

Research Report on Ruluf Andrus

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Previous Research Completed

The research presented in this report is a continuation of the Ruluf Andrus research project that was completed by Genealogists.com in 2013.

Numerous researchers have tried to prove parentage of Ruluf Andrus for many years, but no one has been able to prove his parents with certainty, as there has been no document located that names his parents. In an effort to ensure that all document sources have been searched, the Milo Andrus Family Organization requested a search in Vermont to see if there is any marriage record of Ruluf Andrus to Azuba Smith that may list his parents, and also research in the records of New Haven, Connecticut, to see if there was a possible christening record recorded in the local church records.

In the previous research, the following objectives were met:

1. Research in Vermont for a possible marriage record of Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith
2. Research in Connecticut for a possible birth record or christening record of Ruluf Andrus
3. Review of past research on Ruluf Andrus and his origins
4. Suggestions for further research

Onsite Research in Vermont

In the previous project, research was performed in Vermont to search for a possible marriage record of Ruluf Andrus and Azuba Smith. All of the existing records available for Rutland, Poultney, and the surrounding towns were searched. There were no new records found in this research.

Onsite Research in Connecticut

In the previous project research was performed in Connecticut to search for a possible birth or christening record of Ruluf Andrus and also a search of the available probate and court records. A thorough search was completed in the available records. No new records were located in this search.

Review of Past Research

Because the origins of Ruluf Andrus have been researched by many over the course of numerous years, a thorough review and analysis of the past written research was completed. This review included a review of the documents written by the Milo Andrus Organization, Cal Andrus, and research completed by professional genealogists who have previously researched the family.

A summary of the previous research done on Ruluf Andrus was compiled in the previous report.

Research Objectives

In research completed by Clifford L. Stott, a professional genealogist engaged by Craig Jensen, he proved that the mother of Ruluf Andrus was a woman named Sybil Andress [sic], and that Ruluf was most likely an illegitimate child. He also found a guardianship document for Ruluf Andrus to a Joseph Johnson. (A copy of the previous research done by Clifford Stott is included with this report.)

The objectives of the current research were:

1. Determine who Sybil Andress was to try to locate more information about her and her origins.
2. Determine who was the Joseph Johnson that is listed in the guardian bond of Ruluf Andrus and learn what his connection was to Ruluf Andrus.
3. Research the theory that Sarah Andrus Toombs was the half-sister of Ruluf Andrus and that his father is therefore Joseph Andrus.

Explanation of Research Completed

Objective 1: Research More about Sybil Andrus, the mother of Ruluf Andrus

The guardian bond located by Clifford Stout was issued in 1789. A Sybil Andrus died in 1789 in this area 5 months previous to the issuance of the bond, so she appears to be the Sybil Andrus that is the mother of Ruluf Andrus. The following records were located about Sybil Andrus as shown in the images that follow.

Name: Sibbel Andrus
Gender: Female
Birth Date: 06 Jul 1754
Birthplace: WALLINGFORD TWP, NEW HAVEN, CONNETICUT:
Father's Name: Amos Andrus
Mother's Name: Content
Citing this Record
"Connecticut, Births and Christenings, 1649-1906," index, FamilySearch
(<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/F7W5-6ZK> :), Sibbel Andrus, 06 Jul 1754;

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Headstone Inscriptions
205-1 Hillside Cemetery
Cheshire, Connecticut
Copied by B.S.Brockett
Dated November 27, 1934.

SECTION "D" COPIED BY G.MARSHMAN BROWN - NOV. 26, and 27, 1934.

Andrews, Mrs. Sibbel, died July 15, 1789, age 36.

Source Information:

Original data: The Charles R. Hale Collection. Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions.
Hartford, Connecticut: Connecticut State Library.

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BARBOUR COLLECTION

Sibyl, Mrs., d. July 15, 1789, ae 36 y.

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Source Information:

The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records. Vol. 1-55. Baltimore, MD, USA: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994-2002.



