

# The Andrus Recorder

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## OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY

Members of the Andrus family are to be found all over the world. The missionary program of the Church perhaps tends to be the biggest factor in this scattering, but the clan is dispersed because the professions and vocations of this versatile group also lead them to faraway places. The kind of food is different in England, Finland, Canada, Switzerland, Hawaii, and New York, as is the kind of terrain that meets the eye. Those who are native to the various areas speak different languages, their skin is different, and their aims, educational systems, and standards of behavior are also unlike those of us who live in Western United States.

The one thing that we all possess alike is the name, relationship, the common beginning. Of course, most Andrus' we know are also members of the Mormon Church, and this is the reason I referred to "faraway places" as those away from the headquarters of the Church. Two points are important in relationship to our large family and this wide scattering.

First, it is difficult to get the Recorder into the hands of those who are far away. We need addresses of heads of families for our permanent mailing list. I believe that the first copy of our paper shows that we are serious, that there is good material to be sent out, and that you are interested in the Recorder. It has not yet been determined how the paper will be financed, but since it carries largely genealogical material, it could be financed as a part of the genealogical research program. If each adult member will contribute 50¢ per month, as agreed upon at the 1964 reunion, the genealogical research can proceed and the Recorder can be published. I urge you to make your contributions. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience in sending material and addresses, commenting on the genealogical program or the Recorder and for your contributions. If you want additional copies of the Recorder, please send 25¢ per copy to Marlon A. Andrus, Box 524, Draper, Utah, or use the attached envelope addressed to Rose Brown.

The second point has to do with the dignity that comes from being a member of a group that has proved its worth. We as individuals receive momentum from memories. Confidence comes from conformity to the standards which produce the good life. Pride is ours if we participate in worthwhile projects. When we are reminded by the mere belonging that our destiny is tied into a family that is moving in the right direction, then each of us is stronger and more noble and our life has more meaning.

## COMMITTEES IN CHARGE OF THE 1965 REUNION

Garland Andrus	General Chairman
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Andrus, Ruth C. Andrus	Dinner
Ione Pack, Kenneth Sandberg, Roger Adams	Entertainment Program
Willard O. Andrus, Oral Andrus	Lodging Reservations
LaVern A. Diehl	Invitations and Schedule of Events
Fred Adams, Maurice Adams	Children's Entertainment

"The reunion will be held in Holliday, Utah. Plans are already well laid and we promise that you will have a most enjoyable time."

Garland Andrus

*Andrus Reunion  
July - 2 and 3 - 1965  
! Plan now to attend!*

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The following article was published in the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram at Elyria, Ohio (date unknown, but the year was probably 1953, the sesquicentennial of the founding of the state) and was sent to Mrs. R. V. Goodworth, by Ralph D. Belden of 209-8th Street, Elyria, Ohio.

## Down Through The Years In Elyria

By JAMES B. THOMAS

The date of the admission of Ohio into the Union is officially March 1, 1803 and all Ohio is celebrating this year; the Sesquicentennial. All townships of the state are joining in the celebration and it is well for us to know more about the townships of Lorain County. Henrietta Township was organized in 1827, the 17th township of the county, out of the 21 townships, to be organized. The county commissioners created the present township mainly from the southern part of Brownhelm Township.

The first settler was Simeon Durand, a native of France. When only eighteen he came to this county with LaFayette and served as an interpreter for him during the Revolutionary War. After the war he married and settled in Essex County, New York, and in the winter of 1817 with his wife and one child removed to Henrietta. The other children followed later. The next family was that of Calvin Leonard of Bennington County, Vermont. He settled west of the Durand farm. Ruluff Andress and John Dennison with their families came in the fall of 1817. They came from New York State. Andress settled east of the Durand farm. He is a carpenter. John Dennison located just west of Henrietta Hall.

Joseph Swift came later in 1817 from Connecticut. He married a sister of Calvin Leonard. Almon and Jedehiah Holcomb with their families came in the spring. Uriah Hancock came in 1820. He was a wheelwright and had a machine shop. Squire Abbot joined the settlement in June of 1823. He was a native of Massachusetts, coming by way of Ashtabula. Moses Fuller came in 1831 from Mount Morris, New York, with his wife and child. Simeon Shepherd with his family came about 1831 from Madison County, New York. Others followed until there was quite a community.

