

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Soule Family Collection**

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**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1831-2021
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Gift of Paula Radefeld, 2021.  See also Photos – People – Soule

## Brief History

George Soule came to America on the Mayflower in 1620 a servant to Edward Winslow's family. Descendant Lafayette Soule (1823-1918) wed Amelia Barr (1836-1916) in McLean County in 1856. The couple reared their family in McLean County, and some of the children lived their adult lives here as well.

## Scope

The collection includes genealogical information for Lafayette and Amelia Barr Soule and their children, as well as miscellaneous pictures of historical figures and events. Birth announcements and death tributes are also present. Four books from the mid-1800s are included along with a book of Mahatma Gandhi's thoughts on education from 1958.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: McLean County Historical Society Gift Agreement

- 1.1 Gift agreement for items donated by Paula Radefield with list attached, July 23, 2021.

### Folder 2: Lafayette & Amelia Barr Soule

- 2.1 George Soule b.1595-1626, *MayflowerHistory.com*, came over on Mayflower as servant to Edward Winslow family.
- 2.2 Photocopy of notes: Amelia Barr eloped with Lafayette Soule. George Soule and son traveled from France to Liverpool to come over on the ship.
- 2.3 Handwritten list of 10 descendants and families of George Soule, 1 p.
- 2.4 More detailed handwritten list of above, 2 pp.
- 2.5 Familysearch.org printout for Lafayette Soule, 3 pp.
- 2.6 Familysearch.org printout for Amelia Barr, 3 pp.
- 2.7 Familysearch.org printout for Louis Thomas Soule, 3 pp.
- 2.8 Familysearch.org printout for Evaline Source (Kerr), 3 pp.
- 2.9 Familysearch.org printout for Helen A. Soule, 3 pp.
- 2.10 Familysearch.org printout for Viola Alice Soule, 3 pp.
- 2.11 Familysearch.org printout for Howard Chris Soule, 3 pp.
- 2.12 Familysearch.org printout for of John Sorenson, 3 pp.
- 2.13 Funeral card for death of William F. Kerr Dec 10, 1898.
- 2.14 "Mrs. Mueller, Former Local Resident, Dies," *Pantagraph*, 14 November 1938. (Helen Soule Mueller)
- 2.15 "Closing Out Sale," 5" x 5" notice to quit farming due to ill health by Howard Soule, owner.
- 2.16 "State Of Illinois, Certificate of Registration of Birth," for Joanne Soule, August 12, 1935, 2 photocopies on 1 p.

### Folder 3: Miscellaneous Historical Photos

- 3.1 Mrs, Sarah B. Withers, 6 ¼" x 4" newspaper photo on cardboard.
- 3.2 Alexandrina Victoria (Britain's Queen) 6 ¼" x 4" newspaper photo.
- 3.3 Robert G. Ingersoll, "noted American Orator," 6 1/4" x 4" newspaper photo.
- 3.4 U.S. Battleship Maine, 6 ¼ " x 4" magazine photo.
- 3.5 Brochure for "Grand Encampment Department of Illinois Spanish American War Veterans" at Bloomington, June 1903.

**Folder 4: Birth Announcements and Death Tributes**

- 4.1 "Mrs. and Mrs. Romey Dockery announce the arrival of Billie June on January 10, 1929," envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Keowns in McCamey, TX. TX postmark.
- 4.2 "Mrs. and Mrs. F.L. Arnold announce birth of Betty Mae on January 29, 1929," envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Keowns in McCamey, TX. No postmark.
- 4.3 Remembrance card for Ralph Cecil Soule, born Jun 14, 1905, died August 31, 1905.
- 4.4 Postcard with photo and verse for woman abandoned by soldier. Mailed to KY in October 1909.
- 4.5 TS: "The Broken Wheel, A Tribute to the Soule Family," poem by J.F. Mueller, 1 p. 2 copies.

**Folder 5: Newspapers**

- 5.1 Centennial issue of *The Washington Post*, celebrating 1876. Dated Washington DC, Dec 31, 1876 but presumably reprinted 100 yr later. 4 pp.
- 5.2 *The Daily Inter Ocean*, Chicago, Sept 14, 1901. Careers of McKinley and Roosevelt with photos. 8 pp.

**Folder 6: Books**

- 6.1 "History of the Bible" 1831. 1 ½" x 2"
- 6.2 "History of the United States of America," 1831. 3 ½" x 5 ½" Adapted to the capacity of youth by Rev. Charles A. Goodrich.
- 6.3 Bible, missing cover, blurry handwritten inscriptions, 1859. 2 ½" x 4 ½"
- 6.4 "The Olive Wreath, Friendship's Gift," 1847, by Nathaniel L. Dayton. 2 ½" x 4 ½"
- 6.5 "Gandhiji's Thoughts On Education," compiled by T S Avinashilingam, 1958. 35 pp.
- 6.6 "Education" by Mahatma Gandhi, 1958, 6: x 4 ½". 36 pp.