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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few days ago I met Clinton L. Young from Mapleton, Utah. We were speaking on the telephone and he asked if the Andrus families in Draper are my relatives. When he was told that most Westerners who have the Andrus name seem to be related (certainly the ones in Draper belong to our clan) he exclaimed, "Then you and I are related."

Upon meeting in his home we examined the family group sheet in which was listed the names of: Marlon Webster Andrus who married Leah Anna Phillips Terry; Laron A. Andrus who was married to Rozanna Phillips Terry and Milard Andrus who married Minerva Deseret Terry.

After pointing out these entries he said, "Now that is settled and I know that you are a good man, let's get on with the business."

Brother Young was talking about the business of sawing some black walnut logs for me but his comment was a good one and he made me think about our family.

Every Andrus I have met has been proud of his or her lineage. The school teachers, business men, lawyers, career girls, politicians, doctors, housewives, laborers, missionaries (many of them), students (dozens of them at Brigham Young University) athletes, teenagers, farmers and artists all show pride and interest in their Andrus family ties. One often hears the proud and ready assertion, "Yea Milo Andrus was my great-great-great-grandfather or was he my great-great-great-grandfather?" Sometimes it is; "Which wife did you come from?" or "So what is our relationship?"

Yes, most everyone in the family seems happy to be who he or she is and admittedly we are pretty good. But perhaps each of us can do a little better. Be sure to read the eighth stanza of the poem "Charlie's Farewell to Milo" in this issue then let us say; "Let's get on with the business." Let's get on with the business; of genealogy, of arranging to go to the reunion in Ucon, Idaho this summer, of sending names of family members who are not receiving the Recorder, of paying our dues (if in arrears). Let's get on with the business of being the kind of Andrus to whom you would like to trace relationship.

J. Roman Andrus



The enclosed picture was received by Jane Cartwright from Joseph W. Andrus with the information that copies may be obtained at cost by requesting them from him at 960 Embacadero St., Palo Alto, California. This picture was taken in 1937 and shows the barn and house built by Milo Andrus. It is located at 10360 South State Street in Crescent, Utah.



CHARLIE'S FAREWELL TO MILO  
Respectfully Inscribed to Milo Andrus  
And Family.

How many varied scenes are couched  
In that fond word: Farewell-  
Of sunny days and springtime hopes,  
That fond emotions swell-

Of loving hearts, and sunlit souls,  
That cherished Hopes bright atar,  
That vanished at the word Farewell  
And caused the obtrusive tear.  
And when I say farewell to thee,  
The heart-swings seem to bend;  
In parting with our tired and true,  
To God and man a friend.

Yea, one whose life so nobly spent  
For Zion and the weal;  
And only those who know thee best  
Can sense how keen they feel.  
In youth thy zeal and holy fire  
Caused honest hearts to glow.  
For many a weary mile thou'st stood,  
Thru heat, thru rain and snow.  
And God, He gave the gracious sheaves  
And blest thee all thy days.  
These laurels now adorn thy head,  
Yea, truth's effulgent rays.

In Kirtland's Temple, years gone by,  
The Lord heard thy desire.  
Thine eyes beheld the Holy Ghost-  
Like cloven tongues of fire.  
And God appeared and spake to man;  
Yea, Peter, James and John-

Gave mighty keys and Priesthood's powers,  
The house with glory shone.



In Thirty-four mid Zion's camp  
Thy name was then enrolled-  
With scanty fare, but trusty sword  
Thou marched, a soldier bold.  
And tho Missouri massacred,  
With unrelenting hand,  
God bore thee up, thy life was spared,  
Obeying his command.

And in Nauvoo, the city where  
The house of God was reared,  
For Joseph Smith thou nobly stood,  
And never flinched nor feared.  
Thine eyes beheld the Prophet's blood  
That flowed in Carthage jail.  
A prayer of anguish sent thy soul:  
"God's work will yet prevail. "  
Our praries wild and mountains high,  
Thy feet have oft times trod,  
To preach salvation unto men.  
The glorious truths of God.  
Old England's sons thy voice have cheer'd  
And many hearts rejoice  
This day in being in Christ's fold,  
Thru lifting up thy voice.

May Israel's God thy Children bless-  
Thyself and all thy wives-

And may it be their favored lot  
To gain eternal lives.  
And When the Lord shall call thee home  
To enter into rest,  
May all thy own posterity  
Rise up and call thee blest.  
There'll come a time and be a place  
Where farewell is not known;  
To those who've kept their "First estate"  
And gained celestial crown.  
And Milo, may it be thy lot,  
With sweet serenity,  
To mingle with the Holy Gods  
Thru all Eternity.  
--Charles L. Walker  
St. George, February 3, 1881

#### NOTES ON CHARLIE'S FAREWELL TO MILO

The poem which appears on the first page of the Recorder this issue was sent to me by Elena Goodworth. I was aware of the friendship that existed between the writer of this poem and Milo prior to that time, but upon doing further research I found other information that throws light upon this poem.

