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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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December 29, 2014

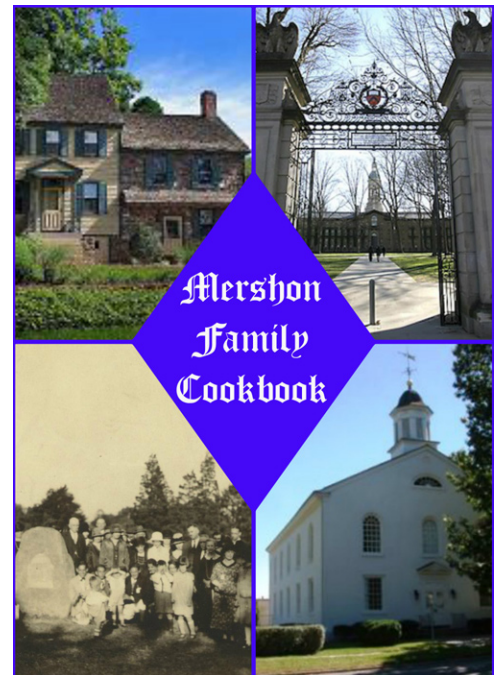
## Our Mershon Family Cookbook is Ready!

by Cookbook Co-Editor Connie Hensley of Nashville, Tennessee

Our Mershon Family Cookbook was released at our July 2014 annual meeting and is available for sale!

Over 50 family members contributed over 150 of their favorite recipes. The 6"x 9" book is coil-bound with a color cover and over 180 pages, "choked-full" of delectable family recipes, beautiful family pictures, and treasured anecdotes. There is an index for easy reference. At only \$20 per copy (+ \$5 for shipping), it'll make a wonderful addition to your own cookbook library, as well as a special gift for your friends and family!

On behalf of my mom, Doris Harris (the co-editor), the Mershon Association Executive Committee, and - of course - myself, I want to thank you again for sharing your memories, photos, and delicious recipes with us . . . YOU are the reason we now have such a cherished family publication and we're so proud!



Mershon Family Cookbook Cover

A mail order form is printed on page 11 of this bulletin.

**Update:** On December 4th we sold out our initial printing of 100 cookbooks after advertising it to our Mershon email address list. We have ordered 50 more copies that we expect to receive by December 30, 2014.

**Save the Date**  
**Saturday, July 25th, 2015**  
**Mershon Association Annual Meeting & Reunion**  
**Lawrenceville, NJ**

# Report on the 2014 Mershon Annual Meeting and Reunion

by Clare & Sharon Mershon of Portland, OR



**Front Row,** L to R: Lauren O’Neal, Bill O’Neal Jr., Nathaniel Beun, Joanna & David Beun.

**Middle Row,** L to R: Clare & Sharon Mershon, Jeanne Stotler, Joan Swearer, Roy & Della Garrabrant, Beverly & Richard Smith.

**Back Row,** L to R: Tim Stotler, Sara Jane Mahan, Jim Nash, Diana Ricigliano-Crannage, Sean McGuire, Elise Gourier, Doris Harris, Connie Hensley, Cheryl Christopher and Fred Braverman. Not pictured are Bill O’Neal (photographer), Tom O’Neal, Frank May and Carol Nash.

The 2014 annual meeting of the Association of the Descendants of Henry Mershon was called to order at 10:20 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room of the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library in Lawrenceville, NJ. Following an invocation and pledge of allegiance, each family group introduced themselves. There were 28 persons attending.

## **Morning Program:**

Our new, beautiful *Mershon Family Cookbook* was introduced by co-editors Connie Hensley & Doris Harris (daughter and mother), to great applause by the attendees. Connie and Doris did a great job!

