

Dear Members of the Andrus Family:

At this time of the year when we traditionally look to our store house of food, fuel and clothing in facing the winter ahead, we might profitably consider other factors which influence oui lives today. The war in Viet Nam is more than a proposition for poli tical debate and newspaper headlines. My own son is leaving his family to serve in the Air Force over there. Our parks and city streets are not safe places for our wives and daughters, even in the light of day. The campuses of our universities are the scenes of rebellion and violence. Demonstrations against established patterns of procedure are the order of the day. The sym bols and institutions of Democracy are defiled in many parts of the world. Fear, insecurity, hate, greed, and distrust are rampant. Although our storehouse of material things may be full, the supply of confidence in our social structure, political traditions, and the ability to communicate our intentions is pathetically lacking.

No doubt similar conditions and prospects have usually been present in other eras of the history of the world. Man has always been in trouble when he would "live by bread alone." But we know that there is a way to live confidently in this troubled world. Not by withdrawing from the world. Not through rebellion against the established institutions. Not through despair, criticism, or condoning of the evils that exist. Our course is clear and our re sources are great.

We must make sure that we are individually in league with Jesus, the Savior of this world. We must make certain that our spiritual storehouse is constantly being replenished; that the "goods" of selfless service, daily consideration of others freedom from pet tiness, devotion to worthwhile causes, and growth in our ability to worship God and His Son are being built up.

This is written in the silence of the night when my own weakness is deeply felt, when in retrospect, the days just past can be more calmly viewed and the prospect of the future can be felt more poignantly. I offer it as a prayer that peace and thanksgiving will abide with each member of our great clan knowing that it will be if we live to make it so.

J. Roman Andrus

President of the Milo Andrus Family Organization

REPORTS

Next Reunion

No location was chosen at the time of the last reunion for our next annual reunion. According to pattern and sequence, it should be sponsored by the folk in the Spanish Fork-Provo area. It will be appreciated if Archie Andrus will call a meeting to choose a chairman and committees. We would like to announce place and approximate time in the next "Recorder."

J. R. A.

Information Editor

Jane Cartwright was chosen as information editor for the "Recorder" at the last reunion. She has been functioning since that time and has compiled much of the information carried in this issue

Please send information to Jane Cartwright at Draper, Utah. We need your news notes to make the "Recorder" live.

NEWS NOTES

Elder Wayne Andrus, son of Grant and Janet Andrus of Draper Utah, left for the Alaskan-Canadian Mission on July 5th.

Sister Norene Renee King, daughter of Mazle and Rose King of Midvale, Utah, left August 15th for the Canadian Mission.

During the month of Sept. Rose and Ted Brown called on Aunt Rose Andrus, wife of Ben Andrus, in Cardston, Canada. Aunt Rose is far along in years but still raises beautiful gardens of flowers and vegetables. She lives alone and cares for herself. During the summer she had other family callers, Beulah and Ed Beutler of Ucon Idaho and Aunt Maggie's daugher, Thelma Jorgen

There is to be an open house for Matilda S. Andrus, wife of Randolf Andrus, Sept. 25th from 2 to 5 p. m. at 1460 N. 300 W. Bountiful Utah. Aunt Til is 95 years of age.

Word has just been received of the death of Inez Andrus Tracy of Portland, Oregon. She died of a heart attack and is the daugher of uncle Rob.

If you are a descendant of ANDRUS Milo, born 6 Mar 1814, Essex Co. N.Y., died 1893, Oxford Idaho, buried Oxford Idaho, and ALEXANDER Adaline, 4th wife, born 1835, died 1911, in St. George, Utah, buried Washington, Utah, or if you know the present mailing address of any of the living descendants, or if you know anything about those who have passed on, please use the en closed forms to convey the information to me. If the forms and code seem too complicated, just write me a letter giving me any bit of information you may have. Please return the forms and/or letter in the enclosed addressed stamped envelope.

Allow me to use myself to explain the code. Look on the Basic Data Sheet - the long one - at the start of the bottom line you will see 4-5m-1m; that is me in code. The "4" says that my grandmother was the fourth wife, ALEXANDER Adaline of ANDRUS Milo. 5m says that my father was ANDRUS Randolph and that he was the 5th child of Milo and Adaline. The to says that he was a male. If 5 had been followed by an f he would have been my mother. The lm says that I am the first child of Raldolph and a male and his son If it had been f instead of m, I would have been his daughter. The sample sheet is my own family in code. The blank sheet is what I would like you to use. If you need more I will be happy to send them to you.

Thanking you in advance, I am /s/ Dolph Andrus Chairman of the 4th Wife Line

OPEN HOUSE FOR "AUNT TILL"

Open House:

Date: Saturday September 25, 1965

Time: 2 p. m. to 5 p m. Place: Bountiful 12th Ward 1460 North 300 West

Bountiful, Utah

Friends and relatives invited. She requested no gifts.

(Visitors expected from Southern Utah, Provo, Draper.)

Matilda Sandberg Andrus

Born: September 25, 1870 in Matra, Sweden

Bertha Kronval Sandberg Parents: Steen Sandberg

Married: Randolph Andrus

27 February 1889 in St. George Temple Randolph Andrus died 24 July 1934 in

Washington, Utah

Children: (1) Randolph Jr. (Dolph) Andrus who now

resides in Sunland, Calif.

(2) Laron S. Andrus who now resides in

Las Vegas, Nevada

Grandchildren: 6

Great Grandchildren:22 Great Great Grandchildren: 1

Sweden 1870-1878

Utah's Dixie 1878-1895, 1897-1943

Draper, Utah 1895-1896

Mammoth, Utah 1896 (railroad camp)

Provo, Utah 1943-1963

Las Vegas, Nevada 1963 to present

Some interesting events in her life:

- Matilda kept a diary from about age 12 until two years ago when her eyes would no longer permit her to write in a diary. She filled the first 12 years from memory when she started her diary.
- 2. Her journey from Sweden to Utah's Dixie is attached as copied from her diary.
- 3. Her work in the cotton factory at Washington. Utah: Matilda worked off and on in the cotton factory from 1892 (she started at age 12) until it closed in 1900- 1901, As far as she knows, she is one of only two weavers still alive. Mary Jolley in Washington being the other.
- To help support her husband on a mission to the Eastern States, 1899-1901 she worked in the cotton factory, made suits of clothes, made women's hats, hatched chickens and even tried raising silkworms,
- Matilda has maintained a home of her own near her son, Laron, from the death of her husband until 1963 when the move to Las Vegas made it advisable to have a room in his
- In 1964 she took her first airplane ride in a jet from Salt Lake to Las Vegas. She planned to return by the same method following her birthday.

