



# Milo Andrus

## Family Organization

### Newsletter

**Special Edition**  
**Commemorating**  
**200 Years**  
**1814–2014**

## President's Message

The first item to discuss is the success of our service project at the Milo Andrus home at **This Is The Place Heritage Park** in Salt Lake City March 15. We are grateful to **Russ** and **Marva Mathis** for arranging and directing the work.

We cleaned the yard of trash and leaves, washed the walls, ceilings and floors inside, painted the fence with linseed oil, trimmed fruit trees, and hauled off the garbage and trimmings. The project was so successful we have decided to make it an annual event. **Cameron** and **Tanya (Andrus) Fuller** have agreed to represent the Andrus Family in the organization of this event. Thanks to all of the fifty or so who helped make this such a success, especially Russ and Marva.

The second item is the sadness we feel at the passing of **Don Jensen** who served so well as the **Sarah Ann**

**Miles** wife line representative in the family organization. Our sympathies are with his wife, **Rosala**, children and grandchildren. He will truly be missed. In his place, **Ramona Pace** has agreed to lead the Sarah Ann Miles descendants and help move the family work forward. Thank you, Ramona.

Lastly, we are so pleased for the reunion June 28, 2014. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare. We will meet from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the **Peachwood Chapel**, 3963 S Peachwood Dr in West Valley City, Utah. There will be games, food, activities for the children, visiting, and meetings for business and entertainment. We hope to see you with us!

*W. Craig Jensen*

P.S. The chapel, pavilion and play area are fenced and private.

## 2014 Reunion Event Schedule

### June 27 (Friday)

#### 5:30 p.m. Salt Lake Temple Session

For members of the LDS Church who would like to attend an endowment session with the family, meet at the east entrance, north lobby at 5:30 p.m. We will attend the 6 p.m. session. If you have family names, especially Andrus family names, please bring them.

### June 28 (Saturday)

3963 S Peachwood Dr, West Valley City, UT

#### 10 a.m. Opening Activities

- Registration
- Gallery of historic photos
- Games for children

#### 11 a.m. Wife Line Meetings

- Meet with your individual wife lines; conduct business, talk genealogy, etc.
- Get to know your family better

### June 28 (Saturday) (Continued)

#### 12 p.m. Lunch provided

- Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, drinks, brownies

#### 1 p.m. Business Meeting

- Genealogical research update
- Report on the Milo Andrus Day of Service (March 15, 2014)
- Financial report
- Other family business and announcements
- Election of new officers (interested in running for president or VP? Email Craig Jensen)

#### Program

- 2 p.m. • Performance by the Milo Andrus Family Orchestra (to be a part of the orchestra, email [hollyainfante@gmail.com](mailto:hollyainfante@gmail.com) by June 1. All skill levels welcome.)
- Life and Wives of Milo Andrus—reader's theater written and researched by Laura Anderson and DeLane Andrus Hyer

If you plan to attend the reunion, please RSVP online by June 7 by typing the following into your web browser or clicking this link:

<http://whoozin.com/WPX-7FW-XQXC>

You may also call Andy Andrus at (801) 475-4733. Be sure to include the number of people you plan to bring.

See inside for additional reunion information, including lodging options for those who are traveling long distances.

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*We encourage everyone to stay around after the program to visit, share stories, sing songs, view displays and so on.*

# Andrus Family Service Project

Commemorating 200 years since  
the birth of Milo Andrus

March 15, 2014









# Milo Andrus: Pioneer, Missionary, Colonizer

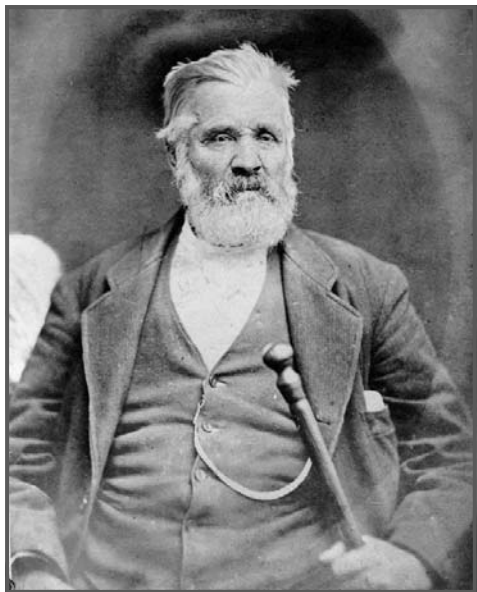
By Hyrum Andrus (Jane Munday line)

**M**ilo Andrus touched the lives of many people in significant ways and in a variety of activities—as a missionary, colonizer, leader of emigrant companies, church official, military leader, organizer of economic enterprises, patriarch, and as a father, friend and neighbor.