Wallingord Rd., Cheshire, CT

Sibyl Andrews

Birth: unknown

Death: Jul. 15, 1789

Mrs.

aged 36 years

[from "History of Cheshire, CT from 1694 to 1840" by Joseph Perkins Beach, c1912, page 504]

Hale Index has the name as Sibbel

Burial:

Hillside Cemetery

Cheshire

New Haven County

Connecticut, USA

Source Information:

Original data: Find A Grave. Find A Grave. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi>: accessed 15 February 2013.

As seen in the previous records above, Sybil Andress died 15 July 1789 at the age of 36. Because of her age, we can then reasonably assume that she was the Sibbel Andruss [sic] born to Amos Andruss and Content Morgan as determined by Clifford Stott.

A search was done in the probate records of the New Haven Probate Court records for a probate record for Sybil Andress, but no probate record was located.¹ A search was also completed in the Wallington Probate Court records for a probate record, but no probate record was located.²

Objective 2: Research Joseph Johnson Listed in the Guardian Bond

Sybil Andress died in 1789 when Ruluf Andrus would have been about 16 years old. He then would have needed to have a guardian appointed for him. As already stated, a guardian bond was located in the New Haven Probate Court records that states “Joseph Johnson now chosen Guardian to Ruluf Andrus, a Minor of about 16 Years old of Hamden” which is dated 31 December 1789.

Sybil's parents were Amos Andrus, who died November 4, 1777, and his wife who died February 13, 1776.³

Since Ruluf's mother and her parents were deceased when he was 16, and he was an illegitimate child, he had Joseph Johnson appointed as his guardian.

In a search of the 1790 Census of Hamden, there are two men named Joseph Johnson listed, as shown in the following image. One Joseph Johnson may be the son of the other as he is listed as Joseph Johnson Jr. However, in this era, the term junior could also simply indicate the younger of two men with the same name.

¹ New Haven (Conn.) probate records, 1647-1916, Authors: Connecticut. Probate Court (New Haven District) Family History Library films 5299 and 5300

² Probate records, 1776-1905, Probate Court (Wallingford District), Family History Library films 6045 and 6046

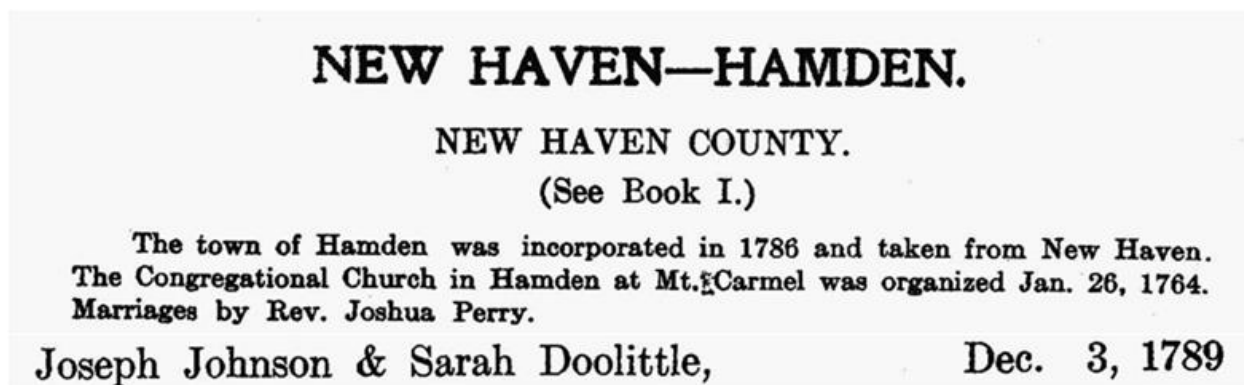
³ A history of the town of Cheshire, Connecticut, from 1694 to 1840. Ancestry.com. *Cheshire, Connecticut: Town History, 1694-1840* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2001.