 7. She has been active in Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Her church activities include: Relief Society Pres. in Washington 5 years Relief Society Secretary in Washington 14 years Primary Pres. in Washington 7 years Y. W. M. I, A, Counselor in Washington 2 years Y. W. M. I. A, President in Washington 2 years

("Aunt Till's" diary is very interesting and will be printed in its entirety in a later issue of the Recorder) JR. A

REUNION REPORT

Minutes of the MiLo Andrus, Sen. , Family Reunion geld July 2 and 3, 1965, at the. Holladay First Ward Chapel, Holladay,

The following persons served as Committee members:

General Chairman J. Garland Andrus

Secretary Leone A. Taylor

Beverly A. Handy

Registration Kathleen Lund Sullivan

Lillian Andrus

LaVerne Andrus Diehl Arrangements

Dan and Wanda Mackintosh Hootenany

Entertainment. & Games Fred and Maurine Adams

Dinner W. Gerald and Ivv Andrus

> Keith and Elaine Andrus Mr. and Mrs, Orel Andrus

lona Andrus Ruth Andrus Lillian Andrus

Program Ione Pack

> Kenneth Sundberg Jay Andrus Roger Andrus

Sleeping Accommodations; Willard O. Andrus

Orel Andrus

Thirteen family members attended sessions at the TempLe Friday, July 2.

The Hootenany was held at the First Ward Chapel Friday evening from 8:30 until 10:00 p. m. Forty-seven persons were in at tendance. Master of Ceremonies: Dan Mackintosh. Dan introduced the Cannonites, a group of three young men. Then the Haeuter Sisters sang and played tie guitar and after several numbers the audience joined them. They concluded their presentation with some patriotic numbers. Soft drinks and cookies were

From 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. on Saturday the children were. entertained with games. About fifty children participated in these activities. A wooden keg suspended from a tree furnished candy for the youngsters. They opened the keg by swinging at it with a ball bat. Fred and Maurine Adams directed the children in these activities.

Minutes of the Business Meeting held July 3 at 11 a.m. as a portion of the MiLo Andrus Family Reunion.

Chairman J. Garland Andrus conducted the meeting. He welcomed those present and suggested that the "Family Home Evening" as outlined in the Chumb Program offered an excellent opportunity for us to generate within our children an eager interest: in their an cestors.

> Opening Song, "Love at Home" led b;, Leone A. Mousley. Invocation by Garth Andrus.

J. Garland Andrus stated t he significant. developments which have occurred in the family organization during the last few years. Three years ago at St George, Roman Andrus was elected president of the organization w ith Rose Brown as permanent secretary. have area chairmen, a genealogical committee, and a finance com mittee. Three issues of "The Andrus Recorder" have been published and we were urged to give it o ur financial support and to be sure that our names were on the mailing List. Recognition was given to Roman, Rose, and all others who had assisted in getting "The Recorder" into the Htomes of family members.

Members who have passed away since the. last reunion and were reported are: Wallace McFarlace, a son of John and Nora McFarlane, and a grandson of James and Laura Andrus. Gwendolyn W. Andrus wife of Wiilard O. Andrus; and daughter- n-law of MiLo and Elizabeth Andrus. Minnie Phillips, wife of John Phillips, and daughter of Robert and Lovenia Andrus. Wesley High, husband of Thelma High, who is a daughter of Joseph and Maude Andrus. Mabel Hall, a daughter of Horace and Libbie Andrus. Hazel Andrus Robbins, a daughter of Oscar and E;neline. Andrus.

Pres. Roman Andrus commended the committee for the con duct of the reunion, and gave special recognition to Rose Brown and Hyrum L. Andrus for the success of the "The Andrus Recorder." Jane Cartwright has been asked to assist in obtaining current material for this periodical. Biographical material, births and obituaries are requested, also missionary assignments and other items of interest.

Elva Goff asked whether or not Elizabeth Brooks is a wife of Milo Andrus, Sen. She was told that she (Elizabeth) is a wife of Milo Andrus and was sealed to him 22 November 1855. They had no children. Mrs. Goff also stated that she had twenty photographs of Milo Andrus which were available if members of the family desired them.

Hyrum Andrus reported that Elaine Rasmussen is documenting all available information concerning Milo Andrus and his wives.

Martha Lambert requested that information listed in "The Andrus Recorder" be recorded in family groups (by wives), also with the identification code for each individual reported.

Reed Andrus said that he felt the "Recorder" should be kept as a permanent record as it would be a splendid source of informa tion for coming generations. The secretary, Rose Brown, stated that she has included copies of "The Andrus Recorder" in the family record book. It is also kept in the Church Historian's per manent records. Willard O. Andrus expressed appreciation to the staff for having had the periodical printed on sheets to fit the genealogical record books.

Two musical numbers, "Yellow Bird" and "Climb Every Mountain" were rendered by Jeri Andrus, Sherri Kimber, Dorothy Woolsey, Susan Slack. Ruth Prior, and Alice Nielsen.

Minutes of the business meeting held at the last reunion were read by Leone A. Taylor. One correction was made. The office of executive secretary was arranged for, and at a later date Elena Goodworth was assigned to fill the office.

Antone Andrus read the financial report. Thomas Andrus moved the acceptance of the report, and the motion was carried. Hyrum L. Andrus gave the genealogical report. He believes our efforts should be to build a program for research. He stated that Elaine Rasmussen is organizing the records of Milo's family. This will be fully and completely documented and published in the "Andrus Recorder." Merrill Andrus is general chairman of the Ruluf Andrus Family research work. He would like to dedicate an issue of "The Andrus Recorder" to each of Milo's wives' families, which would include histories of grandchildren of Milo. He en couraged family members to write their memoirs and include family information which they remember.

Elena Goodworth, executive secretary for the genealogical committee, gave a report of her trip to Ohio to check records per taining to the Ruluf Andrus family.

Chairmen for each of the wives' families were asked to re

Abigail Jane Daley Family: Report given by Orpha Andrus Lund. The portion of the family residing at St. George have been doing work on the James Andrus line and would appreciate some assistance on other lines of this family.

Sarah Ann Miles Family: Representative is LaVerne A. Diehl No report.

