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- Books you've read
- Articles you find
- Genealogical points of interest
- Family pictures in Pilgrim costumes!

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Featured Pilgrim George Soule

The Pilgrim George Soule was born in England sometime between 1593 and 1600. According to the latest information, neither his exact birth date nor the names of his parents has ever been positively established. He died in Dubury before January 22, 1679, which was the date the inventory of his estate was taken by Edward Southworth and Thomas Delano. (The latter was an ancestor of Franklin D. Roosevelt.) We do know, however, that George was a servant of Edward Winslow and that after his term of service was over, he became a landowner, a well-to-do businessman, and a respected office holder in Plymouth Colony.

In about 1626, George married Mary Bucket (Becket?) who arrived in 1623 aboard the *Anne*. They had nine children, one of whom, Benjamin, was killed by Indians in 1676 during King Philip's War. Benjamin left no descendants. Wife Mary died the same year.

In 1637, when trouble developed in Connecticut between the colonists and Pequot Indians, George was one of several from Plymouth who volunteered to help. The emergency was over before the men left, but The Society of Colonial Wars nonetheless recognizes all Soule descendants as eligible for membership.

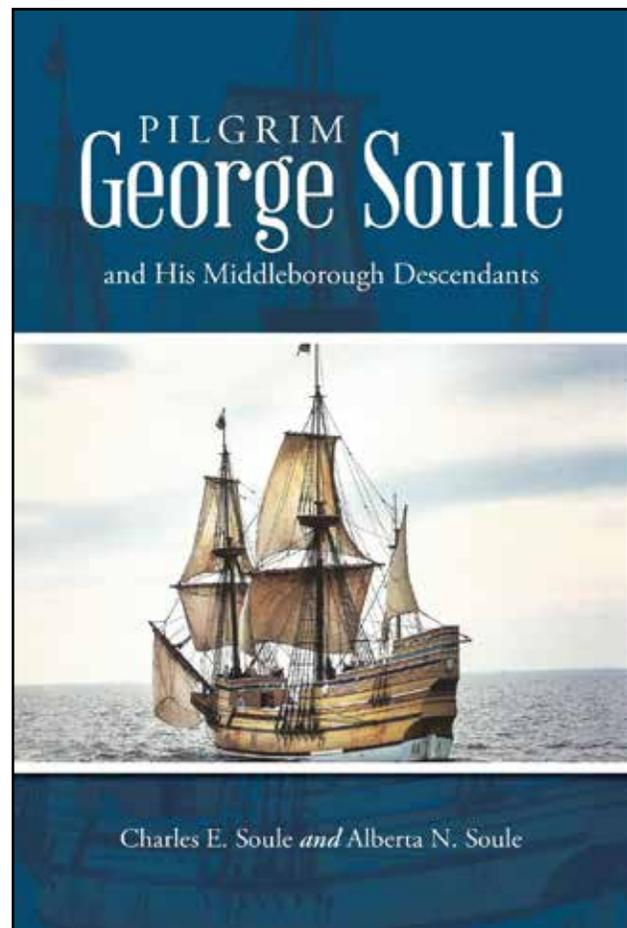
In his will, George divided his considerable estate in a way he felt was just among his eight living children. But, as so often happens in families, his son John objected saying his sister Patience was to receive too much. Before his death George, who seems to have shown a good bit of determination, wrote a codicil saying that if John or his heirs ever

caused any trouble to Patience, then his (John's) share of the estate would be null and void! Perhaps we can think of George Soule as being a man of "strong will".

(For further information, see the *Mayflower Families, Five Generations*, Vol. 3, published by The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, ©1980)

Additional resource includes soulekindred.org.

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The Pilgrims had a word for it

All the Pilgrims spoke English of course, but the words and phrases they used were so different from the language we know today. We might have a very hard time understanding exactly what they meant. It also seems possible that some of the Pilgrim families spoke different dialects, since they came from many towns and cities in different parts of England. Even if we heard the word correctly, could we define it?

Just for fun, see how many of the nouns below, used commonly in the 1600s, you can define now. (Answers found below words.)

1. **Bacalao**
2. **Bannock**
3. **Chemise**
4. **Cog**
5. **Firkin**
6. **Grog**
7. **Keep**
8. **Pottage**
9. **Shallop**
10. **Trencher**
11. **Trundle**
12. **Tun**



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Answers

1. A spicy, salted fish stew.
2. A bread or unsweetened cake, cooled on hot stones.
3. A woman's undershirt.
4. A strong drink or the vessel to hold it.
5. Wooden vessel for food, such as lard or butter or 1/4 of a barrel.
6. An alcoholic drink.
7. A fortress, barricade, or castle.
8. A thick, vegetable soup.
9. An open boat, usually for two oarsmen, or a two-masted fishing boat.
10. A wooden plate for food.
11. A small bed, truck, or cart on wheels.
12. A cask for liquor or a measure of weight.