United States Census, 1790
Hamden Connecticut

Hamden Continued	Free White Males up to 16	Free White Males 16 & over	Free White Females 16 & over	Free White Females under 16	Free Black Males 16 & over	Free Black Females 16 & over	Free Black Females under 16	Total
	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Joseph Johnson	2	3	8					13
Joseph Johnson 2 ^d	1		1					2

Citing this Record "United States Census, 1790," index and images, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XHKV-V8Q> : accessed 01 May 2014), Joseph Johnson, Hamden, New Haven, Connecticut; citing "1790 United States Federal Census," Ancestry.com; p. 68, line 25476, NARA microfilm publication M637, roll 1, National Archives and Records Administration, Washington D.C.; FHL microfilm 00182.

A marriage record for Joseph Johnson to Sarah Doolittle was located as seen in the image below.⁴ Based on the year of the marriage, this marriage logically seems to be Joseph Johnson Jr. It is interesting to note that the Ruluf's guardian bond was signed shortly after this marriage.



⁴ Ancestry.com. Early Connecticut Marriages [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2012. Original data: Bailey, Frederic W. Early Connecticut Marriages as Found on Ancient Church Records Prior to 1800. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997.

The 1790 census should have Ruluf listed. Since the 1790 census shows Joseph Johnson Jr as having only 2 people in his household, and he was very recently married, it appears that he was not the guardian of Ruluf. The guardian of Ruluf was Joseph Johnson Sr.

So then the question becomes, what is the connection between Ruluf Andrus and Joseph Johnson Sr?

As listed in the book “Families of Ancient New Haven,” Nathaniel Andrus/Andrews and Sybil were the children of Amos Andrus and Content Morgan. Also, Joseph Johnson Sr had a daughter named Eunice who married Nathaniel Andrus/Andrews.⁵

The marriage record of Amos Andrus and Content Morgan is shown below.

Connecticut Vital Records to 1870 (The Barbour Collection)

Baldwin	V-1	198
Amos, s. Giles & Abigail, b. Jan. 19, 1732	5	527
Amos, s. Nathan & Esther, b. Apr. 15, 1733	5	506
Amos, m. Content Morgan, Apr. 3, 1750	11	548

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Marriages from Wallingford Records

Amos Andrus m. Content Morgan April 3, 1750.

Source

Cheshire, Connecticut: Town History, 1694-1840

A history of the town of Cheshire, Connecticut, from 1694 to 1840. Also included is the town of Prospect, which as Columbia Parish, was a part of Cheshire until 1829. Also included are excerpts

As stated, Sybil and Nathaniel were both the children of Amos and Content Andrus. Nathaniel then married the daughter of Joseph Johnson Sr. So therefore; Joseph Johnson Sr was the great uncle of Ruluf Andrus. Since both the parents and grandparents of Ruluf were deceased, it makes logical sense that Ruluf's great uncle would then be appointed his guardian.

⁵ Families of Ancient New Haven, Vol. I, accessed at Ancestry.com.

Objective 3: Research Sarah Andrus Toombs as a possible half-sister of Ruluf Andrus

In previous research done by Cal Andrus, he stated the following:

At about age 19, Ruluf visited with his relatives near Rutland County, Vermont. His sister, Mrs. Sarah Toombs, was living in Poultney, Vermont.⁶

