

# The Andrus Recorder

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear fellow members of the Andrus family:

To those of you who are attending the 1965 Andrus Family Reunion we extend a warm welcome, a sincere hope that yours will be a pleasant time while we are assembled in Holliday and the assurance that we will grow in fellowship and family

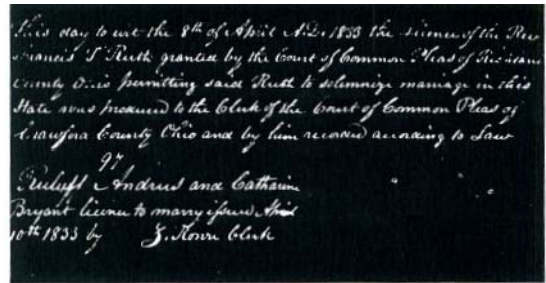


MILO ANDRUS

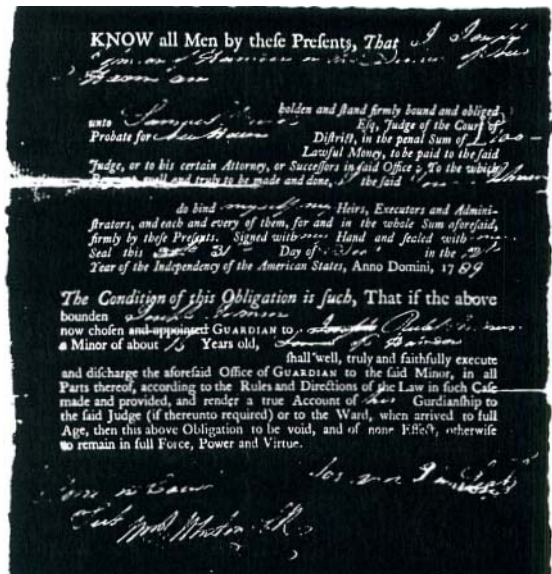
To those who will not be able to attend the annual family get-together, we extend greetings, and regret that you are not able to enjoy the festivities. The sentimental journey which is planned promises to be interesting. We know the program will be uplifting and entertaining. The traditional delicious food will be enjoyed in an atmosphere of peace and literal fulfillment. The opportunity to become reacquainted with half forgotten relatives or to meet some who are completely unknown is satisfying and romantic, even to the non-genealogist. Also, it is fun to catch up on family activities, compare interests and review plans and hopes and aspirations. Try to be present next year.

The Andrus family is for all who are related in any way, regardless of church affiliations, geographical location, occupation, or color. This is a completely "integrated" family. All members of this huge tribe are wanted and needed. We need you at reunions. We need your ideas. We need your new notes, such as reports of movings, accomplishments, unusual occupations, announcements of marriages and births, and all items of interest. It is necessary that we report deaths and it is most important that we have new and correct addresses. In other words, if you are an Andrus, you are special and we want to keep in touch with you.

J. Roman Andrus

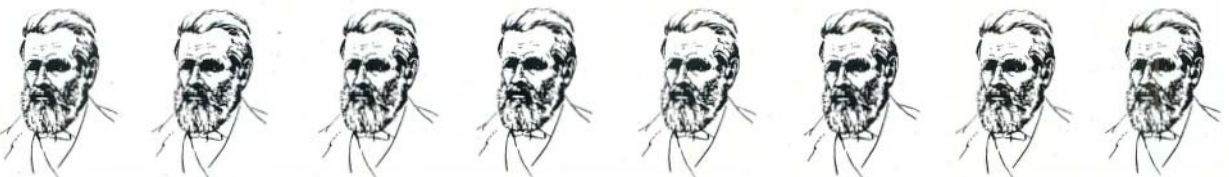


The above marriage application of Ruluff Andrus and Catharine Bryant was found by Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Andrus, Jr. (See her report in this issue. ) while doing genealogical research in Ohio, during the summer of 1964.



