *Halcyon* at Sydney Cove, 1794**

*Halcyon* arrived June 14, 1794; departed July 8, 1794; length of stay 24 days.

Collins reported:

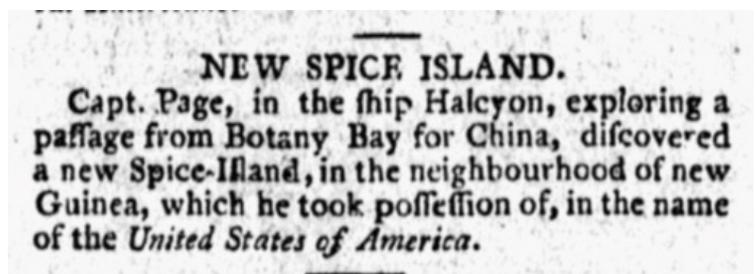
"arrived in the harbour the *Halcyon*, a ship from Rhode Island, commanded by Mr. Benjamin Page, who was here in the ship *Hope* at the close of the year 1792, and who had ventured here again with a cargo of provisions and spirits on speculation."

"The ship he built himself at Providence, after his return from China in the *Hope*."

"The whole of the spirits were purchased by the officers of the settlement and of the garrison at the rate of six shillings per gallon; and afforded, together with what had been received from Batavia by the *Britannia*, a large and comfortable supply of that article for a considerable time."

Grose had been frequently corresponding with Britain regarding the spirits purchased in late 1792 from Capt. Benjamin Page of the *Hope*. Coincidentally, he sent his latest letter on the subject with Capt. Benjamin Page of the *Halcyon*.

On the passage from Sydney Cove to Canton, Benjamin Page discovered a new "Spice Island" and claimed it for the United States.



Extract from the newspaper *Connecticut Courant* of September 13, 1795.

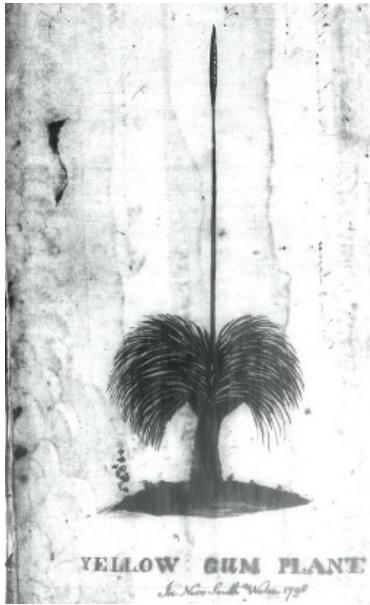
### **Ship *Ann and Hope* at Sydney Cove, 1798**

*Ann and Hope* arrived October 20, 1798; departed October 23, 1798; length of stay 3 days.

There are three journals/logbooks of this voyage still extant, including one by Benjamin Page, junior, son of the ship's captain. Thus, there is a wealth of interesting detail known about this voyage. In the late 1820s Benjamin and family moved to Jackson Township, near Massillon, Ohio, which was then the frontier of European settlement. This was a more substantial move, of some 540 miles. One son who made this move with Benjamin was Oliver Page (gen. 7), who married Margaret Caroline Troup soon after arrival here. They had a son, William Graham Page (gen. 8), who features in the next section.

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Drawing of "Yellow Gum Plant" by Benjamin Page, Junior from his journal on *Ann and Hope*.

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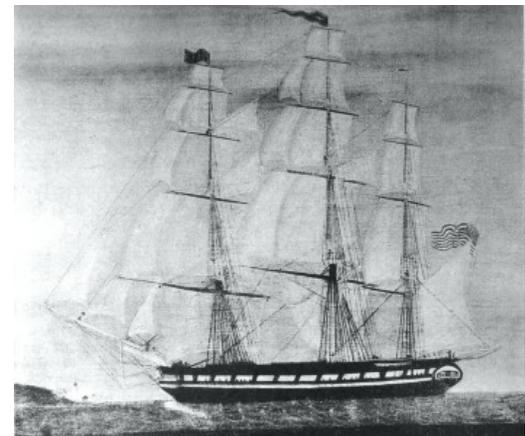
"On the 20th, an American ship, the *Ann and Hope*, anchored in Botany Bay, unfavorable winds having prevented her getting up so far as Port Jackson. As the master only wanted a little wood and water, three days were sufficient to procure them; and at the end of that period, he sailed for China."

