

Research Report for the Milo Andrus Family Organization

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Report Summary

1. Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith were living in the 1800 census in Poultney, Vermont. Ruluf was on a tax list in 1795 in Poultney as well.
2. Azuba Smith was born in 1777. Her son, Milo Andrus, said she was born in Rutland, Vermont. Because she was living in Poultney in 1800, it's probable that Azuba was from the town of Poultney, which is part of Rutland County, Vermont.
3. Azuba's son Milo said that Azuba's parents were named John and Sarah Smith.
4. There was a John Smith living in the town of Poultney in 1781. He died in 1790 and his wife appears to be the Sarah Smith listed as a head of household in the 1790 census in Poultney.
5. Though there were other men in Rutland County, Vermont, the ones that had family records could be eliminated as possible fathers of Azuba Smith from the available documents, except for John Smith of Poultney.
6. The vital records and probate records of Poultney from this time period burned in a fire, so there is not a birth record for Azuba. This means we must gather information using circumstantial evidence and DNA.
7. In the town of Poultney, there were 2 brothers named James and Nathaniel Smith, and they moved to Poultney in 1773 or 1774.
8. James and Nathaniel Smith had a sister, Azuba Smith, who married Oliver Cleveland. Oliver Cleveland settled in Fair Haven, which was next to Poultney.
9. In 1779 Nathaniel Smith, John Smith, and Oliver Cleveland were all granted land in Fair Haven. Nathaniel and John Smith both sold their land in Fair Haven shortly after receiving it and probably never settled in Fair Haven as they were listed as being from Poultney at the time they sold their land.
10. The land that John Smith owned in Fair Haven was close to the land of Oliver Cleveland.
11. In 1781 James, Nathaniel, and John Smith joined other residents of Vermont to sign a petition. Their names are listed next to each other on a list of signatures. The petition was asking for the area of Fair Haven to become a township.
12. John Smith appears to be related to Nathaniel, James, and Azuba Smith because he lives in the same places at the same times, and he signed the same documents.
13. The early settlers of Poultney were said to have been from Litchfield County, Connecticut, and Berkshire County, Massachusetts. The first meeting of the proprietors of Poultney was held in the town of Sheffield, Massachusetts, which is in Berkshire County.
14. James Smith and Azubah Gunn lived in Sheffield, Massachusetts. They had 10 children who were listed in the town records. Among their children are a daughter named Azubah who was born in 1738, a son James who was born in 1744, a son John who was born in 1746, and a son Nathaniel who was born in 1751. Azubah, James, John, and Nathaniel do not appear in later records in Sheffield so they appear to have left the area. They match the family that settled in Poultney, Vermont.

15. Multiple descendants of Azuba Smith match on autosomal DNA with multiple descendants of Azuba Smith Cleveland, sister of John Smith, who married Oliver Cleveland, indicating that they most likely have a common ancestor.
16. The wife of John Smith was named Sarah, but no documents were located that indicate her maiden name or family.
17. The mother of John Smith was Azubah Gunn. Her family is well documented so more research on her family is probably not needed.
18. The father of John Smith was James Smith of Sheffield MA. More research can be done to see if his ancestry can be found.

Background Information

The goal of this research session was to identify the parents of Azuba Smith, mother of Milo Andrus.

Previous research identified the following information about Azuba:

Azuba's gravestone in Henrietta Township, Lorain, Ohio, reads, "Azubah, wife of Ruluf Andress, Born 1777, Died 1832 age 55 years 4 months."

In his autobiography, Milo said, "My father is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and my mother of Rutland, Vermont."

On 9 Jan 1877, the first day where baptisms for the dead were performed in the St George Temple, Milo Andrus and his daughter Isadore did baptisms for some of their family members. Milo likely wouldn't have had actual documents for his family members due to the time and place he was living, so the dates and places could have possible errors since he would have been relying on his memory and the memory of other family members. However, he certainly knew who his relatives were, so we can with confidence know that these individuals were members of his family.

The people that Milo and Isadore performed baptisms for included Milo's parents, Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith, and his grandfather whom he listed as Grandfather Smith of Vermont.