While engaged in genealogical research in New England during the summer of 1954, Hyrum L. Andrus and his wife, Helen Mae, located the above guardian bond (photographed on both sides) at the Connecticut State Library at Hartford, Connecticut. It contains the earliest known authentic information we have to date on Ruluff Andrus. As here indicated, Joseph Johnson, of Hamden,

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RULUFF ANDRUS (continued)

Connecticut, was appointed guardian of Ruluff Andrus, who was then about 15 years of age. Mr. Johnson was a property owner in Hamden, which is very near New Haven.

RESPONSES TO THE "RECORDER":

Thanks for Vol. 1 No. 2 of "The Andrus Recorder."  
Mrs. Rose A. Brown

The enclosed check I believe will cover the cost of the family dues (Andrus Recorder) for the year.

I do appreciate so much receiving the Recorder. Thank you,  
Mrs. J. Kenneth Doty

The Andrus Recorder is wonderful! We have used it in our ward as an example of a good family organization.

I have enjoyed so much reading about Milo and his descendants. If there is any information I can look for while here in Massachusetts, I shall be glad to try.

I am proud to belong to such a fine family group.  
Mrs. Joseph C. Free  
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FRIDAY EVENING JULY 2, 1965

TEMPLE SESSION - Meet at Salt Lake Temple for the  
4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. sessions  
Pick up names from 4:15 p.m. to  
4:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

HOOTENANY - Wanda and J. Dan Macintosh, Co-chairman  
Telephone 277-6515 - 8:00 p.m.  
Holladay First Ward

SATURDAY JULY 3, 1965

HOLLADAY FIRST WARD

9:00 a.m. Registration  
Kay Sullivan

to request speaking time see J. Garland Andrus  
10:00 a.m. Business and Genealogy

Games for Young Children

Maurine and Fred Adams

*Andrus Reunion  
July - 2 and 3 - 1965*

BUSINESS AND GENEALOGICAL MEETING- 10:00 a.m.

Welcome	I. Garland Andrus
Opening Song	LOVE AT HOME
Conducting	Leone A. Mousley
Organist	Emily Bumingham
Pianist	Doris A. Mousley
Prayer	Garth Andrus
Introduce Committees	J. Garland Andrus
Message & Discussion	J. Roman Andrus, President
Roll Call	
Minutes of 1964	Leone A. Taylor
Financial Report	Marlon Antone Andrus
Musical Number	
Genealogical report	Hiram Andrus
Prayer	
SLEEPING ACCOMODATION - Co-chairman	
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Salt Lake City, Utah - 84106	Salt Lake City, Utah 84117
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#### GENEALOGICAL SECTION

The importance of genealogical research is being shown by the accelerated emphasis that is currently being made by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to which most (if not all) descendants of Miio Andrus belong. May we of the Andrus Family Organization. encourage all members of the family to cooperate fully in the program now being carried out by the Church. Much good can come from this effort. The Chairmen of the several branches of Milo's family should, in particular, be actively engaged in encouraging and in giving assistance to this project. If at al' possible, it would be helpful for the several chairmen to be at the coming family reunion in Holliday, Utah. We feel that much good has been done in getting organized and underway en our genealogical efforts and would like now to consolidate our program. We will be looking forward to seeing all of you at the reunion.

#### REPORT OF TRIP TO OHIO

As indicated in the last issue of the Recorder, two members of the family have been in Ohio, etc. since our last reunion and have engaged in genealogical research at the request of the family organization. The report of Ray B. and his wife, Faye Mickelsen Andrus, Jr. of Route 5, Box 305, Idaho Falls, Idaho, is as follows:

"We left Idaho Falls the morning of November 19, 1964 with our four oldest children, Debra 11, Nancy 9, Susan 6, Ray Richard 4, for Fort Wayne, Indiana, where my father, Lloyd P. Mickelsen presides over the Great Lakes Mission. We arrived in Fort Wayne November 21. On November 24 we drove to Bucyrus, Ohio, in Crawford County to the Court House, from which we had received a copy of an application of marriage for Ruluff Andrus and a Catharine Bryant. We had hoped to find more information on this Catharine Bryant, but found this was an unfamiliar name there, so we drove on to Mansfield, which is in Richland County. This town also appeared on this application for marriage. While here we checked all court house records, but again found nothing on the Bryant name. We looked in the telephone directory and found three Bryants listed there, but none of them knew any thing about Catharine Bryant. We then drove on to Norwalk and talked to a professional genealogist there, Mr. Henry Timman, a young man whom we had corresponded with pre-

viously. He had found information from old newspaper abstracts in the Firelands Historical Society at Norwalk that Ruluff had remarried after Azuba died. The Firelands Society was closed for the winter while we were there, so we did not get to do any research there, Mr. Timman told us that he remembered reading where Catharine Bryant had left Ruluff and said he would try and find this and get a copy of it for us. This concluded our day and we drove back to the mission home.