The journals include long accounts of these few days spent in Sydney. While the ship was in Botany Bay, a number of Aboriginals came in canoes to the ship and some bartering took place. The journals provide descriptions of the native people, the flora and fauna and translations for Aboriginal words and phrases. There is also a description of Sydney, which at this time had a population of 1,217.

There is a description of a battle they witnessed between two groups of Aborigines, which resulted in several of them being speared. "Benelong [sic], a native of enlarged mind and who had been to England and dined with the first noble men of England" was one of those speared. "The Europeans at Sydney are almost as much in the dark now as they were 10 years ago with respect to the cause of these fights. The natives are cautious of explaining themselves

and will even deny there is to be a battle on the day they prepare themselves for it."

Here I wish to focus on the visit to Sydney Cove, but can't resist mentioning that on the journey home, the *Ann and Hope* was attacked by a privateer. The *Ann and Hope*, which mounted 12 nine-pound cannons, drove off the privateer.



Ship *Ann and Hope* of Providence from an old painting commissioned for Brown and Ives.

## Move to Ohio



Portrait of Benjamin Page (1753-1833). Original is held by descendants.

## Step 2. William Graham Page

Sadly, Oliver Page died of consumption when his son William was only 7 years old.

William was an old family name, his great-grandfather, William Page, married Mary Soule (gen. 4), and his uncle, William Page, was killed by pirates in the Banda Sea (north of Java), while captaining the ship *Eliza* from Providence, Rhode Island. His middle name, Graham, came from his uncle (by marriage), John Graham, who was a Senator in the Ohio Government.

On June 6, 1853, William, at age 22 years, arrived in Melbourne on the ship *Panama*, from New York. He travelled "cabin" class and was listed as a gentleman. The distance from Canton, Ohio, to Melbourne, Victoria, is 9,980 miles, easily the largest movement in this history.

He presumably came to participate in the gold rush, as the next records that I have seen show him to be a miner at Dunolly, Victoria.

He married Mary Anne Heffernan in 1856 at Castlemaine. They had six children (including Oliver, my ancestor), before Mary Anne died, aged only 34 years. She died a week after the birth of the sixth child.

William spent the rest of his life on the Victorian goldfields, principally at Harrietville, where from 1860 mining was from the rich quartz reefs in the surrounding hills. William was the owner or co-owner of several gold mines at Harrietville, including the Excelsior Reef, the Unity Reef and the Buckeye Reef.

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## Soule Kindred Remembers Carol Joyce Sager Soule

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Carol Joyce Sager Soule, 93, passed away on March 7, 2021, surrounded by her family at the Century House in Mystic, Quebec. Carol was the wife of SKA Honorary Life Member, Stanley Soule [George, George, Nathan, Timothy, Joseph, Timothy, Timothy, Henry Alvin, Royston, Stanley].

Carol was born on "The Ridge" outside of Stanbridge East, Quebec, in 1927, to Archie and Glenna Sager. Carol was the youngest of three girls; sisters Lib (Elizabeth) and Jean predeceased her. Well ahead of her time, Carol was a strong, independent woman, actively involved in women's sports (mainly softball and tennis) and focused on her career at The Bank of Montreal before having children. Stanley and Carol married in 1953 and made their home in Mystic, where they raised their two sons, Randy and Scott. After 15 years as a bank teller in Bedford, Carol moved on to work as a bookkeeper, truant officer, realtor and travel agent, organizing countless trips for seniors.

