

# MILO ANDRUS

Family Organization

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm not one to make New Year's resolutions, but there is something I love about beginning a new year—something that makes January feel fresh and exciting. It's invigorating and empowering! There's a feeling that nothing is impossible, and this is the year to prove it! This is going to be a great year!

And then January 2 hits and reality comes crashing in with it. At this point, it can feel like the longest month of the year, even though there are six other months with exactly the same number of days. But, as my mom says, "Keep your chin up!" It will get better. January passes, and the year and seasons continue on.

The best way for us to beat the winter blues is to turn outside of ourselves. Find opportunities to lift each other and those around us. Whether that's

visiting someone, writing a note or text just to say "Hi, I've been thinking about you," or reorganizing your closet (don't underestimate serving in your own home!), lifting others is

the most proven way to lift ourselves.

And soon, we will start seeing signs of spring, with all the joy and blessings it brings!

I am excited for our annual **Day of Service** at the Milo Andrus House in **This Is the Place Heritage Park** on Saturday, March 25. What a wonderful opportunity we have to serve and get together, for there is joy and strength in being together! I truly look forward to seeing many of you there! With all the many changes our world has gone through over the last century, this **Milo Andrus Family Organization** has done an amazing job of changing and adjusting and growing with it.

One of the most important adjustments we're trying to make now is being more accessible. Our goal is to have more involvement with the younger generations as well. They have so much to offer! If you have any suggestions or ideas to help make this happen, please share. And if you're willing to help, we would LOVE it! Just send us an email to:

miloandrusfamily@gmail.com.

Susan Fuller



# THIS IS THE PLACE HERITAGE PARK

2601 EAST SUNNYSIDE AVE SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84108

## MARCH 25, 2023

8:00-10:00 AM

LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED!

#### FROM OUR READERS

#### WHAT BEING A DESCENDANT OF MILO ANDRUS MEANS TO ME

#### By Jeniann Nielsen

In the last few years, I have had the privilege of researching the family members of Milo Andrus. In these efforts I spent time studying the research and notes of those who had researched the family in the past, particularly Elena Goodworth and Hyrum Andrus. As I read through the careful notes and information they had gathered, I was impressed with the thoroughness of the work that they did in a time when the records were more difficult to access than they are today. They used all of the tools and resources that were available to them at that time. They demonstrated great faith and dedication to being involved in family history and temple work in any way that they were able to do.

I feel honored to be part of the Milo Andrus family and other pioneer families that carried on the faith of their ancestors and carefully kept family records and information through the generations for those that would follow them. I am very fortunate for the work of those of the past, and now because of the information they recorded and kept, I can easily view many stories, photos and documents of my ancestors and learn all about them in just a few clicks in the **FamilySearch Family Tree**. I can be inspired by the examples and faith of my ancestors and share those stories with my own children.

As I followed the notes of the travels of Elena Goodworth as she visited several U.S. states looking for records and documents of the family, I was amazed to see that of the many records that she located, more than 95 percent of those records are now found online and could have been found without any travel at all. In her personal history, Elena commented in the 1990s that it was so easy to do family history compared with what it was in the past. She said this before any records were digitized or indexed online! The tools we have now are far beyond what has ever been available in the past.

We live in an exciting time of the world where the work of salvation for the dead is increasing in ways it never has before. We have much of the work done in the past available to us much more easily so that we don't duplicate work that has already been done previously. We have a multitude of online websites with digitized and indexed records to help us to connect our families much more easily and more efficiently than ever before.



Jeniann Nielson is a descendant of Milo Andrus through the Sarah Ann Miles wife line. She resides with her family in West Valley City, Utah. The research she performed to locate the father of Ruluf Andrus is documented within FamilySearch and at <a href="www.miloandrus.org">www.miloandrus.org</a>.

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We have an increasing number of temples around the world in which to do the work of our deceased family members. There are many ways to get involved in the work, whether it's by compiling our own stories and those of our close family members, doing family history research, sharing the stories of our ancestors with our posterity, participating in indexing records, doing work in the temple, etc. Each of us can find ways to help carry on the work of our ancestors and continue to move the work forward.

What is your connection to Milo Andrus? What does he mean to you? Please share your story with us at <a href="miloandrusfamily@gmail.com">miloandrusfamily@gmail.com</a>.

### CONNECT WITH YOUR WIFE-LINE REPRESENTATIVE

Wife-line representatives help coordinate and document family history for the descendants of Milo's 11 wives. Connect with your representative:

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#### WHAT TO EXPECT AT ROOTSTECH 2023

**By Holly Infante** 

Thile a family history conference might not be everyone's idea of fun, RootsTech 2023 is worth a closer look. For one thing, it's not "one and done." If you miss the conference held in Salt Lake City and online March 2-4, the session materials will be available on demand, for free, over the next 12 months. The conference is also about more than lectures or speeches. As explained by the conference organizers, RootsTech has always been about celebrating "connection"—whether in the past, present or future.

I experienced this connection firsthand during RootsTech 2020 through the **Relative Finder** app associated with the conference. On my mobile phone, I was able to connect with relatives in and outside of the United States—distant cousins through common ancestors in different branches of the Infante family tree. Some of these interactions led to phone conversations, emails, and even a trip to South Carolina to connect with newfound cousins about our shared roots!

Another valuable connection was a virtual meeting with a consultant in Italy during RootsTech2022 who reviewed and validated the research I had done from the United States. He gave me helpful tips to continue this research in Italy.

RootsTech is billed as a place "to learn, to be inspired, and make connections through family history." Headline presenters include multi-platinum recording artist and actress, **Jordin Sparks**, and **Elder Gerrit W. Gong** of the Quorum

RootsTech 2023 will be virtual and in person!
2-4 March 2023

of the Twelve Apostles of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, and his wife, **Susan Lindsay Gong**. And yes, there will be around 1,000 workshops in 40 languages, news of the latest innovations in family history research and documentation, and something for all who are looking to expand their family tree, make connections and capture their legacy.

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