On December 1 we left Fort Wayne early and drove to Birmingham and visited the Andrus cemetery, then crossed the street to the home of Fred and Mary Andrus. We enjoyed the visit with them very much. He told us of the family book he had which was burned, seven pages of marriages, deaths, births, etc. He showed us pictures of his father and mother; told us that Carlo Andrus was a big man, weighed two-hundred and fifty pounds; also told us how Ruluff went around and lived with different members of his family. Then we drove to Wakeman, Ohio and talked to Mr. Kenneth Buckley, a descendant of Ruluff's. Mr. Buckley manages the bank there at Wakeman. Neither he nor his mother knew anything about Ruluff, but did know of Medad and Adad Buckley, He gave us the name of a relative that does genealogy work and we have written to her, but have as yet heard nothing. (Mrs. Lawren Wainwright, Medina, Ohio) We then drove to Norwalk to the Court House, as it was closed before when we were there. As we were checking records, one of the clerks told us the early records were in the Court House at Sandusky in Erie County. Here we found two wills, one for Almon Andrus and one for Newton Andrus. Newton Andrus left his estate to his wife Ella, brother Norman, A. Mark and Carl, nephews and nieces Bette Darby, Marie, and Naomi. Almon married again after his first wife Emily died and left his will to his second wife Mary and the following children and grandchildren: E. H. Andrus, son; Jane Rowland, daughter; N.W. Andrus, son; Delight Squires, daughter; Newton, son. William, Emily, Almon and other heirs of the Hutchinson family, Emma Squires Avery Andrus, heirs of A. E. Andrus.

"In the book COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHY OF HURON AND LORAIN COUNTIES, published in 1892, pg. 709, is the biography of George H. Andrus. From it we find: George lived in Henrietta Twp, Lorain Co. , and was born 5 August 1834, son of Carlo and Nancy (Buckley) Andrus. Carlo, son of Ruluff, was born 6 Nov. 1804 in Essex Co., New York, and came to Ohio in 1817. Married 1 March 1832, to Nancy Beckly, born 30 May 1812, in Auburn, N.Y. She died 25 August 1851, leaving one son, George H. Carlo married 4 Dec. 1851 Weltha Smith, of Elyria, by whom two children were born: Alice, 30 Oct. 1853; Henry, 19 June 1855. Carlo Andrus died 8 November 1870 at Oberlin of paralysis. His wife, b. Poughskeepie, New York, 16 August 1815, died 24 Apr. 1871. Carlo Andrus was a justice of the peace after 1842. In 1859 Geo. Andrus married Matilda Elson. They had three children:

- (1) Maud, born 13 April 1861, married Fred Fowler, Berlin Heights, Erie Co.
  - (2) Ernest, born 18 July, 1863. Died 16 Jan. 1873.
  - (3) Leon, born 13 March 1865.
- The mother died in 1868 and Geo. married 1870 to Adelaide Ennis,  
(1) Frank, working in the express office in Elyria.

Geo. married again to Amelia, daughter of Wm. Hutchison.

- (1) Edna, attending Painesville, Ohio, Seminary
- (2) Elsie, reaching at Berlin Heights, Ohio
- (3) Walter, deceased
- (4) Henry )

(5) Fred ) all at home in

"The same biographical work, page 877, gives the story

of H. M. Andrus. He was the "popular and enterprising livery man of Elyria," born in 1855, son of Carlo and Weltha (Smita) Andrus. Carlo was born in Essex County, New York, in 1804, one of a family of ten children, and came to Ohio in 1817, and died 8 November 1870; his wife died 24 April 1871, H.M. Andrus married 9 July, 1878 to M.G. Boynton, daughter of Joshua Boynton of Elyria, and Barbara Arman.

