



### **George Soule: Mayflower passenger**

"The names of those which came over first, in the year 1620, and were by the blessing of God the first beginners and in a sort the foundation of all the Plantations and Colonies in New England; and their families ...

"Mr. Edward Winslow, Elizabeth his wife and two men-servants called George Soule and Elias Story; also a little girl was put to him called Ellen, the sister of Richard More."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed.

Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 441-3.

### **George Soule: Signer of the Mayflower Compact**

"I shall ... begin with a combination made by them before they came ashore; being the first foundation of their government in this place. Occasioned partly by the discontented and mutinous speeches that some of the strangers amongst them had let fall from them in the ship: That when they came ashore they would use their own liberty, for none had power to command them, the patent they had being for Virginia and not for New England... And partly that such an act by them done, this their condition considered, might be as firm as any patent, and in some respects more sure.

"The form was as followeth: IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, etc. Having undertaken, for the Glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith and Honour of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the First Colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, Covenant and Combine ourselves together into a Civil Body Politic, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini 1620."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed.

Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 75-76.

## **George Soule & the 1623 Division of Land**

The 1623 Division of Land marked the end of the Pilgrims' earliest system of land held in common by all. Governor Bradford explains it in this way:

"And so assigned to every family a parcel of land, according to the proportion of their number, or that end, only for present use (but made no division for inheritance) and ranged all boys and youth under some family. This had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the Governor or any other could use, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better content. The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed. Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 120.

Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c, Vol. I 1627-1651 is the oldest record book of the Plymouth settlement. It begins with the 1623 Division of Land, recorded in the handwriting of Governor William Bradford. George Soule's lands are among "The Falles of their grounds which came first over in the May Floure, according as thier lotes were case" and are described as "these lye on the South side of the brooke to the baywards."

## **George Soule & the 1627 Division of Cattle**

Plymouth Colony Records, Deeds, &c, Vol. I 1627-1651 also tells of the 1627 Division of Cattle: "At a publique court held the 22th of May it was concluded by the whole Companie, that the cattell wch were the Companies, to wit, the Cowes & the Goates should be equally devided to all the psonts of the same company... & so the lotts fell as followeth, thirteene psonts being pportioned to one lot..."

"The ninth lot fell to Richard Warren & his companie Joyned with (2) him his wife Elizabeth Warren (3) Nathaniell Warren (4) Joseph Warren (5) Mary Warren (6) Anna Warren (7) Sara Warren (8) Elizabeth Warren (9) Abigall Warren (10) John Billington (11) George Sowle (12) Mary Sowle (13) Zakariah Sowle.

"To this lott fell one of the 4 black Heyfers that came in the Jacob caled the smooth horned Heyfer and two shee goats."

## **George Soule: a 1626 "Purchaser"**

In 1621, King James I authorized the Council for New England to plant and govern land in this area. This Council granted the Peirce Patent, confirming the Pilgrims' settlement and governance of Plymouth. Peirce and his associates, the merchant adventurers, were allotted 100 acres for each settler the Company transported. The Pilgrims had a contract with the Company stating all land and profits would accrue to the Company for 7 years at which time the assets would be divided among the shareholders. Most of the Pilgrims held some stock. The Pilgrims negotiated a more favorable contract with the Company in 1626. In 1627, 53 Plymouth freemen, known as "The Purchasers," agreed to buy out the Company over a period of years. In turn, 12 "Undertakers" (8 from Plymouth and 4 from London) agreed to pay off Plymouth's debts in return for trade benefits.

## George Soule in the Records of Plymouth

**1633:** "The Names of the Freemen of the Incorporacon of Plymoth in New England, An: 1633 ... George Sowle"

"Georg Sowle" was again listed as a Freeman in 1636-7, 1643, 1658 & 1670.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 4, 52 ;

Vol. 8, p. 174-5, 189, 198; and Vol. 5, p. 275.