Carol and Stan loved to travel and did so extensively, sharing their passion for adventure with their friends, family, and the local community. Carol doted on her grandchildren, Michael and Rebecca, who were lucky enough to grow up with her and she

visited her grandsons, Hayden and Ben, regularly in Ottawa. Carol took on numerous volunteer functions and was a very active member of the local churches, well into her late 80s.

For many years, Carol and Stanley regularly attended our annual Soule Kindred reunions, along with Carol's sister-in-law, Shirley Maxwell. Many of Carol's family are members of Soule Kindred. Judy Hughes, chair of SKA's Lineage Assistance Committee, recalls, "She was always outgoing and welcomed new members with enthusiasm. I enjoyed chatting with her on the phone on several occasions. Those of us who knew her already sadly miss her."

Chris Schlosser, Chair of SKA's Communications Committee, shared her insights:

*Carol was always full of life – a go-getter! When she saw something that needed attention, she went right to it. She was super organized! She (with help from husband, Stan, and daughter-in-law, Monica) hosted three wonderful reunions: Montreal, Canada, in 1990; Burlington, Vermont, in 1995; and Ottawa, Canada, in 2004. I attended the two in Canada and they were great – fun and interesting tours and good family time as well. She stayed active in the society for some years after Stan passed away. She and I were roomies at the 2010 Bahama Cruise reunion. She will be missed!*



Frank Flint Soule III., President, presenting Certificate of Appreciation to Carol and Stan Soule, hosts of the 2004 Soule Kindred in America Reunion in Ottawa, Canada, August 18-22, 2004.

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# Soule Kindred Remembers

## Nancy Tiffin

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Nancy Tiffin (Bruce), 87, passed away on Thursday, August 13, 2020, in Needham, MA. Nancy was the wife of SKA Honorary Life Member, James B. Tiffin [George, George, Mary (Soule) DeVol, Hannah (DeVol) Mosher, Nicholas, Pardon, Daniel, Azro Louden, Marinda (Mosher) Lesure, Grace Ethel (Lesure) Tiffin, Kenneth Claude].

Daughter of the late Donald and Florence Bruce, she is survived by her husband of 54 years, James, of Needham, MA, and their children: Sarah Gioffre and her husband, Scott, of Wilton, CT; Anne Tiffin and her husband, Jonathan MacPhee, of Acton, MA; and Tracey Hogan and her husband, Paul, of Medfield, MA, and six grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister, Joan Bruce.

Nancy was active in many local organizations, including Derby Academy, Hingham Congregational Church and the Hingham Historical Society. She will be remembered for her devotion to her family, her friendships, her sense of humor, grace and impeccable taste.



### Did you know...

The life expectancy of New England citizens became longer than that of Old England, and much longer than the Southern English colonies. Children were born at nearly twice the rate in Maryland and Virginia. It is often said that New England invented grandparents, for it was here that people in great numbers first grew old enough to see their children bear children.

Literacy rates were high among the early settlers. Massachusetts law required a tax-supported school for every community that could boast 50 or more families. Puritans wanted their children to be able to read the Bible, of course.

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## One Australian Link to a *Mayflower* Pilgrim continued

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### Recent generations

Oliver Page (gen. 9) was a gold prospector/miner for his whole life. He discovered the Buckeye Reef (at Harrierville) when he was only 16 years old. After some years prospecting/mining in Victoria, he followed the gold to Western Australia (WA). He spent most of his life there, moving from one remote location to another. The move from Harrierville (Vic.) to Kalgoorlie (WA) is 1,520 miles.

His daughter, Nell (gen. 10), married a serviceman, Les Carder, whom she met while he was convalescing from injuries received in World War I. They tried farming at Wagin and at Moora (both in WA). However, Nell decided this wasn't the life for her, and she followed the bright lights to Sydney, bringing her children with her. The distance from Kalgoorlie to Sydney is 1,740 miles.

Everything above is applicable to the ancestry of three members of the Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants: Orel Lea, Kylie Moore and me.

Nell's children included my mother, Iris (gen. 11), and her elder sister, June (mother of Orel and Kylie). They lived their lives predominantly in Sydney, where all their children were born.

