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A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE MILO ANDRUS FAMILY

In October, 1973, representatives from the wife-lines of Milo Andrus met in Salt Lake City to discuss plans for organizing the Milo Andrus Family. In that meeting, a committee was appointed to write a constitution for the Family, and to present it in another meeting of the same representatives on April 6, 1974.

Accordingly, a constitution was written and presented for discussion when the representatives met as scheduled. It was amended slightly, then approved to be submitted to those who attend the Milo Andrus Family Reunion in Idaho Falls, June 28 and 29, 1974. If those who attend the reunion ratify the constitution, then steps will be taken to organize the Milo Andrus family under its provisions.

The representatives who approved the constitution in their meeting April 6, also voted to have it published in the Andrus Recorder so that those who attend the reunion in June will have had a chance to read and study it before they are asked to ratify it. Consequently, the proposed constitution is printed below for your consideration.

As you read this constitution and contemplate the organization which it proposes, you should keep in mind the following comments

1. Purposes of the Milo Andrus Family Organization defined by the constitution relate primarily to genealogical research. This enables the Family Organization, under law, to qualify as a non-profit and tax-exempt organization. This is not to say, however, that additional purposes of the family organization cannot be to promote unity in the family through reunions, and contribute to the welfare of the living as well as the dead.
2. If the constitution is approved, then for purposes of organizing, the representatives who initiated, amended and approved it for submission to a reunion of family members for ratification would constitute the Board of Directors identified in the constitution until a Board of Directors as provided can be organized.
3. The constitution identifies the "Chairman" as a primary officer in the Family Organization. According to the constitution, the chairman is not elected. Rather, the President of the Executive Committee automatically becomes Chairman when a new President is elected. Thus, Roman Andrus would be the first Chairman under the constitution if Thomas Andrus were elected President.
4. Those who plan to attend the reunion in June, should come prepared to nominate and vote on at least two candidates for President and two for Vice-President. Nominations will be made from the floor during the business meeting of the reunion. Voting will be by secret ballot, and the votes will be counted by a committee of three appointed by the acting Board of Directors, probably through the Chairman.

Alyn Andrus, Vice Pres.
Milo Andrus Family Organization

CONSTITUTION OF THE MILO ANDRUS FAMILY ORGANIZATION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Milo Andrus Family Organization. Through out this document it will be called the Organization.

Article II: Purposes

Section 1

The purpose of this organization shall be (1) to promote genealogical research, (2) to maintain a record of Milo Andrus, his wives and posterity, (3) to disseminate information relating to the ancestry and posterity of Milo Andrus.

Section 2

In furtherance of these objectives, this Organization may make distribution of its assets to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this organization.

Article III: Government

Section 1

A power, business and property of the Organization shall be exercised, conducted, and controlled by the Board of Directors.

Membership of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

Chairman	Vice-President
President	Presidents of the Wife-Line Families

The Board of Directors shall meet at least 2 times each year.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall execute policies of the Board of Directors. Membership of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

President	Secretary	Genealogist
Vice President	Treasurer	Editor

Section 3

Wife-Line Families shall be responsible for genealogical research along the respective wife-lines of Milo Andrus. These families shall draft their own constitutions and establish their own organizations. The presiding officer of each Wife-Line Family shall be called President.

Article IV: Election of Officers

Section 1

The chairman shall be the immediate past president. The chairman shall serve four (4) years.

Section 2

The President and vice-president, shall be elected at a reunion of the Organization. The president and vice-president shall serve four (4) years.

Before the reunion in which the president and vice president shall be elected, the Board of Directors shall invite the members of the Organization to submit names for consideration. At the reunion, the Board of Directors shall present to the Organization 2 candidates for President and 2 candidates for vice-president.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor by family members.

At the reunion in which the president and vice-president shall be elected, voting will be done by secret ballot. A committee of three persons appointed by the Board of Directors shall count the ballots. Results of the election shall be announced at the reunion and the new president and vice-president shall assume their duties immediately. The past president shall then immediately become chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 3

The secretary, treasurer, genealogist and editor shall be nominated by the president and ratified by 2/3 of the assembled members of the Board of Directors.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1

Duties of the chairman are:

- A. He shall call and preside over meetings of the Board of Directors.
- B. He shall review, with the Board of Directors, activities of the Organization.
- C. He shall, with the Board of Directors, establish policy within the framework of this constitution by which the organization can carry out its purposes.
- D. Whenever a vice-president becomes president before his term expires, the chairman of the Board of Directors shall nominate a new vice-president and that nomination must be ratified by 2/3 of the assembled members of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

Duties of the president shall be as follows:

- A. He shall call and preside over meetings of the Executive Committee.
- B. He shall, with the Executive Committee, execute the policies established by the Board of Directors,
- C. He shall become chairman whenever the chairman shall die, resign, or finish his term of office.
- D. He shall assist members of each wife-line to establish a Wife-Line Family organization.
- E. He shall submit a written report semi-annually to the Board of Directors of the activities and accomplishments of the organization.

