



Milo Andrus Family Organization Newsletter

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President's Message Fall, 2007

This year has been one with many great events, including our first full-scale family reunion in many years, wife line reunions, and major progress in our genealogical research. As I have contemplated the responsibility of leading this organization for the next few years, I have been struck by a number of things. First, how do we move an all-volunteer organization with thousands of members to accomplish the mission of the organization? We are on the brink of exciting breakthroughs in our research, yet to fund the research to the extent needed will take a much greater investment than in years past. The posterity of Milo Andrus continues to grow, yet our active organization and funding stays at about the same level from year to year. How can we create the vision for our brothers and sisters, children, cousins and friends that will move us forward in a much greater way? In the words of Spencer W. Kimball, how can we "lengthen our stride and quicken our pace" in order to accomplish all that needs to be done? How can we best utilize the technology available in order to communicate our successes, our needs, and our goals for the future? How can we get the younger generations involved and make them feel truly connected to this family organization?

To answer some of these questions, I ask humbly and sincerely for your input and feedback. Regarding funding of the organization, we have asked for donations of \$25 per year per family (please see the at-

tached contribution form). For those who can, we ask you to consider much, much more. As a 501c3 non-profit organization, general contributions to us qualify as tax-deductible donations. As the scope of our research expands to include more DNA testing and posterity research, so does the cost of our research. Our database continues to grow, resulting in greater expense to the organization with each issue of the newsletter. We will continue to produce a hard-copy newsletter for the foreseeable future; however we are looking at ways to reduce the expense. The new smaller size, elimination of envelopes, future use of bulk mail rates, and more information available electronically are some of the ways we can do this. We will post the newsletter in its entirety on the organization website and can notify you by email on each update to the site (for details, go to www.miloandrus.org and find out how to get signed up for the automatic updates).

In addition to funding ancestral research, we are engaged in a project to identify all of the posterity of Milo Andrus. You can help by submitting names and addresses to your wife line representative or by volunteering to assist in the research itself.

With all of our getting, let's get going! Thank you for all the good work you do.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and may we all be mindful of the truly rich heritage we share.

Sincerely,
Brent M. Andrus

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Laura Anderson's Research Trip Report

For this trip we had several goals!

1. Separating out the Andrus (Andrews, Andress, Andros...) lines in Vermont.
2. Put Ruluf's land in Essex County on the map.
3. Get as much information as possible into our digital library so research can be done at home.

As for the actual trip, this trip did not go as planned!

We had scheduled time share rooms for Ray and Fay Andrus to accompany us on the trip but at the last minute something came up and they were not available. My mother came along as a replacement. So my husband Craig, my mother La Kay M. Weber and I left on Aug 23 for Vermont. We sat in Salt Lake for 4.5 hours due to a tornado which caused the evacuation of the entire Chicago Airport which delayed us to where we got to our hotel at 3:30 am. on the 24th. By afternoon we were up and visited Rutland City archives where they were going to charge us two dollars each for copies (no digital copies allowed) so we decided to do the other research first and what the State Archives had for their records before we decide exactly what we need there.

On the 25th we visited with the historical Society at Poultney, Vermont. This was the place that dictated the timing of our trip, as they are only open for the summer months. We had Bonnie Goodard and Bill Homer visit here in years past, but they did not have my background in who we are traveling with or the ability to digitize the collection for us. Here because of our high tech scanner we were able to scan in about 450 pages. These include a genealogy of the town as best it could be reconstructed after the records burned (This I think is why we have not gotten further on the Andrus line than we have). We also copied will extracts and the WPA project of historical documents, along with about 120 pages of things that could not be digitized (at 10cents a copy). This then becomes a research library for the family to use in our quest. We did establish that Ruluf was in Poultney by 1795 as an adult paying taxes.

After dodging falling trees and downed power lines and closed roads, (I think the storm was following us) Saturday night we moved to Stowe which is about mid state near the State Archives in Middlesex and the State Historical Society in Barre. Here we spent Monday-Thursday in these 2 repositories and visiting with an Andrus family in that area.

In the 1950's there was a Miss Hildebrand who did research for the Andrus family. She thought it significant that there was a Ruluf Dutcher in Poultney as early as 1763. He being listed as the surveyor on two survey documents from that time (these were state records and so did not burn with the City Records). Could this be where Ruluf got his name? Could one of Dutcher's daughters be Ruluf's mother? We do not know at present so we started tracking Dutchers. We located a Dutcher in Shaftsbury early on as well; Shaftsbury is where the most likely Andrus family is coming from. These people could be important in our research.