In modern times, international travel has become much easier. I, Martin Lawrence (gen. 12), have lived in a number of different continents. While working for the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (based in Vienna, Austria), I travelled to all parts of the world, including some extremely remote places (such as Robinson Crusoe Island).

Most noteworthy for this history is the fact that for a while I lived on Cape Cod, MA, (while I was working at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution). At this time, my home at West Falmouth was only 25 miles from Plymouth, so I had almost nullified all the movement of various ancestors. Ironically, at this time I did not know that I was descended from a *Mayflower* Pilgrim!

I am now living back in Sydney, approximately one mile from where I was born, so in some sense I have not added to the movement of my descendants from George Soule, pilgrim.



Author, Martin Lawrence with cousins Kylie Moore and Orel Lea.

### Correction

In the article on page 13 of the Winter/Spring 2021 issue of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, the following errors were included:

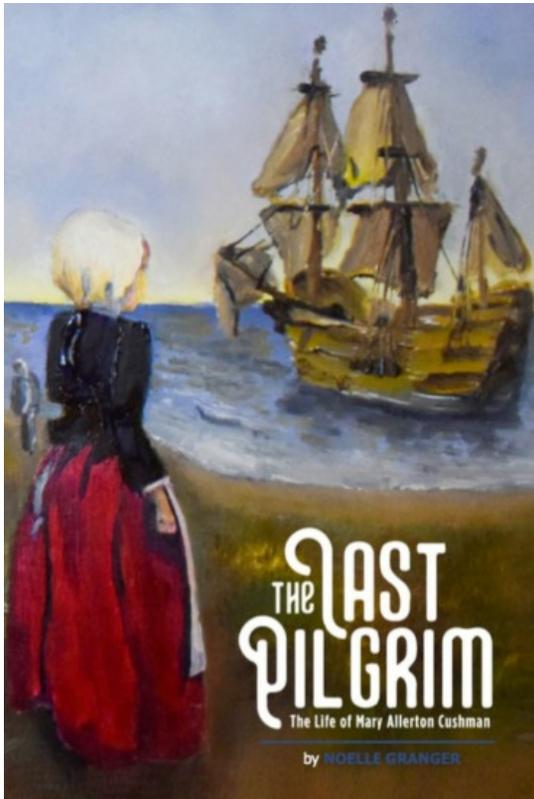
- (1) Olivia Gascoigne was misspelled
- (2) Lucas - his first name was not in the article: *Nathaniel* Lucas
- (3) Keith's wife is Genevieve Quimbach: her maiden name (Buchanan) was included unintentionally.

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# Book spotlight: *The Last Pilgrim* By Noelle Granger

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A new book chronicles the life of Pilgrim Mary Allerton Cushman and spotlights the strength of women during this period.



Author name: Noelle A. Granger

Genre: Historical fiction

Book: *The Last Pilgrim*

*The Last Pilgrim* is the story of Mary Allerton Cushman, who was four years old when she and her parents sailed on the *Mayflower*. As the daughter of Isaac Allerton, a colony leader, and then later the wife of Thomas Cushman, she had a front-row seat to the history of the Plymouth Colony from its beginnings as the first permanent settlement in New England to when it became part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691.

Mary saw and experienced it all—the terrible and terrifying voyage across the Atlantic; the winter of much death and heartache; the starvation and deprivation until the first crops came in; interactions with the Native Americans; wars; an earthquake; epidemics; a monstrous hurricane and the growth and expansion of the colony. *The Last Pilgrim* was written as an homage not only to Mary but to all the women of the colony, without whom Plimoth Plantation would not have survived.

*The Last Pilgrim* begins from her father's point of view—Mary was, after all, only four when she descended into the small living space below deck on the *Mayflower*—but gradually assumes Mary's voice, as the colony achieves a foothold on New England soil. What was a woman's life like in the Plymouth Colony? *The Last Pilgrim* will tell you.

