



MILO ANDRUS, OUR GREAT PIONEER ANCESTOR, MIGHT HAVE QUOTED:

BRETHREN (AND SISTERS), SHALL WE NOT GO ON IN SO GREAT A CAUSE? GO FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD. COURAGE, BRETHREN (AND SISTERS); AND ON, ON TO VICTORY! LET YOUR HEARTS REJOICE AND BE EXCEEDINGLY GLAD.

(Doc. & Cov. 128:22)

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 haven't written to you for six months now. We plan to write "snail mail" letters twice a year to bring you up to date on the family affairs. We hope to keep in touch via the internet. However, we need to expand the "hard copy" mailing list to reach a larger number of Milo Andrus descendants. The twice-a-year mailing will be meant to bring you up to date, to focus your attention on the issues before the Organization, and to help you develop the habit of going to the Web Site on a weekly basis.

The major way for descendants of Milo Andrus to communicate with each other is through the Web Site. Please learn the habit of frequently checking the Web Site at www.miloandrus.org Even though some Family members are not able to refer to the Web Site, there are sufficient number who can do so. Beginning in July 2006, new information will develop weekly on such topics as:

1. the achievements of the Milo Andrus Family Organization,
2. the achievements of those engaged in tracing the ancestry of Milo Andrus,
3. the achievements of family members in their Church service and their vocational lives,
4. the achievements of wife-line organizations as they trace the ancestry of each wife,
5. the achievements of wife-line organizations as they compile the descendency of Milo Andrus,
6. all other achievements that ought to come to the knowledge of descendants of Milo Andrus.

Now is the time to pay dues for the fiscal year beginning 1 July 2006. We won't write to you again until the Fall. The dues are used to support the Web Site, to mail these letters, to maintain the official position of the Milo Andrus Family Organization under law, to support the DNA research being initiated, and other necessary and useful activities. Many expenditures such as expenses incurred for travel by Organization officers are not compensated! Separate funding is used to support ancestral research and your contributions to that cause will be appreciated.

There will be a Milo Andrus Family reunion in 2007. Details will be spelled out in our letters in the Fall of 2006 and the Spring of 2007. If any of you have ideas for reunion features, now is the time to bring them to the attention of Brent Andrus, the Vice President of the Milo Andrus Family Organization.

Research is going forward in Ohio, New York, and Vermont. We all know that Milo Andrus joined the Church in Ohio and that he was the only one of a large family who did so. We know that the family previously lived in New York and before that in Vermont. See page 3 for more details.

Let's have local meetings of Milo Andrus descendants at various locations. See page 2.

Every family member should know their ancestors. See page 4.

THE WEB SITE

The early 21st Century method of communication is surely the internet. In order for the maximum number of Family members to get extensive information quickly, it becomes important to do two things.

1. We need to put newsworthy items on the Milo Andrus Family Organization Web Site, www.miloandrus.org in a timely schedule and in a highly readable fashion. Both of these will require effort from many family members. All who can join in are invited to get in touch with Family Organization officers.
2. We all need to develop the habit of frequent and regular visits to the Web Site.

The Family Organization is thankful for the services of Robert Andrus, a BYU student who services the Web Site. He has assistance from John Garrett Taylor, a student at UVSC. During the summer they will be working on some Site development activities. Watch for them.

We need additional workers on Web Site development. Skills needed include graphic artists, writers, and internet specialists. If you are interested, please send an email to Robert Andrus or to G. Merrill Andrus. (See addresses on page 4)

REUNION IN 2007

A reunion of all the descendants of Milo Andrus will be held by the Milo Andrus Family Organization in the Salt Lake Valley sometime in the Summer of 2007. Plans are now being made and will continue during the coming year.

General activities for the whole organization will be featured, but time and space will be made available for separate wife-line activities. Emphasis will be placed on getting more people acquainted with Family Organization activities. The scope and nature of those activities will be discussed in detail.

During the business meeting of the Reunion an election of new officers and Board of Directors members will take place. More details will come forth in the next two Newsletters.

CAMPUS MEETINGS

Part of learning for any person is learning about their roots and connections. Anyone who decides to be interested in anything usually makes some decisions in their youth. The Milo Andrus Family Organization needs the interest and the participation of younger people, as well as those who are older. We intend to do something to increase such interest and participation.

This Fall we will hold meetings of descendants of Milo Andrus attending several universities and colleges. We will hold such meetings fairly early in the Fall Semester and try to have a social gathering in some appropriate setting. An appropriate setting for such gatherings usually means some refreshments to attract the invited people.