Charles Lowell Walker (1833-1904) was long known as the Dixie Pioneer Poet. He was among the early pioneers of Utah, and went to St. George on the Dixie Mission in 1861. Prior to that time he was acquainted with Milo. Walker was prominent in public activities of a social nature both in Salt Lake City and St. George. His humorous verse was requested for many programs, and he dedicated poems of a serious nature to several prominent church leaders.

After living in St. George for about seven years, Milo moved from that place. Having made several references to Milo's sermons, etc. in his diary, Walker recorded the following on date of Sunday, January 30, 1881:

Night at the ward meeting. B. Milo spoke to us in a very interesting manner, showing the importance of the Saints knowing for themselves of the divinity of the work in which we were engaged. Showed that the Lord would magnify his holy name and all the attempts of our enemies to surpress his work would only serve to publish it before all nations. This is the last time Br. Milo Andrus will preach to us for a while as he is going

to move to Green River to settle with his family. -  
Diary of Charles L. Walker, Vol. h, BYU Library,  
p. 676.

The next day Walker wrote in his diary: "At night composing a farewell address to Milo Andrus." --ibid. On Thursday, February 3, 1881, he wrote: "...came home and wrote the following lines." Then follows the poem entitled "CHARLIE'S FAREWELL TO MILO."

Hyrum L. Andrus

#### NEWS REPORTS

Greetings were received from Joseph W. Andrus from Palo Alto, California. He is the eldest son of Joseph B. Andrus, the grandson of Milo Andrus, Jr. and a great grandson of Milo and Sarah Ann Miles Andrus.

He married Elizabeth Nielson of Bluewater, New Mexico in 1939. They have three children: J. Milo, a Medical student at George Washington University; Calvin, a Senior at Brigham Young University and Lallon, a Junior at Brigham Young University.

He graduated from the Ii. S. U. at Logan in 1937 with a B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering. Since that time he has worked for various Government Agencies. Presently he is with the Forest Service in it's California Regional office. Here he is in charge of all power projects in the region. He has spent forty years in Scouting both at local and district levels. Presently he is a Home Teacher, the assistant High Priest Group Leader and has charge of Temple work in the Ward.

He sends his greetings to all in the "Clan".

Dr. Hyrum L. Andrus was the recipient of one of the Karl G. Maeser Research and Creative Arts Awards. The award was \$2,000.00. Dr. Andrus is Professor of Scripture at Brigham Young University.

#### Obituary

Keith LaMar Kelly, 48, of Salt Lake City died October 10, 1967. He was Senior Assistant Credit Manager for the San Francisco division of Phillips Petroleum. He was a past President of the Rose Park Lion's Club, a member of the Wasatch Mountain Club and a member of the Bee Hive Statesman's Chorus. He was an active member of the LDS Church. He had been financial clerk of the Rose Park Ward and was Athletic Director of the Bonneville Ward. Here he had coached many boy's and girl's teams to victory. He was an Eagle Scout and active in Scouting.

He was born August 23, 1919 in Deseret, Millard County, Utah, a son of Mark O. and Maude Larson Kelly. He graduated from Delta High School, attending the Brach Agricultural College at Cedar City and graduated from the U. S. U. at Logan where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He served in the Air Force in World War 11. April 30, 1941, he married Mary Elizabeth Thorpe in the Logan Temple..

Survivors include his widow, a son Colin Keith, a daughter Carolyn Jeanne, his Mother, a brother Howard B. and a sister Mrs. Earl W. (Helen) Furniss.

He was a grandson of Isadore Andrus Larson and a great grandson of Milo and Margaret Boyce Andrus.

#### REUNION

THIS YEAR THE ANDRUS REUNION WILL BE IN UCON, IDAHO.

--Jane Cartwright

#### GENEOLOGICAL SECTION

Work is progressing on our project to verify and authenticate the known information pertaining to the immediate family of Milo Andrus. This includes the verification of all birth dates, marriage, sealing dates, etc. pertaining to him, his wives, and his children. When we finish this project, we expect to have an accurate record that will stand the test of strictest scrutiny. By this project and by getting the record straight of all lines of Milo's family from his day to the present, we hope to be able, eventually, to publish an accurate and up-to-day record of Milo

and his family, including a collection of histories, memoirs, etc. of individuals within the family. To this end, may we suggest:

- 1) We need personal histories, memoirs, etc. for publication in the Recorder and eventually in the family history. If you will send them to us, we will polish up the grammar (if you desire us to) and either publish them or hold them in our files until such time as you indicate you want them published. But please get them in, particularly for the older members of the family.
- 2) We need all available histories, memoirs, etc. of those members of the family who may have passed away. If you have copies of these items, please send them to us.
- 3) We need money for present research, unless we want to stretch this project out over several years. If you have not paid your family dues (\$6.00 per year for each adult descendant of Milo) send it in now to Thomas Andrus, Rte. 1, Idaho Falls, Idaho. If you add a few extra dollars --from one to a thousand--we won't turn your contribution down.

We feel confident that we are on a program that will materialize in an accurate history of the Milo Andrus family. But we do need your support, particularly in a financial way. We are getting concrete results on the money we are now spending. But we should put more than a thousand dollars on the project next year in order to give it the initiative it requires. In addition to the above project, we are still pushing research on the family of Ruluf Andrus. Elena Goodworth has been making some significant progress in this area, and we plan to publish a report of her work in the near future.