His life's activities spanned the North American continent and the Atlantic ocean several times, in the days of ox carts and sailing vessels. He viewed life from the vantage point of the dusty American plains to London's Westminster Abbey. In the course of events, he experienced both the practical and the sublime. By the strength of his body he conquered the raw, untamed wilderness; and by the energy of his soul he penetrated the veil of God's presence to behold the visible manifestations of God's glory. He was a leader of men who was addressed appropriately as Elder, Bishop, President, Captain, Major, Chaplain, Patriarch, and Father.

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Milo was born March 6, 1814, in Jay Township (now Wilmington), Essex County, New York, to Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith. He was the tenth of 13 children. In his early years he moved many times with his family but eventually settled in East Norwalk, Ohio. In 1833,



Photograph dating to the 1880s.

at the age of 19, he married Abigail Jane Daley and was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His joining the LDS Church would be a significant event and would completely change the rest of his life.

During this vital era when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was being established on the earth, Milo participated in some highly significant early events. He was a member of Zion's Camp. He marched for a thousand miles with this body of men from Ohio to Missouri in an effort to reestablish Mormon settlers on their lands in Jackson County. The members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and the First Quorum of the Seventy were selected from among this group. Milo was called to be a member of the latter quorum.

He helped build the Kirtland Temple and served as president of the Florence, Ohio branch of the Church. He led this branch from Ohio to settle in Caldwell County, Missouri, a journey of 900 miles. Later, while helping to settle Nauvoo and build the Nauvoo temple, Milo was bishop of the Fifth Ward in the Nauvoo Stake and an ordinance worker in the Nauvoo temple.

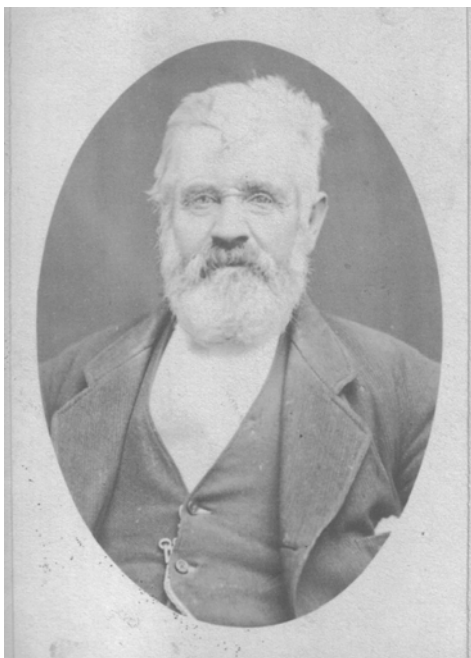
Continual missionary service was also a part of his life. This included a series of short missions to southern Ohio in 1833, New York state in 1835, Indiana in 1836, and Ohio in 1839 and 1844. While the Church headquarters were in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1846, Milo was called to go to England with Orson Pratt, where he served as president of the Liverpool Conference. During that time, hundreds of converts were brought into the Church. After serving as a home missionary in the Utah Territory, he was called to return to England, where he was appointed to be a traveling elder in southern England and in the Welsh principality. Later, he was called to be president of the Birmingham District, an area which embraced several conferences. Later, he served as a missionary to the Eastern United States. In 1882 he served as chaplain of the Utah Legislature.

Milo's administrative responsibilities



also included helping to lead many hundreds of Latter-day Saints closer to the main body of the Church. He was president of a ship company of about 700 Latter-day Saints who sailed from England to America, and a company of 900 Saints who traveled by rail from New York to Florence, Nebraska. He was three times captain of pioneer companies: 51 wagons and 206 people in 1850, 461 people in 1855, and 38 wagons and 620 people in 1861—companies which journeyed across the plains to the Salt Lake Valley.

As a builder of the West, Milo was part of major colonizing activities which extended from New York through Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, the Western Plains, and the Great Salt Lake Basin. Milo helped to construct the railroad beds in Echo Canyon and at the Point of the Mountain, between Salt Lake County and Utah County, and he helped build canals and irrigation ditches in Salt Lake Valley and other parts of the West. Members of his family made major contributions in extending such activities along the Wasatch Front and in other parts of Utah, Idaho, and Canada. In 1857, he also served as a major in the Mormon forces of the Utah War in the Salt Lake Basin. From there, Milo continued his colonizing labors into Utah's Dixie, where he was a leading figure among the Saints in the area. He then presided over a colonizing mission in Green River (near the



Colorado border). Finally, he played a leading role in the settlement of southern Idaho.