Laura Anderson

Laura is the wife of Craig Anderson whose mother was Beth Andrus, the daughter of Newton Andrus. So, by marriage we have a treasured master genealogist in the family. Laura is indefatigable as a researcher and she has a clear eye for detail. For example, she was recently reviewing the DUP (Daughters of the Utah Pioneers) History of Salt Lake County. It quoted from "Tales of a Triumphant People," where Milo Andrus, Jr. stated, "In 1855 when my father was on a mission to St. Louis, he brought back peach seeds. Brother William Castro took them on a shares basis, and planted them. When they were a year old, they divided them. Those were the first peach orchards in the valley."—page 93

Laura serves the Milo Family Family Organization without charge for her services. Her efforts have been worth \$tens of thousands. Whatever we can scrape up to give her goes for travel expenses when she and Craig go to the East, as described on page 3 of this Newsletter.

MISSION PRESIDENT

Douglas Milo Andrus, owner of Doug Andrus Distributing of Idaho Falls, Idaho has been called to be the Mission President of the Nevada Las Vegas West Mission. Douglas is the grandson of Heber Andrus, the son of Milo and Jane Munday.

LOCAL MEETINGS

Your Board of Directors suggests the value of holding meetings or picnics for members of the Milo Andrus Family Organization in smaller-than-reunion scale in various locations. If a group of wife-line descendants, or the descendants of a child, grand child, or great grand child of Milo Andrus, or any combination wish to hold a gathering this summer, please let us know about it and we will do our best to have a member of the Board of Directors attend and report on the activities of the over-all Family Organization.

The purpose is to encourage better acquaintance among the descendants of Milo Andrus.

When such gatherings are held, we would do well to give advance notice about it through our Web Site. We would also like to report such gatherings. Such items as the identity of the group, the number who attended, the activities engaged in, and the people responsible for the various aspects of the gathering should be reported.

Mailing List

OUR MAILING LIST IS NOW NEAR 1600. SINCE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNGER PEOPLE, MOVE AROUND A LOT, THERE IS A CONSTANT NEED FOR UPDATING THE LIST. PLEASE, SEND IN AUTHENTICATED ADDRESSES USING THE ENCLOSED FORM OR BY EMAIL.

EASTERN RESEARCH

THE FACTS, known with certainty..

1. Milo Andrus joined the Church in Ohio.
2. Milo Andrus was born in New York in 1814.
3. Milo Andrus was the son of Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith who came to New York from Vermont.

What isn't known with certainty are identities of the parents of Ruluf and Azuba. Members of the Milo Andrus Family Organization are intent on making those identifications. During the past two years Ray B. Andrus, Research Director of the Milo Andrus Family Organization along with his wife, Faye have visited Ohio, New York and Vermont this past year.

Also, Laura Anderson, a professional genealogist voluntarily serving the Organization, along with her husband, Craig Anderson, have made numerous trips to Ohio, having spent more than 11 weeks there. More recently, in March 2006 they went to New York, and Vermont.

In past issues of this Newsletter you have seen brief accounts of visits to Ohio with evidences of the residence of the Ruluf Andrus family, their children and descendants. Ray and Laura have compiled a substantial amount of information about the Family as it existed in North Central Ohio, in Huron County west of Cleveland. With the understanding of how the Ruluf Andrus Family and their friends came to Ohio from New York, they are much better prepared than any researchers before them to examine records in New York and Vermont.

In the Fall of 2005 Laura and Craig went to Ohio and explored the connections among the people of the Florence Branch of the Church who went from Ohio to Far West, Missouri during the Fall and Winter of 1837-1838 with Milo Andrus as their leader. It was at this time that Milo moved away from his brothers and sisters who stayed in Ohio. Many descendants of those brothers and sisters later moved to Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. However, some of them still live in Ohio.

There still are records in Ohio which can give more important information about the Ruluf Andrus family in Ohio. At some future date it will be important for our researchers to go back there to get a more complete picture of that family as it existed in the early 19th Century. However, enough information has been accumulated to make visiting New York and Vermont profitable. We are encouraging both Ray and his wife, Faye, and Laura and her husband, Craig to make trips to the localities in these two states in the East. **We hope to help them with some of the expense money needed for this research.**

In March 2006 Laura and Craig spent a week and half in Vermont and New York. The portion of New York State from which the Andrus family came is far to the north, but straight north, of New York City, almost to the Canadian Border. In Essex County is the town of Jay, sometime residence of Ruluf Andrus and his family, and nearby is the town of Elizabethtown, the county seat. In their March 2006 expedition Craig and Laura drove into Jay Town and there it was, Andrus Road, evidence that 200 years ago some of our ancestors were there.

