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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The report of the reunion in St. George in June, encouraging correspondence received since our last issue and the knowledge that ours is a moving organization makes me more optimistic than at any time since the recorder began. Appreciation goes to those persons who: worked on the reunion; in planning, servicing, performing, in clean-up and all who attended. Irva's and my thoughts were with you. A special thanks to Jane Cartwright for carrying on with the assembling and mailing of the paper, in the absence of Rose (the symbol) Brown. In addition to this big job, Jane has her regular work of gathering our news items. Of course the recorder would be shallow indeed without the material that Hyrum Andrus prepares and collects. We also recognize with thanks those persons who research, organize and submit materials to be published. And, the many hours of careful bookwork by Thomas Andrus are likewise appreciated.

It is realized that there are many random items in our organization which do not readily fall into classification. We hope that everything published is pertinent, historically significant, genealogically useful and/or interesting. Some time in the future a reading guide will need to be published. More pictures are needed. Original historical stories, anti dotes, poems, drawings and diaries will be welcomed.

It is suggested that local representatives appoint a person from each community to request a free extra copy of the recorder and that it be placed each month in the local library.

There seems to be increasing pride shown by all who have Andrus blood percolating in their veins or those of their children. Aren't we wonderful?

May our Father in Heaven continue to be with and bless you.

J. Roman Andrus

## A BIT OF HISTORY

Following is a brief note from Jane Cartwright who is the "Recorder" reporter and secretary.

Dear Roman,

Do you remember we wrote you about a Pearl H. Nordick from Swan Lake, Idaho who said Grandfather Milo was not buried in Oxford, but that after the funeral service his body was sent on the train to Salt Lake City for burial? Well in August I went to Swan Lake to see her and to ask about this.

There was no reason to doubt her memory, even though she is eighty-one years old, she is very young for her years, alert and active. I must say she is also young in heart. She told me some of her memories of Grandfather. She said she well remembers going to his funeral services with her parents. She was emphatic in saying after the service Grandfather's body was taken to the railway station and put on the train for Salt Lake City and that his wife and her children accompanied the body. This wife, according to her memory of the children (Margaret, Horace, Ben and Joe (twins), and Charlotte), must have been Margaret Boyes.

Pearl Hillman Nordick was born February 1, 1886, in Swan Lake, Idaho. She is the seventh of ten children. She is the daughter of Drusilla Hendricks and Ira King Hillman, the grand daughter of Abigail Jane Daley and Milo Andrus. She was nine years old when Milo Andrus died.

The accompanying pictures are copies of some she let me take. You had asked in "The Recorder" for pictures and I thought some of these may be of interest to the members of the family.

Sincerely, Jane

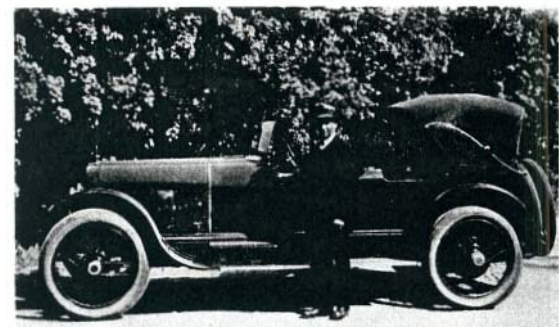


Top: The family of Mary Jane Andrus and William Doris Hendricks. Back row 1 to r: Chloe, Hilah, Milo Henry, Brigham, Lottie and Libby; front row-1 to r: Jane, Mary Jane Andrus Hendricks, George, William Dolls Hendricks, Drusilla and Lyde.

Upper Left: Mary Jane Andrus Hendricks-Daughter of Abigail Jane Daley and Milo Andrus. Upper Right: Drusilla Hendricks Hillman-daughter of Mary Jane Andrus and William Doris Hendricks.

Left: Pearl Hillman Nordick daughter of Drusilla Hendricks and Ira King Hillman.

Bottom: Ira King Hillman and his Hudson.