Lucy Loomis Tut tle and Francena Lucy Tuttle Families: A vacancy due to the death' of Hazel Robbins.

Mary Emma Covert Family: Representative is Elva Goff. The work is progressing.

Margaret Ann Boyes Family: Gwen Barfus was not present, but Orel Andrus was asked to act as her assistant:.

Jane Munday Family: Sarah Simmons is the representative, but, at present, is confined to the hospital.

Elizabeth and Ann Brooks Families: Ferris Andrus has been the representative, but was released because of other obligations. Fenno B. Casto was appointed to fill his place.

Mary Ann Webster Family: Dean Andrus was assigned as representative with A. Marlin Andrus as assistant.

Adaline Alexander Family: Dolph Andrus has, by letter, ex pressed a willingness to act as representative for this family. Fenno B. Casto asked if funds belonging to the organization were to be used for research for all branches of the Andrus Family or for the Ruluf Andrus line only. It was decided that, for the present, it should be used only for the Ruluf Andrus line, and the families of each of the wives of Milo Andrus should finance the research of their maternal lines.

Mona Andrus, daughter of Hyrum, will accept the position as record examiner for the family.

We were all urged to write our life sketches, and to send dup licates of our family group sheets to our several representatives.

A list of missionaries of the family is to be sent to Hyrum L. Andrus, who is the representative for the Andrus Family. Meeting adjourned at $1{:}10~\rm p.~m.$

Minutes of "The Family Hour" held in connection with the Milo Andrus family reunion, Saturday, July 3, 1965 following the family dinner

Introduction and welcome by lone A. Pack.

Invocation by Richard V. Goodworth.
Family "Sing-time" conducted by Willis Andrus accompanied
by Shannon Erekson

Incidents in the life of Sarah Ann Miles (second wife) as told in poetry written by Kenneth M. Sundberg.

Musical numbers by the Kenneth M. Sundberg family. Musical numbers by the William A. Jensen family. Introductory remarks on the life of Francena Lucy Tuttle (eleventh wife).

Vocal solos by Philip Gregerson, descendant of Francena Lucy

 $\label{thm:condition} Introductory\ remarks\ on\ the\ life\ of\ Abigail\ Jane\ Daley\ (\ first\ wife)\ by\ Kay\ Sullivan.$

Musical numbers by Terry Balsar accompanied by his mother,

Sherry Balsar.

Musical numbers by Laurie and Todd Balsar, Kristin, Deena, Patrice, and Andra Keddington. (Descendants of Abigail Jane Daley.) Introductory remarks including incidents in the life of Ann Brooks told again in poetry written by Kenneth Sundberg - "Ann Brooks and Her Piano."

Poetry written and read by Douglas Andrus (a descendant of Ann Brooks).

 $\label{eq:musical numbers} \mbox{ Mullis and James Andrus, (descendants of Ann Brooks)}.$

Singing by the family - "There is Beauty All Around." Benediction by Arch Andrus.

Following the program several persons went to the cemetery to view and place flowers on the graves of Milo Andrus and three of his wives, Ann Brooks, Margaret Ann Boyes, and Sarah Ann Miles.

Approximately three hundred persons attended the reunion with representatives of the different families as follows:

| Abigail Jane Daley | 64 |
|----------------------|----|
| Sarah Ann Miles | 92 |
| Lucy Loomis Tuttle | 13 |
| Mary Ann Webster | 21 |
| Jane Munday | 57 |
| Ann Brooks | 35 |
| Margaret Ann Boyes | 13 |
| Mary Emma Covert | 10 |
| Francena Lucy Tuttle | 3 |

Amount collected:

| | For genealogical work | \$45.00 |
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| | For other purposes | 168.00 |
| | | Total \$213.00 |
| Reunion | Expenses: | |
| | Stamps and invitations | \$25.00 |
| | Dinner | 160.30 |
| | Children's entertainment | 11.30 |

Rent (Ward House) \$20.00
Refreshments for Hootenany 18.20

Total \$234.80

WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB BY THE 1965 REUNION COMMITTEE!

One of two poems submitted by Ione A. Pack and read the reunions:

ANN BROOKS

Wife Of Milo Andrus

Arm Brooks, in 1854, a great piano bought, and joined a company of saints who peace and freedom sought.

In 1855 they left in Milo Andrus crew, to conquer the great wilderness, the streams and mountains too.

When they arrived at river's edge, Ann Brooks said, "I will stay, unless my great piano goes across the stream today."

But Milo said, "This instrument cannot be hauled across. Its weight and bulk would surely sink, and all would be a loss."

So all the wagons crossed the stream and traveled on their way but Ann remained, true to her word, and on the bank did stay.

But he returned and rescued her, with her piano too, then joined the company ahead when they came into view.

He married her when they arrived in Great Salt Lake that fall, and built a house of dobe bricks, her future home to call.

With her piano in this house there wasn't too much room, but all Big Cottonwood would come and listen to its tune.

When Johnston's army came along, they left and traveled south. We'll bury my piano, came the words from Ann 'Brooks' mouth.

Somehow her last instructions were unheeded by the men and in a wagon it was put and followed after them.

When they returned after the threat of Johnston's army passed, Ann Brooks and her piano were enroute to home at last.

Rough roads and storms the instrument's construction truly braved, While Ann with pots and towels worked on, Its tone and beauty saved.

This instrument, like Ann, was true to its commission high Their measure of creation was Fulfilled ere each did die.

--Kenneth M. Sundberg

GENEALOGICAL SECTION

For years members of the Andrus family have been concerned with the task of locating the parents of Ruluf and Azuba (Smith) Andrus. Countless speeches have been given, several projects have been inaugurated, and numerous pleas have been made for finances. So much attention has been given to this problem that most members of the family feel that it is the only one that con-fronts us in our genealogical efforts. But even though this is a difficult problem and even though its solution would constitute a major breakthrough, it is nevertheless a fact that many of us are presently looking beyond the mark. While prayers have been offered up to Almighty God for assistance and while hope has been expressed that such assistance would be forthcoming, it is still true that God helps those who help themselves. Before we continue to center our faith on a distant problem, let us look at a few of the more immediate problems that confront us.

Milo, son of Ruluf, had eleven wives, ten of whom bore children unto him. The temple work for Milo and all his immediate family has not yet been done, or, if it has been done, it has not been recorded. We do not even know for certain how many children he had. On these and related matters, records conflict, dates are in error, and vital information is lacking.

