



*Brand New News for
descendants of*
MILO ANDRUS
OUR GREAT PIONEER ANCESTOR

- * *Research* * *Web Site*
- * *Sesquicentennial*
- * *Andrus Recorder*
- * *A big mailing list*

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,

We are nearing 1,000 on our mailing list. Please realize that this is only a beginning. To accomplish the work we can do for each other, we need to make that list grow. That's one reason for writing to you now, at the beginning of a fiscal year for the Milo Andrus Family Organization.

Each person who receives this letter will know people who are not on our mailing list. See the section on page 3 which shows which wife-lines need the most work in mailing list development.

This Organization in past years communicated via **THE ANDRUS RECORDER**, a publication that was produced as the people were able get it done. Many who receive this letter will recognize that between 1965 and 1984 this publication provided information and pictures of Milo, his wives, his children and other descendants. Much of what is known about Milo, his wives and descendants can be found in various issues of this publication. See more on page 2.

Jeff Lensman of the Adeline Alexander Line has done the enormous job of scanning **each page of each issue of THE ANDRUS RECORDER**. This has been a labor of love involving hours of careful technical labor with the right electronic equipment. The scanned information has been put on a CD which will be duplicated to distribute THIS YEAR. Copies will be ready to ship THIS MONTH.

You can't afford to miss this opportunity to obtain the CD containing ALL the issues of THE ANDRUS RECORDER.

Once you have this disk, you can put it in your computer and print out all or selected portions of these invaluable publications. You will be able to focus in on the wife-line from whom you descend. You may be able to get information about the son or daughter of Milo Andrus from whom you descend.

Each person who pays dues for the year which began 1 July 2004 will receive a FREE copy of the CD containing THE ANDRUS RECORDER.

But that's not all!!

There are important opportunities for you to participate in the activities of the Milo Andrus Family Organization. See the details on the following pages.

We are also using this letter to report on the use of the Milo Andrus Web Site. There is information about the Family History Research. You will want to know about the Sesquicentennial of the 1855 exodus from St. Louis. The following pages of this letter will have a lot of interesting information.

THE ANDRUS RECORDER

Here is a list of the issues to be included:

Vol 1 #1 Oct 1964	Vol 9 #1 Apr 1973
Vol 1 #2 Feb 1965	Vol 9 #2 Sep 1973
Vol 1 #3 Jun 1965	Vol 10 #1 Feb 1974
Vol 1 #4 Nov 1965	Vol 10 #2 Apr 1974
Vol 2 #1 Jun 1966	Vol 10 #3 Dec 1974
Vol 2 #2 Jul 1966	Vol 11 #1 May 1975
Vol 3 #1 Jan 1967	Vol 11 #2 Dec 1975
Vol 3 #1b Apr 1966	Vol 12 #1 May 1976
Vol 3 #2 Oct 1967	Vol 12 #2 Dec 1976
Vol 4 #1 Mar 1968	Vol 13 #1 Jun 1977
Vol 4 #3 Dec 1968	Vol 14 #1 Jan 1978
Vol 5 #1 Apr 1969	Vol 15 #1 Mar 1979
Vol 5 #2 Dec 1969	Vol 15 #2 Aug 1979
Vol 6 #1 Mar 1970	Vol 15 #2b Dec 1979
Vol 6 #2 Oct 1970	Vol 16 #1 Apr 1980
Vol 7 #1 Apr 1971	Vol 18 #1 May 1982
Vol 8 #1 Feb 1972	Vol 19 #1 Feb 1983
Vol 8 #2 Aug 1972	Vol 20 #1 May 1984

All of these issues will appear on the FREE CD. We are making the effort to provide the format(s) that will accommodate as many types of computer as we can. The object is to be able to search, and print from the CD. Full instructions will come with each CD.

Since there were a number of editors and publishers, the Volume and Issue numbers sometimes got confused. Never mind that. The work was done in good faith and the information is valuable. Any work we want to undertake to expand on that which has been done in the past will profit from referring to this CD.

