



Learn about
MILO ANDRUS,
OUR GREAT PIONEER ANCESTOR,
HIS WIVES & CHILDREN
*and you will have a
better life!*

*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.*

15 April 2005

Dear Fellow Descendant,

150 years ago from right now Milo Andrus served as the Stake President of the St. Louis Stake. However, he was busy in Kansas, setting up Mormon Grove as the major marshalling place for the westward migration of Latter-day Saints during the summer of 1855.

What will happen in the 2005 Sesquicentennial Celebrations in Kansas and St. Louis? Because you want to know, we are sending this Newsletter at this time.

Whether or not you can participate in these activities or attend them you will want to tell your family and your friends about them.

New developments in Family History. can be seen on the inner pages of this Newsletter.

Commemoration in St. Louis, Missouri

To commemorate Milo Andrus and the Saints' contributions in St. Louis in the 1850s, The St. Louis Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has forged a partnership with the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial - St. Louis Gateway Arch - to tell our pioneer story more widely to the public, of which you are a part when you visit the Arch.

This is not a one day commemoration, but an ongoing effort in the Arch's Museum of Westward Expansion, located directly below the Arch. Volunteer members of the Church, in pioneer dress, will work as "interpreters" to tell the story of the Saints who came through St. Louis as well as Mormon Trail pioneers. Over 4.5 million visitors come each year to the Arch in St. Louis—the second most visited monument in the USA.

We think the sacrifice of the interpreters' volunteer service is a significant tribute to the pioneers. They are providing an important outreach to the community to help the public understand the Saints' contribution to the westward expansion.

For more information or to learn how you can volunteer to be an interpreter in the Museum, contact Dana King, Director of Public Affairs, St. Louis Missouri Stake: telephone (636) 273-4346 or by email: dana@danadesignstudio.com

If you can't volunteer, you may at least want to visit the Arch and meet those who have volunteered.

Commemoration in Atchison, Kansas

On Saturday, 23 July 2005 in the city of Atchison, the Topeka Kansas Stake and the Platte City Missouri Stake will commemorate the temporary camp-city known as Mormon Grove, located 4 miles west of Atchison.

The actual sites associated with Mormon Grove are today private fields. The owners are not anxious for people to be tramping down their crops! If you go to Kansas this coming July or at any other time, please stay outside the boundaries of private property.

However, Brother John Christensen, the Chairman of the Bi-Stake commemoration and those working with him have arranged a substantial program to take place on 23 July in the O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium of the Benedictine College at 1020 North Second Street in Atchison. To get driving directions go to <http://www.benedictine.edu>

Kay Andrus of Omaha, Nebraska, representing the Milo Andrus Family Organization, is working with Brother Christensen and the Bi-Stake committee.

More details will soon be posted on the Milo Andrus Family Organization web site, www.miloandrus.org

ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO BE USING THE WEB SITE AS YOUR SOURCE OF UP-TO-DATE INFO.

WHY BOTHER WITH MILO'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

Imagine this. Your teenage brother, whether older or younger than you, took up with some strange new religious sect and left home to live with the neighbors. After getting married to a girl in the neighbor's family, he went off with a bunch of men to the far frontier on an expedition that took a whole summer with nothing to show for it. Would you be likely to join that religious group?

While the children and grandchildren of Ruluf and Azuba Andrus are not our ancestors, they certainly qualify as our kindred dead! In the next two columns there is a limited description of the family of Ruluf and Azuba. In it you have the names of Milo's brothers and sisters, when and where they were born and died, and whom they married.

Ray B. Andrus and Laura Anderson, our very active researchers, have spent a great deal of time and much of their own funds in Ohio in 2004. They have a great deal of data about the families of Milo's brothers and sisters. For members of these families born before 1900 Ray and Laura are seeing to it that over 200 names are made "temple ready."

Through this diligent work we expect that the way will be opened to identify the actual parents of Ruluf and Azuba. Help is needed from two sources.

1. Funds from the living to support further research in the East. Substantial amounts are needed! About \$5,000.00 is needed this year—nearly 5 times as much as last year.
2. Inspiration from above to guide research in Ohio, New York, and Vermont. We can expect this if we do our part!

Can you be part of mustering that help?

Could it be that we are held up from finding the ancestors of Ruluf and Azuba until we perform our responsibilities to their family which thrived in Ohio 175 years ago? **This message as come to more than one of our family members.**

Use the Internet !

The information in the next two columns was taken from Laura's Corner on the website: www.miloandrus.org. It can also be found on RootsWeb.com. Much more complete information about the grandchildren of Ruluf and Azuba Andrus can be found there. Here is how to use our website.

1. Go to www.miloandrus.org.
2. Click on Research
3. Open Laura's Corner
4. Open Ruluf & Azuba Andrus and related families

We will be developing the web site and its connections all through 2005. As we learn more there will be more connections to be made. We can give you connections that will keep you busy and help you to be informed about your ancestry.