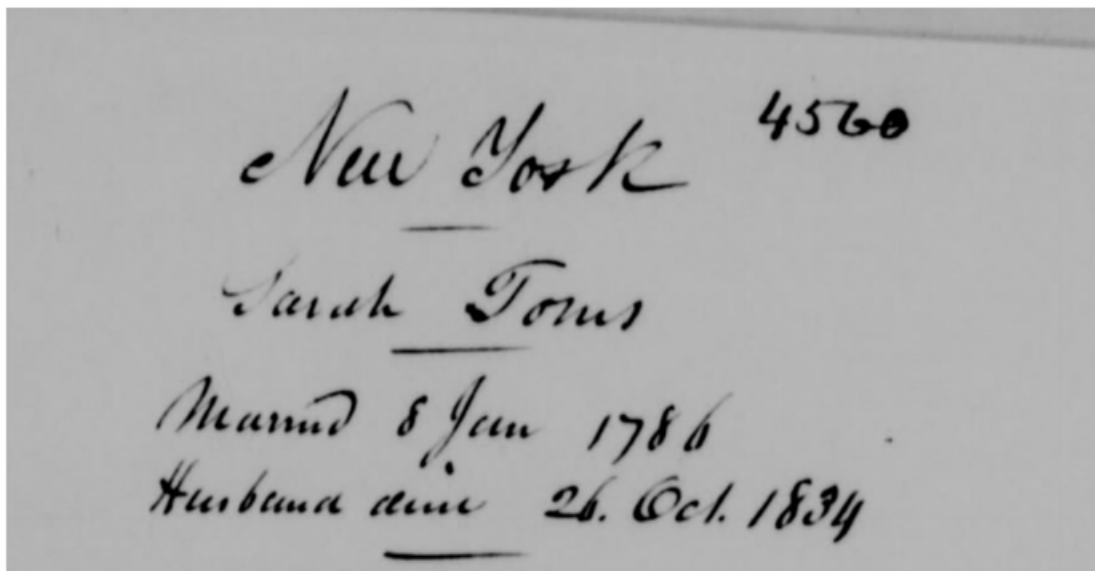
Because finding the half-sister of Ruluf could lead to information about his father, this is a theory worth exploring.

Those who follow the theory of Ruluf's sister being Sarah Andrus Toombs show that Ruluf and Sarah lived in the same places in Vermont, New York, and Ohio in the same time period. Time did not allow documentation of this relationship, but further research could be done to prove this with more certainty.

The difficulty of the theory of Ruluf and Sarah being siblings is that no document has previously been located that gives the maiden name of Sarah being Andrus.

However, according to Revolutionary War pension record that was located in this research, Sarah's maiden name was Andrus. She married John Toms/Tombs on 8 Jan 1786 in Stillwater, New York. She also lived in Vermont, New York and Ohio as Ruluf did. Images of this pension record follow.

⁶ "History of Ruluf Andrus (Andrus) - Photos and Stories — FamilySearch.org." Web. 01 Nov. 2013.
<<https://familysearch.org/photos/stories/551960/history-of-ruluf-andrus-andrus>>



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Record Group: 15

Short Description: NARA M804. Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.

State: New York

Veteran Surname: Toms

Veteran Given Name: John

Pensioner Surname: Toms

Pensioner Given Name: Sarah

Service: New York

Pension Number: W. 26554

State of Ohio ss:

On this 4th day of May A.D. 1843, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the county of Erie, Ohio, Sarah Toms, a resident of Exeter in the county of Erie, aged twenty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed on the 3^d March 1843, granting pensions to widows of persons who died during the revolutionary war. - That she is the widow of John Toms, who was a private in Capt. Wright's company, Col. Van Schaick's Regiment, in the Army of the Revolution, and that as the widow of said John Toms, she drew under the act of July 7, 1838, thirty dollars per annum. She further declares that she is still a widow. Sarah Toms

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written.

Thurman Stewart, Justice of Exeter, Erie Co. Ohio.

State of Ohio, Erie County ss:

I hereby further certify that the above named Sarah Toms is personally known to me, and that she was, till six months past, a resident of the State of New York, and now resides in Exeter, Erie County Ohio.

Thurman Stewart, Justice Peace

The State of Ohio }
Erie County ss }

I Rice Harper Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within and for the County of Erie and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Thurman Stewart is a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified; and that his Commission was dated on the 17th day of April A.D. 1843, and will expire on the 17th day of April A.D. 1848, and that his signature above is genuine, Given under my hand and the seal of the said County this 24th day of July A.D. 1843.