Work on the ancestors of Ruluf Andrus and his wife Azuba Smith is also a matter of great interest. As you are aware, we have identified the parents of Azuba Smith as John and Sarah Smith. Now the problem is to determine which John and Sarah Smith. A few months ago, Mrs. Townsend, our professional genealogist back East, submitted a report of her efforts on these problems. Because of the importance of this work and for historical purposes, we are publishing the entire report below.

Hyrum L. Andrus

REPORT on the ANDRUS-SMITH PROBLEM  
27 May 1967

Since the answers to the problem of both the ancestry of Ruluf Andrus and his wife, Azubah Smith, continues to elude us, this report will be written both as that of "things done" in an effort to find the answers... and also as comments and/or analysis of the existing information relating to the problem. When the Andrus Recorder was first published, issue #1 in October 1964, Dr. Hyrum L. Andrus very wisely reprinted the little autobiographical sketch which Milo Andrus wrote under date of Jan. 9, 1875 when Milo was living at St. George, Utah. This information has always served as the basis or source of what little we knew of the Andrus family. This information was reported from memory when Milo was 61 years old.

All other information has either been gleaned from some record, or from information in an allied family... or been arrived at from supposition. Unfortunately this is an old, old problem and information furnished from one place or person or another has often become clouded and difficulty has been found in properly evaluating it. Dr. Andrus recognized this when in vol. 3 issue #1 for January 1967 he commented - "We originally planned to publish in this issue the family group sheet of Ruluf and Azubah Smith. But in checking the dates, etc., we found some errors that need correction."

That is such a true statement and is the center of most of my frustration on this ancestry problem. The original family group sheet was, of course, started with what Milo wrote about the family. His veracity is not open to question and at 61 his memory should have been good. Yet research, 'old information' which has shown up from old files, correspondence etc. does not agree 100% with Milo's data.

In all fairness to the earlier researchers, family members and to Milo... I maintain a very "open mind" as to the exact dates of birth, death, marriage and periods of living in a certain location. Information secured over the years contradicts Milo's information.

However, the discrepancies in these dates... while important... is not the important thing... the names of his father and mother... Ruluf Andrus (the spelling which Milo used) and Azubah Smith.

Andrus families in Connecticut are legion... whether you interpret it as the city of Hartford or the county of Hartford. The name is also spelled Andrews, Andruss, or Address and frequently records of the same family will vary in spelling. This adds to the difficulty of sifting information. Some families are most consistent in the spelling of a surname but while certain of these families 'favored' Andrus and others Andrews or Address... they failed to be consistent and ALL records must be considered.

The perplexing fact remains that the earliest record found for Ruluf is the guardian bond dated 31 Dec. 1798 #275 at Hamden, Conn. when Ruluf is age 'about 16'. My work sheet for Ruluf lists his birthdate as "ca 1775-80", "12 March 1773", and "12 March 1778!" and his death dates varies from winter 1848" to 27 June 1849.

The tombstone at Henrietta, Lorain Co., Ohio reads - b. 12 March 1773, d. 1849. Assuming this birthdate to be correct, Ruluf was 16 in March and therefore legally old enough to be permitted by the court to 'choose his own guardian'. Unfortunately there seems to be no other record existing... no discharge of the guardianship when he became of age... no other bonds for Andrus children in Hamden about this time.

Periodically I go back to working on an assumption to try to prove or disprove it... the assumption that Ruluf's father died about the time Ruluf was placed under guardianship. The most logical person who died about this time was Capt. Timothy Andrus... yet it "never holds together".

Of course Hamden is in New Haven county not Hartford and a fair distance from Hartford... altho not so distant as to eliminate any connection. You wonder if Milo confused Hartford and Hamden, if the printer of the little book confused it... or if the birth of Ruluf was in Hartford (but unrecorded) and sometimes before his 17th year he and/or his parents were living in Hamden.

Hamden was incorporated in May of 1786 and taken from New Haven and is the section north and a bit west of the city of New Haven. Records prior to 1786 are in New Haven.

There are a number of Timothy Andrews-Andrus in the records. The name varies in spelling and there is no clue there at all. Capt. Timothy seems to have favored Andrus... altho some records for him are given Andrews. He was born in Wallingford (the next town to Hamden) on 27 April 1749, son of Timothy and Rachel (Atkins) and he died at Guildhall, Vermont on 27 Aug. 1789 and Ruluf's gdn. bond is dated 31 Dec. of the same year - 1789. Capt. Timothy owned considerable land in Vermont but he also maintained his Connecticut connections and his death is recorded in the First Cong. Church records of North Haven.

There are no records of Ruluf in the North Haven Listing of Church records. A long time ago Elena Goodworth and I corresponded actively and because I have a very healthy respect for Elena's judgment of genealogical information... I often used her as a "sounding board" for possible theories or assumptions. Capt. Timothy married 20 Oct. 1774 at North Haven, Conn. Mary Pierpont. Obviously IF the birthdate of 12 Mar 1773 is the correct one for Ruluf, Timothy and Mary are not his parents UNLESS he was born out of wedlock and possibly to someone other than Mary.

