



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

**AND I SAW THE DEAD, SMALL AND GREAT,
STAND BEFORE GOD; AND THE BOOKS WERE
OPENED; AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED,
WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE; AND THE DEAD
WERE JUDGED OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH
WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO
THEIR WORKS.** (Revelations 20:12 and Doc. & Cov. 128:6)

25 October 2006

Dear Fellow Descendant,

Consider your participation in owning and compiling your own personal "book of life." It's not just the diary of your own days on Earth. Your "book of life" also pertains to your ancestry and those who share it. Every person will do well to know from whom they descend and with whom they are related. They should have their ancestry in some written form to which they can refer. For example, I have two looseleaf notebooks with pedigree charts of ancestors. We have found that both my wife and I descend from King David of Scotland, one of the few Scottish kings to have died in bed.

A complete and accurate "book of life" requires a lot of attention from many people who are related. One purpose of the Milo Andrus Family Organization is to assist the descendants of Milo Andrus to develop such individual "books of life" for their edification and the edification of their children.

Prepare for the Big Milo Andrus Family Reunion which will take place Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th of June 2007. As part of the reunion, we will all tour a house once owned by Milo Andrus, where several of his wives worked together in harmony. We will visit Milo's grave site. These and many other features and activities will be introduced on page 2 of this letter.

Begin regular visits to the www.miloandrus.org web site. Part of your personal development might well involve such regular internet contacts. The web site is not all we want it to be yet, but through the link connecting into Laura Anderson's present web site you can access a lot more than you think. Development of our web site is and will be a major activity of the Milo Andrus Family Organization. Read about it on page 3 of this letter.

What should a family organization like ours be doing? More than you might think! More than any of us imagine. We sincerely invite your participation. We need your ideas. We need to build now on all that has been taught and imagined in the past, because the future is soon upon us.

Will that be a glorious future? Will that future eclipse anything that we can imagine? We, the living descendants of Milo Andrus have every reason to believe it!

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.

THE GREAT MILO ANDRUS FAMILY REUNION OF 2007

Do you know that in Old Deseret Village, (also known as "This Is the Place—Heritage Park) up on the east of the Salt Lake Valley, by Hogle Zoo, not far from the This Is The Place Monument, there's a house once owned by Milo Andrus?

Do you know that there is a place where Milo's name is scrawled on the lumber used to make the house?

Do you know that that very house was used as a 19th Century version of the "bed and breakfast" where wagon drivers going from Salt Lake City to Provo or some other place south would put up for the night?

Years ago that house was moved from its original location in the south part of the Salt Lake Valley to Old Deseret Village.

The Milo Andrus Family Organization will be having part of its 2007 reunion in Old Deseret Village on Saturday, 16 June 2007. **This will be the first reunion of the Organization in four years.**

In connection with the Saturday gathering at Old Deseret Village there will be a brief business meeting. This will include a presentation of research findings and a report on the present state of information about the ancestry of Milo Andrus.

Election of officers and the Board of Directors for the Milo Andrus Family Organization will part of the business of that meeting.

DO NOT MISS IT!!

Visits to the Milo Andrus gravesite in Holladay section of Salt Lake City will be part of the activities of that Saturday. Plan to keep that Saturday open for your attendance!

As a matter of fact, the Milo Andrus Family Organization Reunion will also include Friday, 15 June 2007.

On Friday family members in various groups to attend the Bountiful Temple for ordinance work.

Friday evening has been set apart for wife-line socials to be held at various locations in Utah, so that people will be available for the more general gathering at Old Deseret Village on Saturday, 16 June 2007

More details will come forth in the Newsletter that will be sent out next April.

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.

WIFE-LINE MEETINGS

Some of the wife-line segments of the Milo Andrus Family Organization have been quite active in the past. Some have not been so active. All need to be more active. Here's why.

ANCESTRY OF THE WIVES OF MILO ANDRUS

Each of these great women deserve full-fledged efforts in the determination of their lineage. The research for some was done many years ago and has not been updated in line with the additional information and resources that have become available recently.

DECENDANCY OF MILO AND EACH OF HIS WIVES

Milo had 57 children and 329 grandchildren. There has been significant expansion of this descendancy during the 20th and 21st Centuries. You can be assured that Milo and his wives are interested in these descendants. After all, aren't you interested in all of your descendants?

In order to pursue ancestry and descendancy, wife-line organizations need to become more organized. At the 2007 Reunion time will be set aside for meetings of these organizations. **Each person who receives this news letter can do something to make such gatherings a success.**

GET TRAINED

Every person needs to get training in family history research. **That includes you! Why put it off?**

In your local ward and stake there are family history consultants who can give you understanding of the importance and of the techniques for finding and recording the names and vital information about the people from whom you descend. They can help you find your aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In your local ward and stake there are resources you can use advantageously to learn about and to develop your very own personal "book of life." The Milo Andrus Family Organization ought to have dozens, yes hundreds, of skilled family researchers. These experts ought to be in contact with each other.