## A note from the author:

I grew up in Plymouth and my parents volunteered me to portray various girls and young women in the Pilgrims' Progress each week during the summer. They also enrolled me in a summer class at the Harlow House, directed by the inimitable Rose Briggs, where I learned to make candles; wash, card, spin and weave wool; cook in the fireplace—many things that were daily tasks for Pilgrim women. In high school, I was chosen to be one of the first guides, now called re-enactors, at the newly built Plimoth Plantation, a re-creation of the original village. While working there, I often wondered about the Pilgrim women and how their story had been largely overlooked.

I think the members of the Soule Kindred might enjoy this book. *The Last Pilgrim* was recently longlisted for the Devon and Cornwall International Book Prize.

Best wishes,  
Noelle A. Granger, Ph.D.  
Professor Emeritus  
The University of North Carolina



# Superstar Soules of the Big Screen

## By Kathleen Kingman

I was recently looking through a list of “Memorable Soules” from the Spring 2010 issue of *Soule Kindred Newsletter*, Vol. 44, No. 2 p. 13, when suddenly two familiar names jumped out at me: Dick Van Dyke and Richard Gere. They are Superstars! They are Soules!



“Dick Van Dyke Show” 1961-1966

As a child in the 1970s and 80s, I loved watching reruns of “The Dick Van Dyke Show”, also starring the marvelous Mary Tyler Moore. It was in black and white, but I didn’t even care! The episodes were so clever and funny, with the buffoon, Rob Petry, always narrowly escaping some humiliating predicament. I also LOVED the movies “Mary Poppins” and “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” which featured more of Dick Van Dyke’s comedy along with superb singing, dancing and physical humor.



- Dick Van Dyke, movie and television actor, descends through George and Mary’s son John [George, John, Benjamin, Zachariah, Sarah, Isaiah Tinkham, Susannah Tinkham, David Lorenzo Child, Susan Child, Charles C. McCord, Hazel McCord]\*

Dick Van Dyke as Bert Dawes, a cockney jack-of-all-trades and Mary’s best friend, in 1964’s “Mary Poppins”.



Richard Gere with Debra Winger in “An Officer And a Gentleman”, 1982. Gere played a US Navy Aviation Officer Candidate.

And then there is Richard Gere. Back when we were teenagers in the 80s, my friend, Heather, adored Richard Gere, so she insisted on watching many Richard Gere movies. I recall “American Gigolo”, “Pretty Woman” and our favorite, “An Officer and a Gentleman”. We watched “An Officer and a Gentleman” so many times, we had most of the lines memorized. Little did I know this good-looking actor was my cousin!



Richard Gere and Julia Roberts starred in “Pretty Woman”, a 1990 romantic comedy about a wealthy businessman who hires a down-on-her-luck Hollywood sex worker as his escort for a week, and they fall in love.

- Richard Gere, movie actor, is a 12th generation descendant who can trace his family to George and five other *Mayflower* passengers [George, John, Sarah, Sarah Wright, Archippus Fuller, Consider Fuller, Lucinda Fuller, Sarah Tewksbury, George Gere, Albert Gere Homer Gere]\*

Summertime is a fun time to think about movies and being a kid, watching reruns when I wasn’t at the pool or riding my bike with friends. It’s fun to remember my impressions of these big-name actors, and the shows and movies they appeared in. To think that their big names can be traced back to the same ancestor as all of us... the one and only George Soule!

\*Thanks goes to John Sims for suggesting a story on these two actors and confirming their lineage!

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## **Soule Kindred Board of Directors Nomination Form** **for Period beginning January 2022** **Deadline is August 15, 2021**

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*Please note: Board directors must be Soule Kindred members in good standing and are expected to attend conference-call quarterly meetings and annual meetings during their term of office. Board members must also be familiar with the Internet and use email. Feel free to nominate yourself or someone else.*

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Other Experience: (personal, volunteer) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which of the following skills /experience/expertise the nominee/you possess.  
(Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                            |
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What area of Board work might the nominee/you be most interested in?  
(Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship       |

Why are you nominating this person or yourself for a position on the SKA Board of Directors?

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Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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