

George Sowle
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Among the many branches of the SOWLE-SOULE family which can not be tied into the overall picture is the family of GEORGE SOWLE, with both strong connections with Steuben County, Indiana, and Michigan. The connection should by rights be obvious, but for some reason the connecting links are not known. Records on this family are official only, no family bible or other records have been located.

GEORGE SOWLE, according to the U.S. Census of 1850 was living in Clear Lake Township, Steuben County, Indiana on 12 August 1850, with the following family.

- 28-28 George Sowle, age 45, male, Farmer, born in New York State
- Ellen Sowle, age 42, female, born in New York State
- George Sowle, age 17, male, born in New York State
- Lydia Sowle, age 14, female, born in New York State
- Darwin Sowle, age 12, male, born in Michigan State
- David Sowle, age 9, male, born in Michigan State
- John Sowle, age 7, male, born in Michigan State
- Ellen Sowle, age 5, female, born in Michigan State
- Elma Sowle, age 4, female, born in Michigan State

However, there are (marriage) records which seem to indicate that George Sowle, and his wife Ellen (Carpenter) had more children than were living with them in 1850. In the same census return in Scott Township, Steuben County, Indiana is listed the following family, which appears to be that of George Sowle's father-in-law.

- 656-656 Joshua C. Carpenter, age 68, farmer, born in New York State
- Charlotte Carpenter, age 28, female, born in New York State
- George W. Carpenter, age 20, male, born in New York State
- Martha Sowle, age 10, female, born in Michigan State
- William Sowle, age 8, male, born in Michigan State
- Jane H. Sowle, age 6, female, born in Michigan State
- Abigail Sowle, age 3, female, born in Pennsylvania State
- Sarah Carpenter, age 1/12, female, born in Pennsylvania State

A new state is here added, and how on earth do you separate these parts of obviously different families? We have only one clue to help, and that is when JANE H. SOWLE was married in Angola, Indiana 13 January 1862, she stated she was a daughter of GEORGE and ELLEN SOWLE. Therefore, we might assume that the three children listed in Joshua Carpenter's family, born in Michigan, might in fact be children of George and Ellen Sowle, living with their grandfather at the time. Since the census as a rule list the children of the "head of the household" first, and second the names of others living in the household, we must assume that children of at least three different families were living in this household in 1850.

In Fremont Township, Steuben County, Indiana, also is listed another family of Sowles which may be connected with George Sowle.

- 66-66 Adam Sowle, age 63, male, carpenter, born in New York State
- Experience Sowle, age 61, female, born in New York State
- Sarah Ann Sowle, age 19, female, born in New York State
- Jason Sowle, age 17, male, born in New York State
- Osen Sowle, age 15, male, born in New York State
- Dwight Sowle, age 13, male, born in New York State
- Leander Sowle, age 11, male, born in New York State
- Amelia Sowle, age 9, female, born in New York State
- Martha Sowle, age 6, female, born in New York State
- Julia Sowle, age 4, female, born in New York State
- Celia Sowle, age 2, female, born in New York State

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- 666-666 Hiram Sowle, age 23, male, farmer, born in New York State
- Sarah Sowle, age 20, female, born in New York State
- Dorothy S. Sowle, age 1, female, born in Pennsylvania State

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686-686	Joseph Sowle,	age 66,	male,	farmer,	born in Rhode Island State
	Rachel Sowle,	age 63,	female,		born in New York State
	Friend Sowle,	age 26,	male,	farmer,	born in New York State
	Mary Sowle,	age 20,	female,		born in (unclear)
	Curtis F. Sowle,	age 16,	male,		born in (unclear)
	Harlow Sowle,	age 8/12,	male,		born in Indiana
	Joseph Sowle,	age 17,	male,		born in (unclear)
	(living with Mary J. Oston family)				
561-561	Isaac Sowle,	age 27,	male,	farmer,	born in Rhode Island State
	Ann M. Sowle,	age 19,	female,		born in New York State
	Julia Ann Sowle,	age 2,	female,		born in Indiana State
	Reason Sowle,	age 7/12,	male,		born in Indiana State
562-562	Abel Sowle,	age 39,	male,	farmer,	born in New York State
	Laura Sowle,	age 36,	female,		born in New York State
	Francis Sowle,	age 16,	male,		born in New York State
	Allen Sowle,	age 16,	male,		born in New York State
	Alfred Sowle,	age 12,	male,		born in (unclear)
	Alvira Sowle,	age 10,	female,		born in Pennsylvania State
	Alba Sowle,	age 8,	male,		born in Pennsylvania State
	Newton Sowle,	age 6,	male,		born in Pennsylvania State
	Hester Sowle,	age 3,	female,		born in (unclear)
563-563	Joseph Sowle,	age 56,	male,	farmer,	born in New York State
	Mary Sowle,	age 52,	female,		born in New York State
	Cynthia Sowle,	age 15,	female,		born in (unclear)
	David Sowle,	age 16,	male,		born in (unclear)
	Waite Ann Sowle,	age 13,	female,		born in (unclear)
	Sarah J. Sowle,	age 6,	female,		born in (unclear)
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Sowle Marriage records of Steuben County, Indiana

