



Milo Andrus Family Organization Newsletter

Fall, 2008

President's Message Fall, 2008

Time just seems to get away from me. It seems I was just delivering the last tray of newsletters to the post office, and yet I am already behind schedule getting this letter out. This will be a somewhat shortened version of our regular newsletter, with the expectation that our spring edition will be more robust. This year has been a very busy and challenging year for me personally, and it is my sincere hope that you are all doing well.

On a sad note, our dear friend, cousin, colleague Afton Buchanan passed away on September 15, 2008. Our condolences go out to Bob and all of Afton's family. Afton was the wife line representative for the Margaret Boyce line. She was an exceptional and passionate researcher for the Boyce line and a staunch supporter of this organization. She will be greatly missed.

There have been many activities that have taken place behind the scenes over the past several months, and I appreciate all the good work that continues to be done. Earlier this year, Ray Andrus, Laura Anderson and I visited LDS church offices at the request of those working on the Joseph Smith Papers project. Milo Andrus's name came up several times in the research for this project, and researchers were looking for any family journals that might reference any personal contacts Milo had with Joseph Smith. If any of

you are in possession of any family journals that reference personal experiences with Joseph Smith, we would love to post them on our website and provide copies to the project researchers as well.

Andy Andrus has been busy updating our website and streamlining our communication process. You will note that email addresses below have changed to reflect the organization rather than using personal email addresses. Regardless of who holds the office, you will only need to remember the office or wife line to send emails to the organization. This should eliminate some of the SPAM issues and inaccessibility problems that we have experienced in the past. Other changes have taken place with the website that will help reduce our ongoing costs. Our online PayPal account has been updated and you can now pay dues and other contributions on a secure link from our website. We will continue to post new information as it is received from our researchers and other contributors, and hope you will bookmark the website and visit it frequently.

This year has been a challenging one for the economy, and our organization has not been exempt from these challenges. Our research donations have been good this year, but our operational budget (dues paid) is way down from previous years. We are working to reduce expenses, but need to find other ways to increase our revenue in order to fulfill the mission of the organization. *(continued next page)*

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President's Message continued

Thanks to Dean Andrus our new Information Coordinator, we were able to hold our first "virtual" Board Meeting on November 8, 2008. Members of the Board were able to attend by logging in to their home computers to a designated website and call-in number. We had a few glitches, but for the most part everything went smoothly. We are considering holding these more often throughout the year, and to limit our formal get-togethers to once a year. For those who have had to travel some distance in the past, this should be a substantial savings for them.

Leading this organization is an awesome responsibility, and I pray constantly for the Lord's help and the help of those on the other side of the veil. I appreciate all of your efforts to move our work forward.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Brent M. Andrus

Research Report

Our Andrus research team, Laura Anderson, Ray Andrus and De Lane Hyer started out the year with a trip to the Utah Historical Society to examine the "Milo Andrus collection" (Repository: Utah State Historical Society Call number: Mss C 897 Creator: Milo Andrus Title: Milo Andrus Photograph Collection, ca. 1880-1893 Quantity: 2.5 lin. ft. (9 boxes)) There were many boxes of glass plate negatives. It was mislabeled, and contained only photos from a few descendants of Milo Andrus. The time period was actually after the turn of the century. We took pictures of some of the more interesting negatives to add to our collection. Next we did work in preparation for Laura's trip to England; we spent months searching for documents and verifying the information we had on three of Milo's wives, Elizabeth Brooks her daughter Ann Brooks and Jane Munday. This was important as one wrong person puts you on a completely wrong line, each link must be proved. If you want to see the original documents on these lines please go to <http://gedview.rulufandazuba.org>, then go to Jane Munday and follow the pedigree chart.

While searching for information on Elizabeth Brooks, Ann Brooks and James Simkins, the father of Ann, we located the wills of James and his father Edmund Simkins, these wills are the key to finding much more on the family. The will proved decisively that this is the correct family we were seeking and gave us an address to lookup in London. Elizabeth and her children, James, Mary and Ann lived for some time in James' #7 Mackelsfield Road property. For transcription of these wills keep an eye on Miloandrus.org as they will be posted there when transcribing is finished. Also, we found a possible extension for the Jane Munday—Sarah Pool line.

With maps and research in hand, Laura flew to England where she spent four days at the Warwick archives and located maps, histories, pictures and documents that extended the Jane Munday Mullis/Daffern line for 2 generations. One of the most amazing things that happened was when the Lord lead Laura to the earliest Binley christening book which was out of the restricted stacks which no one but staff can access. But, a transcriber just happened to be there who was finishing the transcription of a Binley christening book, and she let Laura look at it. This Book had the new information we needed— now we can find on a map where many of our Warwick families lived. We visited Berkswell parish home of many of our ancestors and Far Gosford Street in Coventry where Jane Munday and her family lived. The street looks much as it would have at the time of her birth.

Laura and her daughter Aspen, spent a day in London and went to the address mentioned in James' will, just off City Road. This area was torn down and a housing project put in the place—more to come on this at a later date. A block away from this address was St. Barnabus Church a church commissioned by Royalty after the victory over Napoleon at Waterloo. This was a church of "conveniences" so that the people did not have to walk so far to prayer or to visit there dead. The Christenings in this area were performed at St Lukes and that is where we find the records for Ann's older sister Mary Brooks and her brother James (Simpkins) Brooks. Ann's Christening has not yet been located; perhaps we may find it at Potters Bar or Hatfield in the County of Hartford where James and his father Edmund were butchers.

Additional information will be posted at miloandrus.org.

Wanted!!!

- ◆ Your stories, photos, articles, news, family events for posting on our website
- ◆ Your time, talents, effort, for ancestral research, transcription, and family descendency research

go to miloandrus.org, or volunteer on the attached reply form.

Milo Andrus Family Organization Reply 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.
- I am interested in learning about charitable remainder trusts and other ways I can contribute a significant sum to the organization.
- I would like to discuss major contributions with an officer of the organization.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____

I descend from this wife of Milo Andrus _____

Still Available!

- 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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