REPORT OF THE ANDRUS FAMILY REUNION, ST, GEORGE, UTAH  
 field June 16-17, 1967  
 (Submitted by Beth Andrus Anderson)

Cold, windy, rainy weather disappeared to make way for the radiating warmth of traditional June days and for the Andrus family reunion. Those registering with Douglas and Betty Quayle were:

Abigail Jane Daley. ....	81
Sarah Ann Miles. ....	15
Lucy Loomis Tuttle. . . . .	9
Mary Ann Webster. ....	8
Jane Munday . . . . .	14
Emma Covert. ....	3
Margaret Boyce.....	52
Total . . . . .	182

Friday evening a delicious steak fry was had at the City Park, with tossed green salad, dutch oven-cooked potatoes, onions, hard rolls, rootbeer and watermelon. Preparations began earlier in the afternoon under the direction of Iliff Andrus, Milo, Arthur and Gordon Blake, and Jim Andrus. The potato crew (Maurine Blake, Merriely Hafen, Della Blake, Madge Faucett, and Beth Anderson) peeled and sliced over 100 lbs. of potatoes, while Arthur (Tuff) Blake and Art Faucett performed the onion peeling operations. The tossed green salad was Jim Andrus's department, in addition to the ordering and delivering of all food. His crew consisted of Eula, Clo Ella, and D'On. Blaine Andrus collected the equipment, etc., for cooking the steaks. He, Gordon Blake, Milo Andrus and Wesley Sullivan then turned rare, medium, and well-done steaks until everyone was served, even with seconds or charcoal-cooked hamburgers. Tommy Ray Thompson dispensed the root beer. Physical facilities were handled by the sons of Blaine Andrus--Don, Dana, Dewight, and Jim Andrus's son, Jay. Others who helped were George Andrus, Brent Snow, Orpha Lund and Beth Anderson. The evening was spent getting acquainted, remembering, reminiscing and eating in the easy-going, friendly atmosphere that is so characteristic of Dixie. A few of the younger set ventured off to the swimming pool, but the crowd as a whole relaxed and enjoyed each other's friendship.

The business meeting commenced at 10 A.M., on the 17th, with Chairman Blain R. Andrus welcoming those present. Opening Song: "Love At Home," conducted by Irene Andrus: accompanied by her mother, W inifred Andrus of Kamas, Utah.

Invocation: C. Victor Anderson

Having excused J Roman Andtus, Chairman of the Andrus family organization, Blaine stressed the purpose and importance of the Recorder and encouraged members of the family to contribute articles, pictures autobiographies and current events concerning members of the family. He also tread a letter from Ted and Rose Brown who are now serving as missionaries in Florida.

Hyrum L Andrus, General Genealogical Chairman, reported that the sealing work has recently been done for Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith Andrus and their family. This work is the result of Elena Goodworth's efforts and results in part from the genealogical mission that she and her husband filled to Ohio in 1964, Hyrum told of his own research in the Church Historian's Library in Salt Lake City where he found names of Azuba Smith's parents--John and Sarah Smith. He also reported the research activities of Mrs. Townsend, the family's professional genealogist in the East She made an extensive report of her activities during the past year.

Hyrum then exhibited the compiled records of the Milo Andrus family which were delivered to him upon assuming the chairmanship of the family genealogical program and urged that the family authenticate and publish all pertinent facts concerning the immediate family of *Milo*. Many deficiencies and discrepancies exist in this record. Hyrum also urged that the Recorder be used to report that which the family is now doing as well as to publish articles, biographies, etc., of older members and members who have passed away.

Thomas E. Andrus, Financial Chairman, referred to the financial report in the last issue of the Recorder and explained the process by which funds contributed to the family are recorded, and the procedure by which they are spent Contributions are recorded in triplicate. Ore copy is given to the contributor, one to Jane Cartwright for a record to use in mailing theRecorder, and one is retained in the family records. The proposeu budget for the coming year was submitted which is as follows:

Ruluf Andrus research in the East.....	\$300. 00
Ruluf Andrus descendents research. ....	\$100. 00
Research to authenticate M.lo's family..	\$400. 00
Recorder and miscellaneous expenditures	<del>\$300.00</del>
Total. ....	\$1., 100 .00

The family was urged to SUDDOrt the budget and subscribe to the Recorder by each adult member contributing \$6. 00 per year.

Remarks and testimony were given by James Andrus. Additional comments in support of the genealogical program were given by Oral Andrus.

Chairman Blaine Andrus announced that the reunion next year will be held at Ucon, Idaho.

Benediction: Dean Andrus.

Following the business meeting, the family moved to the cultural hall and partook of a delicious dinner of ham, potato au gratin, relish, dinner roils with jelly and jams, butter string beans, and home-made apple and cherry pie alamode. It was an impressive sight to see all the tables occupied by young and old members of the family enjoying dinner together.