In these issues you will find interesting stories and pictures. The value of such a CD, if you had to do it yourself would be in the \$hundreds. Jeff Lensman has performed the task and Brent Andrus the Organization Vice President has reviewed the work. Even if you have the print versions of **THE ANDRUS RECORDER**, you will benefit from the CD as a source of information in the future.

What about the family history of Milo's wives?

Several of the wife lines have enough descendants on our mailing list to begin the serious work of research on the ancestry of their ancestor who was married to Milo Andrus.

Just to know about Milo is not enough!

We need to know as much as we can about the ancestors of each of the wives. Work on those family history projects will be emphasized in 2005 and we need to get organized to do it.

If you are interested in rolling up your sleeves and working on the ancestry of the wife from whom you descend, your wife line representative, listed on page 4 of this letter, would like to hear from you. Please let your interest be known.

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

Next year, 2005, the observance of Milo Andrus's great successful effort to move the Saints in St. Louis, Missouri to the Territory of Deseret will take place in Kansas and Missouri. In Kansas near the present city of Atchison, 8 wagon trains set out for the West from Mormon Grove in 1855. The last of those wagon companies was led by Captain Milo Andrus.

Many of the people in those wagon trains were living in St. Louis just 150 years ago. They were stirred up to move by their stake president, Milo Andrus, who had been sent to Missouri for that very purpose. In addition, converts from Europe were among those 8 companies going west in 1855.

Plans are being made by people in the stakes in and around St. Louis, Missouri to hold a number of events in 2005 that will commemorate the stake organization and the various means by which the Saints in that city were induced to move in 1855.

The people in the Topeka, Kansas Stake and the Platte City, Missouri Stake (whose boundaries include Atchison, Kansas) are considering a commemoration on Saturday, 23 July 2005 in the Atchison area.

We will keep you posted so that family members can attend these commemoration events. **MAYBE YOU WILL WANT TO TAKE YOUR 2005 VACATION TO COINCIDE WITH THESE OBSERVANCES.**

www.miloandrus.org HAVE YOU LOGGED IN LATELY

The modern electronic way to communicate requires people checking their email and bookmarking the web sites of their interest. These electronic means can replace driving to meetings. They allow additional work of great importance to take place. Its the effective and efficient way to operate.

We need to find dramatic ways of reminding YOU and the other the members of the Milo Andrus Family Organization to look on the Web Site to receive the latest news on new Family History findings. To increase interest we are considering a featured "Andrus of the Week" on the website. To support this we will need stories, photos, etc about family members in the news, heroic family members, and so forth. Send such contributions to webmaster@miloandrus.org.

Our Webmaster, Garth Andrus of Sandy will need skilled help from people who can assist him. We also need help from those who can operate an extended email operation.

We need to post often the results of Family History research. This will include whatever we find about the ancestry of Ruluf and Azuba, as well as their descendants. We also need to be publicizing the work that is being done and will be done on the Family History of the wives of Milo Andrus.

Actually, there is a lot on the Web Site **RIGHT NOW**. **CHECK IT OUT.** Additional ideas will be welcome.

Can you help with research on RULUF AND AZUBA?

Would you like to work with a pro in family history research? Ray B. Andrus, Research Coordinator, and Laura Anderson, professional genealogist would appreciate the help of 8 or 10 people living along the Wasatch Front. These people would meet with Ray and Laura each month and would accept assignments such as the following"

- *Tracing the descendants of Ruluf and Azuba
- *Tracing the descendants of Uriah and Polly Hancock
- *Helping to put items of interest on the Web Site
- *Putting important data into an official PAF file
- *Keeping track of LDS ordinance work completed
- *Typing assignments and answering email
- *Preparing items for the web site

Expand the Mailing List!

As of 19 June 2004 there were 879 verified addresses on the Milo Andrus Family Organization mailing list. These are the totals for each wife line.

Daley	47	A. Brooks	5
Miles	291	Munday	246
L. Tuttle	34	Covert	48
Webster	8	Boyce	93
Alexander	69	F. Tuttle	0
E. Brooks no children		Unknown wife	38

In the Board of Directors meeting 19 June, several of the wife-line representatives said they had more to submit.