The Original Uncle Sam?

During the War of 1812, **Sam Wilson** was meat packer from whom the **U.S. Army** received large shipments of meat, in barrels identified with “U.S.” An imaginative worker told a government inspector who checked the meat at Wilson’s store that “**U.S.**” stood for “**Uncle Sam**,” Wilson’s nickname. While for years this was thought to be a legend, in 1961 proof surfaced and the U.S. Congress passed a resolution recognizing **Samuel Wilson** as the person who inspired this national symbol.

The familiar stars and stripes that Uncle Sam wears originated in cartoons of the 1830s and 1840s but the figure did not assume its present form until after the Civil War. Today **Uncle Sam** stands as a classic symbol for the **United States of America**.

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Left: Samuel Wilson



Right: Depiction of “Uncle Sam”

Cleaning Headstones

ND Society Member Connie Norheim shares a YouTube video link and blog post regarding how to properly clean and care for cemetery headstones.

How to clean cemetery headstone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WdUSzKcmjs>

<https://www.funeralhelpcenter.com/how-to-clean-a-cemetery-tombstone-or-marker/>

“Here’s a photo of me taking photos in the Old Mausoleum at Riverside Cemetery in Fargo. The crypts went up to the ceiling so Lew pushed me around on the rolling ladder to reach the high ones.”

- Connie



From the Governor's desk

Reservations have been made and my ticket purchased. I am already thinking about what to pack for my trip to Plymouth. In September I will attend the General Board of Assistants Special Meeting. This will be my third trip to Plymouth. However, it has been years since the last trip and then I was not in any "official" capacity. No simple tourist for me this time!

I have been thinking that I should study up on my knowledge of Pilgrim history so long ago misplaced. I started this history lesson by reading *Before the Mayflower, A Novel*, by J.L. Rose. It is a fascinating book that does very good job of exploring reasons why our ancestors came to America. Then I moved onto *Made in America* by James W. Woods. Although not an easy read, it is an engaging read that studies the myths and history surrounding the Pilgrims. On the lighter side, I read, for the umpteenth time, *I Sailed on the Mayflower* by Roger Pilkington. Published in 1966, I more than likely first read this book while in grade school! It still is an exceptional snap shot of the Pilgrims' story before, during, and after their historic ocean voyage. It can be purchased online as secondhand copies.

Tears came to my eyes as I thought about how unaware they were about the fate that awaited them. About how they were misled and cheated time and again. And how they had the willpower and perseverance to survive and succeed.

More when I come back from my voyage.

Have a wonderful summer,

Sandy Roe



Do You Know The Pilgrim Children?

Children who were passengers on the Mayflower were:

Allerton Family – Bartholomew, age 8-10; Remember, age 6-8; Mary, age 4, and a baby who died on the Mayflower. The Allerton's young servant boy, John Hooke, also died the first winter.

Billington Family – John, Jr., age 14-16 and Francis, age 11-14.

Brewster Family – Love, age 9 and Wrestling, age 6.

Carver Family – A servant girl whose name is not known, age 18; William Latham, age 12-15; Desire Minter, age 18 and Jasper More came with the Carver Family. Jasper died the first winter.

Chilton Family – Mary, age 15.

Cooke Family – John, age 12-13.

Crackstone Family – John, age 10-15.

Eaton Family – Samuel, age 6 months to 1 year.

Edward Fuller Family – Samuel III, age 4-8.

Hopkins Family – Constance, age 15; Giles, age 13; Damaris, age 3; and Oceanus who was born on the Mayflower and died the first winter.

Martin Family – Solomon Prower, his stepson.

More Children – Placed with Winslow Family: Richard More, age 6-14; his sister, Ellen More, and an unnamed brother both died the first winter. Their brother Jasper, who was placed with the Carver Family, also died the first winter.

Mullins Family – Priscilla, age 18 and Joseph, age 6, who died the first winter.

Rogers Family – Joseph, age 14-15.

John Tilley Family – Elizabeth, age 13-15. They brought their cousins Humility Cooper, age 8-14 and Henry Sampson, age 6.

Tinker Family – a son, name and age unknown, died the first winter.

Turner Family – three children, names and ages unknown, died the first winter.

White Family – Resolved, age 5 and Peregrine, born on the Mayflower at Cape Cod.

Ages are approximate, established from numerous sources and *The Truth About the Pilgrims* by Francis R. Stoddard.



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