Lawrence Township Archives - Laura Nawrocik of the Mercer County Library Staff described how the Mershon Association archives are being incorporated into the Lawrence Township Archives, located in a locked room at the library. The archives are available for research by appointment with Laura Nawrocik at (609) 882-9246. The archives staff is currently preparing historical displays for the Brearley House, including pictures & information on the Princessville Inn, operated by William Webster Mershon and his son-in-law and daughter, Israel & Susan (Mershon) Pierson, from 1837 to 1918 (see *Houghton Mershon and His Descendants*, 1949, pages 19 to 21).

**Begin Business Meeting** - The minutes of our 2013 meeting were approved as printed.

## Treasurer Report: Joan Swearer

Checking Account: \$1,898.73

Certificate of Deposit: \$7,163.99

Genealogy Report: Teresa Mershon resigned as our Mershon Assn. Genealogist in June. We circulated a “thank you” card for Teresa in appreciation of her exceptional service for six years. Joan Swearer has agreed to mail

copies of our Mershon Genealogy books to people who request them. Teresa had previously done that job. Our Mershon Genealogist position is now open (see article on page 9).

Mershon Southern Chapter Report: The 2014 meeting was held in Pigeon Forge, TN, on June 6 & 7. The Southern Chapter is donating \$1,000. from their treasury to the Mershon Association to assist with the cost of digitizing our Mershon archives. Connie Hensley & Doris Harris will host the 2015 Southern Chapter meeting in Nashville, TN, on June 5 & 6, 2015.

Executive Board Report: We met on Friday evening, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed the new *Mershon Family Cookbook*. We discussed the recent resignation of Mershon Genealogist Teresa Mershon and discussed possibilities to refill this position. We reviewed a July 22 report from Noel Barton about his work digitizing our Mershon archives (see article on page 6). The **henrymershon.com** website is being discontinued by Don Trott. Don has a new job and no longer has the time to maintain this website. The Board voted to take ownership of the **henrymershon.com** domain name generously offered by Don at no cost to the Mershon Association. Our cost to maintain this domain name will be \$15. per year. Harrison Hunt volunteered to research qualifying our Mershon Association for IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status for an organization that has an educational and outreach goal. We reviewed a proposed slate of nominations for our 2015 Mershon Association officers.

**Following box lunches, we commenced our afternoon programs.**

Artwork of the American Revolution - Historian Arthur Lefkowitz of Piscataway, NJ, presented an interesting program on artwork of the American Revolution. Mr. Lefkowitz, author of five books on the Revolutionary War, showed color slides of 18th century portraits and illustrations. He offered historical information on each piece. Of interest to the audience, Mr. Lefkowitz said the two most recognizable paintings in the world are the "Mona Lisa" and "Washington Crossing the Delaware!" However, he pointed out some historical inaccuracies in the latter: the 13 star colonial flag in the painting was not adopted until June 1777, six months after the event. Also, Washington's crossing was made on a dark stormy night, so the lighting in the painting is enhanced to show the event.



"Washington Crossing the Delaware" on the night of December 25, 1776. Painted by Emanuel Leutze in 1851.  
*The Metropolitan Museum of Art*

Connie Hensley presented a fascinating program about her ancestor, William Titus Mershon (1756-1841), a Revolutionary War soldier who participated in the Second Battle of Trenton, the Battle of Monmouth and the Battle of Cowpens, SC. He migrated to Kentucky after the war. In 2008, Connie and her mother, Doris Harris, steadfastly pursued leads and found the grave of their ancestor on overgrown, private property near East Bernstadt, Laurel County, KY. Then, Connie and her mother, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), submitted documentation to place bronze DAR Patriot Markers on the graves of their Titus & his wife, Nancy (Weeden) Mershon. About 50 family and friends attended the ceremony which included a Color Guard from the Kentucky National Guard, with Doris Harris playing music on her hammer dulcimer and a bugler playing taps. Nice job, Connie and Doris, history detectives!