However, there is nothing to support this either... except "odd information" such as the fact that Timothy dies at a time convenient to the gdn. bond date; Timothy was an inn keeper and a carpenter... trades which were common to those days and which Ruluf followed.

As you can see this is just 'teaser' information... and nothing has been found to further the supposition at all. I did some further checking on Capt. Timothy only a month ago. Since this profusion of possible ancestors' still are in the offing, I feel that we must continue to regard them all as possibilities until such time as a definite answer or clue shows up.

PROBABILITY. However, we still must be open-minded to every possible solution and therefore, Capt. Timothy remains in the open file... even though this family has been checked and re-checked.

Rather recently I checked for baptismal, marriage and death records in the Mount Carmel section of Hamden. ... which is probably the section where Joseph Johnson of the guardian bond lived. There are very few entries in the only available church records and they tell us nothing. The name varies here also... sometimes Andrus, sometimes Andrews. As well as can be identified from the fragmentary information, the Caleb Andrus who has an unnamed child bpt. 4 April 1784 is the same person as Caleb Andrews who has Kezia bpt. 11 June 1786 and on 6 Sept. 1789 a dau. Electra. Further records located (probate dated 23 Apr. 1824 at Woodbridge, Conn.) list these two children, plus others... 8 in all but no Ruluf. This Caleb dies in 1830 age 81 which establishes his birthdate about 1749. He married 1st 22 June 1773 Anna Wolcott who died in 1810 age 56 and his 2nd wife was Mary. Again, the marriage date is wrong and *furthermore* with both Caleb and a 2nd wife dying long after the date of the gdn. bond there would appear to be no logical reason for giving further consideration to this Caleb.

Also in these same Church entries is the bpt. of Timothy, son of John Andrew on the 2nd Sunday in May 1782. It is possible that this John is a brother to Caleb since there is still another brother named Timothy for whom the child could have been named. This brother Timothy was b. probably about 1746 and married at New Haven, Conn. on 24 Sept. 1761 Sarah Ball (1748-1803) whose 2nd husband was John Churchill. To date I have not located any children for this Timothy.

I have at various times during the past months since my last report to you done extensive checking on various likely Andrews-Andrus persons, such as Caleb, Timothy and many others, in an effort to pick up a clue or determine some factor which would definitely eliminate them. All types of records, whatever could be found, have been checked and this has included pension records since Ruluf's father could very well have served in the Revolution.

As I reported previously to you Ruluf has been identified as the man recorded as "Rufus" in the 1800 census for Poultney. Since all the Poultney records were destroyed by fire, it is impossible to obtain much information for this area. However, even though there was a statement on file in the Public Records division at Montpelier that the records were nonexistent... I made a trip to Poultney in April. The only thing available is the typed mss. of reconstructed records from the few surviving tax lists, cemetery inscriptions and church records. Even though I have gone through this page by page, item by item several times at the Historical Society, I spent several hours going through this copy just to be sure that no notations, additions or recordings of corrections were there. Nothing found at all... just clarification that Poultney does not have any early records.

Of course while watching for Andrus information, I also look carefully for Smiths and also Hancocks since Azubah's sister Polly "Mary" married Uriah Hancock. Since we do not have a marriage date nor a place... almost anywhere is good hunting ground.

In 1790 Ruluf was 17 years and we assume that he was in Hamden with his guardian Joseph Johnson. Joseph Johnson is in the 1790 census with 2-3-8; that is, himself and 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16, and 8 females. There is also Joseph Jr. with himself and his wife, evidently not married too long. There are also six other men named Joseph Johnson listed in other locations in Conn. in 1790.

According to Jacobus' New Haven Families, Joseph Johnson, Sr. was b. 1 Jan. 1725 at Wallingford, son of Isaac and Sarah (Osborn) Johnson. He has a wife Phebe and makes his will #6017 14 March 1807 and the will is recorded and distribution made 20 May 1811. No mention is made of Ruluf Andrus who, of

paper. You think you scan it carefully reading all the headlines, yet frequently someone will ask if you saw a certain item... and you didn't... you read right by it. Sometime in research you see all the details but the connection escapes you... and retracing your steps, reviewing your own notes can very often turn up a new clue to follow.

Another of the teasers is that Joseph and Phebe Johnson's dau. Eunice married Nathaniel Andrews of Cheshire (a neighboring town) but he would be a contemporary of Ruluf's since Nathaniel was born on 22 July 1761 s. of Amos Content and therefore only 12 years old when Ruluf was born. The History of Wallingford by Davis p. 624 family #170 gives Amos as son of Nicholas and Lydia... and Amos' wife as Content. Jacobus, in New Haven Families p. 52, calls her Content Morgan. The History of Wallingford does NOT give a son Nathaniel. However, Jacobus is always a good authority. Amos, according to the history, has a dau. Sybil and Nathaniel according to Mr. Jacobus has a dau. Sybil. Jacobus also gives Amos as son of Giles and Abigail (Tittle) Andrews rather than of Nicholas & Lydia. The History of Wallingford is not wholly reliable and this appears to be one more error. Continued rechecking on this Wallingford-Cheshire Hamden area for a Johnson-Andrus clue has not so far been rewarding. Yet the little things, like the name Sybil showing up makes one cling to it as a possibility. It is interesting also, that the name Orrin shows up in this Wallingford branch.