Skill and interest in family history records must simply be part of your learning while on Earth. **Don't put it off until you are old.** If you are old, don't put it off until you are dead!

Planning on being exalted, means planning to be associated with the members of the families of which you are a part. The first step in any association is to know the names of the people with whom you will be associated.

Electronic means, never before available, will help you in obtaining and utilizing family history information. You can get trained at your stake family history center, so that you can use your own computer at home to do the major work.

You, yes YOU, need to know all these things about family history, formerly called genealogy. It isn't a dead subject. It's an exciting skill to learn. **Why put it off?**

EASTERN RESEARCH

Guessing won't do it. There has been a lot of guessing in the past and we still don't know for sure who were the grandparents of Milo Andrus. The present approach will surely be more productive than guessing. But, we are not there yet.

To review: Milo Andrus lived in Ohio when he joined the Church, his parents Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith having moved there from New York. Ruluf and Azuba (Smith) Andrus were married in Vermont in 1795. There is a record that Ruluf paid Vermont taxes that year. Where Ruluf came from and where Azuba came from have not been proved.

Milo said Ruluf came from Connecticut, but two of Milo's siblings said he came from Vermont. Laura Anderson and her husband Craig have performed exhaustive research in Ohio, and the midwest, learning about the children and other descendants of Ruluf and Azuba. The leads from this research surely point to Jay, New York and to Vermont.

In September 2006 Craig and Laura Anderson along with Andrea Andrus went to New York and Vermont for additional research. Their trip was a part of an ongoing effort to make the contacts and discover the sources of information that will be useful. Don't expect the "Eureka" moment of discovery in the near future. A lot of what was done on this trip will be necessary. What they did involved:

1. Establishing a working relationship with Otis Andrus, the superintendent of the cemetery at Pawlet, Vermont, in central Vermont near the New York border. Many people named Andrus were buried there. Many Andrus families lived in that vicinity. It makes good sense to search the records in that part of the country.

2. Filming pages of documents from the towns of west-central Vermont. A key bit of information about historical Vermont: government business was conducted by petition in that early history. If people wanted a new road or some other governmental action, they would petition the legislature or the governor. This meant a lot of signatures. Laura, Craig, and Andrea photographed a lot of petition documents and the filing system that has been developed for such documents. Now they need some help in going through such documents to find traces of Ruluf and the Smiths that produced Azuba.

3. Filming pages of documents in the court house in Elizabethtown, New York. This is the county seat for Essex County where Ruluf and Azuba had many of their children. See **HELP! HELP!** in the next column. There are hundreds of documents bearing the name of Ruluf.

For many years Hyrum Andrus was the Organization Historian. He has been faithful in keeping boxes of information stored at his home. Much of this information is now in the hands of Laura and is being sorted out.

Laura has developed a power point presentation of her findings in Ohio, New York, and Vermont. A version will be shown at the 2007 Family Reunion.

THE WEB SITE

Since our last letter we have had an important voluntary development. Andy Andrus of American Fork, son of Newton Andrus of Orem, has volunteered his services to edit the www.miloandrus.org web site.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on 23 September 2006 Andy outlined his plans for the web site revision. We expect that by the beginning of 2007 this revision will be well on its way.

In the meantime, here is an exercise for you:

1. Go to the web site address: www.miloandrus.org
2. Click on Research
3. Explore: a. Laura's Research, b. PHP, c. Ruluf and Azuba
4. Explore the rest of the web site.
5. Send an email to Andy Andrus at: acandrus@juno.com. Tell Andy what you would like to see in the development of the web site.

The use of the internet for communication among the descendants of Milo Andrus is beginning, but **JUST** beginning. There are many things we will be able to do in the future that we do not do now. For example, we can hold Executive Committee meetings and Board of Directors meetings on the internet if and when we get the equipment to do so.

Improvements in the performance of officers and individual members of the Milo Andrus Family Organization will follow the improvements in their communications. We will use the new technology to help us accomplish this.

HELP! HELP!

Laura Anderson writes: I have hundreds of historical documents. I need people to do the job of assigning out the documents and transcribing them. This is time consuming and until it is done we will not know what we have. We have from this trip alone about 700 pages of documents that need working with and another 300 or more from the first trip. If you know of any one to do typing or to assign them out to people and get them back from them this would be helpful! I see what I have been doing as more a research library than a completed work. We do not all need to go to Vermont to locate these records. With the computer, they can be shared anywhere in the world if we put them in the right format.