Notice that in the East, counties will be subdivided into townships and within a township there may be a number of small communities called towns. Jay, Upper Jay, and AuSable Forks are all towns within Jay Township.

Also, be aware that Uriah Hancock was the husband of Mary (or Polly) Smith who was the sister to Azuba Smith, the wife of Ruluf Andrus. From what follows it appears that the Smith Family was tying the Andrus Family and the Hancock Family together in New York and in their subsequent move to Ohio.

The next day Laura and Craig stopped at a little library in Upper Jay and the sister of the owner said that she was an Andrus and gave them a start on the kind of information they need for finding the names of the parents of Ruluf.

Another town in Jay Township is AuSable Forks. Laura and Craig went to the AuSable Forks town hall where a worker who had been supposed to be sick showed up for work and it's a good thing. She referred the Andersons to the town Assistant Historian who happens to be an LDS Church member and who has access to records that no one else has. Among these records they found the deed for Uriah Hancock's ownership of the land in Jay.

They also learned about the Armory, still standing, where Ruluf would have functioned as a lieutenant in the militia. Across the street was a parade ground where they would have drilled. They located a person whose house stands on the site of the schoolhouse of 200 years ago. This person promised to find deeds that go back to those times.

In Elizabethtown they located court documents of the 1800-1817 period. In these records it was shown that Ruluf Andrus needed to be bailed out of jail a number of times. Who bailed him out? John Smith. Milo said his mother's parents were John and Sarah Smith. This John Smith who was helpful to Ruluf had property next door to Ruluf's property.

It was learned that John Smith later lost his property in a sheriff's sale. It was also learned that Ruluf bought his land from his brother-in-law, Uriah Hancock who was the first person to buy that plot when it was first subdivided as the land in Essex County was being settled.

Craig and Laura had gone to Vermont before going to New York on this particular trip. They found an Otis Andrus living in Vermont who is agreeable to working with us on the Y-chromosome DNA research in which we are involved. During their time in Vermont they located the places in Bennington, Shaftsbury, Rutland, Fair Haven and Poltney where records are kept. Recognizing that it will take a considerable amount of time to search through those records, they went on to New York.

They established that families of Isaac Andrus and Roswell Andrus, relatives of Otis Andrus, who were listed in the 1800 census along with Ruluf in Poltney, Vermont. They found record of Jahiel Andrus who moved from Rutland, VT to Huron County, Ohio later on. All these connections help us feel that we are getting closer to proof of Milo's ancestry.

KNOWING ANCESTORS

Your self identification can involve knowing your town, your school, and your immediate friends. A more permanent self identification can involve knowing your family and your own living extended family. Eventually, we will all be identified by a knowledge of our ancestors and descendants. We will be associated with such people for eternity. **That is a major meaning of life.**

People who do family history research know from spiritual experiences that ancestors care about what is being done on Earth, especially in their behalf. In numerous instances, guidance is given to researchers as they go about performing tasks for which they are only partly prepared and woefully underfunded. Laura Anderson reports having such experiences.

Partly prepared? Every and each ancestral search is a new project with new skills to be learned and old roadblocks to be removed. Success in one search only can give confidence to explore the totally unfamiliar territory of the next search.

Woefully underfunded? That is our situation in our search for the ancestors of Milo Andrus and his wives. We truly need more funds to pay expenses, not fees, of the people who are presently bring experience, skill, and dedication to the search. By making contributions, you will gain a greater interest in the people from whom you descend.

Getting the names and doing temple work for deceased ancestors is a beginning, an important beginning. If we don't make this beginning the project won't even get started.

However, be assured there is more, most of which you will learn after you leave mortality. We were born to our parents, grandparents, etc, for reasons that are still to be more fully revealed.

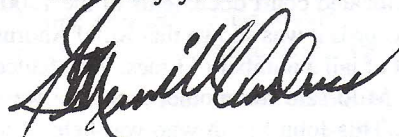
The universe is a very big place. There is a lot of matter; there is a lot of empty space where very little matter exists.

The domination of space and matter by individuals and groups of individuals can only partly be understood by mortals. However, it can be done as surely as sagebrush can be cleared and irrigation water can be brought to raise food on what was previously a desert plain.

Joy in a future life will belong to those who made the most of this life on Earth and then have associations with other obedient souls who are intent on living according to correct principles. Those correct principles include strong ties between descendants and ancestors in the mortal life.

From my fragmentary association with other descendants of Milo Andrus who are now living, I can assure you that we can all benefit from an eternal association with such people, living and dead. If we draw closer here on Earth, we will be more effective together after we leave this mortal life.

Sincerely your brother,



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