Finally, a program was presented which was arranged by D On Snow and DeAnna Bentley and put together in rhyme by Sussette Sullivan. It commenced with the following song which is becoming traditional in the family. (Tune: Enjoy Yourself).

We're Andrus folks from way up North;  
 We're Andrus folks from here.  
 We're Andrus folks from way down South;  
 We've come from far and near.  
 We've met together here today to have a happy time.  
 It doesn't matter if we're rich or haven't got a dime.

CHORUS

Enjoy yourself, For you're an Andrus man!  
 Enjoy yourself, Cause we're the Andrus clan!  
 We'll sing and play and memories renew.  
 Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself with kinfolk old and new.

Grandfather *Milo* is the man  
 Whose mem'ry we hold dear.  
 He had eleven wives you know,  
 And that's why we're all here.  
 He made the plans and paved the way for his posterity.  
 And now we're here to carry on; its up to you and me.

CHORUS (repeat)

Well, Aunts and Uncles. Cousins, too,  
 It's time to say goodbye.  
 But one more chorus before we go,  
 So give it one more try  
 Just fill your lungs and open up and make the rafters ring.  
 This is the last chance you may have to open up and sing.

CHORUS (repeat)

John, Sheri, Sydnee and Barry, children of Dr. and Mrs. Jay R. Blake, sang a medley of songs from the Wizard of Oz. They were dressed as the Lion, Scarecrow, Tin man, and Dorothy.

Karla Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Victor Anderson, played the "First Waltz," by Durand.

Dixie Andrus, wife of George Andrus, gave an illustrated story, " A Fly Went By, " especially for the younger members of the family.

Irene, Marilyn and Marleen, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Andrus, of Kamas, Utah, sang "Valley Home" and "Come, Come Ye Saints. "

Pamela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Blake, and

Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tobler, played a piano duet entitled "Tico-Tico. "

A special honor was then bestowed upon two members of the family

A special honor

We'd like to bestow  
On two special ladies  
I'm sure you all know.  
We all come from Milo:  
Of this we are proud.  
From his first son James A.,  
Comes much of this crowd.

James' last living child  
We are proud to present,  
Yes, Aunt Vilate Wadsworth  
Always attends this event.

And close to her fame  
Is another relation  
The last living 'in-law"  
Is Aunt Rose's station.

No Andrus affair  
Could ever be complete  
Without Rhoda to sing-  
It's always a treat.

Rhoda had Aunt Vilate and Aunt Rose (her mother) come to the front and presented them each with a lovely rose.

Then Rhoda sang, "That Wonderful Mother of Mine. "

Gordon Blake was appointed as the new reunion chairman in the St. George area.

Blaine Andrus thanked all those who had participated in the program, those who had helped with the reunion, and those who had traveled long distances to attend.

#### NEWS NOTES

"Hello Rose? This is Jane (Cartwright). I m calling for the Recorder!" Thus began our long distance phone call. The following is a resume of our conversation.

Rose and Ted arrived in Florida Springs where the Branch was in trouble. Ted and Rose were to build the activity of the Branch and strengthen the local Priesthood members to a point where local brethren and sisters could fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Branch. When they came to De Funiak Springs, there were about 20 members who attended the meetings. Five months later, attendance was up to 75, local brethren had been set apart as the Branch Presidency, and two converts had been baptized.

Chiefland, where they are now serving, is a smaller Branch and covers a fifty-mile area which includes several small towns. In this Branch, there are very few holding the Melchizedek Priesthood. However, two boys have been ordained Deacons and one man has been advanced from the office of Deacon to that of Priests and will soon be made an Elder. The Branch has a functioning scout troop. The scout master is LDS, but only two boys of the troop are members. Young people in the Branch are few.: H wever, one 14-year old girl has been baptized and two baptisms are expected. Incidentally, they baptize in Stephen Foster's Suwanee River.

MIA leaders have been set apart and Mutual will begin soon. Of course, Relief Society, Primary, and Sunday School are in operation.

On their first Sunday in Chiefland, no Priesthood members were in attendance, so Ted had to administer to the Sacrament. Today, September 30, there were more than enough local Priesthood holders to take care of the Sacrament.

When they arrived, 11 members were attending meetings and now they have 30 to 35. The problems with individual members are the same as here at home. If one dwindles in

activity and participation the strength of his testimony lessons. So Ted's and Rose's work is cut out for them. Instead of proselyting, it is building and strengthening. They are well equipped to do this. The work is rewarding and Ted reports their health is better than at home.

