



Mershon News Bulletin

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF HENRY MERSHON
ORGANIZED AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1923

Mershon Name

MARCHAND (French) - MARCHANT (Middle English) - MERCHANT (Modern English) - MARSCHAN (Dutch) - MERSHON (Phonetic)

June 2016

2016 Annual Meeting Being Held in Lawrenceville Saturday, August 6th

Please join us for our 2016 Mershon Association Annual Meeting and Reunion, beginning at 10 am on Saturday morning, August 6th. We are meeting in the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike (US 1-Business), Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. The library is at the intersection of US 1-Business and Darrah Lane. This is the same location as last year. The day's activities will be in Community Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.

A variety of catered box lunches will be available for our Saturday meeting.

Lodging: We have a group rate for lodging at the Hampton Inn Princeton, 4385 US Highway 1, Princeton, NJ 08540. See the registration form on page 11 for more information.

Special Programs

We will have a living history program about “Molly Pitcher,” portrayed by re-enactor Kim Hanley of the American Historical Theater in Philadelphia (right). Molly Pitcher was born Mary Ludwig in 1754 near Trenton, NJ. She married William Hays and settled in Carlisle, PA. William joined the Continental Army in 1777. Molly joined him at the winter camp at Valley Forge, PA. Molly is best known for participating in the June 28, 1778 Battle of Monmouth, taking her husband's place operating a cannon when he fell.

Molly's is the story of a colonial woman whose financial circumstances were too dire to permit her to remain home while her husband fought in the Revolutionary War. Molly's choice was between staying at home cooking and cleaning for others (if she could find such paid work) or going with her husband and cooking and cleaning for him on or near the battlefield.

Molly was one of many women who followed the army, performing valuable services that lifted the morale of the soldiers, as well as keeping them clean and fed. History has maligned such women, labeling them camp followers and even prostitutes. But this is unfair: it was better and more respectable for these women to stay with their husbands, rather than staying home. *(Continued next page.)*



Molly Pitcher
Kim Hanley

Molly is an old nickname for Mary. She earned her full sobriquet by carrying pitchers of water to thirsty soldiers in the field.

Kim Hanley's Molly Pitcher will explain what life was like during the Revolutionary War for women with limited financial resources. Kim's Molly is not a small, delicate creature, but a woman who did what she had to do at the time, what she felt had to be done. At the Battle of Monmouth, one day in a life that spanned decades, Molly's husband fell in battle and Molly took his place, probably bending down and passing cannon cartridges. A shot passed between her legs, carrying away the lower portion of her skirts and Hanley's Pitcher quips, "It's a good thing it didn't go any higher or it would have taken away something I really valued." And then Pitcher kept on working. Ms. Hanley shares this event with her audience, as well as creating an interactive day in Molly's kitchen using 18th century kitchen implements to mimic articles of war.

Ms. Hanley completes the experience with campfire songs and dances in her program. As part of this, she will invite children and the young-at-heart to participate in the program, so be prepared!

In addition to this presentation about one of New Jersey's Revolutionary War heroines, the day's activities also include:

Laura Nawrocik of the Mercer County Library Staff will update us on what is happening with the Mershon archives, now part of the Lawrence Township Archives in the Library. You can make an appointment to review the archives by contacting Laura at (609) 538-8112 or by email at webmaster@thelhs.org.

We will have a special opportunity to tour the former Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern & Inn and meet Elmer Smith, the man responsible for saving and restoring our ancestor's home! This house is for sale, so our access after this year is uncertain. Don't miss this opportunity to visit! We will carpool from the library at approximately 3:30 pm.

Silent Auction to benefit our Mershon Association: A framed 3' x 3' latch-hook Mershon family coat of arms donated by Christina (Mershon) Chamberlin of Flemington, NJ, will be offered for silent auction at our meeting. The hanging was crafted by Christina's mother, May E. Mershon (1914-1999), wife of former Mershon Association President James H. Mershon (1913-2003).

Show & Tell: Many of us have stories about our Mershon ancestors, personal mementos and old photographs that would be of interest to our extended family. There will be an opportunity at our meeting to share family stories and show mementos.

Saturday Evening: We will gather for a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Suggestions Welcome: We welcome your suggestions for our 2016 meeting agenda. Please contact Clare Mershon by email at ecmershon@aol.com, or by phone at (503) 252-7139.