That which is true of Milo's immediate family is in some instances true of the families of his children. Even more recent generations are not without errors and deficiencies in their records. For example, my grandmother has no baptismal date, my father has 4 different endowment dates, and according to the Idaho Bureau of Vital Statistics I have been living these many years under an assumed name. How many of you have similar problems?

In our genealogical efforts, we are not merely performing ordinances and recording dates. Instead, we are organizing the future society of the Celestial Kingdom. That society is largely, if not completely, based upon the family. Even its economic and political functions are centered in the family, where righteous fathers are kings and priests unto Christ - the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Every society has its basis in law, and celestial society is founded in the law of the Priesthood. The record of one's entrance into that society, by baptism, must be recorded and legally attested. Likewise, other pertinent ordinances that concern the organization of the celestial family must be performed and recorded, that worthy husbands and wives might have an eternal union therein, and that their families might be organized and sealed to them generation upon generation.

Joseph Smith taught that before Christ comes the spirit and power of Elijah must be manifest and the true patriarchal society built up on the earth to where it is sanctified and sealed according to the heavenly order. It is only when these things are accomplished that the Son of Man will come to His Temple, to place the capstone upon the divine patriarchal order that has been built up, and the Ancient of Days will sit, to judge his righteous posterity and prepare them for the final coming of Christ, to take the reins of government over this sanctified patriarchal order and through it extend His law over the world.

In view of these points of doctrine, how important is it that we perfect the record of Milo's family down to the latest generation? Here is our first obligation. Can we expect the Lord to honor our faith and prayers concerning the progenitors of Ruluf and Azuba until we manifest a genuine interest in our first line of responsibility? Nor should we neglect the fact that Milo had several brothers and sisters. Here is another major area of responsibility that must be considered before, having done all in our power to meet our obligation to this Work, we can have a righteous claim upon the blessings of God in the area of a more distant responsibility.

The task the t confronts us is too big for any one person to handle, or for a limited number of persons. Organization will therefore be the key to success. and each member of the family

organization will be a vital factor in our success. Each chairman must reach out and gather around him/her other people who are willing and able to assist in that area of work.

In addition, every member of the family must be genuinely interested in the affairs of the family. To begin, will each family member who sends genealogical sheets in to the Church (the seven sheets required this year) send a duplicate copy to the chairman of your respective branch of Milo's family. The respective chairmen are hereby requested to compile these sheets and check them with their records, then send a completed copy of all Milo's descend ants of the given wife to the General Genealogical Chairman

Next year's Church assignment will require sheets on the next generation back. In order to assist members of the family with this assignment, we are now undertaking a thorough study of Milo's immediate family, and we plan to publish the findings in the "Recorder" in the Spring of 1966. Lane Rasmussen, of Draper, Utah, and Bill Homer, of Sandy, Utah, are working on this project. A study of Ruluf's family is also being made by Mrs. R. V. Goodworth, Chairman of the Ruluf Andrus Descendants Commit tee, and will be published in the Spring.

Anew era in the Andrus family genealogical program has been launched, founded upon the spirit of cooperation and genu ine concern for our mutual responsibilities as a family. Through the medium of the Recorder, we hope to build family solidarity, pool our efforts and share such information as is of interest to the family. But we need the support of each member of the family. If you have not paid your family dues, please do so at once. There are no Church auxiliary organizations as now constituted in celestial society. But the family organization, under the law of God, is eternal. How important, then, is it to support the current family effort?

--Hyrum L. Andrus

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Kendall, Mono Andrus Smith 341 North 1020 East, Provo, Utah, has been appointed as the Family Record Examiner. All family group sheets to be sent to the Temple should be sub mitted through her.

Bill Homer, 1010 East 7th South, Sandy, Utah, has been appointed to work with Lane Rasmussen in checking and authen ticating the names, dates, etc. of Milo's wives and children. This information is urgently needed. Will all Chairmen of the several branches of Milo's family send all information available on this area to him immediately, Be sure to document in detail the source of your information. Give primary sources, such as birth certificates, etc, when possible. Again, this is urgent.

Fenno B. Casto, 4864 Wander Lane, Salt Lake. City, Utah, has been appointed to serve as Chairman of the Elizabeth and Ann Brooks line.

Orel Andrus has been assigned as a Co-Chairman of the Margaret Boyce line.

Mrs. Hazel Robbins, 310 South Street, Santaquin, Utah, has been appointed as Chairman of the Fancena Lucy Tuttle line, assisted by Mrs. Aroba Butler, of Santaquin, Utah, and Vivian Andrus Parker, of Tooele, Utah,

CROSSING THE PLAINS IN THE SUMMER OF 1850

In the spring of 1848, Milo Andrus was called to serve on a mission in England. His wife, Sarah Ann Miles, accompanied him. They arrived in Liverpool the first of August of that year. Having filled a very successful mission, they returned to America by way of New Orleans and took passage on a river boat to Kanes ville (now Council Bluffs), Iowa, where they arrived early in May, 1850. After staying in that area for a short time, Milo wrote that he "was organized in the first company of Saints early in June". Of their trek across the plains, he said:

"I was chosen Captain over 55 wagons. We had a good time on the plains, arrived in Salt Lake City on the last day of August, having but one death on the journey, that of a stranger going to California. I baptized 15 persons on the journey. James Leithead and Richard Hopkins were clerks of the company." (Autobiographical Sketch of Milo Andrus, nd., p. 6.)

On Wednesday, June 1, 1850, the <u>Frontier Guardian</u>, a church-owned newspaper published at Kanesville, Iowa, carried an article entitled "Emig ation", in which it gave the following report of the companies that were leaving for the West at the time Milo and His company commenced their journey:

We have attended the organization of 350 wagons of Salt Lake Emigrants up to Saturday 8th, inst. Copt, Milo Andrews Sic. is ahead with fifty wagons. Next follows, Capt. Benjamin Hawkins with one hundred; Thos. S. Johnson, Capt. of 1st division, and Capt. of Second Division.