**Resume Business Meeting** - Our Election of Officers was held from a proposed slate of officers and one nomination from the floor (Sara Jane Mahan). The results were -



President: Clare Mershon  
Vice President: David Beun (new)  
Treasurer: Joan Swearer

Recording Secretary: Elaine Tredinnick  
Genealogist: Vacant

Executive Board:  
Dr. Jim Mershon  
Beverly Mershon  
Clare Mershon  
Joan Swearer  
Noel Barton  
Doris Harris  
Elaine Tredinnick  
Harrison Hunt  
Linda Hunt  
Connie Hensley  
David Beun

Planning Committee:  
Clare Mershon, Chairman  
Noel Barton  
Elaine Tredinnick  
Beverly Goldstein  
Jeanne Stotler  
Sara Jane Mahan (new)

**Update:** In addition to the above list of our elected officers, Barbara Trott, President of the Mershon Southern Chapter, has been appointed to the Executive Board by President Clare Mershon.

Suggestions for the 2015 meeting included Hershey, PA and sites in Virginia. After a discussion, we voted to return to the Mercer County Library Branch in Lawrenceville for our 2015 Annual Meeting. To attract more persons to our 2015 meeting, it was suggested we do more to publicize the historical attractions in New Jersey.

To reach younger adults, we discussed putting the Mershon Assn. on "Facebook." David Beun and Connie Hensley are familiar with "Facebook."

Results of Silent Auction: At 3:00 PM, we announced the winning bid for the beautiful painting of the former Houghton Mershon home on Lawrenceville Road (most recently Weedie Stokes' home), donated by artist, Jim Nash. Dianna Ricigliano-Crannage made the winning bid. David Beun won the Tennessee gift basket donated by Connie Hensley and Doris Harris. The proceeds of the auction were donated to the Mershon Association. Thank you, donors and purchasers!

Several donated items are being held over until next year, when we can better advertise our benefit auction. The items were a Mershon crest latch hook rug donated by Christina Mershon Chamberlain and several craft items painted and donated by Doris Harris.

About 3:20 p.m. we adjourned our formal meeting to travel to the former Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern near Titusville, now a private residence owned by Elmer and Ann Smith. We appreciate Elmer & Ann opening their home once again for our family members!

At 6:00 p.m., we gathered for dinner at the Olive Garden Restaurant, 3345 Brunswick Pike, in the Mercer Mall on US Route 1. Thank you to Dianna Ricigliano-Crannage for making our dinner arrangements.



Visiting the former Andrew Mershon Tavern. L to R: Sharon Mershon, Bill O'Neal Jr., Lauren O'Neal, Elmer Smith (owner), Sara Jane Mahan, Cheryl Christopher and Fred Braverman.

# Report on the 2014 Mershon Southern Chapter Reunion

by Barbara Trott of Clinton, Mississippi

The 2014 meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Mershon Family Association was held on June 7, 2014 at the Country Cascades Hotel in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Trott. Officers attending were Larry Morton. Vice-President; Wally Riviere, Recording Secretary; Ann Roberts, Corresponding Secretary; and Glen Roberts, Chaplain.

Barbara introduced a motion to present to the national Mershon Association a check for \$1,000 to be used for the current project of digitizing Mershon records by Noel Barton. A discussion was held and the motion was voted on and approved.

Discussion of the officer positions was held and it was decided to combine the positions of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary as most of the records are now being kept by the national Mershon Association. Next year will be the voting for new officers and persons are needed to fill the offices of President and Treasurer for a term of two years. Interested persons should contact Barbara Trott or Ann Roberts.

Wally Riviere gave a presentation on the Huguenots in the European immigration to the New World. Connie Hensley and Doris Harris gave a presentation on their ancestor Titus Mershon (1756-1841).

Potential sites for the 2015 Southern Chapter meeting were discussed and it was decided that the meeting would be in Nashville, Tennessee the week of June 5 and 6, hosted by Doris Harris and Connie Hensley.

The meeting was adjourned, with participants meeting for dinner at the Olde Mill Grill afterwards.