Three Andrus children:

- (1) Maude
- (2) Jeane
- (3) George

"H. L. Peeke, Sandusky, Ohio, wrote a biographical history of Erie County in 1916. Page 579 is the biography of Newton Andrus, of Berlin Heights. The important facts are: Newton Andrus was born at Henrietta Twp. , Lorain Co. , 13 November 1834, the son of Almon Andrus, who died at Birmingham, Erie Co., age 84. Almon was twice married, and his first wife was Newton's mother.

"Newton Andrus married Carrie, daughter of Rev. Phoebe Barber, who was born 22 February 1839, and she died 3 June 1892. He married secondly to Mrs. Ella King Clary, 28 Sept. 1893, She was born 13 May 1851, daughter of Joseph & Melona Masters King, and widow of George C. Clary. She was still living in 1915. Newton Andrus died 28 April, 1909 at Berlin Heights. '

"W. W. Williams History of Huron and Erie Counties, 1879, records on page 451, the section on Florence Twp., records that the Disciples Church was organized at Birmingham in 1845, Almon Andrus, now of Birmingham (1879) was the first elder, and has continued as such for almost fifty years.

"The FIRELANDS PIONEER, formerly published by the Fireland Historical Society at Norwalk, records in the 1902 issue, page 975 that: Roland, William J. died in Florence, Erie County, Ohio, October 7, 1900. He was born July 12, 1816, at Lyme, Connecticut. In 1828 his parents moved to Livingston county, N.Y. and in 1844 he moved to Florence, Erie County. He was married in 1836 to Frances Munson who died in 1845, and in 1848 married Mrs. Jane Andrus Buckley, of Birmingham, Erie County.

"In old voting lists and school householders of Norwalk, is recorded:

Ruluff Andrews, voted 11 October 1825

Ruluff Andrews a householder in District 2, Norwalk Twp, 1827 (east pt. of Twp. )  
Ruluff Andrus voted at Norwalk, 12 October 1830.

In the marriage records at the courthouse in Norwalk, in Book I. , pg. 4 we found:

Milo Andrus to Abigail Jane Daley, 14 Feb. 1833

Almon Andrus to Emily Hancock, 4 Aug. 1821. "

Since arriving home we received a note from Mr. Timman in Norwalk stating that in the Record of Licenses in the Court House Ruluff received a license 7 March, 1833 to operate a tavern for a year.

As we toured the mission field with the folks, at every stop we would check telephone directories and in calling different Andrus people in Ohio and Michigan, we found that most that spell their name Andrus are from Greece, Andrus sometimes we found was French; most everyone we talked to were very friendly and nice and willing to help. While in Lansing, Michigan, we visited a Roy Andrus, an elderly man and his daughter. They invited us to their home and we looked at their family book and their coat of arms. Their ancestry

goes back to Connecticut. They were very nice and accomo dating people.

We left Fort Wayne December 3 and arrived in Idaho Falls December 5th.

Postscript

"In doing research work in the genealogy library at Idaho Falls we found a picture of a coat of arms exactly like the one on the cover of "The Recorder." It is found in "The Magazine Of American Genealogy" on page 70. It is the coat of arms of John Andrus of Farmington, Conn., 1635." BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS

The following bibliography of Andrus, Andrews, etc. names is submitted by the Ruluff Andrus Progenitors Committee. In giving this material, Dr. G. Merrill Andrus, Chairman, ac knowledges the special services of Mrs. Davis (La Verne) Diehl (2-1M-6M-5), who worked on the list from Salt Lake City, Utah, and Mrs. Milton A. (Gloria) Barlow, who helped with the compilation at Washington, D.C.

"Ruluff Andrus Progenitor genealogy has appeared to in clude a survey of published material available in the major depositories of genealogical information. Our committee has at least the suspicion that we need to be concerned with families in the United States having the major or English variations of the Andrews, Andrus, Andress, Andres name. For the time being we are now including the Swiss Anders or the Greek Andros. Members of our committee have done a very fine job of making surveys of the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City, the Library of Congress and the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C.