We left them at Council Grove 12. miles from Beth lehem west of the Missouri river, on the morning of the. 7th, inst. Next in succession is Bishop Aaron Johnson

with a train of one hundred wagons. Elisha Everett,
Captain of 1st Division, and Matthew Caldwell,
Captain of the 2nd Division, Next in order is Capt.
James Puce with one, hundred, Richard Session, Captain

of 1st Division, and David Bennett, Captain of Second Division. The Emigrants are generally well fitted out with wagons and teams, provisions, &c, &c. From this report it is evident that the emigrating saints were organized into three companies of 100 wagons each, with a captain over_each fifty wagons, except for Milo's company which had a few more than fifty wagons which he alone directed as Captain. Some of the wagons, the article reported, were too heavily constructed for a successful journey; and it was ad vised that in the future lighter wagons be used. Emigration to the West was running strong. Concluded the article:

The number of California wagons that have crossed at this point, is about 1,500, averaging 3 men to the wagon, making 13, 500 men, and about 22, 000 head of horses, mules, oxen and cows

Our own Emigration to Salt Lake Valley will amount to about 700 wagons as nearly as we, at present, can determine. They take two new card ing machines in addition to one sent last year, be sides much other valuable machinery. They also take about 4,000 sheep and 5,000 head of cattle, horses and mules.

With the facilities for improvement that are al ready in the Valley, and those that are now going, we may expect to see that hitherto desolate region, growing rapidly into importance, and consideration. Success to the West, and to western enterprize, to Western men and measures! Let the Wilderness and the solitary place be glad for them, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose.

This article gives us an insight into the great western movement in which Milo was then participating as an important figure, Recently a day-by-day journal kept by one of the clerks of Milo's company was found by Hyrum L, Andrus while lectur ing in behalf of Brigham Young University in several of the major cities of the United States east of the Rockies, during the summer of 1963. Having concluded a lecture in Atlanta, Georgia, he was approached by Horace L, Leithead, Branch President of the Athens Branch of the Church, who wished to know if he was a descendant of Milo Andrus. When he answered in the affirmative, President Leithead informed him that he was a descendant of James Leithead, who served as a clerk to the above company of which Milo was the Captain, and that he had in his possession a copy of the Autobio-

graphy of James Leithead and the daily record he kept while on that journey, until the company reached Fort Laramie, in Wyoming. In his Autobiography, James Leithead merely wrote: "In the spring of 1850 started across the plains in Captain Milo Andrus' company of over fifty wagons. After a wearysome journey of over three months, we arrived safely in Salt Lake City". His daily record is reproduced below from a photostat copy of the original hand written journal. Punctuation marks, etc. have been added in this publication.

"Journal of a Camp of Israel of fifty wagons from
Pottawatamie County, Iowa, to the city of Great Salt Lake.
Commanded by Capt. Milo.Andrus. "Captain Andrus left the west
bank of the Missouri River at the head of a company of Latter-day
Saints on the 3rd day of June A. D. 1850.

June 4th: In camp, 7 miles from Bethlehem City, at a place we called Sim's Spring. Completed the organization of the company by electing Captains of Tens, Clerks, etc. The following is the order of the organization:

Milo Andrus, Capt. of Fifty

| First Ten | Souls | Wagons | Horses | Oxen | Mules | Cows | Sheep | Dogs | Swine | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|----------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Robert Wiley, Capt. | 2 | 1 | | 4 | | - 2 | | 1 | | |
| | 3 | 1 | 12 | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | |
| Milo Andrus | 1 | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | | 100 | | |
| Henry Lunt | | | | 4 | | - | | | | |
| Jether Clinton | 4 | 1 | | | | 6 | 1 | | | |
| Horace Fish | 7 | 1 | | 4 | | 2.5 | | | 1 | 1 |
| James Fouk | 5 | 1 | | 5 | | 3 | 1 | | * | |
| John Cook | 5 | 1 | | 6 | | 2 | _ | 1 | | |
| Richard Cook | 3 | 1 | | 4 | | / | | | | |
| Thomas Stead | 3 | 1 | 1. | 8 | | / | | | | |
| Henry Stead | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 | / | | | / | |
| Wm. C. Benson | 5 | 1 | | 6 | | Torn | Out | | | - |
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| James Danials | 2 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | |
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Fifth Ten

Wm. Olmsby, Capt.
Thos. Cartwright
Ann Simson
John Davis
Wm. Dodshead
James McGuffie
Noah Lambert
James Baldwin
Robert Baldwin

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"Wednesday morning, June 5th: Raining very fast, but cleared away about noon. Proceeded on our journey about 5 miles and camped for the night on a small stream; plenty of wood and water and grass for our cattle. All well, weather cool and fine.

"Thursday, June 6th: Fine day, traveled about 10 miles over fine rolling prairies. Crossed two small streams of water. No accident occured. Grass and wood abundant for camping. Correlled on the last stream. Capt. Andrus called the company together, changed the order of the guard from two to four hour watch. Received into (missing word) By nite one wagon and some California (missing words) red the hour of eight o'clock.

"Friday, June 7th: Advanced about 15 miles, good roads. Struck the Fort Kearney road today. Weather pleasant. Correlled on the prairie tonight. Did not reach the timber; plenty of water and grass. No accident occured, with the exception of some wagons breaking down, but repaired them soon. All in camp tonight, health generally good.

"Saturday, June 8th: Last night two horses were stolen, supposed to be taken by the Indians, one belonging to a gold digger that came up and camped with us for the night; the other one was in camp by brother Hopkins. Very good progress. Got within five miles of Salt Creek without further loss or accident. Cattle doing well; health of the camp good. Had five more bad places to cross today.

"Sunday, June 9th: Arrived at Salt Creek, found the bridge gone, water high, banks sandy. Concluded to build a raft to cross the wagons on and swim the cattle.

"Monday, June 10th: Took all day to build the raft. Got it finished and expect to go to crossing tomorrow. The measles appeared in the camp today, two sick with them: brother W. Hutchens and child. Weather fine, cattle doing well and getting a good rest. Five wagons came up with us tonight, emigrants for Oregon; report Johnson's company one day behind. They have the Cholera among them. Some of them died with it.

"Tuesday, June 11th: Got our wagons and cattle all over safe today. No accident of any kind occured. The brethren and those that are journeying with us seemed to take hold with a good spirit, to assist in the work of crossing. After we got in corral, we were. called together by the Capt., and thanks returned to our Heavenly Father for our safety in crossing, and for the blessings rendered us on the journey thus far. Brother Clinton was mouth in prayer. After some other business of minor importance we were dismissed with the blessing of God. Intending to pursue our journey on the morrow.No sickness in the camp, except the measles, and no new cases sinc vesterday. Fine weather, not very hot.