**25 March 1633:** "According to an order in Court held the 2d of January, in the seaventh yeare of the raigne of o'r soveraigne lord, Charles, by the grace of God King of Engl., Scotl., France, & Irel., defendor of the faith, &c, the psons heere under menconed were rated for publike use by the Gov'r, Mr Will Bradford ... to be brought in by each pson as they are heere under written, rated in corne at vi s[hillings] p bushell, at or before the last of November next ensuing ... George Sowle, 00: 09 [shillings]: 00."

George Soule was again "rated" 9 shillings in 1634.

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 9-10, 27.

**1 July 1633:** "Orders about mowing of Grasse for the prnt Yeare, 1633 ... That George Sowle mow for a cow neere his dwelling howse."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 14-15.

**14 March 1635-6:** "At a Generall Meeting the 14th of March, concerning the Hey Grownds for Plymoth & Duxburrrough ...

"That Manasseh Kempton & George Sowle haue theirs against the fence of the sd George, & against the fence of Thomas Little."

In 1636-7, George Soule was again granted hay grounds, "To Georg Sowle, where he gott hey the last yeare."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 39-41, 56.

**1636** [a law was passed requiring every man mark his cattle and record the mark]: "Georg Soale a peece cut out like a [cross] of the under side of the right eare downewarde."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 1.

**3 January 1636-7:** "Georg Soule complains agst Natha'll Thomas, in a plea of trespasse, to the damnag of fourty pounds. The jury found for the plt, the beasts to be restored to him, & gaue him xii d damnag, & costs of suite."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, p. 4.

**2 May 1637:** "It was ordered by this Court, that a jury should be empanelled to set forth the heigh wayes about Plymouth Ducksborrow, and the Eele Riuer, wch was accordinge sumoned ...

"The Verdict or Order of thabouesaid Jury, prformed by them the tenth Day of May, 1637, and deliuered by them into the Genall Court held the xij'th of July next after, and by the same confirmed in these words following, vizt:

"... To the Eele Riuer, from Plymouth ... The heigh way from Thomas Clarks stille to passe betweene his house and his hoggs coate downe to George Soules, next the riuer, and the said Georg to allow a sufficient way from thence ou the riuer by a bridge, and so to another heighway allowed for that neighbourhood; to the wch neighbourhood we allow a way from Mr Hopkins house downe to a p that leads to the fishing poynt..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 58-60.

**7 June 1637:** "It is concluded and enacted by the Court, that the colony of New Plymouth shall

send forth ayd to assist them of Massachusetts Bay and Conectacutt in their warrs against the Pequian Indians, in reveng of the innocent blood of the English wch the sd Pequians haue barbarously shed, and refuse to giue satisfaccon for...

"The Names of the Souldiers that willingly offer themselues to goe vpon the sd Service, wth Mr Prince & the Leiftent [William Holmes]. Voluntaries. Francis Clarke, Richard Church, Georg Soule ..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 60.

**4 December 1637:** "A garden place is graunted to Georg Soule, on Ducksborrow side, by Samuel Nashes, to lye to his ground at Powder Poynt."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 69.

**7 May 1638:** "One acre of land is graunted to Georg Soule at the watering place, in lue of another acre wch was taken from him for other vse, puided it be so layd forth that it be least prjudiciall to the neighbourhood there; and also that pcell of Stony Marsh at Pouder Poynt, containeing two acres, be it moore lesse, compassed about wth the lotts of lands there graunted vnto him."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 83.

**26 July 1638:** "The stock at this tyme was thus disposed ..."

"Mr. John Holmes sixe shares, Mr Thomas Hill foure shares, Ralph Wallen two shares, in the browne back cowe was at Georg Soules."

Records of the Town of Plymouth, Vol. 1, p. 4.