Rice Harper Clerk

John Toms was born august the 30^d 1754
 Sarah andruss was born october 2^d 1767
 they were married January ye 8th 1786
 Gertrusha Toms was born January 5^d 1787
 Sally Toms was born november 23^d 1788
 Ruben Toms was born april the 2^d 1791
 Clinena Toms was born april 3^d 1793
 Isaac Toms was born June 26^d 1795
 Hannah Toms was born July 2^d 1797
 Biram Toms was born March 2^d 1800
 John Toms Juner was born april 3^d 1802
 Parliaman was born February the 1st 1805
 Charles Toms was born august the 30^d 1807
 Pamela Toms was born august the 30^d 1807

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Pensioner Surname: Toms

Pensioner Given Name: Sarah

Service: New York

Pension Number: W. 26554

The 1790 census shows a John Toms living in Vermont. There are no other Toms in Clarendon, so this is likely Sarah's husband, John Toms.

United States Census 1790, Clarendon, Rutland, Vermont					
<i>A Descriptive Enumeration of the Town of Clarendon taken Decr 9th 1790. —</i>					
<i>Names of heads of Families. —</i>					
	<i>Free white males of 16 years and up- wards including heads of families —</i>	<i>Free white males under 16 years —</i>	<i>Free white females including heads of families —</i>	<i>All other free persons. —</i>	<i>Slaves —</i>
<i>Toms John</i>				1	2

Source Citation: Year: 1790; Census Place: Clarendon, Rutland, Vermont; Series: M637; Roll: 12; Page: 233; Image: 174; Family History Library Film: 0568152.

The theory that Sarah is Ruluf's half-sister, if proven, would explain the reason Ruluf ended up in Poultney, Vermont, when he had previously lived his whole life in Connecticut. If he had a sister there, it could be a reason for him to move to the area.

It is also possible that Sarah Andrus's parents were Joseph Andrus and Jerusha Ensign of Clarendon, Vermont as proposed by Cal Andrus. Joseph Andrus lived past at least 1775 so he could have been the father of Ruluf and Sarah. More research would need to be done to prove this with more certainty.

If documents can be located to prove the relationship between Ruluf and Sarah, and also a relationship of Sarah Andrus as the daughter of Joseph Andrus, then we can know who the father of Ruluf was. More research will need to be done to locate more documentation to prove this theory.

It is important to note that while it appears Sarah is the half-sister of Ruluf, another familial relationship could exist.

Conclusions

Sybil Andress was the mother of Ruluf Andrus. She was the daughter of Amos Andrus and Content Morgan. She died in 1789, 5 months before the guardian bond of Ruluf was recorded. Sybil's parents died before Sybil. Ruluf was then bonded to Joseph Johnson Sr, who is shown to be his great uncle.

Based on the evidence located so far, it is highly probable that the half-sister of Ruluf Andrus was Sarah Andrus Toms and that the father of both Ruluf and Sarah was Joseph Andrus. However, more concrete evidence will be needed to prove this for certain.

Suggestions for Further Research

There are additional records that can be searched to gather information about the father of Ruluf Andrus including:

1. Determine whether the Sarah that married John Toms is the sister of Ruluf Andrus.
2. Learn more about Joseph Andrus to determine if he could be the father of Sarah and Ruluf.
3. Find evidence that Sarah and Ruluf were the children of either Joseph Andrus or their mothers.

Additional Sources Consulted

The following records were also researched with negative results:

Town records, 1765-1884, Authors: Cheshire (Connecticut). Town Clerk (Main Author), Town records v. 1-3(p.1-59) 1765-1853, Family History Library film 1412759

Church records, 1724-1917, Authors: Congregational Church (Cheshire, Connecticut) (Main Author), Family History Library films 3998 and 3999

Hamden church records, Microfilm of typescript in the New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Connecticut. 19, 84 leaves, Family History Library film 3054 Item 3