Attractions near Lawrenceville

Monmouth Battlefield State Park – 16 Business Route 33, Manalapan, NJ 07726. Related to the “Molly Pitcher” program at our August 6th Annual Meeting, we suggest visiting the Monmouth Battlefield, where Molly earned her fame. Mershon family members participated in the Battle of Monmouth as members of the Hunterdon County Militia. The scenic 1,818-acre state park is only 25 miles from Lawrenceville. No entrance fee. Visit the park website - <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/monbat.html>

Morven Museum and Gardens – 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Historic home of Richard Stockton, Declaration of Independence signer. Former New Jersey Governor’s residence. Currently has a special exhibit on Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh through Oct. 23, 2016. Fee: \$10. for Adults, \$8. for Seniors (60+) and Students. Children 6 & under are free. For more information, visit the Morven website – <http://morven.org/>

Princeton Battlefield State Park – 500 Mercer Road, Princeton, NJ 08540. Historic Clarke house and historic markers of the Battle of Princeton in a 681 acre park on the battlefield. No entrance fee. Visit the park website - <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/princeton.html>

Historic Princeton Walking Tour – Sunday, August 7th, 2 pm to 4 pm. Meet at the Historical Society of Princeton/Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, Princeton, NJ 08542 at 2 pm. Enjoy a two mile, two hour guided walk around downtown Princeton and the Princeton University campus. Wear walking shoes, bring a sun hat and a water bottle. Visit the Historical Society of Princeton website to reserve the limited tickets - <http://princetonhistory.org/visit/walking-tours.cfm>

Old Barracks Museum – 101 Barrack Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. The Old Barracks was built during the French & Indian War and housed Hessian soldiers before the 1776 Battle of Trenton. Open Mon. – Sat., 10 am to 5 pm. Tours are given on the hour, with the last tour starting at 4 PM. Admission is \$8. for Adults, \$6. for Seniors (62+) & Students. Children 5 and under are free. Visit their website - <http://www.barracks.org/>

Washington Crossing State Park Visitor Center Museum – 355 Washington Crossing – Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560. This 3,575 acre park adjoins the Delaware River, close to the former Andrew Mershon Tavern. The Visitor Center Museum is open from 9am to 4pm. There is a \$7. per vehicle entrance fee on weekends. Visit the park website - <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/washcros.html>

Grounds for Sculpture – 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton, NJ 08619. A unique 22-acre sculpture park located on the south side of Trenton. There are over 270 sculptures on the grounds. Many sculptures are of lifelike human figures with interactive exhibits of famous paintings that will delight all ages. There is a discount for ordering tickets online. Visit the Grounds for Sculpture website for ticket information – www.groundsforsculpture.org

Six Flags Great Adventure & Safari – 599 Monmouth Road, Jackson, NJ 08527. A giant amusement park with many thrill ride for adults and children. Drive-through wildlife safari. Visit their website for admission fees - <https://www.sixflags.com/greatadventure>

**Mershon Association Southern Chapter Reunion
May 20-21, 2016 - Pigeon Forge, TN**



Front Row, L to R: Lallie Benkoski, Nancy Riviere, Betty Butler, Pat Bond, Barbara Trott, Wally Riviere.
Second Row, L to R: Ann Roberts, Sylvia Crumbley, Karel Bond Lucander, Connie Hensley, Sarah Lucander, Shelby Cathcart, Doris Harris, Kathleen Durrance, Emily Harden.
Back Row, L to R: Glenn Roberts, Denzel & Martha Ford, Jim Butler, Charles Webb, Lou & Karen Basté, Ken Bond, Billy Durrance, Dannie Harden.

The 2016 Southern Chapter meeting kicked off with a family dinner with entertainment at the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Theater on Friday, May 20th.

A family meeting was held on Saturday morning, May 21st. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Acting President Wally Riviere. An invocation was given by Chaplain Glenn Roberts. The pledge of allegiance to the American flag was led by Cousin Jim Butler followed by everyone singing "God Bless America."

Wally Riviere gave an historical accounting of our forefather Henri Mershon's migration to America from France in circa 1680, his reason for migration being religious persecutions in France under King Louis XIV. Wally also discussed the earlier French settlers arriving in 1562 at what they named "Paris Island" and establishing the first European Settlement of "Charlesfort" near present day Beaufort SC.

Barbara Trott gave a Treasurer's Report and a brief talk on Mershon matters. Wally read the Minutes of the 2015 meeting and they were approved as read.