### GENEALOGICAL SECTION

As our family organization begins to function, we wish to stress the need for everyone to become active, under its direction, in our family genealogy. May we suggest certain ways each person can be helpful. First, collect all available personal and family histories, diaries, pictures, etc.; and send a copy to me (530 E. 1980 No., Provo, Utah). Second, write your own personal history, making note of important events, dates, etc. in your lives. Be as accurate and complete as possible. Particularly, we desire the older members to write or dictate their histories, and those of their parents and near relatives who are deceased. Please do not delay. Third, make an accurate list of your family statistics--marriages, births, deaths, etc.--and send this material to the Chairman of your wife line--i. e., the Chairman of the wife of Milo from whom you descend. Also send what information you have concerning your Andrus progenitors back to Milo. Fourth, we are starting in this issue to publish specific problems on our genealogy that members of the family can begin to work upon, by correspondence with various libraries, etc. in the country. Please read this section and become interested in

some aspect of our family genealogy; and send information gathered to the person designated.

Since our last issue, two members of the family have gone to Ohio, and by request of the family organization have engaged in research. The report of Mrs. Goodworth is given in this issue; and that of Mrs. Ray B. Andrus, Jr. will be given in the next issue. Our special thanks to members of the family of Robert Andrus, in the area of Ucon, Idaho, whose generous contributions provided the major financial basis for Mrs. Goodworth's mission; and to Thomas E. Andrus for his part in collecting these funds.

Hyrum L. Andrus

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. R. V. (Elena) Goodworth (21M7F-1) for completing the assignment to compile a list of the descendants of Milo Andrus and Sarah Ann Miles. We trust that the remaining Chairmen within the Milo Andrus Family Organization are well underway with this project and will be completing it in the near future.

### New and Special Assignments

Until recently, Mrs. R. V. (Elena) Goodworth (21M7F-1) of Kamas, Utah, has been serving as a member of the Ruluf Andrus Research Committee, and as Chairman of the Sarah Ann Miles line within the Milo Andrus family. She has now been relieved of these two positions in order to serve as the General Genealogical Executive Secretary. In addition, she will act as Chairman of the Ruluf Andrus Descendants Committee. This is a new area that needs our attention. It will be concerned with searching out the descendants of the brothers and sisters of Milo Andrus. Mrs. Goodworth's work in this area will be closely correlated with the Ruluf Andrus Progenitors Committee.

Members of the Ruluf Andrus Progenitors Committee are:

G. Merrill Andrus, Chairman  
107 W. Roland Avenue (Note the correction of address from the last issue.)

Maple Shade, New Jersey

Lane Rasmussen  
Box 505  
Draper, Utah

Mrs. David Diehl  
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Salt Lake City, Utah  
Clair W. Andrus  
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St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Milton A. Barlow  
6416 Elmwood Rd.  
Chevy Chase 15, Md.

In addition to his work on the Ruluf Andrus Progenitors Committee, Lane Rasmussen has consented to work on a special project, checking and authenticating names, dates, etc. of Milo's wives, children and grandchildren. This material needs to be checked thoroughly and published in the Recorder for the family, and the information recorded in the files of the Church. We are currently lacking in authentic information in these vital areas. Frank Smith, Director of Research Services for the Genealogical Society of the Church, recently wrote to me: "The names of the eleven wives of Milo were on the back of his endowment card. However, of these, we have been unable to locate any records for five of them." Will all Milo Andrus Family Chairmen send Lane what information you have on your particular line concern

James A. Andrus, of St. George, Utah, is the Chairman of the Abigail Jane Daley line in the Andrus Family organization, assisted by Mrs. Orpha A. Lund and Miss Peggy Hawkins.

Mrs. David Diehl (2-1M-6M-5), of 2701 Milo Way, Salt Lake City, Utah, is the new Chairman of the Sarah Ann Miles line; and, as given above, has also been recently appointed to serve on the Ruluf Andrus Progenitors Committee. In addition to these appointments, Mrs. Diehl will direct the gathering of genealogical books, etc. containing Andrus, Andrews, Andros, etc. names, for the establishment of an Andrus Family Library. Working with her on this project will be Mrs. Milton A. Barlow (address above) and Mrs. Nyal A. Merrell (7-6M-1M-4) of 1112 Chestnut Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia.

Randolph Andrus, Jr. (4-5M-1) of 10353 Jardine Avenue, Sunland, California, has been appointed as Chairman of the Adaline Alexander line.