They were also baptized for Azuba Smith's sister Polly Smith and her husband Uriah Hancock, and their sons Smith Hancock and Calvin C Hancock (Smith and Calvin were thus Milo's first cousins). This record shows clearly that Azuba's sister was Polly Smith. (It could be listed in records as Mary since Polly and Mary were used interchangeably at this time.) The parents of Azuba Smith had a daughter named Mary/Polly who married Uriah Hancock. There is a Uriah Hancock living near the Ruluf Andrus family in several census records, so we can presume that this was Ruluf's brother-in-law.

In the Andrus Recorder, the newsletter of the Milo Family Organization for July 1966, Hyrum Andrus recorded the following:

"While doing research in the L.D.S. Church Historian's Library at Salt Lake City, Utah, June 28, 1966, I learned the identity of Azuba Smith's parents. They are John Smith and Sarah Smith. While searching through some old records of baptisms for the dead performed at Nauvoo, Illinois, I found that on Sunday afternoon, July 16, 1843, Milo Andrews (as they spelled his name) was baptized for his grandfather John Smith and his grandmother Sarah Smith. This occurred in the days before the Church stipulated that males could only be baptized for males, etc. The above information was in a folder entitled "Baptisms for the Dead," in the file labeled "Letters, 1843."

In the 1800 census, Ruluf Andrus was enumerated in Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont.

Thus we know that Azuba Smith born in 1777 in to John and Sarah Smith. Her sister was Mary/Polly Smith who married Uriah Hancock. She was from Rutland County, Vermont, probably in or near the town of Poultney.

Previous research indicated that there were several Smith families in the Poultney area around the time of Azuba's birth. There was a John Smith on a 1781 tax list in Poultney, Vermont. Other Smiths on the tax list in 1781 were Nathaniel Smith and James Smith.

There was also an abstract for probate records from Bennington District that were reviewed since Rutland County was formed from Bennington County in 1781. There was an insolvent estate for a John Smith of Bennington in 1789 whose wife is listed as Hannah. In the papers, "John Smith, Poultney" is listed as someone to whom John Smith owes a debt.

In the 21 February 1791 *Vermont Gazette*, there was a probate listed for the estate of John Smith of Poultney. Unfortunately the newspaper notice did not provide details, and probate records of the Fairhaven Probate District (which included Poultney) from that time period were destroyed in a fire, but at least this is some possible evidence of what happened to the John Smith of Poultney who was in a 1781 tax list, and who may have been the administrator of the estate of John Smith of Bennington in 1789.

There was a Sarah Smith enumerated as a head of household in the 1790 census in Poultney. So it appears that the John Smith on the 1781 tax list died sometime in 1790, and his wife Sarah was listed on the 1790 census, and his estate was probated in early 1791.

In the *Vermont Historical Gazetteer* vol 3 p 675 there was an entry about John Smith of Poultney. In the chapter about Fair Haven, near Poultney, referring to property of a man named Jonathan Lynde along the Poultney River. It says, "The proprietors at their first meeting in June 1780 called this place of Lynde's "an old possession of the Poultney river," and voted to give him the privilege of holding it, "if laid out before the next meeting of the proprietors." The next meeting occurred in August, and as there appears no record of any survey or deed to him, he must either have relinquished his claim or sold it to John Smith, of Poultney, or to Michael Merritt—Mr. Merritt taking possession and surveying the same, this same month, on the 1st div. of Mr. Smith's right." So this lists that in 1780 there was a man named John Smith living in Poultney.

There were a number of other records located for John Smiths in Rutland County in the previous research as there are clearly several men in the area of that name, and it's unclear in some cases which records pertain which John Smiths.

In the previous research, there was not a solid link found from Azuba or Polly Smith to any of the John Smiths of Rutland County. However, due to the incomplete records available, a link from Azuba to her parents may need to be proven with circumstantial and DNA evidence.

Research Performed

One of the difficulties with locating Azuba's parents has been that many of the records for Poultney were burned in a fire. Also John and Sarah Smith are very common names and there were several men in Rutland County named John Smith, so it has been difficult to determine which of the John Smiths was Azuba's father.