"There were found a total of 42 books or references in the library in Salt Lake City, 30 in the Library of Congress and 23 in the D. A. R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) Library, these dealing with the various families in the United States having the above listed names. Yet, surprisingly, there are only 4 books in all three libraries. We believe this tells us something about the importance of teamwork genealogical research. We believe it bears out the value of having repre sentatives of our committee living in the cities where these genealogical resources are to be found.

"In this issue of the RECORDER we will include the ref erences to the books the three libraries have in common. A second list will include the remainder of the books and ref erences on the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City. In later Recorder issues we will publish the lists from the other two libraries as well as other sources as we learn of them.

"We welcome help from all members of the family. If you have access to any genealogical library in the country, please check the card catalogue for the names given above. Write down the reference material for any books under these subject headings, We need to know the author, the title, the place and date of publication, and the name of the publisher. It is also nice to know the number of pages, the scope of the study and, of course, the location of the library where the book is to be found. Please send such information to G. Merrill Andrus, 107 W. Roland Ave. , Maple Shade, N.Y." Call Numbers I. Books to be found in all three libraries SLC L of C listed above.

929273 CS71.A57 Alfred Andrews, "Genealogical History of John and Mary Andrews" A. H. Andrews & Co. , Chicago, 1872, 652pp. This couple settled in Farmington, Conn. in 1640 and the book lists their descendants to 1872.

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929273	CS71.A57	Henry Franklin Andrews, "History of the Andrews Family" W. E. Brinkerhoff, Audubon, Iowa 1890, 234 pp. A genealogy of Robert Andrews and his descendants 1635-1890.	An 26ah 8-26145
929.273	CS71.A57	Lucius Buckley Andrus, "The Andrews Andrus Family and The Bulkerley Genealogy," Lucius B. Andrus, Indianapolis, Ind., 1937.	An 26af 38-14741
929.273	CS71.A573	Lucius Buckley Andrus, "A Few Facts About the Andrus Family, Its Relatives and Ancestors," Lucius B. Andrus, Indianapolis, 1932.	An 29a 33-17587
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929.273		Lt. George Andrews, "Andrews Memorial," E. R. Andrews, Printer and Bookbinder, Descendants of John and Hannah Andrews of Boston, Mass., 1656 to 1886.	An 26a
929.273		Frank Andrews, "William Andrews Family in America, 1633-1938," printed Youngstown, Ohio, 1938. William Andrews of Hartford, Conn., Chester Andrews, Rev. Wills Andrews, Nelson Andrews, Sherman Andrews, Schugles Andrews and their descendants.	An 26af
		N.Y. Oakes: Genealogy and Family History: Andrus	
J 1d		Genealogical Notes and Portraits. Jefferson County	
Vol. 2		New York, 1640-1901.	
Ditto		Biography of David Ira Andrus and notes of his family of Jefferson County, New York, 1766-1877.	
Yorks 3		Andrew Family, Wills, Yorkshire, England, Vols. 4, 9, 27	
Mass D 26		Danvers Historical Society Collection: Andrew Family: Cambridge and Salem, Mass.	
Suff 5 Vol. 3		Muskett, Suffolk Manorial Families: Andrew Family	
Am. Vol. 14		190 National American Society: Colonial Families of America: American Descendants of Robert Andrews of Boxford, Mass. 1656	
A 12		Green: Pedigree of Acworth: shows descendants of Thomas Andrews, d. 1705	
A 155		Pitman: History and Pedigree of the Family of Pitman. Descendants of John Andrews d. 1788, Thomas Andrews. (England)	A 8 F 11
Conn. Eng. Pub.	N 4a	Dr. Aaron Andrews of Wallingford, Conn. Andrews Family of London, England, mist. AE Genealogy	
Ga		Nottingham and Hannah: History of Upsom Co. , Georgia Descendants of Dr. Mark Andrews of Upsom Co., born about 1775 in Essex County, Virginis	U 1

Am. Pub. Vineland Historical Magazine

AB Bible Record of Andrews Family, Vol. 3, p, 53

Am. Pub. National Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol.