Getting back to the 1790 census for Joseph Johnson. There is no way to really prove an early census but we can conjecture it in this manner - Joseph and Ruluf, the 2 males over 16, Isaac and Lent, his 2 sons as 2 of the 3 under 16; the girls are Phebe, Eunice, Rebecca, Sarah, Merab, Elizabeth, Rhoda, Loly and Clarissa (or Fenty)... this total to 9 and since there are only 8 females in the census... we assume that either some died young or are married by 1790. However, Phebe's (the mother) will dated 22 April 1813 names her 9 daus. and son Isaac. The distribution states that Isaac and dau. Phebe died after the will was written. With these facts at hand we must reconstruct the census to assume that probably 2 daus. were married by 1790.

In this Poultney manuscript is the comment that Ebenezer Smith came to Poultney the latter part of the 17th century. Children: Lucy, b. 20 May 1782 m. in 1803 Wm. Miller. Since this Lucy is the only child given and born 1782 this Ebenezer Smith does not appear to be of interest as possibly related to Azubah and Polly. Also in Poultney prior to the Revolution was James Smith. He had a brother Nathaniel who married Lydia Richards. But here again... they do not lead to a John and Sarah who were parents of Azubah and Polly.

There is a William Preston (b. 1716, d. 1815) in Poultney, said to have come from Litchfield, Conn. to Poultney. His son John was b. Conn. and d. Poulaiey in 1851. John has a son James. Abner Preston and James Smith are Ruluf Andrus's next door neighbors in Jay in 1810. There are Prestons in Wallingford, Conn. but no Abner listed in the history.

I have continued to work with the various John and Sarah Smiths found in Rutland co. but still nothing of value. Index reels have been checked for all the area that could be considered Rutland county for deeds and/or probates for a John Smith. (grantor & grantee)

Danby, Vermont--no Johns  
Pawlet --no John  
Fair Haven ---John grantor to Michael Merrit 1:263 & 2P:11'  
John grantor to Benj. Phiperell 2:10

There are also entries in Fair Haven for James, Noah, Nathaniel, Joshua, Asa and Appolos and for Elias, Simeon, Russell and David. However, Fair Haven deeds start 1794,

Orwell ---John to Samuel Jones 5:34'7

Since Orwell deeds also start in 1784 this entry is likely to be too late

Middletown ---James in 1797 as granter 2:260; 2:325'  
Benson ---no John  
Clarendon ---John of Rutland from Jacob Marsh of

Charlotte co. , N.Y. 1:77 -- 7 May 1773 - a quitclaim of 1 whole right in the NY grant

--John of Rutland from Silas Whiting of Clarendon dated 2 March 1781 1:147 - 50 acres in Clarendon Clarendon --John of Rutland (called Capt.) to Obadiah Chapman 1:330 dated 7 Oct. 1774 - land in the province of NY granted HEz. Grout on N.H. grant

--John of Rutland to Abijah Scovil 1:362 dated 22 Oct. 1782 - 20 acres in Clarendon

--John of Clarendon to Noel Putter 3:107 dated 11 Aug. 1783, 100 acres in Clarendon - wim. Samuel Smith, Andrew Potter

--John of Rutland to Epaphras Loomis 5:249 dated 2 May 1793, 60 acres wim. Daniel Smith

--John of Shrewsbury to John Rolfe of Clarendon 6:90 dated 18 Nov. 1796 - right of Samson Willard

--John of Clarendon to Randall Rice 6:189 dated 8 May 1798, 25 acres on Shrewsbury line

--John of Shrewsbury to James Crocker of Clarendon 7:189 dated 11 Mar. 1805 - land in Clarendon

Rutland --John of Worcester Mass to Paul Moore of Shoreham 2:393 dated 20 Feb 1778, land at Shoreham

--John of Worcester to Roger Stevens of Pittsford, Charlotte co., N.Y. dated 26 Dec. 1774, land at Shoreham

These were all merely land transactions and yielded no family information.

The one record giving family information was in the Rutland records book 1 page 34 Samuel Smith of Salisbury, Conn. to my son John Smith of Salisbury, Conn. for the consideration of 64 lbs. current money of New York--warrant--1020 acres of land in the township of Rutland, Otter Creek, province of New York, executed 4 Dec. 1770, acknowledged same date, John William JP, recorded 17 Jan., wim. John Williams, Eurnice Hamilton.

Sarah Smith, presumably a widow, is in the Poultney 1790 census with 1 male under 16 and 2 females (presumably herself and a dau.) Due to the destruction by fire of all Poultney records in 1862, it becomes very difficult to identify any of these Poultney families.

We can identify a few of the other Smiths, several of which I have told you about previously such as the John of Worcester, Mass.

