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# Mershon News Bulletin

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

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November 2013

## The Mershon Family Cookbook Needs YOU!



**Attention Mershon cooks everywhere!! We're counting on you to make the Association's newest project – creation of an heirloom cookbook – a fun and exciting venture!**

Whether you have recipes handed down for generations, or just a few of your own “tried-and-trues”, we invite you to send them for inclusion. *And – to make it truly a personalized, one-of-a-kind publication, we ask you to send photos and brief family stories or recollections to accompany your submissions.*

Choose a convenient way to send your material:

Send electronically to Connie Hensley at [cbhens@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbhens@bellsouth.net).  
Mail to Connie Hensley, 244 Cathy Jo Drive, Nashville, TN 37211.

**Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2014.** Our goal is to release this soon-to-be-treasured family collection at the 2014 Annual Reunion in July.

Don't let your branch of the family tree be left out! Let's all get involved and see what great things are cooking in the Mershon Family kitchens across the country!!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2014**  
**Mershon Association Annual Meeting & Reunion**  
**Lawrenceville, New Jersey**

# Report on the 2013 Mershon Association Annual Meeting



Back Row (standing), L to R: Joan Swearer, Wick & Mary Hollingshead, Gayle Murphy, Karen Baste', Jim & Carol Nash, Beverly Goldstein, Melissa Rae, Tom & Elaine Tredinnick, Connie Hensley, Denny Ford, Doris Harris, Martha Ford, Tim Mershon, David & Joanna Buen, Teresa Mershon.  
Middle Row (seated on benches), L to R: Roy & Della Garrabrant, Toni Mershon, Jeanne Stotler, Lorie & Dan Mershon, Diana Ricigliano-Crannage, Mary Noe.  
Front Row (seated on floor), L to R: Michael Murphy, Jeanne Mershon, Clare & Sharon Mershon, Dave Mershon, Billy O'Neal, Cole Mershon, Marissa Buen, Nathaniel Buen, Lauren O'Neal.  
Missing from Photograph: Bill O'Neal, Tommy O'Neal, Frank May, Sean McGuire, Lou Baste'.

The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Association of the Descendants of Henry Mershon met on Saturday morning, July 27th, at 10:20 AM in the Community Meeting Room of the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike (US 1 – Business), Lawrenceville, NJ. This was our first meeting in the library. There were 42 persons attending.



◀ L to R: Joanna, Nathaniel and Marissa Beun holding the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

L to R: Connie Hensley, Doris Harris, Karen Baste' and Elaine Tredinnick at the book table. ➤



Following an invocation and the pledge of allegiance, each family group introduced themselves.

Morning Program: Laura Nawrocik, staff member of the Mercer County Library and also the Lawrence Historical Society Webmaster, explained how our Mershon Association archives are being incorporated into the Lawrence Township Archives, housed in the Lawrence Room at the library. The Lawrence Room is normally locked, but the archives are available to researchers by appointment with Laura. You may email Laura at [webmaster@thelhs.org](mailto:webmaster@thelhs.org), or call the library at (609) 882-9246. Four photographs from our Mershon archives were published in the recent historical photograph book compiled by Laura for the Lawrence Historical Society: *Lawrence Township Revisited*, Arcadia Publishing, 2012.

**Business Meeting, Part 1:** Our 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Joan Swearer of Rahway, NJ, reported on our finances. (Update: As of October 23, 2013, we have \$2,942.12 in our checking account and \$7,132.06 in a CD, a total of \$10,074.18).

Genealogy Report: Genealogist Teresa Mershon of Obetz, OH, reported we have over 34,900 names of Mershon descendants and spouses going back to 1685 in our genealogy database. Teresa encouraged everyone to submit births, marriages and deaths to update our database. Teresa will send copies to you of what we currently have recorded for your Mershon family line on request. We thanked Teresa for her dedicated work on our database.