"June 12th: Arrived at the Cotton Wood Forks of Salt Creek, roads good but somewhat hilly. Plenty of water on the road. Found a bridge here which we think will cross us over. Health of the camp generally good, no new cases of sickness; cattle doing well. Left the raft, with a notice that it be left for the benefit of those that may come after us. Fine cool day.

"June 13th: Suppose we made about 15 miles today, over lather hilly toad. Camped on the prairie near oak grass. Several Indians came up with us near night. Stayed all night with us, but appeared friendly.

"Friday morning, June 14th: Had the, opportunity of sending a letter to brother Orson Hyde by a couple of gentlemen returning from the plains. Today we got to Platte Bottom, in sight of the river. A number of Indians prowling about all day. Health of the camp good; plenty of water and grass.

"June. 15th: commenced our journey up the Platte. Roads good, with the exception of some sand; plenty of water. Tomorrow being Sunday, we calculated to rest and let our teams rest, if we could have got to the river where we could have got wood and water. But the road has not led near it today. Met a number of emigrants returning to the States. All well today, weather cool.

"Sunday, June 16th: Contrary to our expectations and wishes, we had to travel today until noon, before we reached the river, We then halted and corralled on the bank of the river. Capt. Andrus called the camp together at five o'clock this afternoon and forcibly laid before us the instructions of President Hyde, in relation to keeping the commandments of God while on our journey, and particularly in not taking the name of God in vain. Said that we held the keys of life and death in our own hands, that by obeying the counsel of God and the servants of God we should live. But disobedience would prove death. The Sacrament was then administered, that we might not forget the obligations we are under to Him who shed His blood for us. The counsel of th camp concluded to lay still tomorrow, in order to wash and bake, rest our cattle a little and such other matters that we might find necessary.

"June 17th: Laid still today. Washed, baked and cleaned our wagons out. Near night, brother Young's company came in sight, but did not come up with us. The health of the camp is very good at present; every thing goes off well.

"June 18th: Commenced our journey again today; the roads in the forenoon rather sandy, this afternoon very good. Passed tile e old Pawnee village; no one living at it. Travelled about 18 miles. Camped tonight on the bank of the Platte. Plenty of water and grass; wood rather scarce, altho in sight, all on the islands. As near as we can learn, Capt. Johnson's company is about one day behind. Health of the camp good, teams doing well; some few lame, but have not had to leave any yet. No Indians have troubled us for several days, have seen none.

"June 19th: Rained some, considerable this morning. Roads rather wet and heavy this afternoon. Our road led on to the Bluffs and kept winding round among them for several miles. The river comes so near the Bluffs that wagons can not pass between them. Camped tonight near the river. Plenty of wood, water, and grass. All well; nothing occured out of the ordinary course of moving slowly over the sandy bottons and bluffs. Met several wagons returning, some sick among them. Reported very sickly beyond Fort Kearney. Brother Young's company camped in sight of us tonight.

"June 20: Moved along steadily today, some 15 or 16 miles over very good roads, most of the time. Some sandy knolls, but not very bad. Camped on the bank of the river. Plenty of water and grass; no wood. We were delayed this morning on account of losing a few head of cattle, bu the negligence of the guard in letting them stray away. We got them all again, however Brother Young's company passed us while we were hunting them. Some one or two teams began to fail today, one on account of overloading. The cattle are not very good, some of them old and poor. Held a meeting tonight to devise means to release the teams so as to proceed on our journey without stopping to recruit. Health good and good spirit prevailing.

"June 21st: Made about 23 miles today, over fine roads, with little exception. A wagon wheel ran over a child today, but we think it is not injured seriously. One cow became lame, had to be, left.

"June 22nd: Very hot in the forenoon; traveled slow. Took different roads, thinking they would concentrate soon, but did not. A little after noon and after we had struck the Fort Levenworth road, a heavy storm of wind and rain came up, but did no damage. We got together again towards night and camped on the bank of the river, but could get no wood. Some considerable murmuring and dissatisfaction with a few that seemed inclined to separate themselves from us. Brother Bird's child got run over by a wagon, not seriously injured. Within a few miles of the Fort.

"June 23rd: Started this morning before breakfast, in order to get to where there is wood to cook and spend the day, being Sunday. Arrived at the Fort about nine o'clock. Camped on the bank of the river about a mile from the Fort. Had to wade to the island for wood. Rained considerable through the day; roads bad, being a low flat bottom. Towards night Capt. Andrus called the camp togetler and laid before them plainly and with spirit and power the counsel and obligations laid upon him by President Hyde, to keep the camp together until circumstances rendered it necessary to divide, and if possible deliver them to the Presidency in the Valley. Told them that, if they wished to leave and would go, to make it known; and he would wait one hour in the morning for them to get the start, but would not give thorn his sanction, neither bid them God speed. Exhorted them to stick together, to be united, to fear God and call upon His name, and put away the evil from amongst us; to be patien to be orderly, and travel in order; that in so doing, we would have power over the destroyer, reach our destination in safety, be an honor to ourselves, to our leaders, and to the God who hath called us to cross the plains to the Valleys of the mountains. Dismissed by offering up a prayer to Almighty God for His protection and

"June 24th: This forenoon the roads were very wet and heavy; low flat prairie this afternoon, a good deal better. Made about 15 miles A better spirit seems to prevail in the camp today. No one left, as all seem willing to abide the counsel of Capt. Andrus. All well; passed several graves today, some of them that had died less that, a month ago, nothing special occurring today.

"June 25th: Met the mail from the valley this forenoon. Received from them the Presidency's Third General Epistle, the Minutes of the April Conference, Willard Richard's Address to the University of the State of Deseret, some letters and other documents very cheering to us, while wading through the mud and water and fatigue endeavering as fast as we can to join our brethren in the Valley, where we can hear the voices of the Presidency and judges in Israel, instead of receiving it by letters. At noon we formed a hollow square with our wagons, and read aloud the Epistle and Minutes of the Conference, which caused our hearts to rejoice, to hear from our brethren in the valleys of the mountains, whom we love and whose society we are toiling to attain. The other documents will be read at some other convenient season. We have had good roads today. Camped at Plumb Creek, 35 miles from Fort Kearney. All well, but the track of the destroyer is along the way. We have passed a number of graves, which shows that he has made great ravages among the California emigrants. We overtook Brother Young's company tonight. Almost every day we meet numbers returning to the States, who have been out various distances on the road for gold. We feel to thank God that we are preserved from sickness and death, while hundreds are falling around us, a prey to the Destroyer. There is plenty of wood on this Creek, by crossing at the upper ford, but the water is not very good.