Ed also reports, laughingly, that for once in her life Rose does exactly as he tells her. She is totally subservient to the Priesthood.

Rose misses most her home, family, friends, and the Andrus Reunions. She is eagerly awaiting reports of the last Reunion and they would love to hear from you.

Rose loves the Andrus Family and encourages each member to lend'support to it and to "The Recorder. "

Elder and Mrs. J. E. Brown  
P.O. Box 398  
Chiefland, Florida 32626

William Gerald Andrus was killed in a highway accident in Conrad, Montana, April 20, 1967. He was the son of William Reynolds and Alta Fitzgerald Andrus, and was born February 8, 1914, in Draper, U ah. He is survived by his wife, ivy Steadman Andrus, his mother, Alta F. Aylett and five daughters.

Pocatello, Monday, June 12, 1967.- Lee J. Andrus, 60, of 492 Wayne, died Sunday evening in a local rest home following an extended illness.

Mr. Andrus was born July 22, 1906, in Ora, Idaho, a son of Joseph B. and Maude Gee Andrus.

He married Lila Cotterell April 18, 1936, at St. Anthony. He attended schools at Ashton and Sarilda, Idaho. He graduated from high school at Sarilda. He worked in the vicinity of Ashton on Trude Ranch, also the Railroad ranch during hay ing season. He also worked in Yellowstone Park on construction. He was an avid horseman and furnished horses for transportation during a survey of lack Pine and Teton Forest in 1940.

In 1941 he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad at Ashton, moving the right-of-way with a team of horses for Section fore man, L. M. Browning. He came to Pocatello at hat time and began work as a railroad fireman.

in 1944 he changed to switchman in the yards where he worked until his illness in the spring of 1966.

He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Lodge No. 98.

Surviving are his widow; three sisters and one brother, Elray Andrus, Springfield, Oregon; Mrs. Thelma High, Idaho Falls; Mrs. Geneva Shultzs, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Lois Grube, Wisdom, Montana; 45 nieces and nephews.

Franklin W. Andrew, 91, died September 27, 1967. He was the son of Laron A. and Roseannah Terry Andrus. Services were held in Salt Lake City-burial was in Thatcher, Idaho.

#### GENEALOGICAL SECTION

Due to the efforts of Elena Goodworth, Chairman of the Ruluf Andrus Descendants Committee, the sealing ordinances have now been done for Ruluf Andrus, his wife Azuba Smith and their family. Early last summer, members of the Andrus family in the northern Utah area gathered at the Salt Lake Temple and there, around the sacred altar of the House of the Lord, performed the required ordinances to unite Ruluf's family together for eternity, providing they accept the Gospel and its program in the world to come. We express our thanks and appreciation to Elena for her efforts.

In the reunion at St. George, the family gave their support to a program to check and authenticate the genealogical data for Milo Andrus and his immediate family--his wives, children, their spouses, etc. This is a project that we have been working on for some time; and it is vitally important that we continue and complete it. There are inaccuracies, deficiencies and contradictions that need our attention. When we finish, we

expect to know that our information is accurate in every detail. We then plan to make available family group sheets, etc, on the several branches of Milo's family. To help us in this project, we have secured the assistance of J. Grant Stevenson, an instructor in genealogy at Brigham Young University and one of the most competent genealogists in the Church.

Earlier this year we obtained a detailed report from Mrs. Charles D. Townsend, our genealogical specialist in the East. She has been pursuing research on the line of Azuba Smith's parents in an effort to identify which of the several John and Sarah Smiths, Azuba descended from. Space permitting, we plan to publish much, if not all, of this report in the next issue of the Recorder.

We continually solicit your continued support--your faith, your prayers, and your financial contributions. There is much to be done. We are woefully lacking in many respects. But with a united effort we can compile our records and present in the Lord's House a body of information that is acceptable before Him.

Hyrum L. Andrus

#### MILO ANDRUS' SECOND JOURNEY TO ENGLAND

Milo gives us very little information about his second mission to England. In his autobiography, he merely writes:

... in the fall of 1859 [I] was appointed to another mission to England. The first six months I was appointed to travel in the Conferences; the last nine months I presided over the Birmingham District, embracing Birmingham, Warwickshire, and Staffordshire Conferences. In the summer of 1861 I started for home with 700 Saints on board the ship "Underwriter." I was appointed President of the company, had a good passage to New York; no deaths.