Mershon Southern Chapter Report: Joan Swearer reported on the Southern Chapter Reunion held on May 17 & 18 in Pigeon Forge, TN. In addition to enjoying meeting the Southern Chapter members, Joan attended to present our first Nicholas & Clara Buroff Commemorative Service Award to Betty Butler of Kansas City, MO. This was a special occasion for both Joan and Betty, because Joan is the daughter of Nick and Clara Buroff. Joan said the Southern Chapter treated her “royally.”

Executive Committee Report: The Executive Committee met on Friday evening, July 26, at the Marriott Courtyard – Princeton. Important actions were:

We approved a proposal by Connie Hensley to publish a Mershon Family Cookbook using favorite recipes submitted by family members. Our target publication date will be before our 2014 annual meeting (see article on page 1).

We reviewed Noel Barton’s July 17, 2013 report on his work digitizing our Mershon archives. Noel estimates he has spent 70 extra hours on this project, beyond the 110 hours we approved for payment in 2010. We had a telephone conference with Noel about his ongoing work on this project. (Update: Noel is donating the 70 additional hours of labor expended up to July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee has agreed to pay for up to 70 hours of additional labor @ \$40 per hour = \$2,800 estimated by Noel to complete our project).

With regret, we accepted Bill Trott’s resignation from our Executive Committee for health and age reasons (Bill died on August 19, 2013; see page 8).

We approved a slate of nominations for our 2014 officers.

Passing the Hat: As is our custom, we passed a hat to collect donations. We received a generous \$872. Thank you!

Afternoon Programs: **Mershon Patent Shaking Grate Works** - Brothers David and Daniel Mershon described the story of their family business that operated in Philadelphia from 1830 to 1983. See the related article on pages 6 & 7.

**Mershon Genealogy Database** – Using a projector connected to her laptop computer, Genealogist Teresa Mershon demonstrated examples of the information contained in our genealogy database. Our genealogy database is now accessible on ancestry.com. However, for privacy reasons, ancestry.com does not show the names of living persons unless they would be the age of 112 or older. For use by Mershon descendants researching their family line, Teresa’s master database includes the names of living persons.

**The following officers were elected for 2014:**

President: Clare Mershon  
Vice-President: Beth Carter  
Treasurer: Joan Swearer  
Recording Secretary: Elaine Tredinnick

Genealogist/Historian: Teresa Mershon  
Board of Trustees: Dr. Jim Mershon  
and Noel Barton  
News Bulletin Editor: Harrison Hunt

**Executive Committee:**

Dr. Jim Mershon  
Beverly Mershon  
Clare Mershon  
Beth Carter  
Joan Swearer  
Teresa Mershon  
Noel Barton  
Doris Harris  
Elaine Tredinnick  
Harrison Hunt  
Linda Hunt  
Connie Hensley (new)  
David Beun (new)

**Planning Committee:**

Clare Mershon, Chairperson  
Noel Barton  
Elaine Tredinnick  
Beverly Goldstein  
Jeanne Stotler

Next Mershon Annual Meeting: We voted to meet again in Lawrenceville on Saturday, July 26, 2014.

Show & Tell: Jim Nash showed some of his lovely paintings of historic sites in New Jersey.

Silent Auction Results: With the close of bidding at 3 PM, Michael & Gayle Murphy of Simsbury, CT, were the silent auction winners for a beautiful painting of the Andrew Mershon Tavern by Martha Ford of Greenfield, IL.

Jeanne Mershon of Arlington, VA, made the winning bid for an "Andrew Mershon Tavern" birdhouse creatively painted on a gourd by Doris Harris of Camden, TN.

Beverly Goldstein of Phoenicia, NY, made winning bids for a basket of Tennessee products and a painting of Birds on a Clothesline donated by Doris Harris of Camden, TN, and her daughter, Connie Hensley of Nashville, TN.

Our Mershon Association received the silent auction proceeds totaling \$300. Thank you members!