Mrs. Rose A. Brown (7-1M-10), General Secretary of the Andrus Family Organization, has been assigned to provide us with a list of the code numbers of each living member of the Andrus family. (For an explanation of this code,

see the first issue of the Recorder.) Will all members of the family send to her their code numbers; and will all Milo Andrus Chairmen cooperate with her in getting this information, for the branch of the family with which each Chairman is concerned.

#### FINANCES

We need not remind you that finances are required to carry on our family organization, and to prosecute our research efforts. Current family dues are 50¢ per month for each adult member of the family--sent to Marlon A. Andrus, Box 524, Draper, Utah. (Or use the attached envelope addressed to Rose Brown.) Beginning next year, copies of the Recorder will be sent only to dues-paying members.

If extra copies are desired, please include 25 cents for each copy.

#### GENEALOGICAL MISSION TO OHIO AND IOWA

By assignment from the Andrus family, Sister Elena J. Goodworth (2-1M-7F-1), with her husband Richard V. Goodworth, undertook a genealogical mission to Ohio and Iowa, from September 17 to October d, 1964. They were given two objectives: (1) to look for clues on the identity of the parents of Ruluf and Azuba Smith Andrus, and (2) to gather information on the family and descendants of Ruluf and Azuba, other than on the Milo line. Particularly in the latter assignment, this was a fruitful mission; and the information Sister Goodworth gathered may yet be useful in identifying the progenitors of Ruluf. The leads she found will be followed up and serve as the basis of further research on this area of the Andrus family. Sister Goodworth's report of this mission is as follows:

"First, may we express our appreciation to the Andrus Family Association for making this mission possible. It was both a privilege and a responsibility. Before leaving home, we wrote to Mrs. L. M. (Olive) Boughton, 202 Brandtson, Elyria, Lorain Co., Ohio, to see if we could use her home as a point of contact for correspondence, etc. Olive is a third -great-granddaughter of Ruluf and Azuba Andrus, through their son Almon. She kindly consented; and we checked in at her home Saturday evening, September 19, where we were given a cordial welcome.

"Sun., Sept. 20. In the afternoon, Olive took us to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Andrus, a descendant of Carlo, Milo's brother. We followed Ohio 113 west for 15 miles and turned right at the Gore-Orphanage Road. The first house on

the left was the residence of 'Uncle Fred.' Almost directly across the street are stone steps that lead to the oldest cemetery in Lorain County, known locally as the 'Andrus Cemetery,' although there is no marker to that effect. It is quite small and not readily visible from the highway. The Land Records in Lorain County Court House show that, on January 1, 1870, Carlo Andrus and his wife, Wealthy, sold two pieces of land to Nicholas Baumann, containing 130 acres. These records indicate, however, that they reserved 'from the first piece about 1/2 acre which is enclosed and now occupied as a burying place.' Inscriptions on the stones are readable, although they did not show up in photographs we took. They read:

Ruluf Andrus, born 12 Mar. 1773, died 1849. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them.'

Azubah, wife of Ruluf Andrus, born 1777, died 1832, age 55 years 1 month.

'Almon and Carlo (sons of Ruluf and Azubah), with their wives, some children and grandchildren, are also buried here. While we were in this vicinity, Mr. Ralph D. Belden, who does genealogy as a hobby, gave us suggestions for searching in Elyria.

"Mon., Sept. 21. Spent the day in Elyria at the City Library, the Lorain County Court House and the local news paper office. In the book Early History of Lorain County under 'Henrietta,' p. 359, it reads:

'The first occupants were Calvin Leonard, Simeon Durand, Ruloff Andrus, Joseph Swift, John Denison, Uriah Hancock, Jedediah Holcomb, Almon Holcomb, Obed Holcomb, Joseph Powers, the Abbots, and possibly others. After the organization of the town in 1827, a post office was established on the hill, and Squire Abbott appointed first postmaster. (Before this time, the area was part of Brownhelm.

"Tues., Sept. 22. Spent the day in Norwalk, county seat of Huron county. Lorain county was formed in 1822; and before that time the area we are interested in was part of Huron county.

Here we found that Ruluf's son Oran sold his final piece of property in 1852. His daughter Sybil and her husband sold in 1849. The property was located in Norwalk. Williams Bros. History of Lorain County, 1879, contains this statement about Ruluf Andrus subsequently moved to Huron Co., where in a little place called Puckerbrush, he kept a hotel for a time. His wife died there and he afterwards returned to Henrietta.'