One theory that has been proposed about Azuba's parentage is that her father was the John Smith born 21 July 1746 in Sheffield, Berkshire, Massachusetts, son of James Smith and Azubah Gunn. This John Smith had a sister named Azuba Smith who was born 10 April 1738 in Sheffield, and she reportedly married Oliver Cleveland. Oliver Cleveland was reportedly born in Oct 1733 in Sheffield and moved to Fair Haven in Rutland County, Vermont. (Fair Haven is next to the town of Poultney.) Oliver Cleveland is found in Fair Haven in the 1790 and 1800 census records. His death is listed as 5 Sep 1803 in Hampton, Washington, New York, which was across the river from Fair Haven, and the death of his wife Azuba Smith 20 Aug 1823 in Fair Haven, Rutland, Vermont. Certainly this theory seems plausible, especially with the unusual name Azuba in both families, so I looked to see if I could prove or disprove this theory.

I located the vital records of Sheffield, which lists the family of James and Azubah Smith and the births of their children (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-897M-LS96?i=51&cc=2061550>). James and Azuba Smith had a son named John, as well as a daughter named Azuba, and they had sons named Nathaniel and James, as well as other children.

I located "A history of the town of Poultney, Vermont, from its settlement to the year 1875, with family and biographical sketches and incidents" on Archive.org (<https://archive.org/details/historyoftownofp1875josl>)

On page 15 it states that "the old inhabitants that the grantees were at the time residents of Litchfield County, Connecticut, and Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and it was evidently so, in the main at least." The book also states that the earliest recorded meeting of the proprietors as held in Sheffield, Massachusetts, October 7, 1761.

So because many of the earliest settlers of Poultney were from Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and Sheffield is in Berkshire county and was the location of the first meeting of the proprietors of Poultney, Sheffield is certainly a logical place for the founders of Poultney to be from.

I located "History of Rutland County, Vermont : with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers" on Ancestry.com (<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=22132>) There is a history of the town of Poultney in chapter 36 of this book.

On page 766 it states that the town of Poultney was organized on 8 March 1775. [The area was settled as early as 1761 but the town was not formally organized until 1775.]

On page 767 Nathaniel and James Smith are listed as original settlers before the arrival of Burgoyne's army in July 1777. The wife of Nathaniel Smith is listed as one of the women who fled at the battle of Burgoyne.

One page 769 "James and Nathaniel Smith, brothers, must have arrived in Poultney about the year 1773 or 1774, and lived in the north part of town."

In “The Vermont Historical Gazetteer” volume 3 (<https://archive.org/details/vermonthistorica03heme>), on page 974 James Smith of Poultney is listed as being a soldier in the Revolutionary War. On page 966 it tells a story about how Lieutenant James Smith of Poultney saving the life of a Tory, Gilbert Soper, and regretted it.

Next to the town of Poultney is the town of Fair Haven. Oliver Cleveland settled in Fair Haven.

On page 316 of “A History of the Town of New Fair Haven, Vermont, in Three Parts” (https://archive.org/details/HFHV_vtrbms) it says that Oliver Cleveland “married Azubah Smith, a sister of James Smith, a Revolutionary War soldier.” James Smith of Poultney served in the Revolutionary War, so this reference appears to apply to him, and thus Azuba Smith who married Oliver Cleveland was the sister of James and Nathaniel Smith of Poultney.

On page 511 of “A History of the Town of New Haven” it has a list of the names of the original proprietors of Fair Haven in 1779, “most of them being non-residents” and there are listed John Smith, Nathaniel Smith, and Oliver Cleveland.

I looked at a list of original proprietors for towns in Vermont. In the book, “Vermont's first settlers” in the Family History Library it lists the following information:

p 22 Oliver Cleveland received a land grant in Fair Haven 1779 Oct 27

p 88 John Smith received land in Fair Haven in Rutland 1779 Oct 27

p 88 Nathaniel Smith received land in Fair Haven in Rutland 1779 Oct 27

This shows that Oliver Cleveland, John Smith, and Nathaniel Smith all received land in Fair Haven at the same time.