We adjourned for a tour of the Andrew Mershon Tavern at 4 PM.

Our final event was a group dinner at the Olive Garden Restaurant in the Mercer Mall on US 1. Thank you to Bill O'Neal for the group photograph at the beginning of this article and to Jeanne Mershon for the other photographs with this article.



*"Andrew Mershon Tavern"  
birdhouse, crafted by Doris  
Harris*

## Mershon Family News

Naval Academy Midshipman Junior **Christopher<sup>12</sup> Mershon** was named Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) Defensive Player of the Week on September 18 after the defensive lineman recorded a team-high 12 tackles versus Franklin Pierce University. On October 23, Chris was again named CSFL Defensive Player of the Week after he recorded 3.5 sacks for 26 yards lost and seven tackles versus Cornell. He also came up big on special teams after he recovered a fumbled punt attempt and returned the loose ball for the games first touchdown. Navy won 28-7 over Cornell. Chris currently leads all CSFL defenders with two Defensive Player of the Week awards in 2013.



According to the CFSL website, “Sprint Football is a full-contact, intercollegiate, varsity sport and has the same rules as regular college football, except that all players must weigh 172.0 pounds or less....There are currently eight teams playing in the CSFL: Cornell University, Franklin Pierce University, Mansfield University, the Naval Academy, Post University, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania, and West Point.”

Chris is the son of T. Bruce<sup>11</sup> and Tracey Mershon of Lee’s Summit, Missouri. He is a Peter<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant. In high school, Chris earned second-team all-state honors as a senior at Lee’s Summit North and was Team Captain and MVP his senior season.



*Susan Mershon leads a health seminar in her Panama community.*

**Susan Lynne<sup>11</sup> Mershon** returned home to Portland, OR, on October 18 after completing 27 months service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama. Her assignment was to help her rural indigenous community improve their health through water and sanitation improvements, health education and leadership training. She worked with the community to construct 70 pit latrines to reduce diarrhea and other illnesses. Susan also organized an HIV awareness month and a march to teach HIV prevention strategies to 500 students and adults. She instructed elementary school students in hand washing and dental hygiene. As part of the Peace Corps’ goals, Susan shared aspects of American culture with her Panamanian friends. Now that she’s back in the USA, Susan will be sharing her Panama experiences to promote friendship between countries. If you want to learn more, you can visit Susan’s blog at [www.adventuringsusan.blogspot.com](http://www.adventuringsusan.blogspot.com)

Susan is an Andrew<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant and is the daughter of Clare<sup>10</sup> and Sharon Mershon.

*If you have news to share with our Mershon family, please contact News Bulletin editor Harrison Hunt by email at [Mershonnews@mhccable.com](mailto:Mershonnews@mhccable.com), by phone at (516) 965-1590, or by mail at 113 North Street, Catskill, NY 12414.*

# The Mershon Patent Shaking Grate Works of Philadelphia

By Daniel<sup>10</sup> Mershon of Doylestown, PA

**At our July 27, 2013 Mershon Annual Meeting, brothers David<sup>10</sup> Mershon of Williamsburg, VA, and Daniel<sup>10</sup> Mershon of Doylestown, PA, made a fascinating presentation about their former family business, the Mershon Patent Shaking Grate Works of Philadelphia.**

Daniel<sup>6</sup> Mershon (1806-1865), Dave and Dan's great-great-grandfather, traveled to Philadelphia, PA, in 1822 to learn a trade in ironmongery (dealer in hardware). Daniel was a Peter<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant.