For information about the Southern Chapter, contact Barbara Trott by email at [bjtrott44@aol.com](mailto:bjtrott44@aol.com), or by phone at (601) 473-2045; contact Ann Roberts by email at [mittiear@gmail.com](mailto:mittiear@gmail.com), or by phone at (352) 215-3113.



**Front row**, L to R: Betty & Jim Butler, Ann Roberts, Barbara Trott, Pat Bond, Karel Bond Lucander, Ken Bond.

**2<sup>nd</sup> row**, L to R: Lois Morton, Charles & Joyce Webb.

**3<sup>rd</sup> row**, L to R: Nan Corcoran and Larry Morton.

**4<sup>th</sup> row**, L to R: Wally Riviere and Connie Hensley.

**5<sup>th</sup> row**, L to R: Nancy Riviere, Eileen & Lamar Greene, Doris Harris.

**Stairs**, L to R: Sharon & Clare Mershon, Deanna Roberts, Glen Roberts, Melissa & Eric Cone. Not pictured: Jim Corcoran



## 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 crest saying **"The Mershons – An American Family Since 1685."**

Available for \$16.00 each at our Annual Meeting on July 25, 2015, 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.

# Progress Report on Digitizing our Mershon Archives

Our Mershon Executive Board decided in 2010 that we needed to digitize our important paper genealogy records to preserve our family history information for future generations. We also decided to post our Mershon genealogy books on the Internet to make our family history information more widely available to researchers.

Since 2010, Noel Barton of Farmington, UT, a Mershon Executive Board member and a retired LDS professional genealogist, has been working part time in a paid capacity to organize and digitize the important parts of our Mershon Archives. We shipped 16 boxes of paper records to Noel's home for this project. To date we have paid Noel \$6,520. for his labor on this project plus \$125. for supplies.

Our records are being posted on the **familysearch.org** website. You can view 12 Mershon Association record files currently posted online plus other Mershon related materials at the following link - <https://familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&query=%2Bsurname%3Amershon>

This is a work in progress. More files remain to be posted. Noel estimates his work is approximately 80% completed.

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## Update on the Weedie Stokes House

During past Mershon Reunions, many Mershon descendants have been privileged to tour the historic Lawrence Township, NJ, home of **Marie Louise "Weedie" (Reeder) Stokes**. Weedie was an Andrew<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant, through his daughter Hannah<sup>4</sup> who married John Reeder. Weedie passed away at age 98 in April 2013. The oldest part of Weedie's home was the circa 1740 home of Houghton<sup>3</sup> Mershon. Weedie's home was listed for sale in Spring 2014. The recent asking price has been \$850,000. You can view the real estate listing at this link – <http://www.trulia.com/property/3152436503-3801-Lawrenceville-Rd-Princeton-NJ-08540>



The circa 1830s large central section of the home and the original circa 1740 Houghton<sup>3</sup> Mershon home on the left side are proposed to be moved. The one-story 1920s addition on the right side is proposed to be demolished.

On November 10, 2014 a couple intending to buy Weedie's former home and the surrounding acreage appeared before the Lawrence Township Historic Preservation Committee with an architect to discuss their proposed plan for the property. Their intended plan is to move the two oldest parts of Weedie's home south towards Lawrenceville to a new location on the acreage, set further back from the road. The 1920s north wing of the house, the kitchen and sun porch in the back of the house and the old barn on the property are proposed to be demolished. A new larger home is proposed is proposed to be built behind the original site of Weedie's home as a new residence for the purchasers. The Lawrence Township Historic Preservation Committee gave their tentative approval to this plan on Nov. 10 based on the oldest parts of Weedie's home remaining intact as a "key historic structure" in the Township.