While doing research in the Church Historian's Library a few weeks ago, Hyrum L. Andrus came across the journal of Jacob Gates, who traveled to England with Milo on this mission. Elder Gates kept a journal of their journey to England, giving a brief day-by-day account of their travels. Because this brief record is a history of the company of which Milo was a member and because Milo is mentioned from time to time, it is felt that this information should be given to the family in the Recorder. Corrections in spellings and punctuation have been made in the text. Only part of the total journal is given due to the lack of space, even though Milo is mentioned from time to time when his path and that of Elder Gates cross. That part of the journal that is here given concerns only their journey to England.

"Left G.S.L. City September 19th, 1859 in company with eight missionaries destined for Europe. I left my home about four o'clock in the afternoon. Blessed my family before leaving. We traveled 13 miles, stopped between the Little and Big mountain. The next day we passed over the Big Mountain, passed down East Canyon about 7 miles and camped for the night.

"21st, Brother Hooper and Company overtook us about nine o'clock a. m. and we started on our journey. Crossed over Weber, passed up Echo about 6 miles and camped for the night. It began to rain and rained very hard for several hours.

"Thursday, the 22, we found it very hard traveling in consequence of the rain. We traveled up Echo canyon, passed over the divide to Mird [?] Creek and followed up Yellow Creek and passed over on to Bear River. Crossed and turned down about 1 1/2 miles and camped for the night.

"Friday the 23, we traveled to Fort Bridget and camped for the night. Rained. Some very muddy roads.

"Saturday we left the fort and traveled for 20 miles and took dinner, then traveled to Green River, a distance of 55 miles. "Sunday the 25th we left the river and traveled 12 miles to Big Sandy and pushed on to Little Sandy and nooned, and then went on to the waters of the Pacific Springs, a distance of 40 miles.

"Monday the 26th of September, we passed over the pass and camped on the Sweetwater.

"Tuesday the 27th, we traveled on the south side of the

Sweetwater, some 40 miles and camped.

"Wednesday we traveled to the Devil's Gate, 40 miles. My mule was very lame. Had to borrow one to work in its stead. Stood guard, Rainy, Got wet, Unwell.

"Thursday the 29th, we passed an emigrant train. We passed independence Rock. Drove in the night. Stopped within 15 miles of the upper Platt ford.

"Friday crossed the Platt. Traveled about 20 miles and camped for the night. The camp got divided and camped in two places. The captain was displeased,

"October the 1st, on Saturday, we traveled 35 miles. Camped on the Platt. Sunday we traveled 35 miles. Camped on Horseshoe "Monday the 3rd, we started, crossed Bitter Cottenwood. Creek. Nooned on the Platt. Traveled down within 4 miles of Laramie and put up for the night on Platt bottom.

"Tuesday the 4th, we went into Laramie; took in supplies; went on 18 miles today. Left a letter at Laramie for my wife.

"Wednesday the 5th, traveled about 40 miles. Passed several stations.

"Thursday the 6th, traveled about 40 miles. I am not very well today.

"Friday the 7th, very sandy. Fine weather; traveled 30 miles.

"Saturday the 8th, we started as soon as light, traveled nine miles. Took breakfast at Ash Hollow, then passed over the divide to the South Platt, crossed, went down one mile and took dinner, then drove 20 miles and camped after dark on the bank of the Platt.

"Sunday the ninth we started before day and traveled three hours before breakfast. Passed some 60 Indian lodges and also a small company of soldiers from Camp Floyd. Traveled 35 miles, camped on a slew. I stood guard from 12 to 2. Brother William Gibson stood from then until day. He was instructed to bring in mules before the moon went down, but lost his way and could not find his way back to the camp until light.

"Monday the 10th, we traveled 36 miles. The guard lost the horses just before day. We had to rally out and find them. Rained a little.

"Tuesday the 11th, after finding our horses, we traveled about 12 or 15 miles. We drove into the timber and got our breakfast, it being a cold damp day. We crossed a branch of the river onto an island. After dinner, we went to Plumb Creek. I stopped with Thomas French, who had left the Church two years before. He treated me very kindly.

"Wednesday the 12, we traveled to Karney and crossed the Platt River onto the north side.

"Thursday the 13, we traveled about 8 miles, came to Wood River, took breakfast, then traveled down it 25 miles and camped for the night.