*Right: Daniel<sup>6</sup> and Eliza Burkhard Mershon*

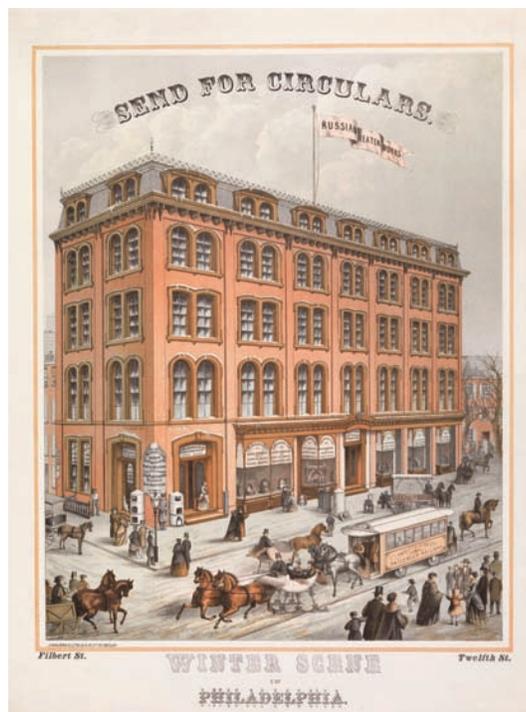
By 1830, Daniel was working with three men making coal and wood heaters on Market Street in Philadelphia. He purchased the heater business from the previous owners in 1850. Daniel Mershon and his sons developed many patents; among them were: coal furnace grate bars, a furnace door design, a gas fireplace heater, a folding sheet metal lunch box, a clip pin to support inner female garments and "Sanit" - a metal garbage can mounted on a platform with supports that allowed the can to be tilted around one axis.



*Left: the Mershon Patent Shaking Grate. The furnace firebox would be mounted above the grate.*

*Below: the 1886 Mershon Store at 12th and Filbert in Philadelphia.*

Daniel purchased a new building lot on the NW corner of 12th and Filbert St. in Philadelphia in 1862. Daniel died in 1865 leaving two sons, George Booth<sup>7</sup> Mershon and Albert Hale<sup>7</sup> Mershon. George B. bought out his brother's part of the business. He opened a new building at 12<sup>th</sup> and Filbert in 1886. This structure was highly noteworthy at the time. The five story high fireproof building (one of the first in Philadelphia) with a full basement boasted a steam elevator, ornamental ironwork, marble and brick exterior, first floor showroom and sales office, and had 30 employees. Some of the items which were sold there were furnaces and boilers, plumbing and ventilation services, kitchen ranges using Mershon Shaking Grates, fireplace inserts, patented metallic gas logs or grates to burn wood or coal, slate mantels, parlor stoves, lunch boxes, commercial confectionary stoves and sanitary garbage cans. They were also a distributor of bicycles.



George B. had two sons, Cornelius Cassidy<sup>8</sup> Mershon and George B.<sup>8</sup> Mershon Jr. Cornelius worked with his father in the heating business and took it over in 1913. In 1921 the business was moved to 57th & Westminster Ave. in Philadelphia.

The Mershon Shaking Grate Works converted a 1922 Stanley Steamer, illustrated below, into a coal burning car using Mershon Shaking Grates. The Stanley Steamer originally burned kerosene to make steam and propel the vehicle. The car was used to advertise the company and took part in parades, community events and old car meets. A December 1943 *Popular Mechanics* magazine article featured the car. This magazine can be found by searching online.

*Cornelius Cassidy<sup>8</sup> Mershon with his coal burning car. Coal was fed into the firebox from the front. Notice the smokestack protruding from the hood. Aug. 5, 1943*



Cornelius Cassidy had two sons, Cornelius “Neil” Colladay<sup>9</sup> Mershon and George A.<sup>9</sup> Mershon. Neil took over the business from his dad in 1945.

In 1962, the Mershon Shaking Grate Works moved to Fernwood, PA. Neil (Dave and Dan’s dad) continued to run the business until June 1, 1983 when it closed, as domestic coal furnaces were used less and less as homeowners & businesses switched to oil heat. This ended a business of over 150 years, with 133 years and four generations of Mershon family ownership from 1850 to 1983.