That weekend was a long one and things were to be closed on Monday so we took Friday and at our own expense we drove up to Boston. I think the Andrus research is going to take us in that direction as the New England Historical society is there. We researched on my Boston, Irish line. We figured out where they lived and where they were buried. (Believe it or not I am not an Andrus!) This was thrilling for My mother and me. By Sunday night we were back in Killington, Vermont and On Labor Day we spent the time organizing what we had located on the Andrus lines and making appointments for the next week's research.

Tuesday we went to Tinmouth (pronounced tinmuth) where in about 2 hours we digitized all of the Andrus Land Birth Marriage and Death records for this town along with notes on the Cemetery. This is where Lt. John of Ipswitch's descendant Isaac of Shaftsbury's son Joseph settled or I thought it him but had no proof. Here we located land documents that proved the connection. This Joseph could be important because Roswell and Isaac two of Joseph's brothers lived in Poultney around the 1800 time frame which is when Ruluf is living there. We do not see Joseph until he is older. He could have had children as early as when Ruluf is born. This line will be ruled out or become a primary target depending on the DNA tests. We then went for lunch at the local Cemetery. (Only a genealogist would do that!)

Later that afternoon we went to the Burlington Historical Society where we spent a productive afternoon. The most useful thing that we located was a good document on the Dutcher's that will help in that research.

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Thursday we went to see a descendant of Ezra Andrus a farm owner in Rutland County; this was our third time visiting him. After working with him on family records we got around to the sticky subject of Maple Syrup, which we were buying from him, and DNA testing. I was much relieved to learn that he had softened on the question of having his DNA test done and we came home with a sample which is being tested now. If that matches our male family members DNA we will know out of what family we come. If not we will know what family to not trace further and to concentrate in other areas. I had prayed so hard for that sample and truly felt blessed to get what I needed from our trip.

We then made a stop at Pawlet and again in a couple of hours were able to copy the Andrus family records out of that Town hall. Here we found several things that were of interest. Many cousins on the John of Ipswitch line settled here, it is not far from Poultney and Wells where other Andrus family members are living at that time. We also located where Daniel Dennison, an uncle of John Dennison (John moved to Ohio with Ruluf) was selling land to an Andrus family member.

This about sums up our trip. I am anxiously awaiting the DNA test results! Laura

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Wanted!!!

Your stories, photos, articles, news, family events for posting on our website

go to miloandrus.org

Needed!!!

Your time, talents, effort, for ancestral research, transcription, and family descendency research

go to miloandrus.org, or return the form below

Milo Andrus Family Contribution Form

- Please list me as a dues-paying member of the Milo Andrus Family Organization, accepting my dues of \$25.00.
- Please accept my contribution of _____ for ancestry research work. Please send me a receipt so I can keep track of this donation for tax purposes to the address below.
- For future newsletter mailings, I want to help cut print and mailing costs. Please send me an electronic version to the email address below.
- I am interested in getting involved in general research for the organization.
- I am interested in assisting my wife-line representative in family research.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

I descend from this wife of Milo Andrus _____

Please send me _____ copies of the photo CD that was shown at the reunion. (Enclose \$10.00 for each CD ordered.)

Please send me _____ copies of the Milo Andrus and his wives play (presented at the reunion) DVD. (Enclose \$15.00 for each DVD ordered.)

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Our Mission:

The Milo Andrus Family Organization seeks out and gathers in descendants of Milo Andrus. We honor our noble heritage. We aim to strengthen binding ties of this heritage through preserving histories, encouraging saving ordinances, promoting open communication and fostering among us the cherished values inherent in the Andrus legacy.

To accomplish this mission we currently will focus on the following:

- Encourage functional wife line organizations.
- Pursue the ancestry of Milo Andrus through focused genealogical research.
- Obtain and maintain current descendancy lists to foster communication.
- Maintain a sound financial base through family dues, promotional items, books and research articles.
- Maintain our tax-exempt status encouraging donations that can be used for research and communication mechanisms.

Establish and maintain a Milo Andrus Web page.

Learn more at www.miloandrus.org