Section 3

Duties of the vice-president are:

- A. He shall function as the president when the president delegates that responsibility to him, when the president is absent at Executive Committee meetings, when the president dies or is otherwise unable to function in his office, or when the president becomes chairman of the Board of Directors upon the death of the chairman.
- B. He shall carry out any assignments given to him by the president that are in accord with the purposes of the Organization and that fall within the framework of this constitution.

Section 4

Duties of the secretary are:

- A. He shall keep a list of all officers in the Organization, and a current mailing list of the entire family.
- B. He shall keep minutes of Board meetings, Executive committee meetings and Reunions of the Organizations.
- C. He shall provide copies of the minutes to those who participate in the meetings of the Organization, with the exception of business meetings at reunions. Minutes of business meetings at reunions shall be submitted to the editor for publication in the Andrus Recorder.

- D. He shall carry out any assignments given to him by the president that are in accord with the purposes of the Organization and that fall within the framework of this constitution.

Section 5

Duties of the treasurer shall be as follows:

- A. Maintain adequate and proper financial records, which shall be available for audit at the discretion of the Board.
- B. He shall receive and deposit money for the Organization in federally insured institutions.
- C. He shall disburse these funds by cheque which must bear any two of the following signatures: President, Vice President, and Treasurer.
- D. He shall carry out any assignments given to him by the president that are in accord with the purposes of the Organization and that fall within the framework of this constitution.

Section 6

Duties of the genealogist shall be as follows:

- A. He shall implement, develop, supervise, and coordinate research in relation to the ancestors and descendants of Milo Andrus.
- B. He shall maintain a repository of minutes, records and other material of genealogical value to the Milo Andrus Family Organization.

Section 7

Duties of the editor shall be as follows:

- A. He shall supervise and edit all publications of the Organization.
- B. He shall publish and distribute the Andrus Recorder, the official publication of the Organization.

Article VI: Reunions

Section 1

Reunions of the Organization shall be held bi-annually on even numbered years. They shall be held at a place and time determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2

Wife-Line Families shall be encouraged to hold reunions on odd numbered years.

Article VII: Dissolution

Section 1

Upon dissolution of this Organization the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Organization dispose of the assets of the Organization exclusively for the purposes of the Organization in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board shall determine.

Section 2

Failure to hold the reunion or any election shall not disorganize the Organization.

Article VIII: Ratification

This constitution shall be ratified by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of those attending the reunion at which it is presented for ratification.

Article IX: Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those attending a reunion of the Organization.

Article X: Bylaws

Bylaws to this constitution shall be established, amended, or voided by a simple majority of those present at a reunion of the Organization.

MILO ANDRUS FAMILY REUNION

(June 29, 1974)

The Milo Andrus Family Reunion will be held this year on June 29th, at the Seventh Ward Chapel in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The chapel is three blocks north of the Idaho Falls L.D.S. Temple. The following is the schedule of activities.

Temple Sessions. June 28th, 6:00 p.m. and/or June 29th 6:00 a. m.

Contact Leslie Andrus, Grant Andrus, or Todd Andrus, % LDS Temple, Idaho Falls, Idaho.)

General Assembly, June 29th, 9:30 a.m., Seventh Ward Chapel.

Meetings, roll call, awards and program.

Luncheon. 12:30 p. m. \$1.00 per plate. (Contact Howard Andrus, Ray Andrus, Jr. or Douglas Andrus)

Business Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Adoption of Constitution, etc., Genealogical Report, and Election of Officers.

Evening Entertainment. Games, Dancing, and show, sponsored by the Youth Committee.

Sacrament Meeting. Sunday, June 30th, 11:00 a.m., Speaker: Dr. Hyrum L. Andrus, with Marysville Male Chorus. Place: Island Park Chapel..

This year it is proposed that some distinguished service awards be given to deserving members of the family, based on their reunion attendance, work in sponsoring reunions, compiling family histories or personal memoirs, doing genealogical research, giving financial support to the family organization, promoting good will and family togetherness, etc. Though the nature of these awards has not been fully determined, it may be that one or more awards should be given for service to the Milo Andrus Family as a whole, and that at least one award be given for service relating to each wife-line of Milo's family. Some names have been proposed. Please send your nominations to A. Golden Andrus, Ashton, Idaho 83420, with a statement of the nominee's accomplishments.

A trip by bus to Yellowstone National Park has been considered, but some family members have indicated a lack of interest in this proposal. The matter, therefore, is optional. If a sufficient number desire to go, a bus will be chartered for the Monday following the reunion. Reservations must be made by June 15, 1974. A park ranger will guide the tour, which will include a stop at Old Faithful, a boat trip on Yellowstone Lake, and a visit to scenic spots at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, mud pots, geyser areas, etc. If you are interested, write to me before June 15th.

A. Golden Andrus,
Reunion Chairman

URGENT NOTE

In the next issue of the Recorder we will feature Emma Covert, tenth wife of Milo Andrus. Some years ago Elva Goff (47 East 7570 South, Midvale, Utah) compiled considerable material on the family and descendants of Emma Covert, with some "pictures, histories, etc. She subsequently loaned this material to an interested member of the family, and it has not been returned. Its location is not now known.

If any member of the family knows where this material is, or any other information on the life and family of Emma Covert, please send it either to Mrs. Goff or to Hyrum L. Andrus, 530 East 1980 North, Provo, Utah 84601.