"Puckerbrush is now just a 'four-corners' crossroad with an interesting history," according to an elderly resident. At one time there were about 20 sawmills in the area. Puckerbrush then had a street car (including a baggage car), a blacksmith shop, a postoffice, schools and churches. It was on a main route to Freezes Landing (now Milan). Milan expected to develop a harbor and be a shipping center, but when the railroad came to Norwalk, Milan harbor was never developed. This probably contributed to the disappearance of Pucker

brush as a town. It is now called East Norwalk. When the old main road was to be surfaced, the builders dug up remnants of the old planks that had been the original 'paving,' put there to keep the oxen-drawn wagons loaded with wheat from miring in the mud. Originally there were also hotels and inns in the area.

"Wed., Sept. 23. Worked in the Elyria City Library. While we found no family histories or genealogies of interest to us, we obtained the following from the book History of the Henrietta Baptist Church from Settlement up to 1 Jan. 1876, p. 81, under 'Mrs. Ruluff Address':

"Ruluff Address and family came from New York State in 1817, Mr. Address built the first dam across the Vermilion River at Birmingham, for Perez Starr. He also built a saw mill. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Address had nine children. Some of them Milo, . . . Charlotte, . . . Harriet, . . . Lucius, . . . Sally....

"This listing of some of Ruluf's children raises the question of the identity of Lucius, an interesting question requiring further research.

"Thurs., Sept. 24. This day we spent with Olive as our guide, visiting cemeteries in Penfield, Wellington, Kipton, Camden (or Henrietta?). Checked Sexton's records when possible (They are surprisingly scarce.), and visited with elderly people in these areas. We found that the William and Harriet Lang, who are listed in the 1880 census as living in Penfield, did not belong to our family.

"Fri., Sept. 25. Mr. Belden, with whom we visited on the 20th, advised us to return to the Lorain County Court House and ignore the lady who had given us a cold reception during our visit there on the 21st. There we found the estate settlement of Wealthy Address, second wife of Carlo Address (son of Ruluf and Azuba) and the will of Adad Buckley, husband of Emily Address (daughter of Ruluf and Azuba). Persuaded 'Uncle Fred' and 'Aunt Mary' to go with us to the cemetery at Birmingham, then visited Charles Berg, clerk of Henrietta Township, and Charles Heidrick, local researcher of land records. (Since arriving home, we have heard from Mr. Berg, who states: 'The only thing that I found about Address was that the first carpenter contractor in Henrietta was Ruluf Address.' We have had no report as yet from Mr. Heidrick.)

"Sac., Sept. 26. Mr. Belden called for us and took us to the Western Reserve Historical Library in Cleveland. We collected much interesting information from Mr. Belden, along with some microfilms and books.

"Sun., Sept. 27. Spent the day with the Boughtons and Knotts, in Ashland.

"Mon., Sept. 28. Visited with some people in Elyria who may be relatives of Sybil Address Squires, daughter of Ruluf and Azuba. Also visited the Carnegie Library at Cleveland. We felt that we had about exhausted our present avenues of research in Ohio, and knowing that several of Ruluf's children moved to Iowa, we decided to go there.

"Tues., Sept. 29. Located Address Road, off #113, between Florence and Milan. Stopped at Milan Historical Society, then traveled on to Davenport, Iowa.

"Wed., Sept. 30. Checked telephone directories, one cemetery and the Scott County Court House in Davenport. Somewhere among my notes, probably from research done years ago by Elizabeth Ritchie, was the notation that Oran Address moved to Davenport. Found entries in the Land Records of Orin, Orrin H., and Orion W. Andrews, but did not determine his or their possible relationship to Ruluf. Stopped at Dubuque County Court House in Dubuque, Iowa, because Sybil, the daughter of Ruluf, was supposed to have lived there at one time. Found a probate record of Henry M. Andres, dated 31 Dec. 1895. Was this Oran's son Henry?

"When Naomi Packard's mother (See the first issue of the Recorder.) took her tour in 1893, she 'visited relatives in Manchester,' which is the County Seat of Delaware County, Iowa. In the History of Delaware Co., we found a biographical sketch of William A. Lang, importer of fine horses, and grand son of Sybil Address and her second husband, Thomas S. Squires. (Sybil had 4 husbands, viz: 1. 2, 2. T. S. Squires, 3. Medad Buckley, 4. William Lang, Sr., whose son Nicholas S. Lang married her daughter Charlotte.)