"Friday the 14th, we started early, traveled 15 miles, Stopped and took breakfast at the Lone Tree. When we started part of the company went down the Platt 25 miles and struck over to the Loop Fork. Milo Andrus and myself struck from the Lone Tree across to the Loop Fork and met at Genoe. In crossing the river, the rope broke and three wagons had to ford it; was very dangerous. We stayed all night at Genoe.

"Sunday the 16th, we left Genoe and traveled down the Platt. Took breakfast at Cleveland. Began to rain. We traveled 20 miles and put up for the night with a Mr. Ashbury. Got our animals under shed.

"Monday the 17th, rainy and muddy. Traveled 30 miles.

"Tuesday the 18th, we reached Omaha, 29 days from Salt Lake.

"Wednesday the 19th, we crossed the river to Bluff City. Stayed all night at Brother Filsams.

"Thursday the 20th, we disposed of our mules.

"Friday the 21, we repaired the boat landing where we had to remain all day waiting for a boat. About dark we went on board the Guslinn, bound for St. Joseph, Mo., and arrived at St. Joseph the 24th, 10 a.m. I immediately went in search of my sister in the back part of town. I took dinner with her and went to Allen's Hotel where we all stayed all night,

"October 25, we left St. Joseph on the cars for Boston. We arrived at Chicago the next morning, 7 o'clock a.m., but the train for the East had left so we were obliged to stay in Chicago

until eight in the evening when we all took the cars for Toledo. Most of the company to sleeping births. During the night they ran the sleeping car off the track while lifting from one track to the other but without any damage. We never got out of beds. A little snow fell during the night and we did not meet the train at Toledo in time, so we were obliged to wait some two hours. Took the 10 o'clock a. m. train; rode 70 miles and got off with Milo Andrus to visit his friends. Part of the company went on.

"October 28th, we took the cars, arrived at Buffalo, 10 p. m. Here we took a bed for the night and on the morning of the 29th we woke up within fifty miles of Albany. We rode nearly 300 miles during the night. We landed the same day in Boston between 4 and 5 o'clock p. m. and took lodging at Watkins Hotel on Lincoln Street.

"Sunday the 30th, of October, we visited the dock, crossed over to East Boston on a steam ferry. Wrote part of a letter to my wife.

"Monday the 31st, all of the brethren are in Boston who expect to sail for Liverpool, except William Gibson, and all have secured their tickets today. I visited Bunker Hill Monument, saw the statue of General Warren who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

"Tuesday November the first, still in Boston; visited the State House today.

"Wednesday, November the second day, took our things all aboard of the Uropea Steamship. On our way to the ship, we found waiting at the ferry Brother George Q. Cannon and several of the Saints in Boston. We spent about two hours with them before going on board. About 12 o'clock a.m., we went on board. The ship immediately loosened her cables and floated out into the harbor about half past. She fired her guns and moved toward the ocean. The steamship Uropea is a fine large ship; 300 feet long.

"We had a fine run to Halifax where we arrived in 35 hours, a distance of 450 miles. After a delay of two hours, we launched forth into the ocean. The wind was brisk and the waves began to roll and I began to be sick, and for a few days it did seem that I could never live to reach Liverpool. Myself and several others were sick all the way to Liverpool. We had a quick passage, but a disagreeable one. We were eleven days and five hours in crossing.

"Landed in Liverpool Sunday the 13th of November, between 5 and 6 p. m. After about two hours detention, we were permitted to go on shore and we took a cab and went to Islington Street, 42; found Elder A. Calkin absent. He was immediately telegraphed. After taking supper with Brother Thomas Williams, we all went to Mr. Powel's and put up for the night.

"Monday the 14th, we all went to the office. No. 42, about 5 o'clock p. m. Brother Calkin came and we spent the evening together.

"Tuesday the 15th, I spent in Liverpool. Took dinner with Brother A. Calkin in the evening. I went to the theater with several of the American Elders. The play was beautiful.

"Wednesday the 16th, five of us went 3 or 4 miles out to dine with a brother. I returned to the city at 3 in the afternoon and called at the store office. I called at the store office and called on the president for 20 pounds to defray expenses and to fit myself for traveling.

"Thursday the 17th, I bid the brethren goodbye who crossed the Atlantic with me and took the halfpassed nine train for Leicester on my way to the field of labor which had been assigned me by Brother Calkin. . . "

Journal of Jacob Gates, 1859-1860, Church Historian's Library.