Unfortunately this has all been unrewarding.. all that has been accomplished is the satisfaction of knowing that all the deed indexes involving the Rutland-Poultney area have been carefully checked for Smith and Andrus references. When a deed listed in the index appeared a possibility the actual deed was looked up. But all of them have been simple land transactions.. no mention of any family connections except to identify Samuel of Salisbury who has the son John. Just for the record... here is a bit more that will serve to eliminate him as being related to Azubah and Polly.

John Smith is called Capt. and in 1782 he is identified as John Sr. in 1770 he was called of Salisbury Conn. He died the 24 or 25 of July 1806 and is buried in the West Rutland, Vt. cemetery John married 1 May 1753 at Sharon, Conn. Phoebe Chapman who died in her 68th yr. 4 Aug. 1803 and is buried at W. Rutland, Vermont.

John's children were all born in Sharon, at least the births are recorded in Sharon. Conn.

1. John called 2d and also sometimes Capt. b. 16 March 1756 Sharon, d. 22 Nov. 1825 ae 70 at West Rutland, Vt. According to Smith & Rann's Hist. of Rutland Co., Vt. pub. 1886 (p. 318-9) he had a wife Sarah. However, cemetery inscriptions give a death record for Mercy wife of John 2d 13 Sept. 1849 ae 89 at W. Rutland (birth ca 1760)
2. Daniel b. 1 April 1754 Sharon
3. Joel m. twice - Laura Franklin & Tryphena Mead
4. Silas died ae 43 16 Aug 1801 at W. Rutland
5. Elijah d. 2 Aug. 1859 ae 95 yrs. 9 mos. W. Rutland
6. Sarah m. 18 Dec. 1781 at Rutland Daniel Giddings

John is said to have come to Rutland from Salesbury in 1774 and to have fought in the Battle of Bennington.

I have not yet completely eliminated John 2d. He's a difficult man to get information on. The "scraps" don't tie together well as yet. There is a Capt. John 2d who was present at a town meeting in Rutland, Vt. on 4 Jan. 1781. He has a wife Sarah and also three children:

1. Truman b. 7 May 1775; Lucinda 16 Nov. 1776; Benjamin 16 July 1778; Richard 18 Mar. 1780 and William Henry 25 De. 1782. The man I'd like to identify and so far haven't been able to ... is James Smith who is living next door to Ruluf in Jay, N. Y. in 1810. I'd like to prove or disprove that he is a brother-in-law. He is in the 26-45 age group and so is his wife. This places him as a contemporary of Ruluf. James Smith has a girl 10-26, 3 boys under 10 and a girl under 10.

So far my collection of "James Smith" has not been too productive. One of the intriguing ones is this:

James Smith with wife Azubah.. according to the Cleveland Genealogy 1:296 has a dau. Azubah b. 10 April 1738 at Sheffield, Mass. who dies at Fair Haven, Rutland co. , Vt. on 20 Aug. 1823 as the wife of Oliver Cleveland. There is also supposed to be a son James "who served in the Revolution. "

Wishful thinking could, of course, have this brother James born about 1740, married ca 1760... but this would contradict Milo's record that the parents were John and Sarah and this James and the son James are bot wrong circa to be in Jay in 1810.

However, this James will remain in my active file until I can learn more about him.

According to the History of Poultney, Vt. p. 348, a James Smith arrived in town prior to the Rev., had Daniel who married Charlotte Maranville and several children; Bliss and Peter b, about 1759 who died 9 Aug. 1829, married but no children

The James of Conn. whose will dated 30 Nov. 1787 Southington, Conn. names a dau. Azuba is not our man. This dau. Azubah is born 4 Sept. 1732 and dies unmarried ae 75 on 1 July 1807 at Southington.

Since New York and Vermont boundaries and "ownership of lands" was pretty well confused in the early years I felt it wise to check the earlier New York County (Washington) from which Essex was eventually formed and which also embraced the old Charlotte county, N. Y. which eventually became part of Vermont. So records were checked at Hudson Falls, Washington county, New York, the county seat and proved most disappointing.

There were no Andrews-Andrus or any variant spellings until about the 1840's when the name Andrews showed up. Of course this is far too late. The Smith name showed up and I checked out all the references.. but no luck. I think we can rather safely form the opinion that Ruluf and James Smith (if he is related) left Vermont sometime after the 1800 census.

Incidentally since we have Ruluf in Vermont in 1800 it would appear that the conclusions reached earlier of the birth of Oran 10 April 1797 at ESSEX, N. Y. , that of Almon 10 April 1800 (wonder if they both WERE born the same day and Month) and of Sybil 22 Sept. 1796 may NOT have been in Essex county but perhaps at Poulmey whose records were destroyed. Rulufs record in the census would check out--2 male under 10--Oran and Almon, 1 female (Sybil) under 10 and himself and Azubah in the 16-26 bracket.

Getting back to the deeds found at Hudson Falls, N.Y. B-2; 11 Anny Smith of Argyle co. of Washington, state of NY, relict of Daniel Smith, late of Argyle deed, and Duncan Smith, John Smith, Daniel Smith, Samuel Smith, Catherine and Elizabeth Smith all of Argyle and heirs of Daniel to Matthew Pettis of Argyle, dated 21 Oct. 1791 .. etc.... lot #127 in Argyle.