*Dave (left) and Dan Mershon with their extensive collection of Mershon Grate Works materials, which they displayed as part of their presentation at the 2013 Mershon Association meeting.*

## IN MEMORIAM



**William Harlan “Bill” Trott**, 78, of Clinton, MS, died on August 19, 2013. Bill and his wife Barbara were planning to attend our July 27 Mershon annual meeting in Lawrenceville, but had to cancel their plans when Bill had to enter the hospital the week before our meeting.

Bill was an Andrew<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant. He was born in Waco, TX, the son of Donald R. & Helen<sup>9</sup> (Mershon) Trott. Following high school, Bill served in the Army in Germany from 1953-55. After returning home, he attended North Texas State University where he received his Bachelor’s Degree in Physics and Math. Bill spent most of his working career in the aerospace industry, working for Rockwell International as a contractor to NASA.

In 1981, Bill received a NASA Public Service Award for Exceptional Technical Ability on the Space Shuttle main propulsion test engines. In 1982, he was awarded another Public Service Award from NASA. In 1988, he was awarded Engineer of the Year from Rockwell International.

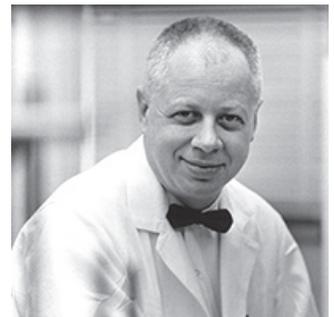
Bill was greatly interested in genealogy. For the Mershon Association, Bill served from 1990 to 2008 as our Mershon Genealogist/Historian. Working one day a week, Bill entered over 33,000 individual records into the computer database we use today. This database makes our genealogy records assessable year-round to family members seeking information from our Genealogist. Bill served as President of the Mershon Southern Chapter from 1993-99. He concurrently served on the Executive Committee of our Mershon Association until 2013. In 2004, Bill and his son Don set up the [www.henrymershon.com](http://www.henrymershon.com) website that continues to be maintained by Don. In 2009, Bill and Barbara revised and expanded our *Mershon Patriots* book, originally compiled in 1947 by Lucile Mershon. Bill proposed the Nicholas and Clara Buroff Commemorative Service Award adopted by our Executive Committee in 2011 to recognize exceptional service to our family.

Bill and Barbara had recently celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Barbara is the current President of our Mershon Southern Chapter. Besides Barbara, Bill is survived by daughters Kathy Drake and Helen Bethany Raney; son Donald Trott; brother Don Roger Trott; sister Carol Bailey; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. You can read a family tribute to Bill at [www.williamhtrott.com](http://www.williamhtrott.com) using Username: Guest, Password: ilmwh2013.

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**Charles Ward Parker, MD**, 83, of Webster Groves, MO, an emeritus professor of medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, died from pancreatic cancer on April 23, 2013. He was a son of William B. & Florence<sup>9</sup> (Mershon) Parker and a Peter<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant.

Parker grew up in Webster Groves and attended Washington University for his undergraduate and medical studies, graduating from the School of Medicine in 1953. Afterward, he did his residency in internal medicine at Barnes Hospital, and served as chief resident from 1958-59.



In the early 1960s, Parker founded the Division of Allergy and Immunology in the Department of Internal Medicine. The division’s current director, H. James Wedner, MD, also studied under Parker as a postdoctoral fellow.

“He was an amazing thinker,” Wedner recalled. “He never forgot anything, and his ability to analyze and synthesize information was astounding. He was always finding something new and different, something nobody else had tried.”

“The depth and breadth of Dr. Parker’s scientific contributions are quite remarkable,” said Victoria Fraser, MD, chairman of the Department of Medicine. “In addition to his seminal contributions in penicillin sensitivity and identification of the leukotriene’s roles in allergy, he also developed a number of important radioimmunoassays, which are very sensitive tests that help us monitor critical biological compounds in research and in the clinic.”