M 6, p. 27, Bible Record of Alexander Andrews family, Kentucky

Nont. Andrews Family of Shotley, Northumberland &

6 Vol. 6 Durham Descendants of John Andrews , lease, tenant, 1570

B 23 Sumnec: Coltman and Tobey Ancestry,

A 192 Descendants of Samuel Andrews, b. 1598 England, d. Biddleford Maine between 1636-38

Lancs. Irvine: Short History of Township of Rivington,

R 5 genealogical notes and wills, Bolton, and Rivington, Lancastershire, England.

F Leonard: Fulton-Hayden-Warner Ancestry in

F H 2 America, the ancestry of Mary Andrews (1628 1700 ), daughter of Henry and Mary Andrews of Taunton, Mass.

Minn. Genealogical Collections for the State of

25 Minnesota, notes on descendants of William Andrews of Rampsforth, England, sailed from Hampton about 1635,

Conn. American Genealogist, Vol. 35, pp. 55-83,

N 26 Vol, 36, pp. 1756-1855, record of early Andrews family of Western Conn. 1640.

A 1 O'Gorman: Ancestry of Aphek Lorenzo Woodruff,

A 10notes about 1640-1689, Conn.

Eng. Pub. Andrews, 1640-1679, London and Middlesex,

A 3 England

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Md. Pub. B Maryland Historical and Genealogical Bulletin,

Vol: 2 List of Andrews arriving in Maryland 1658-1677, p. 14

Essex The Essex Review, genealogy of some descendants

Pub. A of Henry Andrews of Canterbury, Kent, England,

Vol 57 d. 1665.

Am. Pub. New England Historical and Genealogical Regis

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Northu New History of Northumberland, Pedigree of the

6 Vol. 4 descendants of Robert Andrews of Hexham, 1682 1764

Som Poynton: The Parish of Kent, Andrews Family

K 2 Pt. 2 pedigree, about 1696-1858, Kelstum, Somershire, England

N.Y, Rochester Historical Society, Vol, 3 pp. 226-228

R 4d Andrews Family of Rochester, N.Y. notes 1780-1886

Am. Pub. The Old Northwestern Genealogical Quarterly,

B 12 McCall: McCall-Tidwell and Allied Families,

C 12 family of John Andrews of Conn.

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Vol 7 Vol. 7, p. 60, notes on Raolf Andrus of Mass.

#### SUMMARY OF RULUFF ANDRUS RESEARCH

The following is a summary of Ruluff Andrus research submitted to Dr. G. Merrill Andrus (7-71v1-2M-1) by Mrs. Charles Demar Townsend, the family's professional genealogist at Burlington, Vermont, giving a report of her findings, etc. during the year 1959. Though this research was done some time ago, this report is important to our current reports.

"January 26, 1959. I have checked out every Andrus probabe record on file in the Connecticut State Library at Hartford, and the net result was the finding of a guardian bond for Ruluff dated 31 Dec. 1789, when he was 'about 15 years of age' and was then said to be 'of Hamden, Connecticut.' Joseph Johnson was appointed his legal guardian, 'February 2, 1959. The family involves three states: CONNECTICUT, VERMONT AND NEW YORK. After the family moved into New York, most of their whereabouts have been found and accounted for. I have worked on Captain Timothy Andrus, who died about the time of the bond (See the date above.), but seem to find no connection, although Timothy owned lands extensively in Vermont. Ruluff is said by Milo to be 'a native of Hartford,' yet Hamden is nearly 3 hours drive by auto from Hartford. There is a Ruel Andrus, son of a Ruel (called of E. Haven, Conn.) who has 6 children born 1826-44, including an EVELINE FOOTE and a HARRIET MINERVA. So far, checking on the family has got me exactly nowhere; yet Ruluf has an Evaline and a Harriet, and Sally has a middle name of Minerva. Is it just a coincidence?"

"March 16, 1959. I have quite a lot of WHITE family data. There is a Ruluff White who ends up in Vermont. There is a Dutch wife in this line.

