

MILO ANDRUS

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PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2022 MILO ANDRUS FAMILY REUNION!

We're working to add some virtual elements to connect with Andrus family members everywhere on June 18, 2022!

Send activity suggestions to your wife-line representative or President@MiloAndrus.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few months ago, I received a phone call from someone who said his name was **Roger Price**, and he asked me if **Paul Andrus**, who had been a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II, was my father. When I said yes, Roger explained that his father, **Jack Price**, had been the tail gunner and part of a three-man crew on an A-20 with my dad in the Pacific theater. They went through training together and then were together in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Okinawa, and flew bombing missions against the Japanese.

I was astounded to make this connection. Dad had spoken very little about his experiences in WWII, so I knew very little about that part of his life. A few weeks after this call, I had dinner with Roger and his son Ben. Roger provided me with several journal pages my dad had sent to his mother when his father passed away. These pages discussed their experiences together and provided priceless insights and stories I had never heard before. The following is an excerpt of one of those stories.

. . . We were both thrilled to find out that we were assigned to A-20 Aircraft, and since Jack was a gunner and I was a pilot, we determined then and there that we would try to be assigned to the same crew so that we could go overseas together. However, Jack was ordered to begin his training at Charlotte, North Carolina, one class ahead of me, and I was assigned up to Charlotte several weeks later . . . Jack felt very confident in speaking with his officers and said he would talk with his commanding officer about it. The commanding officer explained to Jack that it was not possible to put him on my crew because he was a class ahead of me and had already been assigned to his pilot. If they reassigned him, they would have to hold back his entire crew, and this they would not do. We felt badly about this but decided to talk to my commanding officer about it. My commanding officer gave me the same answer, saying emphatically there was no way it could be done.

Jack and I then decided we would fast and pray and ask the Lord to open up the way so that we could be assigned to the same crew. As we were fasting, we knelt together in Jack's barracks one Sunday after church and prayed that the Lord would grant our desire.

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FROM OUR READERS

WHAT BEING A DESCENDANT OF MILO ANDRUS MEANS TO ME

By D. Calvin Andrus

Milo Andrus is my great, great grandfather, through his eighth wife, **Jane Lancaster Munday**. What does that mean to me? I guess the meaning for me comes in two parts.

The first part is the connection it gives me to the rise of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As my family has studied the *Doctrine and Covenants in Come Follow Me* this year, I know that my ancestors were present during many of the experiences we have read about. This includes Zion's Camp; building and the dedication of the Kirtland Temple; settling Nauvoo and building that temple. Reflecting on my ancestors' connection to these events helps them come alive for me.

My wife and I recently finished reading **Mark Henshaw's** wonderful book, *Forty Years*, about the building of the Salt Lake Temple. The book also includes accounts of the westward migration, settling of the Salt Lake Valley, the construction of the railroads and the building of the St. George Temple. Again, I felt much more interested in these events, knowing that my ancestors participated in them.

The second part of what being descended from Milo means to me is that I belong to a large world-wide family. Many years ago, I spent a few weeks in Madrid, Spain. While there, I attended the English-speaking ward (at the time nicknamed the Serviceman's Ward). One Sunday, a couple came up to me and said, "Andrus, hmmm. Do you happen to know XYZ Andrus? He was our bishop when we lived in the States." I did in fact, know XYZ. He was a close relative. I also had a similar experience when serving as a missionary in Argentina.

Our youngest son went to Korea on his mission. While there, he had this same kind of experience. "Andrus, hmmm. Do you know XYZ Andrus?"

My personal experience is that from Argentina to Spain to Korea, our Andrus family is known for good. I am sure most of us have had these kinds of experiences. It is one of the great blessings of being part of this great family.

What is your connection to Milo Andrus? What does he mean to you? We are interested to hear and share your story. Please email secretary@miloandrus.org.

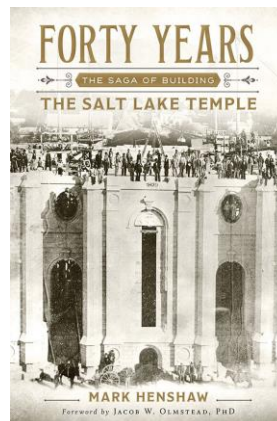


David "Calvin" Andrus was born in Seattle, Washington, and graduated from Box Elder High School in Brigham City, Utah. After serving a mission in Argentina and graduating from Brigham Young University, he received a Ph.D. from Stony Brook University in New York. Calvin recently retired from a career at the Central Intelligence Agency. He and his wife, Janet, continue to enjoy living in Northern Virginia, near their five children and six grandchildren.