In 1983, Parker won Washington University’s Alumni Award. He became an honorary fellow of the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology in 1983.

Parker is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Langston Parker (WUSM MD ’53); his brother, Brent Parker, MD; children Charles S. Parker, MD; Christina Parker, MD; Katherine Parker Ponder, MD, a professor in the School of Medicine’s Division of Hematology; and Sandra Parker Bigg; and 15 grandchildren. One son, Keith L. Parker, MD, PhD, died in 2008.

*(Edited from a Washington University News Release)*

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**Robert Charles<sup>10</sup> “Bob” Mershon**, 69, of Forest Lake, MN, died at home on 3 Sep 2012. Bob was a Peter<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant. He was born on 28 July 1943 in The Dalles, OR, to Ralph Flavius<sup>9</sup> & Evelyn Elmina (Gates) Mershon. However, Bob’s parents divorced when he was very young and Bob grew up in Chicago, having no contact with his father.



Bob was a U.S. Army Vietnam “Class of 1968” veteran. Years later, Bob was stopped by a man asking “... aren’t you Mershon?” This man had served in the Army with a Mershon, but it was not Bob. Bob was a big man, 6’ 4” tall and blond, so it would be hard to mistake him for someone else unless there was a close resemblance. Even though they had no contact with his father, Bob’s mother had heard from his father’s sister that Bob’s father had remarried and Bob had a younger half-brother in California. Unfortunately, the man who stopped Bob did not remember the first name of his former acquaintance named Mershon. Bob came to think that the man who stopped him had served in the Army with his half-brother.

Seeking to contact Bob’s half-brother, Bob’s wife Sandra made some phone calls to California Mershons. During one of those phone calls, Sandra learned about the Mershon Association and the Mershon genealogy books. Sandra ordered a set of the books and presented them to Bob as a Valentine’s Day surprise. Bob was very touched and became interested in his Mershon background. Bob and Sandra started attending Mershon Association annual meetings, leading to Bob serving as our President in the late 1990s, through 2000.

Unfortunately, Bob never did make contact with his half brother. Perhaps someone reading this may have information to share.

Bob had a B.S. in accounting. He spent most of his working career in computer programming and development.

Sadly, Bob suffered ill health in his later years related to Agent Orange poisoning in Vietnam. Bob is survived by his wife Sandra, who provided this information.



**John Arthur Hunt**, 91, of Leesburg, FL, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2013. He was a descendant of Andrew<sup>3</sup> Mershon through his great-great-grandmother Theodosia Mershon Titus Hunt.

John was born in Bayonne, NJ on November 24, 1921 to Harrison and Julia Howell Hunt. As a boy he attended the Choir School of St. Thomas Cathedral in New York, and was a fine singer for the rest of his life.

During World War II he served in the 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific, earning his jump wings and the Bronze Star.

Following the war, he was manager of the Town Club restaurant in Great Neck, NY. Subsequently, he earned a degree in electronics and worked for the Grumman Aerospace Corp. in Bethpage, NY, where he lived. While at Grumman, he worked on the lunar modules which landed on the moon, supervising a crew which did the final inspection of the units before they were shipped to NASA.

After his retirement, John and his wife Audrey relocated to North Carolina and Florida and travelled the US extensively by motor home. He is survived by his wife; one son, Harrison, and his wife Linda, who both serve on the Mershon Family Association Executive Committee; and two grandchildren.

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## 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 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 to Gayle at [gammurphy@comcast.net](mailto:gammurphy@comcast.net).** There are currently 1,007 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](mailto: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 May 2013 bulletin cost \$558.67 to print and mail 438 copies at a cost of \$1.28 each.
4. For a summary of **Mershon Family Books and DVDs** available from the Association, please refer to our April 2012 Mershon News Bulletin or visit [www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com)
5. **Visit these Mershon family websites:** [www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com) and [www.henrymershon.com](http://www.henrymershon.com) . There are some recent additions on [www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com) .
6. **Other interesting websites:** [www.genforum.genealogy.com/mershon](http://www.genforum.genealogy.com/mershon) is a Mershon family genealogy forum. [www.thelhs.org](http://www.thelhs.org) is the Lawrence (Township) Historical Society of New Jersey. [www.nj.gov/state/archives/](http://www.nj.gov/state/archives/) is the New Jersey State Archives.