"From there we went to Strawberry Point, Clayton County, Iowa, where we met Harold H. Ward, a descendant of both Sybil and Almon Address--through a first-cousin marriage of their children.

"Thur., Oct. 1, Mr. Ward took a day off from his work and acted as our guide for the day, and drove over 100 miles in a large circle which permitted us to make searches at the Clayton County Court House in Elkader, in the cemeteries at Monona and Luana (There were two cemeteries in each of these towns. We did not search the Lutheran Cemeteries.), of the records in the Fayette County Court House at West Union, of the Taylorsville Cemetery (a large country cemetery serving several towns), and of the cemetery at Strawberry Point. Interesting information was found at nearly every stop.

"In Arlington, 11 miles from Strawberry Point, we met Emma Laura Jane Chapman Fox, age 85, who has been collecting family records for several years. She is a descendant of William Lang, Sr. and his first wife, and remembered 'Uncle Will and Aunt Hattie' (William Lang, Jr. and his wife Harriet Address, youngest daughter of Ruluf and Azuba). Mrs. Fox has since moved to an old-folks home in West Union."

#### RESEARCH PROBLEMS

We strongly urge members of the family, young and old, to take one of the following problems and do a careful study of it, giving proper documentation for all facts. Correlate your efforts with the Chairman responsible for the given area of research, viz: Ruluf Andrus problems, with G. Merrill Andrus, 107 W. Roland Avenue, Mapleshade, N.J.: Milo Andrus problems, also with G. Merrill Andrus; and Ruluf Address Descendants, with Mrs. R. V. (Elena) Goodworth, Kamas, Utah. Identify the problem you select as it is listed in the Recorder.

Ruluf Andrus, problem 1.

Milo states in his Autobiography that his father, Ruluf, was a native of Hartford, Conn.; and his mother of Rutland, Vt.; and the elder children were born in Essex County, New York. However, there is a "Guardian Bond," dated December 31, 1789, that states that Ruluf Andrus, of Hamden, Conn., was bonded at the age of "about fifteen years" to Joseph Johnson, also of Hamden. Hamden is a suburb of New Haven. What was the relationship of Ruluf to the Johnson family, before, after and during this period?

Ruluf Andrus, problem 2.

In the 1880 census, taken of Florence township and Birmingham village in that township, state of Ohio, we find under Household #42 the following: "Almon Address age 80 male; white, married; a carpenter; born in Vermont, father born in Vermont; mother born in Vermont." Milo states that his father, Ruluf, was a native of Hartford, Conn.; and infers that his brother Almon was born in Essex County, New York. Was Ruluf born in Vermont and later moved to Conn.? Where was Almon born? There was a time when Essex County, New

York, comprised all the territory which is now the state of Vermont. Does this early fact have any bearing on the information given above?

Ruluf Andrus, problem 3.

Mrs. Townsend, the family's professional genealogist in Vermont, has uncovered some interesting material on a person named Timothy Andrus. He died just prior to the time Ruluf's Guardian Bond was issued in 1789. Timothy was born in Wallingford, Conn., was a carpenter, was a Revolutionary War veteran, owned considerable land in Vermont, and was a hotel-keeper. By comparison, Ruluf was a carpenter contractor and was running a hotel at the time of the death of his wife Azuba. The volume Families of Ancient New Haven, by Jacobus, contained some interesting items about early people by the name of Timothy Andrus. The notes are far too sketchy, but suggest that there may be some connection with Ruluf. Page 55, family

30 states: "Timothy and Sybil (Heaton) Andrews." Page 56, family 31 states: "Timothy of Meridian and East Haven born circa 1716 and died 1793." Sybil is the name of Ruluf's first daughter. Check possible connections between these Timothys and Ruluf.

Azuba Smith, problem 1.