Francis Sowle	X	Henrietta L. Holderidge.	.returned	29	November	1846
Friend L. Sowle	X	Mary Sowle.	returned	6	June 1847
Alpheus Sowle	X	Peomilla Kette	returned	17	February	1848
Francis Sowle	X	(Barbary?) McMahan.	returned	22	July (1849?)	
George B. Sowle	X	Nancy M. Dent.	returned	9	November	1851
Mary A. Sowle	X	George D. Orton.	returned	10	December	1854
Cynthia Sowle	X	Henry Beil.	returned	18	October	1855
Darwin Sowle	X	Freelove M. Sage.	returned	2	October	1856
Amelia Sowle	X	Robert Legg	returned	12	December	1858
David Sowle	X	Jane Nevilla Sowle.	returned	4	July	1859
Waite Ann Sowle	X	John R. Hutchins.	returned	13	October	1859
David Sowle	X	Mary Louisa Sage	returned	29	September	1861
Harriet Jane Sowle	X	George Wareham Kerr.	returned	13	February	1862
Leander Sowle	X	Zella Crockett	returned	21	November	1862
Mary Sowle	X	Wyman F. Ogden.	returned	8	February	1865
Andrew H. Sowle	X	Margaret Ann Fee.	returned	4	May	1865
Martha E. Sowle	X	Lawrence Gates	returned	4	June	1865
Julia A. Sowle	X	Joseph N. Jagger	returned	12	November	1865
Sarah J. Sowle	X	William H. Richardson.	returned	13	December	1865
Mary Louisa Sowle	X	John Dolts	returned	25	May	1866
Dwight Sowle	X	Sarah E. Hathaway.	returned	20	August	1866
Darwin Sowle	X	Sarah J. Wetherwax	returned	17	August	1867
Sarah Sowle	X	Morrison Gunn.	returned	12	November	1868
Helen Sowle	X	Sylvester Kniseley.	returned	24	May	1869
Annaretta Sowle	X	Lewis Snyder	returned	2	April	1874

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Surphremus D. Sowle	X	Sarah Tabor . . .	returned 19 May 1875
Geneva Sowle	X	Frank Foote . . .	returned 24 April 1879
Flora Sowle	X	William Landis. . .	returned 21 December 1879
Cora E. Sowle	X	John W. Morrow. . .	returned 4 December 1880
Dora M. Sowle	X	William S. Cooper. . .	returned 25 September 1881
Abel L. Sowle	X	Lillian Gilpin. . .	returned 3 June 1883
Florence C. Sowle	X	Frank W. Carver . . .	returned 8 September 1886
Edith H. Sowle	X	George W. Moshier. . .	returned 27 March 1888
Josephine F. Sowle	X	Frank M. Hector. . .	returned 3 November 1888
Ellen R. Sowle	X	LeRoy Cress. . .	returned 26 April 1889
Roy Alfred Soule	X	Bertha J. Lowther. . .	returned 15 March 1891
Nellie J. Sowle	X	Frank G. Ramsey. . .	returned 15 November 1891
Elroy Sowle	X	Malvina Farver. . .	returned 9 January 1893
Francis Sowle	X	Anna A. Gillett . . .	returned 3 February 1893
Benjamin Sowle	X	Cora Myers. . .	returned 22 October 1893
Leora Soule	X	Jesse A. Hulwick. . .	returned 5 March 1894
Lusella A. Sowle	X	George M. Eggleston. . .	returned 14 April 1894
Susie L. Sowle	X	Lewis F. Williamson. . .	returned 14 July 1894
Francis Sowle	X	Nancy Manahan . . .	returned 23 September 1896
Myron L. Sowle	X	Rhoda Wells. . .	returned 26 May 1897
Alice V. Sowle	X	James A. Moody. . .	returned 23 December 1897
Guy D. F. Sowle	X	Nellie Carpenter. . .	returned 22 December 1898

It will be noted that quite often records tend to disagree, sometimes the federal census lists a person under one name, and then we find the same person's marriage record gives another. The best example is that of - JANE H. SOWLE in the census of 1850, is married in 1862 as HARRIET JANE SOWLE! There are a number of other differences which will be noted especially by those who have interest in this family. Hopefully, with the help of others, this family may in time be straightened out. Anyone who has interest in this family, or has additional material they might be willing to share, please contact us.