RULUF ANDRUS FAMILY, NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

West of Cleveland Ohio, and just south of Lake Erie, there can be seen many evidences of the family of Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith. Here are the names of the original family.

Ruluf or Ruluff ANDRUS or ANDRESS, b. 12 March 1773 in Vermont (or Connecticut, largely discredited). d. 27 June 1849 Henrietta Twp., Lorain, Ohio

Marriage 1. **Azuba SMITH** b: ABT Sept 1776 in Rutland, Vermont Married: ABT 1795 in Poltney, Rutland, Vermont.

Marriage 2. **Catharine BRYANT** b: ABT 1790 in of Bucyrus, Crawford, Ohio

Children from Azuba

1. Sybil ANDRUS b: 23 Apr 1796 in Vermont, 1812-1814 Abt Sybil married unknown soldier in war of 1812 who served under Thomas Squires. He died 1816--6 Dec - Sybil married Thomas S. SQUIRES in Essex Co., New York
1835 - 5 Mar - Thomas killed by falling tree in Norwalk, Lorain Co., Ohio
1836 - 5 Feb - Sybil married 3rd husband Medad BUCKLEY, Henrietta, Lorain Co., Ohio (Notice husband of sister, Emily.)
1839-- 13 Sep - Medad died Lorain Co., Ohio
1842--17 Jan - Sybil married 4th husband William LANG Lorain C., Ohio (Notice the name of sister Harriet's husband)
Sybil died 8 Jan (or March) 1867 Manona, Clayton Co., Iowa

2. Oran ANDRESS b: 10 Apr 1798 in Freehold, Vermont d: 12 Oct 1874 in Winterset, Madison Co., Iowa
1821: 4 Aug Oran married Achsa WILSON Essex Co. N. Y.
1857: Achsa died
1859: 2 Feb. Oran married Eveline JENNINGS in Winterset, Madison, Iowa
Oran appears to have worked closely with his father, Ruluf, in that Oran was the owner of record of much of the land and other property in Ohio worked by his father.

3. Almon ANDRUS b: 10 Apr 1800 in Poultney, Rutland , Vermont, d: 23 Jun 1884 in Bermingham, Erie, Ohio
1821 - 4 Aug. married Emily HANCOCK Penfield, Lorain Co., Ohio
1844 - 21 Nov - wife Emily Hancock died Henrietta. Lorain Co., Ohio
Almon married again after his first wife Emily died and left his will to his second wife Mary

1884 BIRMINGHAM ED REGISTER for Wed June 25th Sandusky Weekly register - Mr. Alon Andress one of our most respected citizens and one of the old pioneers died on Monday aged 84 years. The funeral services which were held at the disciples church yesterday were very impressive and largely attended. The reverend Mr Works officiated assisted by the Rev Mr Dunbar. (Almon was First Elder in the Disciples of Christ Church in Henrietta, Ohio for over 50 years.)

4. **Sarah Minerva ANDRESS** b: 22 Sep 1802 in Elizabethtown, Essex, N. Y.

1819--13 Feb - married Festus POWERS, Brownhelm, Huron Co., Ohio

1826 - 21 Feb - husband Festus Powers died

11 Nov - Sarah Minerva married Justin ABBOTT Lorain Co., OH (Notice names of husbands of Lucinda & Evaline.)

1827 - Justin Abbott elected town clerk of Henrietta Henrietta, Lorain Co., Ohio

1868-- 14 Apr - Sarah Minerva died, age 65, Dakota, Warishara, Wisc

1871-- 18 Oct - Sarah Minerva's husband Justin Abbott died Winnebago, Fairbault, Minn

5. **Carlo ANDRESS** b: 6 Nov 1804 in , Essex, New York

1832--1 Mar - Carlo married Nancy BUCKLEY, Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio (Notice names of husbands of sisters Sybil and Emily.)

1851 - Aug 25 Nancy Buckley Died, age 39 years Henrietta, Lorain Co., Ohio

1851 - 4 Dec, Carlo married 2nd wife Wealthy SMITH. Oberlin, Lorain Co., Ohio

1870-- Nov (1 or 8) - Carlo died Headstone says 66 yr Oberlin, Lorain., Ohio

6. **Erasmus ANDRUS** b: 1807 in Elizabeth, Essex, New York Deceased-child

7. **Harwin ANDRUS** b: 1809 in Elizabeth, Essex, New York Deceased-child

8. **Emily ANDRUS** b: 22 Sep 1811 in , Essex New York
1838 - 7 Apr. married Adad BUCKLEY (Son of Sybil's third husband.) Henrietta, Lorain, Ohio. Adad was born 11 Oct 1817 and was the son of Medad and Jane Buckley.
1868 - 12 Aug Emily died in Henrietta, Lorain, Ohio