"May 19, 1959. Azuba Smith (daughter of Samuel Smith

and Azuba June) was born 19 Oct. 1792. This entry proves her not to be the right Azuba to be the wife of Ruluf Andrus, because the daughter Sybil Andrus was born when this Azuba was but 4 years of age . I was in Boston and ran into a manuscript of the Daely family,

"July 6, 1959. The name Ruluf is Dutch. When I was in New York, I worked on a Benjamin Andrews. I found one reference where his name was spelled Andrus. This Benjamin also had a brother Samuel, who married a Mary Johnson. This may be important as we have never found a good reason why Joseph Johnson was appointed as the guardian of Ruluf. Benjamin, in turn, had a son David, who was in New York, or at least his sons were. From a cemetery in Upper Jay, Essex Co., New York, head stones were: Benjamin S. Andrus, etc.

"July 13, 1959. Burials in Henrietta township, Ohio, under ANDRUSS:

Emily Andress b. 4 Mar. 1849, d. 14 Mar. 1849  
 Almon Andress b. 10 Apr. 1800, d. 16 June 1884  
 Emily Hancock, his wife, b. 5 June 1801, d. 21 Nov. 1844  
 Ruloff Andress b. 12 Mar. 1775, d. 1849  
 Azuba, his wife, 1777-1832, age 55 years 4 mos.  
 Carlo Andress, d. 8 Nov. 1870, age 66 years 2 days  
 Nancy, wife of Carlos, d. 25 Aug. 1851, age 39 years 2 mos, , 25 days  
 Wealthy, wife of Carlos, b. 16 Aug. 1815, d. 21 Apr. 1871

"From Standard History of Lorain Co., Ohio, by G.

Frederick Wright, pub. 1916, Vol. II, p. 906 et. seg.:

F. E. Andrews of Wellington has been a resident of Lorain Co.

'native' of Rutland, Vermont. Rutland was chartered in 1761, but it was not until 1764 that anyone moved into the area to settle, and that was not a family named Smith. Nor is there a Vermont vital record giving the birth of an Azubah Smith at this time in Rutland. Neither is there a birth record of Azubah Smith between 1775 and 1777 in Connecticut. Records for Rutland, Vermont indicate that only four white families lived there in 1770, which indicates that if the Smith family were there, they arrived after the settling date . . . .

"One of my rewards for searching the probates was the finding of a guardian bond dated the 31st of December 1789 at Hamden, Connecticut, for Ruluf Andrus a minor of about 16 years and of Hamden, who chose Joseph Johnson as his guardian. I learned sometime later that this has been found earlier by someone else who also came to dead ends on identifying it further.

"This bond, of course, raises several questions. Milo calls Ruluf a native of Hartford, but Hamden is in New Haven County. Generally speaking, a guardian bond indicates that a parent died just prior to the date of the bond, but there could be other circumstances--finances, incompetence, etc., just as today. But all investigation to date has been unrewarded. No Andrus died leaving a son to fit this description. Guardians are appointed generally until a child is 14, then the child can choose a guardian. There is no earlier bond to indicate that the parent died considerably earlier and that this was a re-appointment. There is no indication as to why Ruluf chose Joseph Johnson. Johnson's probate and all other available records have been checked. There are Johnson-Andrews marriages, indirectly, but not tying in with Ruluf in any way . . . .

"At one time I received the suggestion that the June family was involved in this problem, due to the fact that someone had apparently stumbled onto the name Azubah in the June family. I made an extensive study of this possibility, verifying the June Vital statistics as well as the probate records. It was found however, that Azubah Smith was not related to the June family. It was thought that the Azubah June who was born March 11, 1750/1, in Stamford, Connecticut and married Samuel Smith, Jr., 23 July 1772, might have had an Azubah who married Ruluf Andrus. But according to the vital records of Stamford on this Smith family, Samuel and Azubah had numerous children including Isaiah, in 1774, Temperance, in 1776, and Simeon, in 1778, which rather covers the period when they should have had the Azubah born in 1775-7. They did have a daughter Azubah, but she was born 19 Oct. 1792; and if the dates of birth are correct for Ruluf Andrus's children, she would have been only five years old when her son Oran was born, or 22 when Milo was born. . . .