"June 26th: Made about 15 miles over rather wet muddy roads. A company of the U.S. troops passed us this forenoon, going west. Some time ago it was agreed upon by the Counsel of Captains that each Ten should furnish one man a day to drive the loose cattle. The third Ten refused to comply. Consequently the subject was brought before the whole company for discuss on, and to know what they would agree to do. After various proposi tions, it was moved by Capt. W. Hutchins and seconded by Nathaniel Levitt that each Ten drive their own loose cattle and take care of their own stock. A vote was taken, 9 in favor of it, principly belonging to the Third Ten, James Leithead voting against it, the other four tens agreeing to put their loose stock together and share the labor alike. Health of the camp generally good, although traveling through, from every appearance, a very sickly country. We have counted 56 graves, mostly weir from Fort Kearney, and no doubt numbers that we have not seen. Most of them died from Cholera. Plenty of water and grass, but wood very scarce.

"June 27th: Made over 20 miles today, over very good roads.
Grass not so good, as we have had it, but still enough. Gooe camping, with the exception of wood. Health still good. A number of the cattle getting lame from the fouls and other causes

"June 28th: Only traveled about 10 or 12 miles today, to some small streams that cross the. road, from 90 to 93 miles from Fort Kearney. Concluded to stop hear and wash, bake and clean out our wagons.

"June 29th: Laid by all day, cooking, washing and cleaning up, and concluded to rest tomorrow, it being Sunday.

"June 30th: Sunday forenoon at 1/2 past 10 o'clock, was called together for divine service. Elder Richard Cook preached an excellent sermon on the subject of the Gospel, as there are some journeying with us that do not belong to the Church, and wished to hear. After preaching, Elder Milo Andrus baptized four, their parents belonging to the Church. Meeting again at 3 o'clock, when those baptized were confirmed into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, under the hands of Elder Milo Andrus and Elder Richard Cook. Names of those thus baptized and confirmed: Betty Leavitt, Sarah Racillia Leavitt, Anna Maria Fish, and Marian Rowlins. The Sacrament was then administered, after which Elder Andrus preached another discourse, when we were dismissed with the blessing of God, intending to pursue our journey on the morrow.

"July 1st: 90 miles from Fort Kearney, Commenced our journey again today; a number of our cattle lame, but still we made a very good day's drive- something near, if not quite, 21 miles of excellent roads. Water scarce, the road running along the bluffs from a mile to 3 miles from the river. Passed a number of graves today. O. P. Davis, from Vanburen county, Iowa, died today; passed us yesterday in good health; understood he belonged to the Church. Health of the camp good, with few exceptions, but none seriously indisposed. The grass is not so good as it was below, but still enough. We burned a coal pit while we were in camp the last 3 days, for the purpose of making some ox shoes and other repairs that might be wanted while we were laving at the river, if it should be too high to cross. We are encamped tonight on a small stream running through the bottoms. "July 2nd: After traveling about 12 miles, we reached the South Fork Lower Crossing. Examined the ford, found the water 4 feet deep in some places. Concluded to send some six or eight men up the river to try and find a better ford. About noon today, a fine herd of buffalo crossed the river and passed within a short distance of the camp We wounded some of them, but did not get any of them.

"July 3rd: Some of our men, with Capt. Andrus, started up the river to find a ford. Others went to putting up a blacksmith's forge: to make LOX shoes, mend bolts, etc., while the rest yoked up the cattle and commenced crossing. We found it better than we expected and had some 12 or 15 wagons across where the deputation returned. They had found a better crossing some 10 miles up, but we concluded to put them all across here, seeing we had commenced. Tonight we are all across, with the exception of six wagons. All safe.

"July 4th: Crossed over the remainder of our wagons without loss or accident. Dried them all out, for the water came up some 8 or 10 inches into our wagons. Met together in the afternoon and re turned thanks to God for our safety in crossing, and our general prosperity. Moved out about 4 p.m. and encamped for the night. "July 5th: Very good road; made about 20 miles. Left several lame and worn out cattle. No water, except on the river. Grass begins to grow poor and scarce; and no wood until we get to Cedar Bluffs, which is about 35 miles from the lower crossing.

"July 6th: Road leaves the river at 25 miles from ford, and returned after 12 miles. Road very good on the Bluffs at this point. This afternoon some very heavy hauling, for about 5 miles, through sand. Encamped where the grass is very good; water handy.

"July 7th: Sunday; rested today where we camped last night.

"July 8th: Pursued our journey again; the roads in places heavy with sand. Found good grass. At noon, passed some Californians burying one of their companions, who died with the Cholera. We passed the graves of hundreds, almost the majority of them from Missouri. A few miles before you get to Ash Creek, you climb the Bluffs again; very steep hill and sandy. Theroad leads into Ash Creek about 1 1/2 miles from the mouth. Abundance of wood here and water, but the grass is poor. We begin to find the grass failing fast and can only be found in places sufficient to sustain our teams without letting them fall away.

"July 9th: The roads today have been very sandy, the worst we have found yet. The country looks barren; the Bluffs are rocky, with sandy points and ridges. They come down near the river. We are obliged to pass over them. Near and about the time we got into camp, a tremendous storm of rain and hail. The wind blowing strong came upon us; our cattle fled before it. With considerable exertions, we succeeded in getting them into the corral and keep ing them there until morning; none got lost.

"July 10th: The roads today a good deal better; the country more smooth and level and not so sandy. There has been somefew sick among us for a few days past, but are now recovering. "July 11th: This morning we sent a few lines to the Presidency in the Valley, by Brother Beach, in advance of us. The roads today have been very good very little sand. This afternoon we came in sight of Court House and Chimney Rock. We are encamped tonight a few miles from Court House, and 100 miles from Fort Laramie. Court House is a large pile of rock resem bling, at a distance, a court house. It is with some difficulty we find encampments with good grass. The health of the camp generally good; a great many cattle lame, but still we are mak ing on an average, this week, about 17 or 18 miles per day. "July 12th: The roads very good; grass very scarce, and only in places we can find it at all. Made 18 miles and encamped opposite Chimney Rock; going to stay here two days to rest our cattle. Found very good feed and some fruit, about two miles off. Very little sickness in camp.