**1639:** "Memorand the xiiij<sup>th</sup> July 1639 That Georg Sowle doth acknowledge that for & in consideracon of one Steere Calfe to him payd & Deliuered by Robte Hicks of Plymouth hath freely and absolutely bargained and sould vnto the said Robte Hicks his heires & assignes all those his two acres of lands lying at the lace called the watering place on the South side of the Towne of Plymouth and all his right title & interrest of and into the same wth all and singuler thapprtencs therevnto belonginge To haue and to hold the said two acres of lands wth all and singule the apprtencs therevnto belonging vnto the said Robte Hicks his heires & Assignes foreu to the onely pper vse and behoofe of him the said Robte Hicks his heires and assignes for euer."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 12, pg. 45.

**5 May 1640:** "John Winslow, Nicholas Snowe, Nehemiah Smythe, Georg Soule, Josuah Pratt - are appoynted to view all the meddowes at Greens Harbour, wch are not graunted forth, & to measure them, and to make report thereof the next Court."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 151.

**2 November 1640:** "George Soule is graunted the meddow he desires against Mr Princes lands at Greens Harbour, if in case Mr Howland do not exchaung fiue acres wth Mr Bradford, and Mr Bradford take his further of to fitt him wthall, or make exchaung wth Mr Burne & Mrs Fuller, whereby he may be furnished."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 1, pg. 165.

**7 December 1641:** "Georg Bonum & Thom Clark compl agst James Luxford, in an action of trespasse vpon the case, to the dam of x li debts. [Good] Attached.

"In the hands of Joseph Greene 00 [pounds]: 12 [shillings]: 01 [pence]. In the hands of Thom Morton 00: 15: 01. In the hands of George Soule 2: 6: 11"

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, pg. 27.

**27 September 1642:** "This Court was occationed by the Indians to puide forces against them for

an offensiue & defensiue warr; and though all the inhits were warned, yet they appeared by their seuell deputies, as they had liberty to doe ...

"For Duxborrow, Capt. Miles Standish, Mr John Alden, Johathan Brewster, Mr Comfort Starr, Mr Wm Wetherrell, Willm Basset, Christopher Waddesworth, Georg Soule."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pg. 45-6.

**7 March 1642-3:** "Constables for eich Towne ...

"Duxborrow, - Thom Bonney constable. Loue Brewster & Georg Soule, grand jury men."  
George Soule was sworn in as a member of "The Grand Inquest" on 6 June 1643.  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pg. 53, 56.

**4 June 1645:** "Whereas Jonathan Brewster desireth a pcell of land at Namassacheesett, wch Mr Collyer, Mr Alden, & Georg Soule are appoynted to view and make report thereof unto the Court; and as the Court shall approve, it so to be graunted unto him...

The inhabitants of the towne of Duxborrow are graunted a competent pporcion of lands about Saughtuckquett, towards the west, for a plantacion for them, and to have it foure miles every way from the place where they shall sett up their center (pvided it entrench not upon Winnetuckquett, formly graunted to Plymouth,) and have nominated Captaine Miles Standish, Mr John Alden, George Soul, Constant Southworth, Joseph Rogers, and Willm Brett to be feoffees in trust for the equall deviding and laying forth of the said lands to their inhabitants."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pg. 88.

**28 October 1645:** "The Names of the Comittees this Court ... Duxborrow [:] Mr John Alden, George Soule."

Again on 3 March 1645-6: "The comittees of the seuell townes: ... Duxborrow, [:] Mr John Alden, Georg Soule."

7 July 1646: "The comittees of the seuell towneshippes: ... Duxborrow [:] Mr John Alden, George Soule."

4 June 1650: "The comitties of the seuerall Townes that serued at this Court ... Duxbery [:] Gorg Soule, Constant Southworth."

5 June 1651: "Comitties of the seuerall Townshipes ... Duxber [:] Gorge Soule, Constant Southworth."

7 June 1653: "The Deputies of the seuerall Townes ... Duxburrow [:] Gorg Soule, Constant Southworth."

6 June 1654: "The Names of the Deputies of the seuerall Townshippes. Mr. John Howland, Mr John Winslow, John Dunham, Senir, John Cooke, Gorge Soule, ... [et al]"

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pg. 94-5,  
104, 154, 167 and Vol. 3, p. 31, 49.