"There is an Azubah Smith born 14 April 1780, at Shrewsbury Mass., but the date is too late and also she married Luther Noyes. Oddly enough she is also the daughter of a Samuel. There is still a third Azubah Smith who married Jabez Knight of Shrewsbury, 8 Nov. 1791, at Spencer, Massachusetts.

"I asked Elena Goodworth some time ago to find out what relatives, if any, Milo performed Church baptisms for, and to be sure to include the relationship. She was able to send me the list and I have worked on this group quite a bit. Mostly, it has added up to 'odd information' and no solution. This has helped to identify some of the intermarrying families--Hancock, Lang, etc. but it has not solved either the Andrus or the Smith problem.

"I have done all the deeds relating to Jay, New York for the Andrus surname. They have offered no clue as to the parentage and only serve to establish the fact that Ruluf was in Essex County, New York. This is equally true of the Ohio records which I had a chance to check personally a couple of years

years ago; and I am sure that Elena re-checked (at least some

of them) last fall. This Ohio research, while as yet unrewarding insofar as the parentage of Ruluf and Azuba is concerned, is not a loss, it does add to knowledge of other later members of the family; and that, too, is important for LDS records.

"Based on an interpretation of the Temple baptisms, as Milo identified people, it seems quite likely that 'Pony' (that is, Mary), the wife of Uriah Hancock and the mother of Emily Hancock, who married Almon Andrus, might have been a Smith, and perhaps a sister of Azuba. But so far, no families can be found with a Mary or Polly to fit, . . .

"Now comes the long and tedious task of checking the families that are known to have married into the Andrus line prior to 1848, when Ruluf died. It is just barely possible that someone in a probate or other record may have mentioned a relationship to Ruluf and Azuba in such a way as to indicate a family background, or offer a clue. It's the long way around, but when a family just doesn't show up in the vital statistics it is the only thing to do.

"There are still many things to resolve; and while it is

my specific task to try to establish the parentage and ancestry of Ruluf and Azuba (Smith) Andrus, I cannot neglect trying to sift out the correct records from the incorrect ones--to verify, for example, if Oran married Axcy (perhaps Achsha or Acshua or Achsa) Wison, or was her name Cisco or Sisco? Who was Justin Abbott and who was the Orin Abbott and the Justin or Festus Powers. Again, in 1810 Ruluf Andrus was living as a neighbor to Abner Preston and James Smith, in Jay, New York. Is there any significance?

"So you see the things to check are endless. It has to be done the hard way. All the easy and usual checking--just looking up a vital record or checking out a family history or a town or county history--was done several times over long before I started on the problem. I have lived with Ruluf and Azuba for so long and thought about them so continuously as I have tried to solve this problem that I think I could almost recite their history without referring to my notes. However, I have trained myself not to rely on my memory and thereby possibly make an error, so I always have my Andrus and Smith 'master sheets' with me whenever I am anywhere away from home doing research. My Andrus-Andrews file consists of many, many odd and unrelated notes that I save and often refer to in checking out another possibility. The same is true of the Smith file and there are many notes on the 'odd families.' These are of no value at the moment because they will not tie into this problem, but not to be discarded and thrown away. Sometime it might prove to be the right family, once the break-through can be made.

"Ruluf sounds Dutch, but I give no credence to the Ruluf and Azubah White possibility. I can find absolutely nothing to substantiate that relationship at all. I have checked Dutch records around New York, but find no family that seems to fit

into this Andrus line. I have also done a little checking with New Jersey families, thinking that just by chance this "Ruluf" name strayed in from a Dutch connection there, but still no luck.

"Presently I am concentrating on Connecticut and Vermont records. Since Vermont was not an 'early state' in being settled, the people came here from somewhere else; and since where and exactly when Ruluf married Azuba is still part of the unsolved problem, both states need watching, and also Massachusetts or roundabout through New Hampshire. We must leave no stone unturned; and while the research often seems pointless and proves negative, it adds up to one more thing done. People have parents, and somewhere there must be some for both Ruluf and Azuba. I want to find them just as much as you want to have them. All I can do is to keep trying to find proof."  
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