"July 13th: In camp all day, washing, baking and cleaning up. We have had the blacksmith forge going all day, making ox shoes and other things that were needed. Several small com panies pass us frequently, with horse teams. We expect to stay here tomorrow, it being Sunday. We are 83 miles from Fort Laramie, will make it next week if we are prospered. The health generally good. A good feeling prevails amongst us.

"July 14th: Sunday, at 1/2 past 10 o'clock, we had an excellent discourse delivered by Capt. Andrus; and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the sacrament was administered, and a number of the brethren spoke their feelings in relation to their faith in the work of God.

"July 15th: Commenced our journey again; the roads good. A little after noon and about 12 miles from Chimney Rock, the road leaves the river; and tonight we had to camp without water. Good grass, by leaving the road 2 miles and water. By going 2 miles farther up towards the Bluffs, plenty of feed--drift-wood from the Bluffs. We suppose we made about 25 miles today.

"July 16th: We found no grass today, from where we left the camp this morning until we reached Horse Creek, and very little water for stock. No wood at Horse Creek; plenty of water and grass. The last two days we have made 45 miles. We are now 39 miles from Fort Laramie. All well; passed Scotts Bluffs Spring today-trading post there, but no place to camp.

"July 17th: Part of the forenoon today we had some very sandy bluffs to climb, but still we made it a very good day's drive. We are encamped tonight just below a trading post, some IS or 20 miles from Laramie. Considerable grass and plenty of wood. Road very good this afternoon.

"July 18th: This morning brother Samuel Driggs remained in camp, in consequence of a lame ox that he had. Capt. Andrus went to him and told him that if he would leave his ox he would use every means in his power to help him along, and that he. should go as long as he did. But he refused and expressed a determination to stay with his ox. His ox got lame and [Words missing] him strained himself so that there was little prospect of his recovery '

James Leithead Glendale,. Utah Farmington, Utah

LIFE HISTORIES

How valuable is the life history of Milo Andrus that was published in the first issue of the Recorder? Had he not taken the short time required to write it. what would be our loss as a family? Questions like these suggest in some measure how im portant it is for each of us to write our own life story. particul arly the older members of the family. May we urgently suggest that you do so--immediately. Do not put it off. We would also like the children of parents who are now deceased to write an account of the lives of their parents. Remember!As you now delight to read information about your ancestors. so will your descendents delight to read information about you.

As an aid in writing up the important events of your life. we here publish a suggestion list taken from J. Grant Stevenson's A Genealogy Check List, p. 12. Verbal permission was obtained from him to publish this copyrighted list in the RECORDER. We suggest that you add to it a place for faith promoting ex periences that have occurred in your life.

- Your full name. date of birth. house or hospital where born; town, county. state or country--when listing homes, schools. church houses. etc,, give exact address and dates if possible.
- Your father. --Give full name. date and place of birth;
 his parents' full names and where they came from (trace
 back to the foreign countries on your lines--city and
 country. This can be done in a brief paragraph.
- 3. Your mother. -- Give the same information as for your father.
- 4. <u>Infancy and early childhood.</u> --Date and place of blessing (Ward & Stake). by whom; early memories. health. etc. (get interesting incidents of early life from parents and other old timers who were associated with the family).
- 5. <u>Early environment</u>._--Financial, social, physical, religious (Primary. etc).
- Home training. --Incidents (happy. humorous. mischievous, tragic, problems); duties; your brothers and sisters; playtime activities (inside and outside); other memories. etc. (include pictures of homes. Wards. play areas--infancy up to about age six.)
- School days, --Early recollections, activities. special teachers. friends. your health, report cards. etc. (pictures of schools. class pictures. activities. etc.--see yearbooks, scrapbooks, newspapers. etc.).
- Baptism. -- Date_and place (Ward and Stake or Branch and Mission), by whom baptized and confirmed (place of con firmation, etc.). Special instructions received from your parents. recollections. thoughts and feelings. etc.
- 9. Youthful memories. --School days continued; adventures. accidents. amusing incidents. thoughts. problems. friends. parties. vacations, travels. sports. hobbies, clubs (school, civic. etc.). gangs. scouting (merit badges, activities. etc.), M.I.A. activities. parental discipline. studies. books read, movies that influenced you, Sunday School, church activities (ordinations to the Priesthood--dates and by whom ordained). etc.
- 10. High School. Seminary. College. Institute. --Activities (sports, clubs, parties. social life, etc.). hobbies. part time jobs. most valuable or enjoyable classes, teachers. friends. scholarships. courses of study, honors won. grad uation, diplomas or certificates received, etc. (include appropriate pictures of schools, homes. seminary. play areas etc.)
- Patriarchal blessing. --Date and place received. by whom given. etc.

- 12. <u>Mission.</u>--Travels. places served (positions held. dates or service). faith promoting experiences. converts, in vestigators, companions. special problems. etc. (include pictures). Be sure to tell the story of getting your own testimony--let your posterity know how you really feel.
- 13. <u>Military service</u>. <u>Travels</u>. promotions, experiences, buddies. religious experiences, battles, wounds. dates of service. schooling, training, health. citations. etc. (include pictures -don't forget army letters which may have been preserved- -check in the attic and other storage places).
- 14. <u>Courtship and marriage,</u> --When and how you met your companion. interesting events. dating activities (dances. parties. movies. etc.), problems; proposal (date and circumstances); engagement. planning. preparations; marriage date, place, by whom married; honeymoon. travels. parents of mate. etc. (include pictures).
- Occupation(s) .--Type of work. responsibilities. promo tions, dates of service. where you worked (city and state. name of company), etc.
- 16. <u>Parenthood</u> -Full name and particulars of each child. experiences in rearing your family (pleasurable. hum orous, tragic, sickness. disappointments. vacations. special traits of children, duties. etc.).
- Public and political life. -- Appointments. positions held.
 Work in clubs. civic activities. etc. (give dates. places.
 and appropriate pictures).
- 18. Special achievements or activities. -- Publications. in ventions, avocations. handwork, tangible treasures. music. drama. degrees. honors. church positions. travels, faith promoting experiences. difficult problems overcome. baptisms for the. dead. research. and other Temple work.
- Future plans and ambitions. Things you most desire to accomplish (in business or vocation, in home life, in Church service, etc.)
- 20. <u>Leave. a message</u> to your <u>posterity</u>, Let them know what you really think about life and church service. and what you would most like them to achieve in their lives. How to avoid some of the pitfalls encountered in life.

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