**20 October 1646:** "Antony Thacher and George Sole were chosen a comittee to draw vp an order concerning disorderly drinking of tobacco."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pg. 108.

**1 June 1647:** "Capt Miles Standish, compl, agst Gilbert Brookes, in an accon of trespas vpon the case; dam v li. The jury found for ye defend 2 d dam, & charge of ye Courte.

"Thomas Prence, gent, compl, agst Edward Holeman & Nicolas Hodges, def: Accon, trespass vpon ye case; dam 40 s. The jury found for the plaint. his peece & locke made good by ye defend, & cost of Court, and iudgmt therevpon was graunted.

"The Petty Jury for these Trialls. John Finney, Rich Sparrow, Robte Wickson, Sam Nash, George Soule, [et al], jur. sworne."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 2, pg. 116-7.

**5 June 1650:** "Att the Generall Court of freemen holden the fift of June 1650 ...

"Wheras a Comittie was Chosen by the court viz Mr Tho: Prence Mr Willam Collyare Mr Tho: Dimacke Mr James Cudworth Mr Josiah Winslow John Dunham sei. Gorg Soule and Constant Southworth to Consider of the pposition propounded by the comitties at the last october Court concerning the Maior pt of the court to order the aionments and desolutions of the generall Courts and the making and Repealing of lawes they the said Comittie declared their minds to bee that things in respect of the aforsaid perticular doe Rest vnaltered as they are...

"Wheras A Comittee was chosen viz: Mr Tho: Prence Mr Willam Collyare Mr Tho: Dimmacke Mr James Cudworth Mr Josias Winslow John Dunham senior. Gorge Soule and Constant Southworth to consider of the proposition propounded by the deputies att the Court held in October 1650 concerning the major pte of the Courts to order the adjurnments and desolutions of the generall Courts and the making and repealing of lawes they the said Comittee declared their minds to bee that matters in the aforsaid respects to rest vnaltered as they were and that for the future as formerly in the making and repealing of lawes and adjournment of Courts wherin Comittees are requisite the majestrates and deputies bee considered as one body."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 11, pg. 56, 79.

**26 September 1651:** "An Inventory of all and singulare the goods and Chattels of Willam Thomas gent: of the Towne of Marshfeild late Deceased taken the 26th Day of September Anno Dom 1651 ... Gorg Soule, Josias Winslowe.

"At the Request of Captaine Nathaniell Thomas Wee Gorge Soule and Josias Winslow have according to our best widsom and Descrecion vallued the goods and Chattels above expressed but soe it is that the said Deceased in his life time Did lend to Divers of his Naighbors; and other Divers pticulars which are not Returned as yet; which are Included in the Inventory and vallued by us from his Informacion"

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 10, p. 163-4.

**January 1652-3:** "These presents Witnesseth That George Soule of Duxburrow hath covenanted with Mr John Winslow of Plymouth That ; Mary Soule his Daughter shall Dwell abide and continew with him the said Mr John Winslow the full tearme of seaven yeares begining from the first day of this present month called January and from the said Day fully and compleatly to bee ended; And in case the said Mary Soule Doe not change her condicon by marriage shee is to Dwell and abide with him the full tearme of eight years begining from the first of this present month as aforsaid and from thence fully to bee ended."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 1, p. 214.

**7 March 1653-4:** "The deputies of each towne appeering, according to the summons directed to each towne for that purpose, the occation of sending for them was declared, viz: that wheras a letter hath been sometime sence receiued from the Generall Court of the Massachusetts conserning the confedderacon of the Vnited Collonies, wherunto an answare was required to bee made, accordingly the Court framed an answare, and ordered that in their name it should bee sent with the first conveniency.

"The names of the deputies that appeered and acted in the abouesaid occations were thus following: - Mr John Howland, Mr John Winslow, Leift Thomas Southworth, John Cooke, Gorg Soule, [et al]..."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, pg. 43-44.

