



# Milo Andrus

Family Organization

Newsletter

**Spring 2018**

## President's Message

We are so blessed to finally know for certain Ruluf Andrus' ancestry (see accompanying article)! This effort has been decades in the making and each new piece of information has helped put the puzzle together.

Please put on your calendars the upcoming Day of Service at the Milo Andrus home at This is the Place Heritage State Park on April 7 and the June 23 Family Reunion at the same location.

For the family reunion, there is no fee to attend. However, for those interested to enjoy the whole park,

we will get a discounted entry fee of \$5 per person (more info to follow).

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as your president for these past two terms. Thank you so much to all those who served also in the Milo Andrus Family Organization. At the Reunion we will be electing new officers to direct the Family Organization for the next 4 years. If any of you would like to be involved, please contact one of us.

Sincerely,

*W. Craig Jensen*

## Research on Milo Andrus achieves major breakthrough

By Craig Jensen

We have had a major breakthrough. The research for Ruluf and Azuba Andrus that we have worked on for the past several years has borne positive fruit. Through DNA testing we have proven that Ruluf's father is Joseph Johnson and his mother is Sybil Andrews.

The YDNA of Ruluf's male descendants matches positively with the male descendants of Joseph Johnson—the man named in Ruluf's guardian bond in 1789.

One question has been: Why did Ruluf have a Dutch name, *Ruluf*? Research shows that the *Johnson* name is really the American adaptation of *Jansen*, a Dutch name of a family who settled in the Hamden and Cheshire region of Connecticut. Details are posted on the [Milo Andrus Family Organization website](http://new.miloandrus.org/) (<http://new.miloandrus.org/>). A summary is provided on page 3.

As for Azuba, we know her father is John Smith and her mother, Sarah. We are unable to locate Sarah's parents at this time, but we know John's father is James Smith. The trail then gets muddy because there are four James Smiths who lived in the area. Without being able to prove which James is ours at this time, we will put this on hold for now.

The family organization thanks all who participated in this time-consuming and difficult research. We can now go on with individual lines of John Johnson and the Andrews, which are well documented and recorded.

**Plan to attend our 5th Annual Milo Andrus Day of Service with your families on Saturday, April 7, 2018**

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

**Bring landscaping tools and gloves!**

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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail form and contribution to:

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PayPal account at [www.miloandrus.org](http://www.miloandrus.org)***

# Ruluf Andrus parentage research summary

*This is a summary of the recent research regarding the parentage of Ruluf Andrus. For the full report, visit the [Milo Andrus Family Organization website](http://new.Miloandrus.org/) (<http://new.Miloandrus.org/>). The research was performed by Jeniann Nielsen, LDSGenealogy.com Research Services.*

The goal of this research session was to identify the father of Ruluf Andrus. Earlier research identified his mother as Sybil Andrews.

Eber Andrews was previously identified as a possible father. Eber was a descendant of William Andrews of New Haven, Connecticut. If Eber was Ruluf's father, then the descendants of William Andrews would match the descendants of Ruluf. However, Y-DNA testing indicated that the descendants of Ruluf Andrus did not at all match the Y-DNA of the descendants William Andrews family. Ruluf could not have been Eber's son. He also could not have been the son of John Andrews and Mary Emmerson of Rutland County, Vermont, because John Andrews was also a descendant of William Andrews.

Nearly all of the Andrews men living in the area near where Ruluf grew up descended from William Andrews. Some family members changed the spelling of the last name to Andrus, Address, etc. Since Sybil Andrews was a single woman, Ruluf may have grown up with a single mother, and he may have taken her last name rather than his father's.

Joseph Johnson was also identified as a possible father. Following up on prior research, a guardian bond posted in Hamden, Connecticut, in 1789 listed Ruluf's guardian as Joseph Johnson. The document listed Ruluf as 16 years old. Some past researchers stipulated that this guardian bond somehow applies to another Ruluf, not the man who died in 1849 in Henrietta, Ohio, that also lived in Vermont and New York. The Ruluf that died in Henrietta County has a gravestone that lists his death date as 12 March 1773, making his age 16 in December 1789 when this guardian bond was written.

Ruluf Andrus is a highly unusual name. There is no other man named Ruluf Andrus in the

United States in any vital or census record anywhere than anyone has located, other than our Ruluf. If there were two men named Ruluf Andrus, then there would be a death, marriage, or census record for another Ruluf Andrus, and one has never been found. The likelihood of two men both born in 1773 named Ruluf Andrus is very slim.

Since Ruluf had a guardian bond posted for him, it logically indicates he had a parent die a short time before. Sybil Andrews died 15 August 1789 in Cheshire, Connecticut, 3 months before the guardian bond was posted.

In the Cheshire land records, Sybil sold land on 7 April 1784 in Cheshire, which was land she had inherited the year before at the death of her father, Amos Andrews. Joseph Johnson was a witness on the deed.

Sybil Andrews' death was listed in the Mount Carmel Congregational Church in Hamden, so it appears Sybil attended the Mount Carmel church. In examining church records, there were many Andrews and Johnsons listed, all of them related to Joseph Johnson and cousins of Sybil. A number of church members moved to Rutland County, Vermont, so Ruluf may have moved with other relatives or friends from the church.

Autosomal DNA evidence reveals Ruluf's family has ancestry in common with the Andrews and Johnson families. Y-DNA testing was done through FamilyTreeDNA.com to determine whether Ruluf was the son of Joseph Johnson. Y-DNA is DNA that is passed down from father to son and can be strong evidence for the paternal family to which someone belongs. Two descendants of the Johnson family were found to be a close Y-DNA match to three descendants of Ruluf Andrus.

None of the Andrews families was a close Y-DNA match to any of the descendants of Ruluf, or were there any other close matches in the Family Tree DNA database to Ruluf's descendants other than the Johnson family. Further, Ruluf is a Dutch name and the Joseph Johnson family was of Dutch descent.

Please read the full report online.



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## Family Reunion June 23, 2018

Mark your calendars, inform your extended family and plan to attend the next Milo Andrus family reunion! The reunion will take place at This Is the Place Heritage Park, 2601 East Sunnyside Avenue in Salt Lake City. No fee to attend, A family discount to the park will be offered. Activities begin at 9 a.m.!



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### *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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**Milo Andrus  
Descendants**

