



# Mershon News Bulletin

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Mershon Name

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

May 2014

## Mershon Association Annual Meeting Scheduled for July 26, 2014

Please join us for our 2014 Mershon Association Annual Meeting and Reunion, beginning at 10 AM on Saturday morning, July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike (US 1-Business), Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. We will be in Community Meeting Rooms 1&2. The library is at the intersection of US 1-Business and Darrah Lane. This is the same location as last year.

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

We have a group rate for lodging at the Homewood Suites of Princeton, 3819 US Route 1 at Mapleton Road, Princeton, NJ 08540. See the registration form on page 11 for more information.

**Programs: Be a history detective!** Historian Arthur Lefkowitz, a member of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Speakers Bureau, will present a program on When Artwork Speaks: Eyewitness Images of the American Revolution. Despite the absence of photography and combat illustrators, the Revolutionary War was accurately recorded by a number of artists. Mr. Lefkowitz, author of five books on the Revolutionary War, will show color slides of 18th century artistry in the form of studio paintings, portraits, illustrations, and rapidly drawn field sketches. Pictures have been gathered from a variety of museum collections and using high quality images, interesting details come to life! *(edited from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities website).*

### Additional Activities for Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

For family members arriving on Friday, we have the opportunity to tour Morven, the historic Stockton home and former New Jersey Governor's Residence in Princeton. Over 40 Micah Williams portraits are currently on exhibit at Morven until Sept. 14, 2014. Most of these portraits were also in the 2013 Monmouth County Historical Association Exhibition (see the Micah Williams article on page 6). For more information and photographs of Morven, here is a link to their website – <http://morven.org/>

Entrance fees are: \$6 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors (60+) & Students. Children 6 & under are free.

To carpool to Morven, meet at 1 PM on Friday in the Homewood Suites lobby. Also, you can meet us at Morven, 55 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Please indicate on the registration form (page 11) if you plan to join us on Friday afternoon for the Morven tour. If 10 or more people register, we can reserve a special group tour!

On Friday evening, all family members are welcome to meet at 6 PM in the Homewood Suites lobby for dinner together, tentatively at the nearby Ruby Tuesday restaurant.

## Saturday Programs: (continued)

Connie Hensley of Nashville, TN, will introduce our new Mershon Family Cookbook, now being finalized by Connie and her mother, Doris Harris. Over 50 contributors submitted over 150 of their favorite recipes. The 186-page book will be 6"x9", coil bound with a color cover and dividers between recipe categories.

Connie Hensley will also present a 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. Titus emigrated to Kentucky after the war. In 2008, Connie and her mother, Doris Harris, organized a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ceremony to place DAR Patriot Markers on the graves of Titus & Nancy (Weeden) Mershon, located on private property near East Bernstadt, Laurel County, KY (see the March 2009 Mershon News Bulletin).

Elmer and Ann Smith have generously offered another tour of their lovely home, the former Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern, near Titusville, NJ. Those interested may carpool from the library at approximately 3:30 PM.

**Silent Auction:** Several artistic items will be offered for silent auction at our meeting.

**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 mementos.

**Suggestions Welcome:** We welcome your suggestions for our 2014 meeting agenda. Please contact Clare Mershon by email at [ecmershon@aol.com](mailto:ecmershon@aol.com), or by phone at (503) 252-7139.

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



Proposed Cover for our new  
Mershon Family Cookbook

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## Help Needed!

We need a new webmaster for our Mershon Association website - [www.mershonassoc.com](http://www.mershonassoc.com). We thank Dr. Jim Mershon of Wichita, KS, our retiring webmaster, for his years of service. With the help of his computer consultant, Andrew Wray, Dr. Jim has managed our website from its 2004 beginning.

Our website is based on the DotNetNuke (DNN) framework and is hosted by Godaddy.com. Our website has many "hits" from interested persons and we receive three to five new website registrations per month from persons desiring to record their Mershon ancestry and receive our Mershon News Bulletin. Our website and the Trott Family website, [www.henrymershon.com](http://www.henrymershon.com), have enabled many Mershon descendants to easily contact our Association.

If you can help us with this important job or if you have questions, please contact Dr. Jim Mershon at [packardjimbev@cox.net](mailto:packardjimbev@cox.net), or by telephone at (316) 634-2151.