The buyers have not yet closed on the purchase, so formal approval has not yet been granted by the Historic Preservation Committee. Since Weedie's former home is not on the National Register of Historic Places, the new owners could demolish the house if they chose to. This was a significant factor in the Historic Preservation Committee agreeing to the house relocation. Once formal written approval is granted by the Historic Preservation Committee, the owners must still follow the normal building permit procedures set forth by the township. *Thank you to Bill O'Neal, a member of the Lawrence Township Historic Preservation Committee, for this update.*



# Mershon Family News

**Matt<sup>11</sup> and Molly Mershon** of Louisville, Kentucky, are co-owners of Bistro 301, an upscale restaurant in Louisville. Matt and his demanding occupation were the subject of a feature article in the October 12 Louisville Courier-Journal. You can read the article at this Internet link – <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/money/2014/10/10/re-matt-mershon/16974387/>

Quoting Matt in the article: *“My typical day begins at 7 a.m. with a call that something is broken or someone is sick. It ends around midnight when I say goodnight and thank you to our last guest. In between are meetings with staff or vendors, preparations for parties or events, running a myriad of errands to keep the restaurant stocked, searching for new and better products, doing lots of table checks to insure that guests are satisfied while taking the time to listen to their feedback, making sure that our staff is on task and clearly understands its priorities and answering emails.”*



Matt Mershon  
*Louisville Courier-Journal Photograph*

Matt credits his wife Molly as being his “behind the scene secret weapon.” Matt is an Andrew<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant and a son of the late Edward Oliver<sup>10</sup> & Dorothy Mershon of Louisville.



Chris Mershon (91) fights off a blocker.  
*Naval Academy Photograph*

Naval Academy Midshipman Senior **Christopher<sup>12</sup> Mershon** helped his Navy Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) team achieve an undefeated 2014 season with a 7-0 record. This was Navy’s first CSFL championship.

Sprint football has the same rules as regular college football, but is limited to players weighing 172 pounds or less. There are eight teams in the CSFL: Cornell University, Franklin Pierce University, Mansfield University, the Naval Academy, Post University, Princeton University, the University of Pennsylvania and West Point (Army).

Chris was named CSFL Defensive Player of the Week following Navy’s 27-7 victory over Army in their final game on October 31.

Chris recorded eight tackles, two sacks and forced one fumble. His forced fumble occurred in the red zone as Army was threatening to score midway through the first quarter. With two sacks in the Army game, Chris broke the single-season mark at Navy for most sacks with 10. He also increased his program-record with 29 sacks over his four-year career.

Chris is a Peter<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant and the son of T. Bruce<sup>11</sup> and Tracey Mershon of Lee’s Summit, Missouri.

**Rev. Dr. H. Dana Fearon III**, 82, of Princeton, NJ, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville from 1960 to 2002, passed away on May 16, 2014 following a brief illness. Rev. Fearon’s wife, **Janet Adams Fearon**, 75, predeceased him four months earlier on January 17, 2014. Rev. Fearon was a good friend to our Mershon Association during his 42 year pastorate in Lawrenceville. As a personal project, Janet Fearon researched the early settlers buried in the church graveyard and in the Lawrenceville Upper Cemetery. Janet made a presentation on this subject at our 2005 Mershon Reunion. A copy of Janet’s notes are posted on our Mershon Association website at this link - <http://www.mershonassoc.com/mershonassoc/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=e6G2kBEjba0%3d&tabid=69&mid=404> . You can read Rev. Fearon’s obituary at this link - <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/trenton/obituary.aspx?pid=171215195>

# Mystery Answered about Bernice Mershon's Death

by Clare & Sharon Mershon of Portland, Oregon



Bernice Mershon, circa 1920s

You may recall the article about **Bernice Mershon, Opera Singer**, authored by Lisa Roose-Church, in our June 2011 Mershon News Bulletin. Bernice was a well known singer during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. She performed on Broadway in at least five shows. Bernice sang 30 grand opera roles in the U.S., Italy and France; sang light opera as Eddie Cantor's prima donna and became established as a Gilbert & Sullivan artist. See our June 2011 bulletin posted on [www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com) to read the full article about Bernice.

