



Associate yourself with
MILO ANDRUS
OUR GREAT PIONEER ANCESTOR
*and help your children
and grandchildren
feel that association!*

I promise this: if you will learn more about the people who share with you a common ancestry, your life will be richer, and more satisfying.

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Dear Fellow Descendant,

Many descendants of Milo Andrus take strength from the accomplishments of our great pioneer ancestor. Many recognize his example as an ordained Seventy, a willing servant of Jesus Christ ready for any assignment—a servant who performed many important tasks, and as an ordained Patriarch, the head of an unbelievably large and expanding posterity.

Past generations of Milo Andrus descendants have recognized and marveled at Milo's accomplishments. Operating as the **Milo Andrus Family Organization**, they held many family reunions, gathering hundreds of these descendants together in various places. They published *The Andrus Recorder*, gathering and summarizing details about Milo, his eleven wives and their children. They sponsored the writing of a great book, *Trumpeter of God*, by Ivan J. Barrett, an account of Milo's life.

Shouldn't ALL of Milo Andrus's descendants, in succeeding generations have the fundamental published information about the man, his accomplishments, his wives, his children, and their accomplishments?

For example, the Milo Andrus Family Organization now has a Compact Disk containing full family group sheets of all the families of Milo Andrus and his wives. Read more about how you can obtain this useful information FREE in the succeeding pages.

Great strength and inspiration resulted from the efforts in the past. **Will this new era of electronic communication see new strength in family relationships among the tens of thousands of Milo Andrus descendants?**

In this letter I want to deal with three questions important to you.

- 1. Why do you need a Milo Andrus Family Organization?**
- 2. Why should descendants of Milo Andrus communicate with each other?**
- 3. Why should there be a Milo Andrus Family Organization Web Site?**

The *Milo Andrus Family Organization* has some answers for you!

why have an active MILO ANDRUS FAMILY ORGANIZATION?

Whenever I meet another descendant of Milo Andrus, I am impressed by the similar temperament which we share. In addition to sharing genes that give rise to shared complexion and expression, we have a number of personality traits that bind us together. To count them all, or to dwell too long on these traits would be contrary to the innate humility of these good people.

God-like life is family life. **Why not establish and extend tried and true ways of knowing more about our relatives, living and dead?**

A central family organization can provide a "Clearing House" for information about ancestry and descendancy. **Why not reach for consistency and integrity in these kinds of information?**

We all thrill in learning of the accomplishments of our relatives. **Why not build on a forum for vision, direction, and encouragement for all Milo Andrus descendants who wish to participate?**

We all can use encouragement that comes from knowing the people with a shared ancestry. **Why not make it easier to get acquainted?**

Descendants from a given wife of Milo Andrus need to be better in touch with each other to explore and identify their special ancestral heritage. **Why not activate the mechanism and show examples of this kind of communication?**

We all know that family relationships will be vital in our future existence. **Family relationships will be important forever! Why not strengthen those family relationships now and during the coming years?**

Some of the advantages to be gained require legal protection. **Why not gain the strength that comes from a continuing, fully legal organization?**

We all take heart from the heroic pioneers, not just the people who crossed the plains, but also those who settled the West from St. George to Alberta and beyond. **Why not broadcast the greatness of Milo's children and grandchildren?** At least Milo's descendants ought to know about these great men and women.

why should you communicate with other MILO ANDRUS DESCENDANTS?

Possibly only half of Milo Andrus's grandchildren were named Andrus. Only a quarter of the great-grandchildren. In the fourth generation, only 12.5% and in the fifth, only 6.25% in this simple projection. Yet, I meet a lot of people whose great-grandmother was an Andrus, and they know it!

That relationship has diffused into many of the families descended from the Utah Pioneers and many of the families who have joined the Church since that time. The present world, sure enough, depends on relationships stemming from school and employment. Our family relationships can also be an advantage to us.

The inherent goodness, the intelligence, the charitable disposition, the leadership ability, and the diverse interests of the descendants of Milo Andrus make them a group of great people to know much better than you now do. Knowing them will strengthen you—and them.

In the past, Family Reunions served to bring such descendants together. The very diversity which makes these people interesting, the widespread places where they live, and the variety of their vocations makes a physical gathering of the numerous descendants of Milo Andrus difficult.

We live when we can communicate with many more people and with greater ease than any generation before, if we will but use the resources being presented to us.

why have an effective MILO ANDRUS FAMILY WEB SITE?

**A Web Site is the least expensive way to accomplish our goals.
It is hard to communicate effectively in any other way.**

COMMUNICATION

Through dynamic broadcast of current family activities, we descendants of Milo Andrus can become better acquainted with each other. Of course, we will want to provide for communication with family members who are not in the internet mode. We can continue to send out important documents and announcements by regular mail.

ANCESTRY RESEARCH CORRELATION

Every descendant of Milo Andrus who has cared for 5 minutes about Milo's pedigree has been stymied by the fact that solid proof of identity for any of Milo's four grandparents is lacking. Many in the past have spent a lot of time and money trying to solve those four puzzles. The Milo Andrus Family Organization with its **Web Site** can provide announcements of theories and describe research expeditions that family members are considering.

DESCENDANCY TRACKING CORRELATION

If the "hearts of the fathers" are to be turned to the children, then keeping track of the descendants of Milo Andrus is important to him, his wives, and his children. Almost all of the grandchildren of Milo Andrus are now passed on. We who are living should have complete records about those who are no longer with us and such records should be readily available. Information about living people can be abbreviated, so that no living person's privacy is invaded.

WEB SITE BENEFITS SUMMARIZED

**Ancestry Research Coordination & Reports
Wife-Line Organization Developement
Descendancy Tracking**

**Collection of Mailing Lists, Reg. and email
Email Communication Coordination
Monthly and/or Weekly Items of Interest**

**Profiles of Living Milo Andrus Descendants
Publication of Documents and Histories
Tributes to Outstanding Family Members**

**Take the Place of Reunions
Publicize Localized Gatherings
Regular Family Organization Reorganizations**

why should you care?

T. Dean Andrus has written, "There have been times—many, many times—when I have referred to letters, to photos, to hand-me-down trinkets, to journals, to missionary letters, and to my own father, Thomas E. Andrus's book, 'We Thank Thee for Light.' My ancestors' views of life, their approach to their struggles, their successes and their disappointments have been a marvelous strength to me personally. I have felt their presence near at times and I have resolved to be faithful and keep going."

what next?

This letter is being sent to all the names on the mailing lists that we can assemble at this time. If you know of relatives who ought to receive this letter, please list their names and addresses on the attached form and send them in to the Organization Secretary as directed. A written message by regular mail or email will be the most reliable way of getting an accurate name and address to us.

Oh yes, the FREE Compact Disk contains full family group sheets of all the families of Milo Andrus and his wives.

This CD also contains the rare historical vignette titled, "Milo Andrus in St. Louis," by Dr. Clair W. Andrus. You can get your own copy of this CD, a \$25 value!! You can have it FREE, just by joining the Milo Andrus Family Organization.

can you participate?

Then join the Milo Andrus Family Organization. Annual dues are just \$20.00. This will make you a member until 30 June 2004 when a new membership year will begin. Use the enclosed form.

When we receive your dues, we will send you FREE OF CHARGE the informative CD.

YOU CAN pay by credit card by logging on to: www.miloandrus.org

Sincerely your brother,

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