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— D. Calvin Andrus, reflecting on study from the Doctrine and Covenants through Come Follow Me and Forty Years by Mark Henshaw

Jane Lancaster Munday was born October 4, 1832, in Coventry, Warwickshire, England. Milo and Jane were married in Salt Lake City November 22, 1855. They had five children. Learn more about Jane Munday at http://miloandrus.org/life_history_of_5/.



Forty Years by Mark Henshaw chronicles construction of the iconic Salt Lake Temple from 1853 to 1893. The book was published by Deseret Book in 2020.

Milo Andrus helped build four temples, including the Kirtland, Nauvoo, Salt Lake and St. George temples.

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A few days later the pilot to whom Jack had been assigned was up flying alone in the airplane. When he returned to the base, a fog had rolled in, making the visibility very poor. As he came into land he was not lined up correctly with the runway, so that after rolling some distance on the hard surface, his airplane went off the runway and flipped over on its back.

There was no fire, and his pilot appeared to be uninjured; however, they examined him at the hospital and discovered that he had cracked a vertebrae that required medical treatment before he could continue with his training. This left Jack without a pilot. His commanding officer, remembering his request, assigned him to my crew. Although Jack’s pilot did suffer a cracked vertebrae, he was otherwise not injured—and we acknowledge it was a marvelous and miraculous answer to our prayers.

I am grateful to Milo, and to my dad and Jack Price, and to the Lord, for their examples and the ways our lives are woven together to teach and bless and provide strength in times of need.

Aloha,

Vaun B. Andrus

Milo Andrus Family Organization Reply Form—2021 Dues

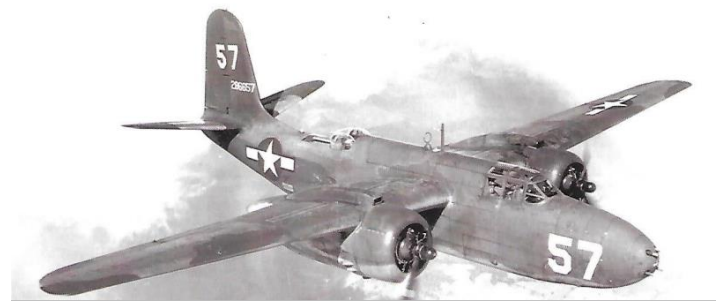
Please list me as a sustaining member, accepting my 2021 dues of \$25.

- Please list me as a Century Member (\$100).
- Please list me as a Heritage Member (\$1,000).
- Other Contribution: ____ (2022 Service Day donation).
- I am interested in learning about ways I can contribute a significant sum to the organization
- I would like to discuss major contributions with an officer of the organization.
- I am interested to be involved in Milo Andrus biography 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.



Morris Field - Charlotte, North Carolina
 Late 1944 or Early 1945
 Crew of Douglas A-20 Havoc
 (Left to Right) Paul Andrus, pilot ~ Jack Price, gunner ~ Jerry Leftwich, gunner

World War II veteran, Paul Andrus, descends from the Jane Lancaster Munday wife line.



Paul Andrus, Jack Price, and Jerry Leftwich flew the Douglas A-20 Havoc, medium bomber, attack aircraft (above) in overseas missions during World War II.

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
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I descend from this wife of Milo Andrus:

Send form and contribution to: Steven Jensen, Treasurer, Milo Andrus Family Organization via mail, email or Venmo. Address: 3012 West 3875 South, West Valley City, UT 84119. For Venmo, select “Pay or Request” and enter 801-860-0147 to add recipient.

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Learn more about your extended family and the history you share through your wife-line!

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DO YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

The **State of Utah** conducted an outreach campaign in September 2021, highlighting that 1 in 5 Utah residents has unclaimed property totaling \$52 million. Announcements were aired through television and radio news, and online (see [KSL News link](#)).

Utah State Treasurer, **Marlo Oaks**, reported, "Every Utahn should go online at least once a year to find and claim their property—and check for family, friends, deceased relatives and organizations they support as well."

The Milo Andrus Family Organization is in the process of claiming a \$194 refund.

Our thanks to family member, **Emilee Andrus** for providing a reader comment about this! More than 300 Andrus names are listed with unclaimed property. A number of refunds have been claimed successfully

For more information about unclaimed property and to search the online database, visit mycash.utah.gov or call 801-715-3300. Information is also available through the Unclaimed Property Division's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) page.

MILO ANDRUS SERVICE DAY RETURNING IN 2022

Our tradition of holding a Milo Andrus Service Day each spring began as a commemoration of Milo's 200th birthday March 6, 2014. We are grateful to all who joined us in and for all who have joined in since!

After cancelling for two years because of the pandemic, we are happy to announce the annual service day is returning in 2022.

Watch for a date to be announced in January! Check for news on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and at www.miloandrus.org.

The Milo Andrus Family Organization would love to hear from you! Please contact us at the following:

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