Each attendee at this year's reunion announced their name and Mershon connection to the meeting. We had a great attendance of 25 people and a renewed interest in the association. Ann Roberts was thanked for being this year's hostess and Barbara was recognized for her contribution during the past year as Treasurer. *(Continued next page.)*

It was decided to have next year's reunion in Nashville, TN, on April 28-29, hosted by Doris Harris and Connie Hensley. Information will be forthcoming in November 2016 for advanced planning. We are requesting a response from cousins by January 2017 about your intentions to attend the 2017 reunion in Nashville for planning purposes.

Nancy Riviere has begun a project to create a scrapbook of pictures of current Mershon descendants from your parents through your great-grandchildren. She began working on the project during the meeting and is requesting that you bring your pictures to Nashville for inclusion in the book.

Lallie Benkoski gave a brief discussion of her 55 years of Mershon genealogy research. She stated that all of her writings on the Mershon studies will be placed in the Macon, GA, library for use of persons interested in Mershon genealogy.

A nominating committee consisting of Ann Roberts, Glenn Roberts, and Barbara Trott was appointed to bring a new slate of officers to the 2017 reunion for selection for the next two years leadership. These are not hard jobs and require very little of your time. Please notify one of them if interested in an office next year. We are considering doubling pay for these position's for the coming years. (The pay is now \$00.00)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am with a benediction by Glenn Roberts.

Respectfully submitted by Wally Riviere, Recording Secretary

Mershon Archive Materials Available on the Internet

The Mershon genealogy books authored by longtime Mershon Association Genealogist Grace Lucile Olmstead Mershon between 1946 and 1957 are now available for viewing online from your home computer at the FamilySearch.org website. There are 28 Mershon surname related files indexed in the FamilySearch.org catalog at this link - <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bsurname%3AMershon>

The Mershon genealogy books are indexed in the FamilySearch.org catalog as "Mershon Family Sketches." Placing our Mershon genealogy books online is part of the project approved in 2010 by our Mershon Executive Board to digitize our Mershon archives. Executive Board Member Noel Barton has been working part-time since 2010 to make this happen.

Other Mershon archive materials available online at FamilySearch.org are Early Descendant Charts, Individual Genealogic Records collected between 1926 and 1970, Documents from the Mershon Archives, News Bulletins and Annual Meeting Minutes (1923 to 2006).

Our Mershon Executive Committee gave permission to place these materials online in the belief that part of our mission is make our family history easily available to Mershon descendants. However, the Mershon genealogy books are still available in printed form (see page 9).

Mershon Family News

Leo Mershon

by Theresa Mershon Smith, Broomfield, CO

Leo⁸Mershon a descendant of Andrew³, was born on February 14, 1919 in South Sioux City, Nebraska, the son of Dean Stanley⁷Mershon and Stella Cahill. After spending his early years on a farm, he moved to North West Denver, Colorado with his parents and eight siblings. There, he married Rose M. Zupancic on February 4, 1940. They had seven children: Donna M. Flaherty, Sandra C. Ball, Patrick D. Mershon, Theresa A. Smith, Susan J. Anderson, Paula J. Colorosa and Theodore R. Mershon.



Leo and Rose Mershon

During World War II Leo enlisted in the Navy and spent two and a half years serving in the Pacific on the attack transport ship USS *Doyen*.

When he first moved to Colorado, Leo and his father opened a furniture shop across the street from the well-known Elitch's Amusement Park in North West Denver. There, he learned to be a master carpenter. After working for other companies building houses, Leo went off on his own and founded the Mershon Construction Company. Later, he took on a partner and formed the Mershon-Gimeno Construction Company. Leo remained active in the business for 35 years, until his death on March 18, 1977. His firm erected many beautiful churches and civic buildings in the Denver area, including Peace Lutheran Church, All Saints Roman Catholic Church, St. Cajetan's Roman Catholic Church, St. James Episcopal Church, Arvada Methodist Church and Federal Center Buildings 1 and 2. Leo also constructed the first buildings at the Vail, Colorado Ski Resort and Vail Trails 1, 2 and 3.

Leo's last major project was of national significance: reconstructing Bent's Old Fort in LaJunta, Colorado in the 1970s. The fort, now a National Historic Site administered by the National Park Service, had been an important stop on the Santa Fe Trail. The project involved rebuilding the entire complex as it originally was, using adobe bricks. The work took two and a half years and was completed in time for the fort's dedication as part of Colorado's centennial celebration in 1976. The fort has since been featured in the television series "Centennial" and other shows.

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If you have news to share with our Mershon family, please contact Clare Mershon at ecmershon@aol.com or Harrison Hunt at Mershonnews@mhicable.com, by phone at (516) 965-1590, or by mail at 113 North Street, Catskill, NY 12414.