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The line of eligibility for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants begins with GEORGE SOULE of the Mayflower Compact (Mayflower Index #31,852). One of his son's was GEORGE SOULE (Index #31,853), who married Deborah (?). One of his son's was WILLIAM SOULE, born at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, about 1670, died before 6 May 1723, married at Dartmouth to Hannah Brewster (Index #32,056). One of their son's was WILLIAM SOULE, JUNIOR, born at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, on 28 August 1692, married at Dartmouth, on 17 March 1718 to Rachel Allen, daughter of Increase Allen (Index #32,057). Their son was JOSEPH SOULE, born possibly at Dartmouth, on 1 September 1733, died at Broadalbin, New York in 1822. Married in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, after 8 November 1763(while he was a resident of Tiverton, N.Y.) to Charity Tripp, daughter of Francis and Desire Tripp of Tiverton, she was born in Dartmouth, Mass., and died in Broadalbin, N.Y. in 1835. He was probably the "Joseph Sole, who was paid for 13 days service in Captain Richard Durfee's company, Colonel John Cook's regiment Rhode Island Militia, (Index #71,003).

Their son was JOSEPH SOWLE, JUNIOR, born at Tiverton, N. Y., 30 April 1785, and died 1 April 1862 in Steuben County, Indiana. Married probably at Broadalbin, N. Y., about 1800 to another Rachel Allen who was born 17 November 1785 at Tiverton, R. I., and died 15 February 1851 in Steuben County, Indiana. He served in the War of 1812, as a private in the tenth regiment (Col. John Prior's) New York Militia, from 17 Aug.1812 to 24 Dec.1813 (information obtained from bounty land claim filed 13 Nov.1850, when he was aged 64, and a resident of Steuben County, Indiana. This claim was supported by records in the National Archives. He was discharged at Sackett's Harbor, N.Y., and swore that his original discharge had been destroyed when his home at Broadalbin had burned in 1814, (Index #71,001).

Their son was ABEL SOWLE, born Broadalbin, N. Y., 14 November 1810, and died 9 September 1882 in Steuben County, Indiana. Married first in New York State, about 1831-1832 to Laura Niles, born New York State about 1813-1814, died Steuben County, Indiana, between 1856 and 1860 (ridlon's SOULE GEN. p.882, and 1850 US Census).

Their son was FRANCIS MARION SOWLE, born in Jefferson County, New York on 8 February 1833, died York Township, Steuben County, Indiana on 24 January 1913. Married Elizabeth McMahan on 4 July 1859. One daughter was ALICE V. SOWLE, born in Muskegon County, Michigan 9 July 1869, married at Angola, Indiana to James A. Moody on 23 December 1897. One of their daughters was Dr. BERNICE M. (Moody) HORRALL, Psychologist for the Northeastern Indiana Schools.

There are many side-lines to this family stem centered on Steuben County. It is somewhat difficult to connect them all up, but they do appear to be of the same basic family group. For example the above ABEL SOWLE, had ten children by his first wife, and three more by his second wife (Jane Warner) whom he must have married about 1860 outside Steuben County since it isn't listed in county records. His children by first marriage in order: (by Laura Niles)

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| Francis M. Sowle b. 1833 | Alfred Sowle, b. 1837(twin) | Allen Sowle, b. 1837(twin) |
| C. Alvira Sowle, b. 1840 | Alva Sowle, b. 1842 | Newton Sowle, b. 1844 |
| Hester Sowle, b. 1847) | Jasper Sowle, b. 1851 | Niles Sowle, b. 1853 |
| | Almon Sowle, b. 1856 | |

(by second marriage to Jane Warner)

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| Abel Sowle, b. 2 Sep.1861 | Abel Sowle, b. 2 Aug.1863 | Nellie Sowle, b. 1866 |
| (died 5 Oct.1861) | | |