I examined the land records for Fair Haven, which were available through the Family History Library collections (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/140667?availability=Family%20History%20Library>). I found multiple transactions for Oliver Cleveland buying and selling land in Fair Haven, and also Azuba Cleveland selling land after her husband's death. I found a land transaction for John Smith in the Fair Haven land records in book 2 on page 10 that said that John Smith of Poultney sold land in 1788 that was land for which he was an original grantee. I found a land transaction for Nathaniel Smith in book 2 p 42 for 18 Apr 1795 in which Nathaniel Smith of Poultney sold his land in Fair Haven. So it appears that both John Smith and Nathaniel Smith were granted land in Fair Haven, but then later sold the land and both men were living in Poultney at the time they sold the land.

From “A History of the Town of Fair Haven, Vermont in Three Parts”

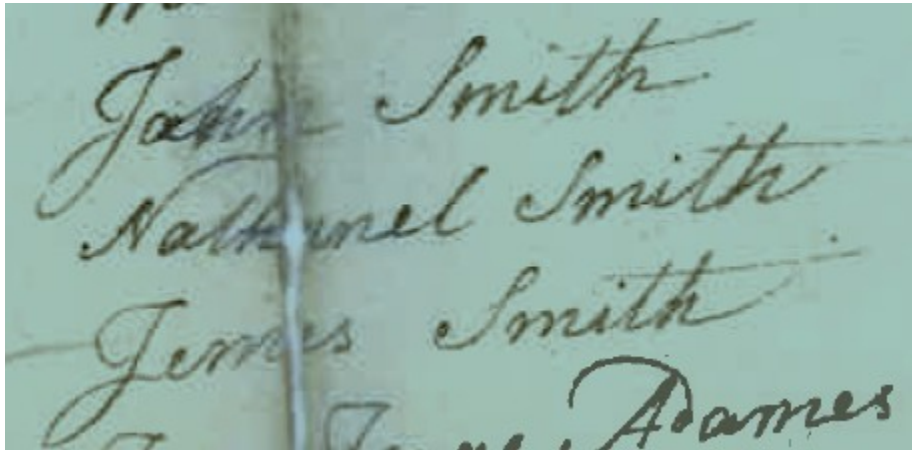
(https://archive.org/details/HFHV_vtrbms) on page 320 it lists a land transaction for John Smith:

“Enoch Cleveland buys of John Smith, of Poultney, in Sep 1787 4 ¾ acres of undivided land on the first division of the right of Wm. Seymour, and this lot is re-surveyed to him on the same day.” John Smith had received land in Poultney as one of the first proprietors and then sold pieces of that land and settled in Poultney. Based on the land descriptions, John Smith's land appears to have been close to the land owned by Oliver Cleveland, so it is quite possible that these two men were closely connected.

The Vermont State Archives had some documents which are indexed in the Nye Index on their website (<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/archivesrecords/state-archives/findrecords/manuscript-vermont-statepapers.aspx>)

Within this index, I located several documents signed by John Smith, Nathaniel Smith, and James Smith. They were various petitions from people living in the area around Poultney petitioning for land and for townships to be formed. There were several documents which John, Nathaniel, and James Smith all signed.

One document was signed on 6 Jun 1779 and was part of series SE-118, Vol. 21, p. 89 in the Vermont State Archives. The petition was for a township to be formed north of Skenesboro NY (currently Whitehall NY) and next to Poultney VT, which would later become Fair Haven. On the document, among the list of names James Smith, John Smith, and Nathaniel Smith all signed this document right next to each other on the list indicating that all 3 men signed at the same time.



“The genealogy of the Cleveland families” on Archive.org (<https://archive.org/stream/genealogyofcleveland01clev>) on page 296 it lists that the wife of Oliver Cleveland's wife was Azuba Smith, daughter of James Smith of Sheffield and sister of James Smith, the Revolutionary War soldier. This book does not have a source for why it concludes that Azuba was the one born in Sheffield, however.