In addition to his construction business, Leo co-owned a silver mine in Leadville, Colorado. He enjoyed playing cards with his family and friends, and spending time in the cabin in Clear Creek County that he built with his father-in-law in the 1940s. For him, it was a special place to get away from the hectic life of phones and deadlines and enjoy fun with his family.

Leo's children learned many things from him. Two of his sons have prospered from the carpentry techniques he taught them, and his daughters learned office skills and bookkeeping. Leo was a kind and sensitive person, very much a family man. He was a wonderful husband and father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His buildings made a significant contribution to Denver and the State of Colorado and stand as his lasting memorial.

Former Henry Mershon IV House / Marroe Inn

by Clare Mershon, Portland, OR

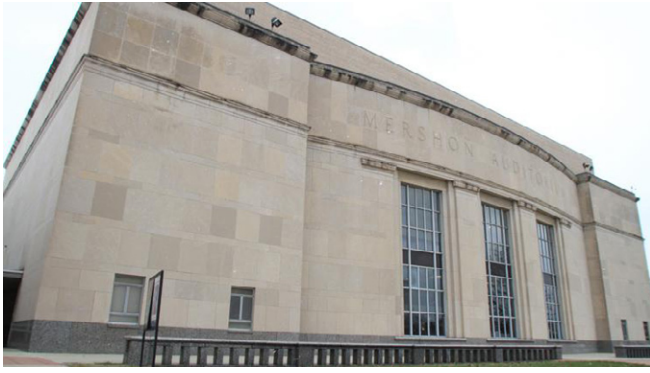


Did you ever eat at the Marroe Inn in Lawrenceville? This Lawrence Township Archives circa 1970 photograph shows the exterior of the Marroe Inn restaurant, formerly located at 2576 Brunswick Pike (US 1 – Business), Lawrenceville, NJ.

This stone building was originally the farm home of Henry Mershon IV (1740 – 1815). Later it was known as the Welling farmhouse. It was remodeled to become the Marroe Inn restaurant, a popular dining spot for many decades during the 20th Century. This historic building was demolished in 1999 to clear the ground for a Lexus car dealership.

Henry IV married Sarah Hunt in 1764/5. They had 14 children. During the Revolutionary War, Henry IV served as a Purchasing Agent for the Wagonmaster General (Civil Service), securing wagons and teams for hauling supplies in support of the American Revolution. Henry IV and Sarah were members of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville and are buried in the church graveyard.

If you have memories of the Marroe Inn, we would be interested to know your stories.



Ohio State University Planning to Renovate Merston Auditorium

by Harrison Hunt, Catskill, NY

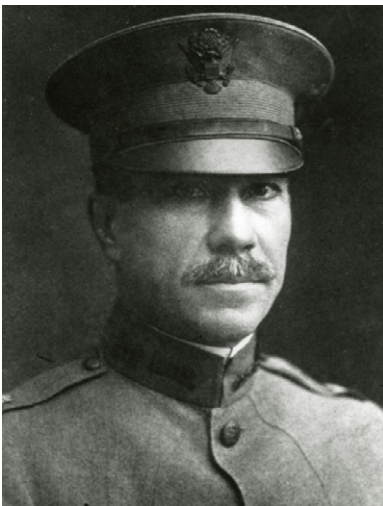
*Merston Auditorium at Ohio State University
(Ohio State University photograph)*

Family Association member Cheri Merston Heffernan of Amherst, Ohio has notified the Association that Ohio State University is planning to renovate its historic Merston Auditorium, pictured above. An April 4th story in *Columbus Business First* that Cheri forwarded reports that the university wants to integrate the auditorium into its new facility for the Wexner Center for the Arts and its theatre department. These would be housed in new structures built behind the auditorium.

The Merston Auditorium itself will be reconfigured to dovetail with these new buildings and to become more user friendly. Surprisingly, this calls for reducing the number of seats in the facility. Most of the balcony will be removed, cutting the total capacity of the hall from 2,500 to 1,400.

University officials had initially considered razing the auditorium building and starting from scratch. They apparently discarded this approach when it became clear that re-doing the building would both preserve a campus landmark and be more cost effective. However, it is still not clear that this is their final decision. Look for an update at the Annual Meeting or in a future issue of the *News Bulletin*.