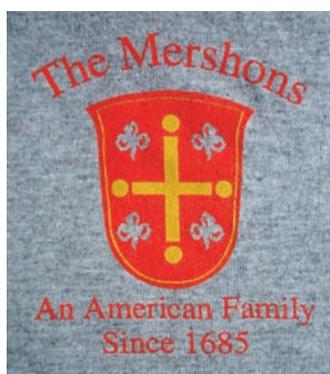
## Next Mershon Family Calendar is Scheduled for 2015

Mershon Family Calendars for 2012 and 2013 were produced as a gift to our Mershon Association by Clarence Mershon of Gresham, OR, using a combination of historic photographs from our Mershon archives and modern photographs showing historic family sites. The calendars were well received by our family members with 85 copies sold for 2012 and 75 copies sold for 2013. We appreciate Clarence's fine work on these calendars. Sadly, Clarence died of cancer in May 2013 (see our June 2013 Mershon News Bulletin).

We will not have a 2014 Mershon Family Calendar, but we want to produce a super 2015 Mershon Family Calendar, to be ready for distribution by October 1, 2014.

If you have suggestions for Mershon family related photographs to include in upcoming Mershon Family Calendars, please contact me.

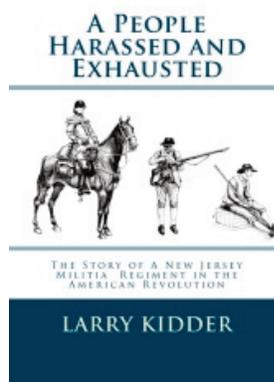
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### Mershon Polo Shirts for Sale

The Mershon polo shirt was designed by Mershon descendant Grant Simmons in 2006. We have a good selection in small, medium, large, XL and 2XL sizes. These grey color shirts have a red family coat of arms and the inscription "**The Mershons – An American Family Since 1685.**"

**Available for \$16.00 each at our Annual Meeting on July 26th;** or by mail for \$19.50 each including postage from David Beun, 226 Meadow Drive, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Contact David by email at [1776nj@gmail.com](mailto:1776nj@gmail.com) or by telephone at (609) 417-3323.



### New Book on the Hunterdon County Militia

Larry Kidder of Ewing, NJ, who presented the informative program about the Hunterdon County Militia at our 2012 Mershon meeting, has authored a new book on the Hunterdon County Militia during the Revolutionary War. The unit included at least 17 Mershon descendants and spouses.

The book is now available at <https://www.createspace.com/4207273>. It will soon be available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, etc. The cost is \$25.00.



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## 2014 Mershon Family Events Calendar

**June 6 & 7, 2014 (Friday and Saturday) – Mershon Southern Chapter Reunion** at the Country Cascades Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN. Program details will be published in our spring 2014 *Mershon News Bulletin*.

**July 26, 2014 (Saturday) – 2014 Mershon Annual Meeting and Reunion** at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library, Lawrenceville, NJ. Program details and lodging information will be published in our spring 2014 *Mershon News Bulletin*.

**August 17, 2014 (Sunday) – Pacific Northwest Mershon Family Potluck Picnic**, 12 noon to 4 pm at the Glen Otto Community Park, 1106 E. Columbia River Highway, Troutdale, OR 97060. For more information, contact Clare Mershon at [ecmershon@aol.com](mailto:ecmershon@aol.com) or by phone at (503) 252-7139.



*Participants at the 2013 Pacific Northwest Mershon Family Potluck Picnic at Glen Otto Community Park, Troutdale, Oregon (near Portland)*