Bk C p. 197 an indenture in which John Smith is mentioned dated 4 May 1797..."whereas Henry Tinkee did devise to parties of the first part (being his children)" All others named have sur name Tinkee and it is rather safe to assume that John Smith is inheriting as a son-in-law, his wife probably having died.

C:203 is another involving the Tinkes and naming John Smith's wife as Margaret.

E:39 is for James Smith of Easton and Anne his wife selling on 17 May 1800 to Gerret C. Vandenburg. Acknowledged by Annatie Smith, witness Philip Smith. --mentioned in the deed

is William Smith, Jr. with lane as well as several persons named Livingston. It concerns New York city people and an original land deed dated 12 Nov. 1768.

G:283 Asaph Cook Roger Turner and Asa Rood, all of Granville, Washington co., NY go Richard Gookins and Benjamin Standring of Haverhill, Grafton Co., N.H., Thomas Renshaw and James Smith of Bennington, co. of Bennington, Vg., dated 10 May 1802 -- lease -- right go build a dam across the falls below Asaph Rogers grist mill and the right to build a house 24 ft sq. suitable for carding.

6:400 Parden Case of Cambridge, Washington co., NY to James Smith, blacksmith of same gown dated 2 Aug. 1797 --land in Cambridge log #64.

This one is a teaser but doesn't "add up" --bk 1 p. 398 - RULEFF SMITH and Phebe his wife of Whitehall, co. of Washington, NY go Aaron Loomis, Warham Loomis and Enos Loomis Jnr of Granville, NY dated 29 Dec. 1807, ack. 15 June 1808 and recorded 26 Aug. 1808: witnesses William Chandler and Elisha Sill--all that part of a certain lot of land being part of a certain lot of land granted by the state of New York to Daniel Whitmarsh, late of Whitehall being in the gown of Granville, containing 52 acres and 146 rods.

I have briefed these deeds and for most of them given you only the one date... since they have all been negative and contained no genealogical information of interest.

The few existing records for Poultney, Vt. include a few grant lists (property tax lists) and I am sure that I have reported to you that Ruluf's name appearing here as Ruluf is what serves go identify him as the incorrectly recorded Rufus of the 1800 Poultney, Vt. census. I rechecked these entries when I made the trip to Poultney

Ruluf Andrus on grand list for 1795, not on list for 1797-98 #31 property 8# personal

NO Andrus or Andrews names PRIOR m 1795

There is no existing list for 1796

In 1797 there is a Benjamin Andrus on the list (only Andrews Andrus) - value \$53. 50

In 1798 it is Benjamin Andrews (only one) 2 horses, 1 cow - \$53.50 (this certainly establishes the Andrus-Andrews spelling as interchangeable for this man.

There are no lists from 1798 to 1810

In 1810 - Roswell Andrus \$96.00

Titus Andrus \$40.00 only Andrus-Andrews entries

There is one other "odd bit" the proprietors meeting to establish the town of Poultney was held at Sheffield, Mass. in 1763 and another at Canaan, Conn. in 1772. Among the early names mentioned are Nathaniel and James Smith - July 1777 and James Smith, Jr. in 1773. The 1780 poll tax list gives Nathaniel Smith and in 1781 James, John and Nath'l. In 1784 Noah Smith. If only those Poultney records hadn't burned in 1862.

In checking out the original New Hampshire grant for the town of Poultney, Vg. the date is 21 Sept. 1761... long before Ruluf is born. There are no Smiths, no Andrews or Andrus but Ruluff Ditcher shows up as well as several other Dutch families. However, in 90% of the settlements the original grantees never settled on the land. Also, the lack of any Andrus-Andrews names seems go explode any possibility that Ruluf settled on land inherited from any Andrus relatives.

In 1800 census there is a Roswell Andrus in Hillsdale, Columbia co., N.Y. The Roswell of Poultney is said to have come there from Shaftsbury, Vermont about 1800. He died 11 Sept. 1845 ae 78 thereby establishing a birthplace ca 1769 and becomes a contemporary of Ruluf, certainly not his father. Roswell marries Lucy Coy, b. ca 1773 and died 3 Feb. 1846 ae 73. There are 3 children, rather 4, Laura Heman, Roswell and Linus.

The Benjamin Andrus who is on the 1797 Poulmey grand list hasn't been identified. He could be the Benjamin Andrews of the 1800 census of Elizabeth gown, N.Y. and/or the Benjamin Andrus of the 1810 census of Keene, NY... I believe it to be the same man. However, since there appears to be no relationship to Ruluf, I have not worked extensively on this.

Of course many additional John Smiths continue to crop up...even a couple who have married Sarahs...but usually after a big of research go establish some dates, they are ruled out. However, I still have many incomplete families still in my active file. Since we know that John and Sarah probably were born and possibly, married outside of Vermont, I have also collected a few Johns and Sarahs in other locations such as John Smith 3d of Taunton, Mass. whose int 25 Mar. 1739 40 was at Norton, Mass. to Sarah. Fisher of Taunton. The dates are good early of course. John Smith dies at Randolph Vt. on 5 Feb. 1822 ae 65, his wife Sarah dies there 12 Dec. 1843 ae 84. She received a widow's pension which has been checked. She was living with a John Smith who may have been her son.

