

# *Ancestors of Mary Louisa Langdon*

## *Generation No. 1*

**1. Mary Louisa Langdon**, born 10 May 1801 in Bloomfield, NY<sup>1</sup>; died 10 Mar 1884 in Mitchell County, IA. She married **(1) Ezra Andrews** 12 Jun 1820<sup>1</sup>. He was born 03 Mar 1787 in East Haddam, CT.<sup>2</sup>, and died 12 Jan 1868 in Site unknown, could have been Kingston, WI or in IA. He was the son of Samuel Andrews and Mary Lee Knowlton.

Notes for Mary Louisa Langdon:

1880 US Census, Mitchell County IA, p. 465

Mary Louisa Andrews, age 79, born NY. Father born Scotland, Mother born Germany.

Living in son Almon Andrews' household.

A newspaper clipping - undated and no source listed- was found glued to the inside of a loose Bible cover which had been handed down from Dora Trowbridge Bigelow to her daughter Ruth, then to Ruth's daughter Wildora, and then to Newton's granddaughter, Sherry Bigelow Cyza. It said "OBITUARY - Mary L. Langdon was born May 10, 1801 in Bloomfield, NY; was married to Ezra Andrews June 12, 1820, then moved to Ohio; in 1844 moved to Wisconsin, and in the early part of 1868 moved to Lincoln township (IA), and died in Osage (IA) at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Trowbridge, March 10, 1884. She was a kind and affectionate mother, a true and obliging neighbor as 'tis known that she bore the respectful title of Grandma Andrews among all her acquaintances. She leave four children to follow her faithful footsteps."

DISCUSSION: This researcher (Sherry Cyza) has been unable to "find" Mary Louisa's parents. There are a number of Langdon's in New York State during the 1780-1805 time period. One family group lived in the NYC area, while another was in Oneida County. I found only two who lived in Chautauqua Cty between 1800 and 1820. One was Cornelius whose family has been well documented, (I also believe he lived in Jamestown). The other was Rufus Langdon who moved to the Pomfret area and bought land there before 1810. This Rufus might be the R. Langdon who is on the 1800 US census, NY, in Oneida County. He is also very likely to be the Rufus Langdon who shows up on the 1850 Wisconsin census. (He is enumerated twice, once in Marquette next door to Rufus, Jr - who is believed to be his grandson - and again in Columbia County with his son Abraham.) There is strong evidence to believe that Rufus Langdon of Pomfret, NY and later of WI is either father or brother to Mary Louisa. Ezra Andrews was in the Pomfret area before 1820. His first wife is buried in Laona Cem. which is near Pomfret and he bought land in Pomfret about 1817. This puts him in the same geographical location as Rufus Langdon. To add weight to this assertion, Almon Andrews, son of Ezra and Louisa had a number of land transactions with Rufus Langdon from 1846 - 1850. This land was originally purchased by a female - Mariah Langdon, but sold by Rufus. It seems as though Rufus, Sr. and Almon did some "trading" in Green Lake County, WI. On the 1880 census, her father was listed as being born in Scotland and her mother in Germany. This researcher has been unable to find any Langdon birth in the Scottish records.

Mariah is a German name, thus, would be consistent with being German-born/heritage. Oril Harrington McKenna (Mary's granddaughter) had compiled some family information for this family and she referred to Mary as Maria Louisa.

More About Mary Louisa Langdon:

Burial: Stillwater Cem., east of Orchard, Mitchell, IA

Notes for Ezra Andrews:

Oril Harrington McKenna (his granddaughter) wrote the following

Ezra Andrews didn't stay in one place very long - kept pushing westward. He said "I'm from every place but THIS, and I'm from THIS the first boat"

Discussion: Ezra's whereabouts are somewhat of a mystery between 1790 (in E. Haddam, CT) and 1816 when he buys land in Pomfret, Chautauqua, NY. He likely moved with his parents to Oneida (where his father told Pension Board he had moved to). He married Charlotte probably between 1807-10 and she died in Pomfret in 1816. He lived in Pomfret for several years and married Mary Louisa there, but does not show up in the 1820 census there. Family stories handed down said that they moved right after the marriage - somewhere by her family. If she was the daughter of Rufus Langdon, they may have moved to Mercer County, PA where her brother lived. (Almon's death record does give Mercer Cty as his birthplace.) But, they also may have traveled to Ohio. When the family started moving westward through Ohio, his eldest two girls stayed in North East, PA where they married. Family lore says that they sailed the Great Lakes when they migrated to WI.

On July 3, 1816, Ezra Andrews purchased 108 acres in the SWP of Lot 9. R12, T 5 (Section H) of the Holland Land Company lands. He put \$15.00 down on the \$306 purchase price. (FHL film 1414984, Item 494, p. 63)

On July 13, 1816 Ezra Andrews purchased 63.5 acres NW Part Lot 8 R 12, T 4 (Sec H) in the Holland Land Company lands. He put \$14.00 down on the \$285.75 purchase price. (FHL film 1414984, Item 494, p. 62).

He paid \$100 on the principal for the Lot 8 land on Jan. 20, 1817. (FHL film 1414984, Item 494, p. 75).

"Original Purchases of Lots and parts of Lots within the present Town of Dunkirk (NY).....1817. Jan(uary), ...Ezra Andrews, 16." From: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nychauta/HISTORY/HISTORY.HTM> (accessed 12/23/2001). (This lot is right next to #15 which was purchased by Rufus Langdon in 1805).