Bernice retired from her stage career in 1932, making her home in Los Angeles. Our 2011 research about Bernice came to an apparent dead end with her 1954 California voter registration record.

However, a recent search on ancestry.com turned up a Bernice Mershon who married John D. Letcher in Riverside, CA, on 31 Oct 1957. This information was not a certain match because Bernice gave her age as 70 in the 1957 marriage record. Bernice, the opera singer, would have been 73 in 1957. This discrepancy is resolved by the California Death Index which reports that Bernice M. Letcher was born on 1 July 1884 and died on 22 Oct 1960, age 76. Confirming this is the same person, the California Death Index lists her mother's maiden name as Sivey, which matches our known information.

Bernice (Mershon) Letcher is interred in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Los Angeles County, CA.

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## Finding the Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern

by Clare Mershon of Portland, OR

Irving W. & Grace Lucile (Olmstead) Mershon used the directions contained in the May 10, 1779 New Jersey Gazette advertisement on the right to find the former Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern in 1928. Lucile described their search in *Andrew Mershon and His Descendants*, 1955, page 6.

Daniel Slack, who placed this ad, was Andrew<sup>3</sup> and Fransinah Mershon's son-in-law, married to their daughter Sarah<sup>4</sup>.

**C**AME to the plantation of Andrew Mershon, on what is called the River Road, nine miles from Trenton, on Friday the 7th instant, a certain brown HORSE, about 14 hands high, a natural pacer, no brand or ear mark, part of his mane cut off, his tail long, a star in his forehead and a small snip on his nose, with a white speck in his near eye, no shoes on, and about 12 or 13 years old. The owner, proving his property and paying charges, shall have him again by applying at the same place to  
May 10, 1779. 3w† DANIEL SLACK.

An interesting feature in the text of this ad is the use of the long s, also known as a medial s, resembling a lower case f. Our normal s in modern times is called the short, round or terminal s. Using two forms of s dates back to the Middle Ages. The long/medial s was used at the beginning or middle of a word. The short/round/terminal s was used at the end of a word. Use of the long s died out in the early 1800s.

Dr. Jim Mershon of Wichita, KS, our former Mershon Association President, was curious about the symbol that follows "3w" at the bottom of the ad. Dr. Jim consulted Noel Barton, professional genealogist and a member of our Mershon Executive Board. Noel offered Dr. Jim this explanation: "The symbol is a double dagger and



# Two Special Opportunities to help our Mershon Family!

1. Our Mershon genealogy database is integral to our Mershon Association. Careful management of the database is essential to keep our information up-to-date and accessible to family members. For the past six years **Teresa Mershon** of Obetz, Ohio has very capably performed this important job. Thank you, Teresa!

We now need a new **Mershon Genealogist**. The person in this position will be building on the efforts of family genealogists going back over 90 years. Our genealogy database currently contains over 35,000 names of Mershon descendants and spouses from 1685 to present. Computer familiarity is needed for the position. Our database uses Family Tree Maker software.

The main tasks of this position are to add genealogical information submitted by family members to our database and to answer inquiries from Mershon descendants researching their family tree. Our Genealogist provides a valuable service for those wanting more information about their Mershon family tree. To keep information private and to prevent identity theft, we shield the identity of living persons outside their immediate family unless they consent to share their information with other family members.

**If you enjoy helping people and have computer skills, please consider this interesting, voluntary job!** For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Clare Mershon by email at [ecmershon@aol.com](mailto:ecmershon@aol.com) or by phone at (503) 252-7139.

2. Since 2004, Our Mershon Association website - **[www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com)**, has enabled many Mershon descendants to easily contact our Association. **Dr. Jim Mershon** of Wichita, KS has been our **Webmaster** since the beginning with the help of his computer consultant, Andrew Wray. We thank Dr. Jim for his ten years of managing our Mershon Association website!