9. **Milo ANDRUS** b: 1812 in Elizabeth, Essex, New York Death: Deceased-child

10. **Milo ANDRUS** b: 6 Mar 1814 in , Pleasant Valley, Essex, New York (since the information of Milo's marriages is elsewhere available, it will not be included here.)
1893 - 19 June Milo died Oxford, Franklin, Idaho

11. **Lucina T. ANDRESS** b: 11 Mar 1816 in Dunkirk, Chautauga, New York
1832 abt - Lucinda married Orland ABBOTT, Lorain Co. OH
1850- family appears Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Illinois census
1875 - 9 Apr. Lucinda died Death Valley Falls, Jefferson, Kansas

12. **Evaline Charlotte ANDRUS** b: 1 Oct 1817 in Brownhelm, Huron, Ohio
1836 - 11 Jan. married Eli ABBOTT in Henrietta, Lorain, OH
1880 - 28 Aug Eveline died West Union, Fayette, Iowa

13. **Harriet ANDRUS** b: 20 Mar 1822 in Brownhelm, Huron Co., OH
1846 - 1 Feb - Harriet married William LANG, Avon, Lorain Co Ohio (This was the son of Sybil's fourth husband.)
1895 - 9 Aug Harriet died in Franklin, Allamakee, Iowa

THE MAILING LIST

YOU are getting this Newsletter because you are on the mailing list of the Milo Andrus Family Organization. This list now numbers over 1400 solid addresses, the numbers from each wife line are as follows:

Abigail Jane Daley	120	Ann Brooks	36
Sarah Ann Miles	316	Jane Lancaster Munday	380
Lucy Loomis Tuttle	32	Emma Covert	62
Mary Ann Webster	88	Margaret Ann Boyce	274
Adeline Alexander	63	Francena Tuttle	0
Elizabeth Brooks	0	Unknown	31

With this many people involved to some extent, we should be able to move ahead on two important projects:

1. Finding people to do research on the ancestry of each of these wives.
2. Finding people to do research on the descendancy of each of these wives.

Difficult and important as the research into the ancestry of Ruluf and Azuba may be, it must not keep us from learning of and proving the ancestry of Milo's wives. We must also be accounting for ALL the descendants of these wives.

At the recent meeting on 26 March 2005 of the Board of Directors the wife-line representatives reported on their progress in finding people descending from each of the above named wives to perform research.

The importance of learning all we can about the ancestry of these fine women is an obligation we all share. **WE NEED MANY MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROJECTS! WE EXPECTED THAT EACH PERSON WHO READS THIS WILL CONSIDER WHAT THEY CAN DO!**

Don't spend the rest of your life just considering! Please get in touch with the wife-line representative with which you are associated. They are listed on page 4 of this Newsletter.

Use the Internet !

Everyone should learn more about the advantages of the internet. If you are not yet dead, you can take advantage of this important 21st Century technology.

Here are some suggestions.

1. Go to your local Family History Center and get some instruction on the use of the internet for Family History research. Use the resources there to trace back your family lines as far as they are recorded.
2. Log on to Ancestry.com and learn about the many ways they have to search out your ancestors. This will cost you some money, unless you use the Family History Centers.
3. Become familiar with RootsWeb.com and its many departments of information.
4. There are many new web sites available. **Find them!**

what are the things you can do?

- ☞ You can include visits to St. Louis and/or Atchison, Kansas in your vacation plans for 2005 and learn more about the way Milo Andrus participated in building our nation.
- ☞ 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 with the research on the family history of the wife from whom you descend.
- ☞ You can participate by regularly visiting www.miloandrus.org and other web sites.
- ☞ You can make tax deductible contributions to the Research Fund to pay THE EXPENSES (not the professional fees) of those who are striving to provide positive and unassailable identification of Milo Andrus's grandparents.

DESCENDENCY

Totally independent of the Milo Andrus Family Organization the descendants of Moses Willard and Elizabeth Orpha Andrus have marked the path and led the way in compiling a Descendency CD. Moses Willard Andrus was one of the oldest grandsons of Milo Andrus and Abigail Jane Daley

The senior living descendants of "Mode" Andrus have put on a disk the complete list of this descendency up to late summer of 2004, a total of 770 descendants and spouses. One of the leaders in this effort is Dayne A. Mathis of Monroe, Utah.

Within each wife line there should be an effort to compile such an enumeration and tracking of descendants of the various children and/or grandchildren of Milo Andrus. We ought to be making such an accounting. We all ought to become more acquainted with these second and third generation pioneers who worked very hard to lay the foundation for the comfortable lives we now have.

If you wish to contact Dayne Mathis for advice and guidance, his address: 187 East Center, Monroe, UT 84754 his telephone: (435) 527-3392.

Much can be done if YOU and the other recipients of this letter will make your tax-exempt donations for RESEARCH to the Milo Andrus Family Organization. Please use the enclosed form **OR** our web site, www.miloandrus.org

Sincerely your brother,



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P. S. Nobody knows too much. What you can learn about your ancestors can strengthen you.

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