**7 March 1653-4:** "Att this Court, Kanelme Winslow complained against John Soule for speakeing falsly of and scandalicing his daughter in carying diuers falce reports betwixt Josias Standish and her; the which complaint, att the request of Gorge Soule, father of the said John Soule, was

referred vntill another Court, to bee tryed by a jury of twelue of his equalls."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, pg. 46-7.

**3 June 1656:** "Att this Court, a jury was appointed to giue meeting to Mr John Alden, Assistant, on the 18th day of this psent June, att the house of Mr Arther Howland, att the South Riuer, by the said Mr Alden to bee impaneled to lay outt or deuide the lands of the said Arther Howland and Tho Chillingsworth, deceased, according to their best euidence.

"Their names are as followeth: - Mr. Anthony Eams, Tho Bird, Joseph Andrews, Leiftenant Torry, Ensigne Williams, Serjeant Johnson, Christopher Wadsworth, Gorge Soule, [et al]"  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, pg. 102.

**4 May 1658:** "Mr. Kanelme Winslow, Anthony Snow, and Timothy Williamson are requested and deputed by the Court with all convenient speed to lay out a pcell of meddow, being fiue acres graunted vnto Gorge Soule according to the graunt vpon record."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, pg. 134.

**1 June 1658:** "Gorge Soule, Constant Southworth, and Phillip Delanoe are appointed by the Court to sett the range betwixt Mr Bournes and Anthony Snowes lands att Marshfeild, to run the line on the same point of the compase that Mr Bournes range now runes to the South Riuer; and what they aformencioned appointed shall doe therein shall stand feirme for the future."  
Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 3, pg. 138-9.

**1660** [Purchase of Dartmouth]: "Att a generall meeting of the Purchasers att Plymouth the seaventh of march 1652 It was ordered and fully agreed unto and Concluded by the whole that all that Tract and tracts of lands lying from the Purchassers bounds on the west side of coughcusse to a river called Accusshaneck and three miles to the Eastwards of the same; with all llands meddows woods waters rivers Creekes and all appurtenances therunto belonging Should bee given to those whose names are heerunder written Containing thirty four shares and was then given allotted Assigned and sett over to them by the whole to have and to hold to them and their heires and Assignes for ever ; to Deuide and Dispose of the same as theys hould see good; and they are to Satisfy the Indians for the Purchase therof and to beare all other Due Charges that shall any way arise about the same According to their severall proportions

"William Bradford a moyety, Captaine Standish ... Gorge Soule ... [et al]

"Wheras these Purchasers whoe by agreement of the whole had their proportions of Purchase land falling unto them in the places above mencioned whoe by agreement had their severall names entered into a list (together with some other old Comers) under the hand of the honored Govr: late Deceased they Did Desire that the list of their Names might bee recorded; but the above written originall list of Names and the agreement Could not bee found in some yeares ; soe that it was Judged lost These purchasers notwithstanding still Desiring that what was their right might bee recorded; wherupon order was given by the aforesaid Govr that it might bee Done ...

"The names of those whoe by order of the Purchasers mett att Plymouth the seaventh Day of march 1652 whoe by Joynt consent and agreement of the said purchasers are to have their prtcs shares or proportions att the place or places commonly called and knowne by the names of Acushena alias acquessent which entereth in att the western end of Neckatay and to Coaksett alias acoakius and places adjacent ... The said Tract or tract[s] of Land soe bounded as abovesaid which is purchased of the Indians which were the right propriators therof; as appeers by a Deed under their hands with all the mershes meddows rivers waters woods Timber; and all other profitts privildges emunities comodities and appurtenances belonging to the said Tract or Tracts above expressed or any prte or pcell therof to belonge unto the prtcs whose names are underwritten (whoe are in number thirty four whole prtcs or share and noe more) to them and their heires and assignes for ever ...

"Mr. Willam Bradford one whole prte or share, capt: Standish one whole prte or share, ... Gorge Soule one whole share..."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 4, p. 185-188.