We now need a new **Webmaster** for our Mershon Association website.

Our website is based on the DotNetNuke (DNN) framework and is hosted by Godaddy.com. Our website has received nearly 19,000 visits from interested persons since inception and about 200 new families have registered on our website, desiring to record their Mershon ancestry and receive our Mershon News Bulletin.

**If you would be willing to be trained for this important outreach**, or if you have questions about it, please contact Dr. Jim Mershon by email at [packardjimbev@cox.net](mailto:packardjimbev@cox.net), or by phone at (316) 634-2151.

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## Finding the Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern (continued from page 8):

*generally refers to an older notation for a footnote.... Back then, an asterisk [\*] was used for the first footnote, a dagger for the second and a double dagger for the third; but if an asterisk wasn't used then the double dagger was used for the second footnote, after the dagger for the first. But the dagger was also used to indicate death, obsolescence or an end to something and a double dagger was an emphasis on that. I think in the case of the ad, it meant the end of the publication of the ad, in other words, 3wt [double dagger] simply meant the ad would cease being published after 3 weeks. That's my take on it. Current ads have final dates or beginning dates or some other indication of how long the ad will be published. I hope that helps." - Noel Barton*

**If you have news to share with our Mershon family, please contact our 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.**

## 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. **Mershon Genealogy.** Our Mershon genealogy database has over 35,000 names of Mershon descendants and spouses, from 1685 to present. We are currently in the process of searching for a new Mershon Genealogist (see **Two Special Opportunities to Help our Mershon Family** on page 9).
3. **Please send your mail and email address changes to Gayle Murphy, 464 Firetown Road, Simsbury, CT 06070, or email Gayle at [gammurphy@comcast.net](mailto:gammurphy@comcast.net).** There are currently 1,018 mail and email addresses on our mailing list. We need your help to avoid losing contact with you when your address changes!
4. **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 2014 bulletin cost \$605.81 to print and mail 426 copies, a cost of \$1.42 per mailed copy.
5. For a summary of **Mershon Family Books and DVDs** available from the Mershon Association, please refer to our April 2012 Mershon News Bulletin or visit [www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com). The Mershon genealogy books by Grace Lucile Olmstead Mershon are now available from our Treasurer: Joan Swearer, 60 Maple Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065. You may contact Joan by email at [jtswearer@gmail.com](mailto:jtswearer@gmail.com).
6. **[www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com) is our Mershon Association website.** 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.

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We are a non-profit association without dues. Your generous donations pay the costs of printing and mailing our twice-yearly Mershon News Bulletin, hosting our annual meetings, honorariums for programs by outside presenters, preserving our family records, answering inquiries and maintaining our [mershonassoc.com](http://mershonassoc.com) website.

Listed below with our appreciation are our identified contributors since May 2013. However, unidentified cash contributions made while "passing the hat" at annual meetings are not included in this list. If other contributions were not recorded, we apologize and ask you to notify Treasurer Joan Swearer at 60 Maple Ave., Rahway, NJ 07065, or by email at [jtswearer@gmail.com](mailto:jtswearer@gmail.com).

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## 2015 Mershon Family Events Calendar

**June 5 & 6, 2015 (Friday & Saturday) – Mershon Southern Chapter Reunion** in Nashville, TN. Program details and lodging information will be published in our Spring 2015 Mershon News Bulletin.

**July 25, 2015 (Saturday) – Mershon Association Annual Meeting and Reunion** begins at 10 AM in the Community Meeting Room at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch, Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike (US 1-Business), Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Program details and lodging information will be published in our Spring 2015 Mershon News Bulletin.

**August 16, 2015 (Sunday) – Pacific Northwest Mershon Potluck Picnic**, 12 noon to 4 PM at the Glen Otto Community Park, 1106 E. Historic 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 2014 Pacific Northwest Mershon Family Potluck Picnic at Glen Otto Community Park, Troutdale, OR (near Portland).