#### SHORT HISTORY OF LIFE OF EMMA COVERT & FAMILY

Emma Covert was the daughter of William Spence Covert and Mary Cartwright, sometimes called Phoeby. She was the granddaughter of Smith Covert and a great grand child of Sybranus Covert of New York. Emma was the 8th child of her parents. She came from a family of 10 children. She had 7 brothers and two sisters, as follows: (1) John, born 25 Dec. 1829

at Simronan, New York; (2) William, born 16 July, 1831, same place; (3) Ernest, born 8 Aug., 1833 at Yates, New York; (4) Calesta, born 24 Oct., 1835 at Locke, Cayuga, Co., New York; (5) Susan, born 24 April, 1837; at same place; (6) Timothy, born 23 Oct. 1838, same place; (7) Smith, born 21 May 1840, same place; (8) Emma, born 10 May 1841, at Westmile, Cayuga Co., New York; (9) Alma, born 4 Feb., 1846, at Nauvoo, Illinois; and (10) Leonard, born 27 Nov. 1848, at Salt Lake City, Utah, after Emma and her folks came west. Emma's baby days were spent at New York in different cities. She was a very pretty child, the picture of health and a sweet child,

While Emma and her folks were living in New York, her mother and father joined the L.D.S. Church. Emma's father, William Spence Covert, was born 6 August, 1808, at Locke, Cayuga Co., New York, and her mother was born 7 Dec. 1809, at Simpronan, New York. Emma's Mother and Father were baptized and confirmed members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1838. When Emma was only five years old her parents took the children and moved with the Saints to Nauvoo, Illinois. Here Emma's brother Alma was born. While they were here they decided to come to the West, so they made preparations to take the long trip across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley. They were among the first companies of pioneers to come to the Salt Lake Valley, arriving in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. They, like the rest of the Saints, endured many hardships and trials and tribulations while crossing the plains. They had left their nice home and everything behind them in the East, taking only what they could bring with them to make a new home in a new country. They believed in their church and were faithful to it.

Emma was only 6 years old when they came to the West. After she was in the valley for about 3 years, Emma was baptized and confirmed a member of the L.D.S. Church, on 26 September 1850. She went to church whenever she could. They did not have school buildings as today. At first they held school in someone's home, all the grades together with one teacher for all the grades. They did not have chalk and black boards, but used slates, etc. They had no desks, but sat on a row of benches around the room. Later they held school in a one-room building they built for a school house; and as time went on, they enlarged their buildings, separated the rooms from one another, and had a teacher for each age group.

Emma married Milo Andrus on 28 February 1858 when she was 17 years of age. Emma was his 10th wife. Emma and Milo made their home at Big Cottonwood, now called Holliday, Salt Lake Co., Utah. When they were married, Milo was Bishop of the Big Cottonwood ward. Their first child was a girl, born 28 June 1859, and they named her Helena Andrus. That fall Milo was called on a mission again to England. When he came back two years later, Milo took some of his families and moved to Dry Creek (now Crescent), Utah. Here he built a two-story house, located northwest of Draper, Utah, on State Street. The house faces the East, and it still remains standing, although some remodeling has been done. The barn has been torn down, (1963). This house was called The Half Way House. It was where people and the Pony Express stopped over night for rest and food. Each wife knew her job, whether it was cooking, sewing, washing the dishes or cleaning the house, and their children helped them. The boys of the different families knew their job: caring for the horses, milking, gardening, etc.

While Milo was on his mission, Emma was alone with their one child Helena. On 18 Oct. 1862, Emma and Milo had their 2nd child, Selesta, born at Dry Creek. Their third child was a girl, Mary Emma, on 2 April 1864. Helena married Alva Jackson, about 1875. She was blessed on 18 September 1859 by her father, Milo Andrus. She died 21 July, 1934, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Their 2nd child Selesta died in 1863, being less than a year old. Mary Emma (May) married Alfred Edward Raleigh. She was blessed on 10 April 1864 by her father Milo Andrus. She died 26 Nov., 1921 at St. Marks Hospital, Salt Lake Utah. Emma and Milo's 4th child was a girl, Florence Andrus, born 4 December 1867, at Dry Creek, Salt Lake Co., Utah and was blessed 9 February 1868 by her father Milo Andrus. She married Dorcy first, then after separated she married Chester McEvoy, 14 June 1905, and lived at Montana.