Ohio State University and the Merston Auditorium are quite important to Cheri. "I was born on campus in the OSU Hospital. My father, Richard B. Merston, graduated from the College of Engineering and my mother, Velma Hendershot Merston, worked in the payroll department. My grandfather Clare W. Merston ushered the football games in his spare time, and my brother Jeff Merston also attended Ohio State."



Ralph D. Merston, 1918

The auditorium is named for Col. Ralph Davenport Merston (left), who was born in Zanesville, Ohio on July 14, 1868. He graduated from Ohio State in 1890 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, later specializing in electrical engineering and hydroelectric power.

Prior to World War I, Colonel Merston was one of the creators of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) on college campuses. He served as a Lieutenant Colonel of Engineers during the war.

At his death in 1952, Colonel Merston left his estate of \$7.5 million dollars to OSU to foster military studies and create the Merston Center for International Security Studies. A portion of the bequest was also used to construct the auditorium, which opened in 1957.

Mershon Family Store

The following Mershon genealogy books are available from Mershon Treasurer Joan Swearer, 60 Maple Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065. Contact Joan by email at jtswearer@gmail.com

Mershon Genealogy Books by Grace Lucile Olmstead Mershon

1. *My Folks*, 1946, 60 pages, \$9.00
2. *Houghton Mershon and His Descendants*, 1949, 24 pages, \$9.00
3. *Peter Mershon and His Descendants*, 1952, 60 pages, \$9.00
4. *Henry Mershon III and His Descendants*, 1953, 49 pages, \$9.00
5. *Andrew Mershon and His Descendants*, 1955, 117 pages, \$9.00
6. *Thomas Mershon and His Descendants and Daughters of Henry II*, 1957, 66 pages, \$9.00
7. *Mershon Patriots*, Rev. 2009 by William & Barbara Trott, 20 pages, \$5.00

The above genealogy books describe the first six Mershon generations in America. Each of the above books may be purchased separately for the postpaid price shown above or \$45.00 postpaid for the set of seven. In addition, a 5" x 6.5" copy of the Mershon family coat of arms is included free with each set purchased. These books can be viewed online at FamilySearch.org (see page 5).

Mershon Family Coat of Arms – a 9.5" x 12.5" version of our family coat of arms on heavyweight glossy paper is available for \$10.00 postpaid.

Mershon Polo Shirt – These grey color shirts have a red family coat of arms. Available for \$16.00 each at our Annual Meeting on August 6, 2016, or by mail for \$19.50 each postpaid from David Beun, 226 Meadow Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. Contact David by email at 1776nj@gmail.com, or by telephone at (609) 417-3323.

Mershon Family Cookbook, 2104, 180 pages – This 6" x 9" book is coil-bound with over 150 delectable family recipes, family pictures and interesting anecdotes. There is an index for easy reference. Only five copies remain for sale out of the 200 printed. The price is \$25.00 postpaid from Doris Harris, P.O. Box 793, Camden, TN 38320. Contact Doris by email at drharr@att.net, or by telephone at (731) 584-9967 for her to reserve one of the five remaining copies for you.

Andrew Mershon Tavern Album, 2007, 23 pages - An album of photographs including a main floor plan, a brief history, eight historic black-and-white exterior photographs and 17 color photographs showing both the interior and exterior. There is a photograph of artifacts found on-site and donated to the Mershon Association in 2006 by Elmer Smith, the owner and restorer of the tavern. Also included are two notices referring to Andrew Mershon from the 1779 New Jersey Gazette and a section from a 1781 British Army map showing the location of Mershon's Tavern. You can order this album for \$20.00 postpaid from Clare Mershon, 3809 NE 136th Place, Portland, OR 97230-2720 or by email at ecmershon@aol.com, or by telephone at (503) 252-7139.

Videos / DVDs

The following two videos are available from Clare Mershon, 3809 NE 136th Place, Portland, OR 97230-2720. Contact Clare by email at ecmershon@aol.com, or by telephone at (503) 252-7139.

1. **Video Tour of the Andrew Mershon Tavern**, 2005 – filmed professionally with Elmer Smith, the longtime owner who carefully did the restoration, providing the narration. Available in DVD or VHS format. This 43 minute video is available for \$20.00 postpaid. (*Continued next page.*)

2. **Mershon Family History in New Jersey**, 2006 – filmed professionally with narration by Mershon descendants. This video shows the grave site of Henry Mershon II, the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Nassau Hall and FitzRandolph Gate at Princeton University, and the home of Marie Louise “Weedie” Stokes on land originally owned by Henry Mershon II. The oldest part of Weedie’s house was the ca.1740 home of Houghton Mershon. This 44 minute video complements the Andrew Mershon Tavern video. Available as a DVD for \$25.00 postpaid.