**3 March 1662-3:** "Richard Church and John Tompson complained against Capt Thomas Willett, in an action of the case, to the damage of twenty four pounds, for non pforming an agreement, according to couenants, about the meeting house att Plymouth.

"Find for the defendant the cost of the suite..."

"The names of the jury that tryed the action betwixt Richard Church and John Tompson, plaintiffes, and Capt Willett, defendant, are as followeth: John Bourne, Gorge Soule, James Walker, Barnabar Laythorp, Joseph Beedle, Henery Sampson, Benjamine Nye, Resolued White, Francis Crooker, John Whiston, Stephen Winge, John Wadsworth, sworne."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, pg. 105-6, 108.

**1664:** "The severall lots layed forth and bounded lying and being upon Pochade necke neare unto Namassakett graunted unto severall psons afternamed are as followeth ...

"Gorge Soule, 21 Lott is bounded with two red oakes marked ... "

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 34, p. 80-82.

**5 June 1665:** "We whose names are below written, were empaneled upon a Jury for the laying forth of a sufficient footway through the land of Moses Simons and Samuel Chandler, the which we have done according to our best discretion, and bounded it as follows, that is to say, from the east side of the land of Samuel Chandler, unto the west side of the land of Moses Simons, marked out as follows, with six small saplings in the land of Samuel chandler, and so unto four dry stakes in the land of Moses Simons, and so unto five green stakes, which reach the other way. George Sole Sen., Phillip Dellano Sen., Experience Michill, Edman Weston, Francis West, Abraham Samson, William Clarke, Henry Samson, Rogen Glass, Joseph Prior, Samuel Hunt, John Sprague."

Records of the Town of Duxbury 1642-1770, p. 10-11.

**5 March 1667-8:** "Att this Court, Nathaniel Soule, being sumoned, appeered to answare for his abusing of Mr John Holmes, teacher of the church of Christ att Duxburrow, by many false, scandulous, and approbriouse speeches, as appeered to the Court by many testimonies, for which hee was centanced by the Court to make a publicke acknowledgment therof att this psent Court, and to find surties for his good behaiur, and to be sett in the stockes duering the pleasure of the Court; att the earnest request of the said Mr Holmes, the latter pte of the centance was remitted; the two former ptes therof were pformed as followeth ...

"Nathaniel Soule acknowledgeth to owe vnto our sou lord the Kinge the sume of 20 [pounds]: 00: 00. Gorge Soule, Senir, the sume of 10 [pounds]: 00:00. John Soule, the sume of 10 [pounds]: 00:00. "

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 4, pg. 179.

**6 March 1667-8:** "The last Will and Testament of Mr John Barnes of Plymouth in New England late Deceased; exhibited to the court held att Plymouth the 29th of October anno Dom 1671 on the oathes of Mr Samuell Saberry and Samuell hunt as followeth ...

"Signed and sealed In ye prsence of George Soule Senr: Saml: Seabury samuell hunt"

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 4, p. 98-100.

**23 July 1668:** " I Gorge Soule senir of Duxburrow ... plantor; Doe by and with the Consent of Mary my wife give ... unto Francis Walker husband to my Daughter Elizabeth halfe my whole share of lands att Namassakett both upland and meddow land for quantity and quallitie; and

wheras there is three Devisions of Land alreddy: viz: a hundred acrees and twenty five acrees and twenty acrees; The said Francis shall have the lower halfe of the hundred acree lott next towards the meddow and the twenty acree lott with halfe of all the rest yett to be Devided both upland and meddow

"The witnesses were Samuel Nash and Jonathan Alden.

" This deed was acknowldged this twenty fourth of the fift month 1668 before mee John Alden Assistant. "

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 27, p. 39-40.