It is evident that additional descendants can be found in many of these wife lines. People receiving this letter should contact their wife line representative, shown on page 4 of this letter, and make sure that the list for their known relatives is complete. What we want for the mailing list are names and addresses of **heads of households**. We don't need to be sending multiple letters to the same address.

Let's expand our mailing list! Let's try to have over 2,000 well before the end of 2004 so that we can properly promote the sesquicentennial events in 2005. Use the contribution form to include new addresses. Put additional verified names, regular mailing addresses and email addresses on the reverse side of the form.

Milo Andrus Research GREAT NEWS

JOHN AND SARAH SMITH

When Milo Andrus lived in Nauvoo, baptisms for the dead were being performed in the Mississippi River. Records of those ordinances and Milo's own account state that Milo was baptized for John and Sarah Smith, whom he understood to be the names of the father and mother of Azuba Smith Andrus, Milo's mother. Documentation of those baptisms is in hand. For years researchers have been stymied by the realization that even in sparsely settled Vermont there were more than a dozen John and Sarah Smiths and that not one of them had an Azuba listed as a daughter.

HOWEVER, a recent review of the 1790 Census, the first official census of the brand new constitutional United States of America, a John and Sarah Smith of Rutland, Vermont are reported as having two daughters! This would fit with the fact that Azuba who would have been 13 years old in 1790 and Mary (aka Polly) who would have been 11 years old are reported to have come from Rutland.

This careful study of the Census records is part of the detailed effort being put forth by Ray B. Andrus, Research Coordinator, and Laura Anderson, Genealogist. They are accumulating all the background information they can before going to Vermont for microscopic examination of the available records there.

A substantial part of their research involves the people who lived in several communities in northern Ohio where the family lived when Milo joined the Church. These people had migrated to Ohio along with Ruluf and Azuba Andrus from New York and before that from Vermont. The descendants of these dozen or so families are expected to furnish additional clues. Obviously, we can do temple work for many of those who are related and that is being prepared by Ray and Laura.

Work this Spring of 2004 involved descendants of such families who settled in Iowa and Illinois in the mid-Nineteenth Century. Some of this work is or will be detailed in the "Laura's Corner" section of the Web Site.

The picture below was obtained from the Historical Society in East Norwalk, Huron County, Ohio. The large building on the right, long since burned to the ground, is said to have been a hotel operated by Ruluf Andrus.



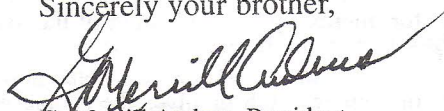
what are the things you can do?

You can participate and benefit in a number of exciting ways!

- ⇒ You can pay your dues and receive FREE your new CD of the **THE ANDRUS RECORDER.**
- ⇒ You can contribute to the Research Fund to assist in paying the expenses (not the professional fees) of those who are striving to provide positive and unassailable identification of Milo Andrus's grandparents. Both your dues and your Research Fund contributions are tax deductible.
- ⇒ You can join the research team and learn valuable research skills while you help find the true identity of Milo's grandparents.
- ⇒ You can help augment the Milo Andrus Family Organization mailing list.
- ⇒ You can help with the research on the family history of the wife from whom you descend.
- ⇒ You can participate in further development of **www.miloandrus.org** as a means of conducting an on-going family reunion with no potato salad and no car expense.
- ⇒ You can learn more about the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the movement of the St. Louis Stake to Deseret in 1855.

All this and more can be done, if YOU and the other recipients of this letter pay your dues and make your tax-exempt donations to the Milo Andrus Family Organization.. Will you be able to do this? EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT WILL BE HELPFUL. Please use the enclosed form **OR** use our web site, **www.miloandrus.org**

Sincerely your brother,



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P. S. Those who respond to the appeal for additional funds for Family History research will receive special recognition on the Milo Andrus Family Organization web site.

P. P. S. Your feedback on your interests and abilities to help in the work of the Milo Andrus Family Organization activities will be appreciated. Enclose your comments when you send in the form enclosed.