The John Smith of Fairfax was born about 1748 and wife Sarah about 1758. They appear in the 1800 census of Fairfax, settling there in 1794. A dau. Lavinia is the only child I have located, altho the census indicates others. However, Fairfax is in the northern part of the state... a long way from Rutland county.

For a while the John Smith of Worcester who marries Sarah Doolittle looked rather promising. The sheet is still in my active file although every time I do any checking on this family it produces negative information. He was in Shoreham and Charlotte, that is Addison and Chittenden counties...not Rutland. He does have a Polly born 4 Aug. 1773 and he has a James (a twin with William) born 15 June 1777. However, he John, does not marry until July of 1767 so the 9 children he has born at Worcester, Mass. do not leave a space for an Azabah. John and Sarah (Doolittle) Smith have these children:

1. John b. 18 June 1769
2. John b. 21 Dec. 1770 nn. Sarah Callender in 1794. He died Shoreham, Vt. in 1836
3. Polly b. 4 Aug. 1773
4. Salle or Sarah b. 28 July 1775
5. James b. 15 June 1777
6. William b. 15 June 1777
7. Betsey b. 15 June 1779
8. Hannah b. 6 Dec. 1780
9. Samuel b. 28 Sept. 1782

John Smid, b. 1742 died 7 Feb. 1804 at Hartford, Vg., wife Sarah died there 19 Aug. 1851 age 84. Hartford is in Windsor co. Corp. John Smith of Tinmouth and/or Clarendon married 9 Feb. 1783 Sarah Fitch. Her pension proves her living in 1838 and there is no indication of an earlier marriage. I think this is the John and Sarah who have Thomas b. 1783 and Ruth in 1785.

I here is a John Smith who married 8 Nov. 1772 at Smithfield, R.1. Sarah Wilkinson, but no indication he came to Vermont. Dea. John and Sarah of Goshen N. Y. are having children in the 1760's but no Polly, Azubah or James

John marries 23 May 1764 at Newport, R.I. Sarah Hoxie.. but again, no indication of the family coming to Vermont.

There is an Adna Smith in the 26-45 age group in the 1800 census of Jay.. but I have not yet identified him.

I endeavored to get an identification of Oran's wife since some times one branch of a family will seem to have more knowledge of family history than another. However, there does not seem to be any verification of the 1821 marriage date go Axcy Wilson..pre-umably a nickname for Aclisah. According go family information supposedly from an 1850 census record of Oxford, Erie co., Ohio Achsha or Achsa Address was age 49 and born in New Hampshire. I have not re-checked this census as yet.

It is very difficult go sift out the facts from the fancies. So many times information has been filled in on a family group sheet that may have been only a probability and not an established fact.

I am also continuing to work with the Hancock family. There is a Uriah Hancock who marries in 1791 at Wilbraham, Mass. Lucy Leach. She is probably the Lucy born in 1772, dau. of Jonathan and Jerusha Leach. We have no date for our Utah's marriage go Polly Smith. This could be another person or it could be two marriages. As yet there are not enough dates go prove anything. There is a Maranus Hancock who marries 11 June 1831 in Lorain co., Ohio Harriet Weston. According go Temple records furnished me by Elena, Uriah and Polly have a son Marinus.

I have tried go add details go all the families that have been associated in any way with Ruluf both in Conn., Vermont, New York

and Ohio.. but so far nothing has opened any gate to unlocking Ruluf or Azubah's ancestry.

As to probates.. no one has any. Evidently no worldly goods to dispose of that required a will. I have hoped to locate some Smith probates but so far no luck. The few that have shown up just are not related to our problems. Council of Appointment - Military Records for the State of New York - 1784-1821 on page 830 of Volume I for the year 1806 lists -

Essex Co. - Lt. Col. Joseph Sheldon's Regt. , Reuben Sanford, Capt. (Brigade) -- Ruloph Andrews, Lieutenant on page 1103 (incorrectly given in the index as page 1183) of vol. II for 1809, Essex Co. - regt. commanded by Lt. Col. Elijah Barnes, Ruluf Andres, Lieutenant. There is the notation also, name was formerly misspelled.

Obviously I have not solved any problem although I have put in many, many hours both in checking new sources and re checking old ones. The DAR manuscript records of cemetery inscriptions for Vermont..roughly some 40 odd bound books.. have been carefully gone thru page by page (I haven't relied on the indexes for each book) for any entries. Many Smiths show up and yet not the right John and Sarah.

All town and county histories for Rutland county, Windsor, Windham, Bennington have been checked. I never pick up a genealogy or a town or county history that I don't check the index for Smith and Andrus. If there are entries I check them out.

My files on both Andrus and Smith are huge and Hancock is getting that way. If anyone has stray bits of information... I do wish it would be sent to me. Somewhere there must be a clue to link Ruluf to some Andrus family and Azubah and Polly and perhaps a James to a John and Sarah Smith. Since I do have so much data it is quite possible that what would be odd information to someone else might fit neatly into one of my odd families.

I'm sorry that there is no proven ancestry here but both lines continue elusive.