Reference credits

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| Mr. Harry Sowle | Dr. Bernice Horrall | Mr. Alfred Sowle |
| Angola, Indiana | Ray, Indiana | Angola, Indiana |

Children (CLARKE) b. Harwich:

- 238 i ANDREW⁴, b. 1 Dec. 1707.
 239 ii SCOTTO, b. 8 Nov. 1709.
 240 iii MARY, b. 7 April 1712.
 241 iv JOSEPH, b. 8 Jan. 1714/5, twin.
 242 v BENJAMIN, b. 8 Jan. 1714/5, twin.
 243 vi LYDIA, b. 7 March 1716/7.
 244 vii NATHANIEL, b. 19 June 1719.
 245 viii SARAH, b. 18 Sept. 1721.
 ix EBENEZER, b. 3 June 1723; d.y.
 246 x SETH, b. 19 June 1726.

We are indebted to the late A.H. and K.W. Radasch for their 1973 study of the Thomas Clark family.

References: VR ROCHESTER; Barnstable Co. PR 6:296-7 (Scotto Clark); CLARK FAM, pp. 14, 20-1.

51 JOSIAH³ HASKELL (Patience² Soule, George¹), b. Middleboro 16 June 1686; d. prob. Freetown.

He m. (1) Middleboro 26 March 1718 SARAH CANADY, dau. of Alexander and Elizabeth (Lisnor) Canady (Kenedy), b. ca. 1685; d. bef. March 1729.

On 12 Jan. 1723 Eleazer and Hannah Pratt of Plympton, Richard and Elizabeth West and Josiah and Sarah Haskell both of Middleboro, John Kenedy of Taunton and Annable Kenedy of Plympton yielded their rights in the estate of their father Alexander Kenedy to their brother William.

Josiah m. (2) Middleboro 27 March 1729 SARAH BRAYLEY, dau. of Roger Braley, b. 25 March 1707.

The records for the distribution of his estate were apparently never filed, but some of his sons: Noah, Josiah and Zuriel sold land in Freetown which had been his; but without disclosing how they, the sellers, acquired title.

Children (HASKELL), first six by first wife; b. Middleboro:

- 247 i BENJAMIN⁴, b. 8 March 1718/9.
 ii BETTY/ELIZABETH, b. 22 June 1720; n.f.r.
 248 iii NOAH, b. Nov. 1721.
 iv PATIENCE, b. 25 Aug. 1724. She m. Middleboro 20 July 1741 BENJAMINWOOD; n.f.r.
 v HANNAH, b. 6 June 1726; n.f.r.
 vi ELIJAH, n.f.r.
 249 vii JOSIAH, b. Middleboro 17 Jan. 1730/1.
 250 viii SARAH, b. Freetown bef. 1740.
 251 ix ZURIEL, b. Freetown bef. 1742.
 x BARZILLAI, b. Freetown; d. 31 Aug. 1777.
 He m. Freetown 22 Dec. 1770 ELIZABETH BENSON. He died in the army in the American Revolution. No evidence of issue.

References: Middleboro VR; FREETOWN VR; FAM OF PILGRIMS, p. 143; HASKELL CHRON; Plymouth Co. LR 24:86 (Division deed, Wil Canedy); MSSR (Barzillai Haskel).

52 SUSANNA³ HASKELL (Patience² Soule, George¹), b. Middleboro Jan. 1690/1; d. Freetown between 1723 and 1731.

She m. Taunton 21 Feb. 1711/2 THOMAS PAIN (E), son of Ralph Dorothy (-----) Paine, d. Freetown Oct. 1759.

He m. (2) Freetown 19 Aug. 1731 Annable Canady, dau. of Alexander Elizabeth (Lisnor) Kenedy, b. Plymouth 1698; d. prob. Freetown bef. 6 Nov. 1759. [See Family 33 and 50.]

Thomas Paine's will was proved Freetown 6 Nov. 1759, naming his children: Marcy, Betty, Ralph, Patience and Job.

Children (PAINE) b. Freetown, by first wife Susanna:

- 252 i MARCY (MARY)⁴, b. 22 Sept. 1712.
 253 ii ELIZABETH (BETTY), b. 15 June 1714.
 254 iii RALPH, b. 25 Nov. 1716.
 iv THOMAS, b. 22 May 1719; d.y.
 255 v PATIENCE, b. 4 May 1720.
 256 vi JOB, b. 11 Oct. 1723.

References: Middleboro VR; FREETOWN, TAUNTON VR; Bristol Co. PR 16:420 (Thomas Paine).

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