At a time when St. Louis was an outfitting center for Mormon migration to the West, in 1854, Milo was called to be the first president of the St. Louis Stake of Zion, where he performed intensive administrative and proselyting labors. He served as Bishop of the Big Cottonwood ward in the Salt Lake Valley. In southern Utah, he served as a member of the high council of the St. George Stake and played a leading role in developing and administering the economic system called the United Order. He served as a member of the high

Photographed in St George, Utah.

council of the Oxford Stake, in southern Idaho, and as president of the high priests quorum of that stake. During the closing years of his life, he also met the deeply spiritual challenge of service as a patriarch in the Oxford Stake.

Not the least important among Milo's roles was his role as husband and father of the fourth largest family in Latter-day Saint history. In number of children, his family equaled that of Brigham Young. In the course of his busy life, Milo married eleven wives and had 57 children. His wives and children made many great contributions in the colonizing and proselyting work of the Church.

Milo died June 19, 1893, in Oxford, Idaho. He was 79 years old. He is buried in Holladay, Utah.

## The Practice of Plural Marriage and the 11 Wives of Milo Andrus

The practice of plural marriage was instituted among members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the 1840s; the practice ended in 1890. Milo's first marriage took place in 1833. From 1848 to 1858, he took 10 additional wives, one of whom was previously divorced and three of whom were widowed. His wives were described as "industrious" and "real helpmates." To learn more about the Church's practice of plural marriage, visit [www.lds.org](http://www.lds.org) and search for Plural Marriage and Families in Early Utah.



Depicted sequentially from upper left: Abigail Jane Daley; Sarah Ann Miles; Lucy Loomis; Adeline Alexander; Mary Ann Webster; Elizabeth Brooks; Ann Brooks; Jane Munday; Margaret Ann Boyce; Mary Emma Covert; Lucy Tuttle

## Additional Reunion Information

The family organizations has reserved a block of rooms at the **Holiday Inn Express**, 3600 South Decker Lake Drive, West Valley City, Utah. The hotel is within walking distance to restaurants, the Hollywood Connection game center, movie theaters and the Maverick Center. The Holiday Inn also features a small water park. Room rates start at \$99 (normal room rates start at \$149). Please mention you are with the Milo Andrus Family Reunion. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-315-2621.

## Questions? Want to help?

If you have questions or are willing to help out with the reunion, please contact President Craig Jensen as soon as possible. Send an email to [president@miloandrus.org](mailto:president@miloandrus.org)

# What being a descendant of Milo Andrus means to me

By Holly Abernathy Infante

I have a confession to make, and it may surprise some. When I used to get the Milo Andrus Family newsletter in the mail, I never gave it much attention. I'm pretty sure my mom signed me up for it, and it usually ended up in the stack of mail I intended to read later. And sometimes, that meant never. But I'm happy to report that has since changed. How? For me, it took a little (or not so little) dose of adversity.

Over Memorial Day weekend in 2011, I found myself home alone, a single mother of three, pining for my children while they were away for the weekend. Given the holiday, my thoughts turned to those who had gone before. While I had been curious about my genealogy, I realized I really didn't know much about my progenitors.

Sitting at the kitchen counter, I recalled an old burgundy-covered book about the Andrus family my mom had given me ages

ago. I decided that particular Saturday was the perfect day to pull it from the shelf.

As I poured over its pages, I came to understand how I was linked to a great line of ancestors, including Milo Andrus—a true pioneer who lived an extraordinary life of service and sacrifice during a monumental time in church history. I was intrigued by each life sketch I read.

Perhaps what touched me most that day were the words of my great grandparents, noting their one desire for their posterity—for me. Their hope for future generations was recorded for me to ponder. In that moment, I no longer felt alone or disconnected; I felt a profound appreciation for their lives of devotion, perseverance and conviction—attributes I learned are part of my heritage. I realized I stand as a blessed beneficiary of all for which they lived and sacrificed, as do we all.

About three weeks later, on June 18, I attended my first Andrus reunion in Salt Lake City, and was asked to read the part of Sarah Ann Miles for the reader's theater. My fourth-great-grandmother and I share a significant parallel in our lives that's quite uncanny, and that revelation brought me comfort during a very trying time.

As Milo's testimony was read, and as we sang, together as a family organization, the hymn, The Spirit of God, there was a stirring in my heart I will always remember.

So I say to all of my Gen X and Millennial relatives: This family organization is not just for our parents or grandparents, but for us—perhaps *especially* for us. Lessons from their lives are waiting to be discovered anew. And more, there are relationships to build, talents to share, and a great family history mystery to be solved. Please get involved!



## Join our Facebook group: Milo Andrus Descendants

*The Milo Andrus Family Organization Mission:*

The Milo Andrus Family Organization seeks out and gathers in descendants of Milo Andrus. We honor our noble heritage. We aim to strengthen binding ties of this heritage through preserving histories, encouraging saving ordinances, promoting open communication and fostering among us the cherished values inherent in the Andrus legacy.

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