There were several John Smiths in Rutland County, so I studied them to see if any other men were possible fathers of Azuba. I identified five other John Smiths in Rutland County that were contemporaries of the John Smith of Poultney:

1. There was a Captain John Smith that settled in the town of Rutland who married Phebe Chapman. He was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1723. His wife, children, and grandchildren are named in the book “Early families of Rutland, Vermont,” compiled by Marvel G. Swan and Donald P. Swan. There is no mother named Sarah, so this cannot be the father of Azuba.
2. Captain John Smith of Rutland had a son named John. This man named John Smith married a woman named Mercy.
3. There was another John Smith that also settled in the town of Rutland, also listed in the “Early Families of Rutland, Vermont.” This John Smith was born in 1743 in Ashford, Connecticut. He had a wife Merriam and a second wife Sarah. The children with his wife Sarah are recorded in the vital records of Rutland and include Freeman, Lucinda, Benjamin, Richard, and William Henry. There is no Mary/Polly or Azuba listed for this John Smith, and he had children in the

same years that Polly and Azuba were born, so this cannot be the right John Smith.

4. There was a John Smith that lived in Clarendon. He served in the Revolutionary War in the Captain Thomas Lee Company and his pension file on Fold3.com states that he had a wife named Sarah Fitch. However, according to the Daughters of the American Revolution database (http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A106028), his first wife through whom he had his children was named Phoebe. So this cannot be the father of Azuba.
5. There was a John Smith that lived in Bennington. He died in 1790, and according to the Daughters of the American Revolution database, his wife was named Hannah. (http://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search_adb/?action=full&p_id=A106036)

None of the other John Smiths in Rutland County that I could positively identify appear to be a possible father of Azuba Smith because none had a wife named Sarah that could have had children in 1777 and 1780. The only John Smith that seems to be a possible fit is John Smith of Poultney.

Nathaniel and James Smith of Poultney, and also Azuba Smith Cleveland of Fair Haven, were siblings. Since John Smith of Poultney lived near them in the same places and the same times and signed the same documents, he appears to be related to them as well.

It appears from the above evidence that the likely father of Azuba Smith was John Smith of Poultney, Vermont, who appears to have been from Sheffield, Massachusetts, son of James Smith and Azubah Gunn.

My next step was to test this theory using autosomal DNA. If I could find several descendants of Azuba Smith that matched DNA with several descendants of James Smith or Oliver Cleveland, then it would strengthen the theory that Azuba was part of this Smith family. Autosomal DNA is only reliable through 6 generations, and I needed to prove a link through Azuba's grandparents, this meant that I needed a candidate for testing that was 4 generations or less from Azuba.

I was able to obtain DNA information from a 4 generation descendant of Azuba who had done an autosomal DNA test on Ancestry.com. I found that he had 2 matches to descendants of Azuba Smith Cleveland, wife of Oliver Cleveland, one with 13.1 cM and another for 12.6 cM. This is a normal amount of DNA to share for this relationship distance. On the first match, there were 8 other people who also matched that same person that were all descendants of Milo Andrus. On the second match, there were 3 other people who also matched that were descendants of Milo Andrus. So with the 4 generation descendant of Azuba, plus 11 others of the Andrus family, there were 12 people who shared a significant amount of autosomal DNA with descendants of Azuba Smith Cleveland, indicating good DNA evidence of a shared ancestor. This is preliminary evidence. I have not yet done segment matching and additional test results for both families can still be analyzed.

I wasn't able to identify any documents that listed the name of John Smith's wife. Her name was Sarah, but I didn't find anything indicating her maiden name. Due to limited records available, there might not be any records that give her name.

I then examined records about James Smith and Azubah Gunn, the parents of John Smith. I located their marriage record in the Westfield vital records on Ancestry.com

(<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2495>). The document lists James Smith of Sheffield marrying Azubah Gunn on 16 Nov 1734 in Westfield, Massachusetts. Sources in the FamilySearch tree list James Smith as one of the first settlers of Sheffield and he is also listed as a Lieutenant. So this marriage does appear to be for the right James Smith.

I did not find any evidence of a father for James Smith. The Berkshire County land and court records can still be examined to see if his parents can be determined.

The ancestry for Azubah Gunn appears to be well documented for several generations, so more research is not needed for her family.

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