



Milo Andrus  
Family Organization

Newsletter

**Winter 2016**

### **President's Message**

Greetings! I am pleased to provide the findings of recent research conducted with respect to Ruluf and Azuba Andrus (Milo's parents).

As background, earlier research focused on the circumstantial evidence that the mother of Ruluf Andrus was Sybil Andrews. This evidence is based on the guardian bond issued in 1789 in Hamden, Connecticut, documenting Joseph Johnson became the guardian of Ruluf Andrus. Shortly before that bond was issued, a Sybill Andrews who lived in the vicinity died as a single mother at the age of 36. She is the daughter of Amos and Content Morgan.

The present research focuses on a Sarah Toms who lived near Ruluf and Azuba in Vermont, New York and Ohio. She petitioned for a widow's pension for Revolutionary veterans and gave her maiden name as Andrus. Because she immigrated with Ruluf, the speculation is that she is a half-sister of Ruluf. She appears to be the daughter of Joseph Andrus of Vermont.

Since no birth record of the Ruluf in Connecticut has been found, and he does not appear in later records in

Connecticut, the Ruluf of 1789 and the married Ruluf in 1800 in Vermont could be the same person, but that is not proven.

Research on Azuba has been based on the belief that her maiden name was Smith. This belief is from the action and words of Milo Andrus. He said she is the daughter of John and Sarah Smith. He also had his cousin Smith Hancock baptized by proxy in Nauvoo. Although Milo would probably have known his grandparents and maybe even have been born in their home, to date no documents have been located with Azuba having the name of Smith. Neither land, probate, birth, marriage nor death records have been found with her maiden name as Smith.

She was supposedly born in Rutland County, Vermont, in 1777, but that place was vacated during the war and she was most likely born elsewhere. She appears to be the sister of Polly Hancock, wife of Uriah Hancock who immigrated with the Andruses from Vermont to New York to Ohio.

Additional research will be done, but for now have a better knowledge of what we are unable to prove.

*W. Craig Jensen*

## **2015 Service Day draws scores of volunteers**

On the second Saturday of April 2015, 61 descendants of Milo Andrus met at his home in the This is the Place State Heritage Park in Salt Lake City to provide grounds maintenance. The 2015 annual event was planned and directed by Cameron and Tonya (Andrus) Fuller, and Steven Jensen.

We painted the picket fences with linseed oil, repaired posts on the picket fences, and painted the front porch, benches and window trim on the exterior of the home. Volunteers also raked leaves, weeded flower beds and pruned fruit trees. We sent two truck loads of leaves, grass and other materials to the compost piles at the Park (see photos on Page 2).

After a few hours' work, we ate lunch together and visited. It was a time of satisfaction for completing a well-organized service project.

At the request of the Park personnel, this annual event will occur earlier in the year in the future to help tidy the inside of the home before the Park opens for the season. As a committee, it has been decided to move the project to the last Saturday of each March prior to General Conference. Plan on a great time this year! Thanks to all who participated in 2015!

**Plan to attend our  
next family service  
day on March 26!  
Details on Page 4!**

#### **Organization**

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# Andrus Family Service Project

*Milo Andrus Home  
This Is The Place Heritage Park  
April 11, 2015*



# Milo Andrus Family Organization Reply Form

- Please list me as a sustaining member of the Milo Andrus Family Organization, accepting my dues of \$25.00 (for 2016 dues)
- Please list me as a Century Member (\$100)
- Please list me as a Heritage Member (\$1,000)
- Other Contribution \_\_\_\_\_
- I am interested in learning about charitable remainder trusts and other ways I can contribute a significant sum to the organization.
- I would like to discuss major contributions with an officer of the organization.
- For future newsletter mailings, I want to help cut print and mailing costs. Please send me an electronic version to the email address below.
- I am interested in getting involved in general research for the organization.
- I am interested in assisting my wife-line representative in family research.
- I live outside the Salt Lake area, but would like to participate in research through the internet.
- Please accept my contribution of \_\_\_\_\_ for ancestry research work. Please send me a receipt so I can keep track of this donation for tax purposes to the address below.

*Annual membership dues of \$25 go to ordinary operating expenses of the organization, including printing and mailing costs, internet fees and media production. All contributions welcome!*

*Your generous contributions greatly enhance our ability to do more in-depth research, including travel, document imaging and transcription, and DNA testing. Thank You!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I descend from this wife of Milo Andrus \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and contribution to:

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***You can also make your contribution online using our  
PayPal account at [www.miloandrus.org](http://www.miloandrus.org)***



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## Day of Service Saturday, March 26

**M**ark your calendars, gather up your family and some yard tools, and plan to attend the next Milo Andrus Day of Service at the Milo Andrus home at This Is The Place State Park!

This will be the 3rd annual service day and it promises to be a rewarding experience for all involved. We will start promptly at 9 a.m. and will be performing service projects both inside the home and on the grounds. In-door projects will include dusting, sweeping and other general cleaning to prepare the home for tours. Outdoor efforts will entail raking leaves, pruning trees, weeding flower beds and planting flowers, and more. Lunch will be provided.

Please dress for the weather and bring any gardening and landscaping tools you can. We look forward to seeing you!

**Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016**

**Time: 9 a.m.**

**Place: Milo Andrus Halfway House/Farm**

**This Is the Place Heritage Park**

**2601 East Sunnyside Ave, SLC, UT 84108**

**What to bring: Gloves, landscaping tools**

**Lunch Provided!**

### *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.

**Please join our  
Facebook group:**

**Milo Andrus  
Descendants**