Jan, 1817 Ezra Andrews purchased 180 acres in Lot 16 (can't read which part), R 12 T6. He put down \$45.00 on the \$900.00 purchase price. (FHL film 1414984, Item 494, p.64)

Erie County, PA tax records for North East Township.

1824 - Ezra Andrews - shoemaker - 100 Value 100 Tax .65

1825 Ezra Andrews - shoemaker - 100 Value 100

1826 Ezra Andrews - 12 1/2 acres 50, 2 cows-16, Value 65 Tax .33

He had the same property and livestock in 1827, 1828, and 1829.

1830 Ezra Andrews 12 1/2 acres - 88 --Transferred to Robert Herd

1831 Ezra Andrews 2 cows - 16, shoemaker - 160 value 166 Tax .42

His listing remains the same for 1832 and 1833. He is not listed after 1833.

1830 US Census, Erie County, PA - North East Twp. Males: 1 (0-5), 2 (5-10), 1 (40-50):  
p. 281, line 9 Females: 1 (0-5), 2 (15-20), 1 (20-30)

1840 US Census, Cuyahoga, County, OH - Parma Twp. (p. 172) (believed to be this Ezra Andrews)  
(listed as Ezra Andrew in index, but Andrews on census sheet)

Males: 1 (>5), 1 (5-10), 1 (15-20), 1 (20-30) 1 (50-60)

Females: 1 (>5), 1 (10-15), 1(20-30) Female >5 may be Ruth M. Andrews

(But where is his elderly mother? and female age doesn't match Louisa's, however, this location does match list of residences in his petition to the War Board for his mother's pension.)

From: Plymouth (WI) Historical Album 1877-1977 Centennial p. 7. "...With the above mentioned as a nucleus, there were added some twenty families of heirs of families preparing for their wives later on, during the first year, 1845. They were: .....Ezra Andrews (sic), Almon Andrews,....".

From: Carl Ziller, Ed., History of Sheboygan County, Wisconsin: Past and Present, Vol I (Chicago: The S.J. Clarke Pub. Co.) 1912, p. 327. "At the close of 1845 there were in the town (of Plymouth) the

following persons and their families: ..... Ezra Andrews, Almon Andrews... There were several purchases of land in the town in 1846;..... Almon Andrews, on section 30, July 17; also on section 30, June 25. The Andrews were the first settlers west of the village."

1850 US Census, Sheboygan County, WIS - Town of Plymouth, p. 192, line 2, household 1657

Ezra Andrews -age 63, farmer, born CT

Louisa - age 49, born NY

Lindsey - age 17 - born OH

Martin - age 10 - born OH

Mary - age 7 - born OH

1855 Wisconsin State Census, Town of Plymouth, Sheboygan County.

Ezra Andrews - 2 males, 2 females

1860 US Census, Sheboygan County, WIS., Town of Plymouth. p. 50, line 27, house 378

Ezra Andrews - age 73 - farmer - 800, 200, born CT

Louisa - age 39 - born NY

Martin - age 20 - farm laborer - born OH

(Mary was living next door at the Elisha Harrington house).

Wisconsin land purchases:

Sept. 22, 1849 Ezra bought the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 19, T15, R21E from son James. He and Louisa sold this to son Linzy on Jan 16, 1855. They may have stayed on this property as they were still in Plymouth in 1860.

In October, 1845, Ezra and his brother Samuel applied for a widow's pension from the government. His affidavit is included in his father's Rev. War Pension application file (#W25351). Ezra filed an affidavit in Brown County, (Wis), Territory of Wis. swearing to the fact that " Samuel, aged 60 years or thereabouts, and he were the only surviving children of Samuel Andrews, deceased, formerly a Rev. soldier and of his wife, Mary Lee Andrews. .... That after the death of said Samuel Andrews, Mary Lee Andrews his wife resided with him (Ezra) at Ashtabula, Ohio from which plain they removed together into Lake County in same state and from there into Ciahoga of same said state, and from there the said Mary Lee Andrews Removed with this affient to the falls of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County and Territory aforesaid where she resided up to the day of her death which occurred in the month of February AD 1845."

More About Ezra Andrews:

Burial: May be buried in Stillwater Cem., east of Orchard, Mitchell, IA as his name is on monument erected there.

Census: 1830, on the Greenfield, Erie, PA census

Fact1: 13 Jul 1816, Purchased 63.5 acres from the Holland Land Company in Chautauqua Cty, NY<sup>3</sup>

Migrated: Aft. 1835, moved from Ashtabula Cty., OH> Lake Cty, OH>Cuyahoga Cty., OH<sup>4</sup>

Moved: Aug 1844, left OH for Wis<sup>4</sup>

Property: 03 Jul 1816, Purchased 108 acres of land from Holland Land Co. in Chautauqua Cty., NY<sup>5</sup>

Residence: 1845, Was one of earliest settlers of Plymouth, Wis. (among 1st families to settle west of town).

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More About Ezra Andrews and Mary Langdon:

Marriage: 12 Jun 1820<sup>7</sup>

#### *Endnotes*

1. Obituary.

2. East Haddam, CT Vital Records, Vol. 2 p. 162.

3. *Holland Land Company records*, FHL Film # 1414984, Item 494, p. 62.

4. Rev. War pension application file for Samuel Andrews #W25351.

5. *Holland Land Company records*, FHL Film # 1414984, Item 494, p. 63.
6. C. Ziller, *History of Sheboygan County (Wis.)*, (Chicago, IL: S. J. Clarke Pub. Co., 1912), p. 327.
7. Obituary.