**26 January 1668-9:** " Gorge Soule of Duxburrow ... for and in Consideration of the love and naturall affection; and for other vulluable causes and Considerations ... Doth give ... unto Patience haskall his true and Naturall Daughter: and unto John haskall her husband; all that his halfe share of land at Namassakett both upland and meddow land ... haveing given the other halfe share formerly unto Francis Walker ... and if the said Patience shall Die before her husband John haskall and have noe Child ... then the abovesaid halfe share of lands shalbe the proper Inheritance of the abovesaid John haskall ... but if the abovesaid Patience shall survive her husband John haskall and have noe Child by him ... then the whole half share of land to belong unto the abovesaid Patience her heires and assignes

"The witnesses were Samuel Nash and David Alden.

" This Deed was acknowldged the twenty sixt of the eleventh month 1668 by Gorge Soule senior before mee John Aldin Assistant. "

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 27, p. 40.

**12 March 1668-9:** " Duxburro 12th 1 mo 1668 ... I George Soul of Duxburro ... husbandman do give ... all my right title & Interest In a percell of land lying att Namascutt viz The moyety or half part of all my sd Lands meado Swamps &c unto my Daughter Elizabeth Wife unto Francis Walker To her And her heirs for Ever ... I do farther ... give unto my sd Daughter the moyety or half part of all my purchase or purchasess lying And being as before Expresst In yett place Comonly Called Namascutt I do further give And grant unto my sd Daughter all the privilidges That may or Shall arise on ye sd Lands &c ... further I do declare This To be my Will as To Deed of Gift As tho it were more fully Expresst yett looking on this As a sufficient deed unto her And her heirs for Ever and further These may declare That my Wife Mary Soul doth also give up all her ilInterest In That half part unto my sd Daughter Elizabeth.

"The deed was signed by George Soule only. It was witnessed by Samuel Seabury and Rudolphus Thacher, but was not acknowledged."

Mayflower Descendant, Vol. 27, p. 40-41.

**27 October 1674:** "Gorge Soule, of Duxburrow, complained against John Peterson, of Duxborrow, aforsaid, in an action of the case, to the damage of an hundred pounds, for better securitie for the payment of a debt of six pounds seauen shillingssss and thripence due, to haue bin payed the first day of Nouember last, as appeers by a bill bearing date the thirtieth day of July, in the yeare of our Lord 1672; as alsoe for the payment of sixty three pounds twelue shillings and ninepence due, heerafter to be payed att seuerall payments, as by seuerall bills of the aforsaid date appeereth, which said sume of seauenty pounds, being behind and vnpayed, is pte of the sume of eighty pounds contracted to be payed by the said John Peterson to the said Gorge Soule, for the purchase of a certaine tract of land lying in Powder Point, in Duxburrow, aforsaid, att the time of the said purchase of the lands of and in the occupation of the said Gorge Soule, and now in the occupation of the said John Peterson and the said Gorge Soule.

"The jury find for the defendant the cost of the suite."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 7, pg. 193.

### **George Soule: 1650**

"And seeing it hath pleased Him to give me [William Bradford] to see thirty years completed since these beginnings, and that the great works of His providence are to be observed, I have thought it not unworthy my pains to take a view of the decreasing and increasing of these persons and such changes as hath passed over them and theirs in this thirty years...

"One of his [Edward Winslow's] servants died, as also the little girl, soon after the ship's arrival. But his man, George Soule, is still living and hath eight children."

William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation 1620-1647*, ed.

Samuel Eliot Morison (New York: Knopf, 1991), p. 443-7.

### **George Soule's wife, Mary**

1 March 1658-9: "John Smith, Junir, of Plymouth, Goodwife Howland, the wife of Henery Howland, Zoeth Howland and his wife, John Soule and Goodwife Soule, the wife of Gorge Soule, of Duxburrow, Arthur Howland and his wife, of Marshfeild, Mis Cudworth, Goodwife Coleman, Willam Parker, and his wife, of Scituate, haueing bine prsented for frequently absenting themselues from the publicke worship of God, were sentanced by the Court to pay, according to order of Court, each ten shillings, to the collonies vse."

Plymouth Colony Records, Vol. 8, pg. 95.