LARGE DONATIONS

If \$25.00 is a large donation from you, we encourage you to make a large donation. If a larger donation is possible, we encourage that also. We keep the funds for operating the family organization separate from the funds for research. There is presently a great need for additional research funds.

ANDRUS INDEPENDENCE

Milo Andrus became independent from his father at an early age. Ruluf was so independent that we don't even know the names of his parents. There are exceptions, but generally, many Andrus individuals work hard, too hard, to assert their individuality. They sometimes strive so hard for independence that they miss out on the blessings of working together.

The value of self-reliance and initiative does not need to be sacrificed when cooperating with others. In fact, people who independently come to a knowledge of the same truths are best able to cooperate in great and good enterprises.

One of the great lessons of the latter days involves a realization that people working together, but on different tasks, can accomplish much more than individuals doing everything from scratch. If one person does one task; another does another task; and a third puts the results together, each task can be better and more quickly done. The end result has excellent craftsmanship because each craftsman was able to concentrate on the skill involved with his or her contribution. Through coordination all the tasks are made to fit together.

In such cooperative undertakings, skill development and working to meet exacting standards result in much better products. The work of a specialist excels the work of the "jack of all trades."

In such cooperative undertakings self-reliant and independent men and women have respect for the skills of other self-reliant and independent—but cooperating individuals.

Milo Andrus was an example of the cooperating self-reliant pioneer. Under the direction of Elder Erastus Snow of the Council of the Twelve, Milo did what needed to be done to get the Saints in Saint Louis, Missouri ready to go west in 1855. Elder Snow did his part; Milo did his part, even though it required frequent changes in plans to fit the circumstances. The results were blessings for thousands of people in 1855.

The application of these principles of self-reliance and cooperation among the living descendants of Milo Andrus will lead to their finding ways to work together to find and preserve the documentation of his ancestry and descendancy. This knowledge will help each descendant in writing an acceptable "book of life."

While we are here on Earth, our mortal life seems like the only life. We know, however, it is only a fraction of our eternal life. Success in both mortal life and eternal life hinge on how meaningful are our associations.

The most meaningful associations that we can make, keep, and have for eternity are with our eternal companions, with our ancestors, and with our descendants. To make these associations meaningful requires that we become cooperative.

Sincerely your brother,



G. Merrill Andrus, President
58 South 930 West
Orem, UT 84058
meandr@iveracity.com

Brent Andrus, Vice President
564 South Main Street
Kaysville, UT 84037
brenta51@comcast.net

Donald R. Andrus, Secretary
540 West Kim Drive
Perry, UT 84302
dandrus@brigham.net

Ray B. Andrus, Research Coordin.
665 Riverwalk Drive
American Fork, UT 84003
RandF10@utwire.com

Robert Andrus, Information Coordin.
1376 East Shady Lane Way
Fruit Heights, UT 84037
webmaster@miloandrus.org

MILO ANDRUS FAMILY ORGANIZATION BOARD

Dale C. Andrus, (Abigail Jane Daley)
1956 North 360 East
Provo, UT 84604
Pdandrus@connect2.com

Irene Witmer (Sarah Ann Miles)
297 Peach Lane
Bountiful, UT 84010
iawitmer@utahis.com

Cyrus Milo McKell (Lucy L. Tuttle)
2248 East 4000 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84124
cmmc1@xmission.com

Berwyn J. Andrus (Adeline Alexander)
1551 North 400 West
Bountiful, UT 84010
berwyn@xmission.com

J. Mark Andrus (Mary Webster)
1376 East Shady Lane Way
Fruit Heights, UT 84037
jandrus@email.utcourts.gov

Laura Anderson, Fam. History Expert
7499 Foothill Drive
Lakepoint, UT 84074
paffanatic10@yahoo.com

Kathrine Bowthorpe (Ann Brooks)
3235 South 8920 West
Magna, UT 84044
foursocks1@hotmail.com

G. Rich Andrus (Jane Munday)
885 West 14 North
Rexburg, ID 83440
andrusr@srv.net

Afton Buchanan (Margaret A. Boyce)
120 East 20th
Tracy CA 95376
bawk3683@sbcglobal.net

Ronald M. Morgan (Emma Covert)
1158 Moyle Drive
Alpine, UT 84004
ronrilla@comcast.net

Mark Andrus, Mailing List Compiler
450 East 1980 North
Provo, UT 84604
mark_andrus@comcast.net

Gary K. Ball, DNA Project Expert
368 East 3rd South
Rexburg, ID 83440
gkball@netscape.net