The following three DVDs are available from Noel Barton, 410 N. Main Street, Farmington, UT 84025-2545. Contact Noel by email at nrbarton13@yahoo.com. This is a closeout sale for these three DVDs. Documents from the Mershon Archives can currently be viewed online at FamilySearch.org. The last two DVDs should be available for online viewing on FamilySearch.org within the next year.

3. **Documents from the Mershon Archives** – This DVD contains images of our oldest Mershon documents including the old wills and deeds on parchment that were referenced by Lucile Mershon in writing the Mershon genealogy books. Available for \$20.00 postpaid.

4. **Photographs from the Mershon Archives** – This DVD contains 714 indexed images from our archives. Photographs include Mershon Reunions, family portraits and historic homes. Available for \$20.00 postpaid.

5. **Mershon Family Bibles** – This DVD contains genealogy information from 23 Mershon Family Bibles. The genealogy information is from 1705 to 1962. Available for \$20.00 postpaid.

For Your Information

1. **Contributions Needed.** We are a non-profit association without dues. We appreciate your donations to help pay the costs of our twice-yearly Mershon News Bulletin, preserving our family records, annual meetings and for outside program presenters. Please make checks to the “Mershon Association” and mail to our Treasurer: Joan Swearer, 60 Maple Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065. Thank you!

2. **Please send your mail and email address changes** to Gayle Murphy, 464 Firetown Road, Simsbury, CT 06070, or email Gayle at gammurphy@comcast.net. There are currently 1,022 mail and email addresses on our mailing list. We need your help to avoid losing contact with you when your address changes!

3. **If you can receive our Mershon News Bulletin by email**, please send your email address to Gayle Murphy at gammurphy@comcast.net. The advantages are you will receive our bulletin with color photographs and our Association saves the cost of printing and postage. Our June 2015 bulletin cost \$610.45 to print and mail 395 copies, a cost of \$1.55 each.

4. **Mershon Genealogy Database** – Our Mershon Association Genealogist is Pam Caffrey, 232 Momar Drive, Ramsey, NJ 07446; Email: pcaffrey24@outlook.com; Cell Phone: (201) 739-2308. We have over 35,000 individual records in our Mershon genealogy database going back to 1685. Contact Pam if you have updates to share or want to know what is in our genealogy database for your Mershon family line. For privacy reasons, our Genealogist does not release information on living persons outside your immediate family (grandparents, parents, siblings, children, spouses) without their written consent, unless the subject persons would be over 110 years old (this is the guideline followed by the ancestry.com genealogy website).

5. **Visit our Mershon Association website:** www.mershonassoc.com

Registration Form
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Saturday, August 6, 2016, Beginning at 10 am

Meeting Location: Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library,
2751 Brunswick Pike (US 1 - Business), Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Recommending Lodging: Hampton Inn Princeton, 4385 US Route 1 (Brunswick Pike),
Princeton, NJ 08540, telephone (609) 951-0066. We have a preferred group rate for two
types of rooms at \$119.00 per night plus 15% tax. You may choose between a king size bed
room, or king size bed with a pull down queen bed room (two beds). Room rates include a
buffet breakfast.

For GPS directions, use the address of 4385 Brunswick Pike, Princeton, NJ 08540.

The hotel has set up a special Mershon Family Reunion web page for online reservations -
http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/P/PTNHHHX-MFR-20160804/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

For a telephone reservation, call (609) 951-0066 and be sure to say you are attending the
Mershon Family Reunion to receive our preferred group rate. The hotel requests room
reservations be made by July 8th; however, they will honor our group rate as long as rooms
are available. Individual reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid being
billed for the first night's room and tax. Children are welcome!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Names of other persons in your party:

Children and their ages: _____

Lunch Reservations for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 6th, at the Mercer
County Library:

(Vegetarian selections available by special request)

_____ Adults @\$10 each, total = _____

_____ Children under 14 @ \$6.00 each, total = _____

Please return this form with personal checks for lunches written to
"The Mershon Association" by August 1st to:

E. Clare Mershon
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Portland, OR 97230-2720



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Upcoming Mershon Family Events

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August 21, 2016 (Sunday) – **Pacific Northwest Mershon Potluck Picnic**, 12 noon to 4 pm at the Glen Otto Community Park, Picnic Shelter A, 1106 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR 97060. For more details, contact Clare Mershon at ecmershon@aol.com or by phone at (503) 252-7139.

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