Ruluf Andrus and Uriah Hancock seemed to have traveled the same paths in life; and it may be that they married sisters: Azuba and Polly Smith. In checking the Connecticut Vital Records, the Librarian of the Western Reserve Historical Library, in Cleveland, Ohio, found that Uriah Hancock was born 7 Dec. 1771, and his brother Amasa was born 15 Feb. 1775, both at Litchfield, Conn. Since the records of their marriages and deaths were not listed, they may have occurred out of the state of Conn. The 1800 census of Vermont shows Amasa Hancock as being married and living in the town of Pawlet, Rutland County, Vermont. This is the only town in Vermont containing the three names Smith, Hancock and Andrus, or their variations in spelling; and Rutland County is where Milo said his mother, Azuba Smith, came from. Ruluf married before 1800, and when the census was taken that year he was no doubt in New York. But since Amasa supposedly married in Pawlet, it would be appropriate to check the Smith families in that area for further information on Azuba and Polly Smith. (Polly may have been a nickname for Mary or Ruth.)

Azuba Smith, problem 2.

It is nowhere stated that Azuba Smith was born in Rutland County, Vermont; and it is within the realm of possibility that her folks moved there from Conn., so that she and Ruluf may have been acquainted before she lived in Vermont. While researching in the L.D.S. Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, for early records of Hamden, New Haven County, Conn., Mrs. R. V. (Elena) Goodworth checked a volume containing records of gravestones or burials. This volume also contained a "Smith Family History," with family 23 listed as follows:

Edward Smith (1731;2-1813), a son of Ebenezer Smith and Hannah Smith.

His wife Esther Benham (1739-1825), daughter of Japhet Benham and Ann Smith.

- Children: 1. (perhaps) Titus  
2. (perhaps) Lovina  
3. (perhaps) Nabby  
4. Zuba christened 5 May 1776  
5. Edward

There were no further records of any in the family, indicating that they could have moved out of the area, as most of

the other families in this history were brought down several more generations. Zuba would be the right age to marry Ruluf.

Milo Andrus, problem 1.

At various times Milo gave his place of birth as Jay, Lewis and Wilmington. All are in Essex County, New York. The boundaries of states, counties, townships and villages were at that time still in a state of flux, and were changed at times thereafter. The town of Jay, for example, was in five different counties at one time or another. And the town of Jay in turn gave up parts of its territory in the formation of the towns of Keene, Wilmington and Elizabethtown. The people of Essex County, New York have considerable interest in historical things. Each town has an active historian at present. There is also a county historian. A carefully documented

study of this area is needed. Where, actually, was Milo born?

Ruluf Andrus Descendants, problem 1.

Ruluf Andrus moved to Ohio in 1817; and the 1820 census shows his family as being in Brownhelm, Huron county. Since then major organizational changes have affected county and township boundaries in this area. Locate the families of Ruluf and his married children in the census enumerations of 1830, 1840, and 1850. (Ruluf probably died in 1849.) Each township in Ohio has a clerk. Write to the clerks of Brownhelm and Brighton (and possibly those of Henrietta, Camden and Rochester) for information on the Andrus family in early judicial and land records, etc., and follow through in your research.

Ruluf Andrus Descendants, problem 2.

Early settlers often traveled together as families or as close friends. For example, if Lucius Andrus was looking for a place to move, he might settle near an uncle or a cousin. At the city library in Elyria (the County Seat of Lorain county) is a small volume entitled History of Henrietta Baptist Church From Settlement Up to 1 Jan. 1876. On page 9, it states: "July, 1842, Elder Lucius Andrus was employed to preach to the church one-half the time. Oct. 1843 he resigned." On page 81, under heading "Mrs. R. Andrus," Lucius is listed as a child of Ruluf and Azuba. Who was this man who was so close to the family that he might have been considered a son? Was it just a coincidence of name? Did he come from any of the areas where Ruluf was known to have lived?

Ruluf Andrus Descendants, problem 3.

Land records in the Lorain County Court House, in Elyria, Ohio, contain the names of Seneca, Lewis and Hubbard Andrus. Seneca appeared in a land transaction as early as 1844, in Camden township. He died in 1869, age 72, according to a gravestone record. Dates of the others were later, and suggest they might be sons of Seneca. Seneca would have been about 25 years younger than Ruluf. Is there a possible connection here?

Ruluf Andrus Descendants, problem 4.

Another lone Andrus appears in Iowa where Ruluf's daughters settled. At the Fayette County Court House in West Union (County Seat of Fayette County, Iowa) was found probate records of William Andrus and his wife Nancy. Three points are significant. (1) Here is another Andrus family in an area where Ruluf's family lived. (2) There were not too many who used this particular spelling of the surname. (3) Four grandchildren of William and Nancy are listed—children of their son David. The residence of these grandchildren was listed as Newton, Connecticut. This is in the general area