She separated from him and married Harry Hughes, 15 July 1926, and lived at Spanish Fork, Utah. She died there on 5 December 1934. The fifth child, Elizabeth, was born, 18 May 1869 at Dry Creek. She died at age 15, on 5 August, 1884. Their sixth child was a girl, Carrie, born 17 Sept. , 1872, at Dry Creek, Crescent, Salt Lake County, Utah, and she was blessed 27 November 1872 by her father Milo Andrus. She was baptized and confirmed a member of the L. D. S. Church on 4 Nov., 1880. She was endowed and married Robert Gardner on 19 December 1888, at the Logan Temple, Logan, Utah. She died 13 July, 1940 at St. Marks Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah of a stroke. The same year that Elizabeth was born, in 1869-70, Emma was left again with the children while Milo went on a mission to the states. In the year 1873, Milo went to St. George, Utah, to make a new home; and he remained there until 1883 when he moved to Cache Valley, When Milo went to St. George, this left Emma alone again with her children. The next spring, on June 6, 1874, Emma had her last child, a boy, after her husband went to St. George. William was the only son Emma and Milo had. They were pretty proud to have a boy at last. Emma named her boy William Spence after her father William Spence Covert. He was blessed 21 June 1876. He was baptized 3 August 1882, at West Jordan, Utah. He married Rose Victoria Bateman, on 21 October 1896. He died on 12 November 1938, and his endowment work was done on 3 June 1941, When Milo moved to St. George, some of the families stayed behind.

Emma was one of his wives who stayed. She did not know hardly where or which way to turn with all these little children. Emma did whatever work she could find to do. She worked hard, she took in washing on the board, etc. It was a hard task to have to support such a family. Helena was the oldest and she was only 15 years of age, and May was only 10, and then the rest on down the line. Emma tried to keep her children with her with the oldest ones taking care of the smallest ones. Helena was very good with the children and to help out while their mother worked.

After they got married, Helena and her husband, Alva, took the two youngest children, Carrie and William, to their home and cared for them. Later on Helena and Alva had their own children. Emma finally decided to take William to the Dowdings, who had no children, and wanted to adopt William for their own, so Emma let them have him to raise. They were very good to the child, and he made their home complete; and when they died, they willed him their property.

Carrie was now only six years old when on Christmas day, she went up the West Jordan Hill with a handkerchief of clothes in one hand and a doll and a big marble in the other hand. Her mother, Emma had given her to the Gardner family to raise. Archibald Gardner, like Milo Andrus, had 11 wives. Both of the two youngest children of Emma were left in very good hands. This was hard on Will and Carrie, leaving all their sisters and mother and moving in with strangers. This broke up the family. Helena and Alva left Cottonwood later on and moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to make their home for life.

Emma was a large woman, tall with dark brown hair and eyes. She was very good-looking and very intelligent. It seemed that after Milo married her he was seldom home. Then he moved to St. George. That really did it. It was hard on her. Emma and Milo were married in the office of the President of the L. D. S. Church, at Salt Lake City, Utah, On 6 December, 1862, Emma went through the Salt Lake Temple and got her own endowments and was sealed to Milo Andrus.

Later on in life, Emma married a man by the name of Aliga Holden, who was born 18 June 1853 and died on 9 July 1891. He was the son of John Holden. They had no children.

Milo and Emma had a lovely family, but after they got married they all scattered out all over the country in different states, etc. Helena and William moved to Idaho; Will to Garfield and Helena to Idaho Falls. Mary Emma, or May, as she was called, moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, and Carrie moved to West Jordan, Salt Lake County, Utah. Selesta and Elizabeth died young and never married. Florence moved to Montana to live, and a few years before she died she moved back to Utah, to Spanish Fork. They had a family of 7 children and many grand children and great grand children. and some great great

grandchildren. Many of them have become great people, especially in the Church. They are scattered around all over, Idaho, California, Utah, Washington, etc.

Emma Covert died on 25 October 1897, at Salina, Utah, in Sevier County. In 1884, Milo moved to Oxford, Idaho where he passed away on 19 June 1893. He was buried at the Holliday Cemetery, Salt Lake County, Utah,

Emma and Milo left many lovely things and lessons in honesty, integrity, goodness, endurance, kindness, obedience, faithfulness for all of us to remember. Long live the memory of these two wonderful people.