# Mershon Southern Chapter to Meet in Pigeon, Forge, TN, on June 6 & 7, 2014

by Barbara Trott of Clinton, Mississippi

The 2014 meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Mershon Association will be held on June 6th and 7th in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee at the Country Cascades Hotel, 204 Sharon Drive, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Rooms are \$79.00 per night with 2 Queen size beds or one King size bed. Breakfast is also included. For reservations call 1-800-223-6707, which is the Smokey Mountain Resorts phone number. **Tell them you are with the MERSHON FAMILY REUNION at the COUNTRY CASCADES HOTEL in Pigeon Forge.**

This is in order to get the special rate. If you have any problems, please call me (1-601-473-2045) or Ann Roberts (1-352-215-3113).

**Act Now for Special Group Rate!** On Friday night we will be attending the DIXIE STAMPEDE for dinner and a show. We are asked to be there at 4:30 P.M. for the pre-show. Our group rate cost is: Adults \$44.25 and children 4-11, \$25.48. **All monies for our group rate at the show must be received by Ann Roberts (address at the bottom) by MAY 28, 2014 so that she can pay and give them an accurate count of the persons attending.** Make checks out to Ann Roberts. We have requested handicapped seating.



Country Cascades Hotel

On Friday afternoon, we will meet in the lobby to drive to the DIXIE STAMPEDE at about 4:00 P.M. as we have not determined how long it will take to drive to the STAMPEDE. Time will be posted in the lobby.

We have the meeting room all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday for socializing. So, please bring your pictures, books, family information that you may share with others. The meeting will start at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning, June 7th.

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# Daniel Le Marchand Biography (1650-1693)

by Noel R. Barton of Farmington, Utah

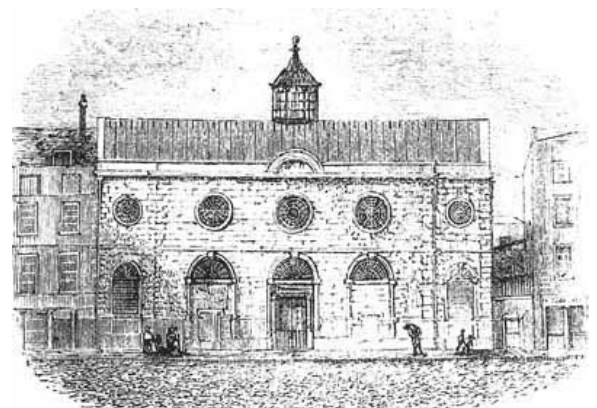
*Editor's Note: Noel Barton is a descendant of Nathaniel and Rebekah<sup>3</sup> (Mershon) FitzRandolph and is a member of our Mershon Executive Committee. Noel is a professional genealogist, retired from the LDS Family History Center. We are indebted to Noel for researching this detailed information about Daniel Marchand from historical records.*

Daniel Marchand was mentioned in some of the early papers of William Mershon of Rahway, NJ, and Watson Mershon's notes. They had found some items concerning Daniel from the Collections of the Huguenot Society of America and a History of New York. Very little research was done on him by the early Mershon genealogists. They had no idea that he had emigrated from France to England, before coming to America. They suggested in their notes that he may have been related in some way to Henry Mershon.

The fact that Daniel was from Caen, France, and ended up in Newtown and Queens County, New York, about the same time that Henry Mershon I and his son, Henry II, were there, might indicate that they were possibly relatives. Henry II's birth has been estimated to be about 1672 in Caen. Henry I's birth is estimated about 1648 in Caen. I estimate Daniel's birth in Caen is about 1650. Therefore, Daniel Marchand and Henry Mershon (Marchand) I, could be brothers, maybe first cousins, but this is pure conjecture. We have no proof that they were related as the Marchand name was very common and no record gives any indication of relationship. The fact that Henry II was left in New York with friends or relatives, while his father, Henry I, went back to France, may suggest he was left with Daniel, his uncle, who was a weaver, and possibly apprenticed Henry II, to teach him the weaving skills and trade.

The Huguenots were members of the Protestant Reformed Church of France and followed mostly the writings of John Calvin dating from the 1530s. During the 1600s and early 1700s, over half a million Huguenots left France and relocated in Protestant nations such as the British Isles, Germany, and most of America (Maryland and Massachusetts passed laws banning them). In 1681, the year Daniel Marchand emigrated from France to England was the year that Louis XIV instituted the "Dragonnade" policy which was meant to intimidate Huguenot families and cause them to either re-convert to Catholicism or leave France. It was implemented by billeting (lodging) ill-mannered dragoons (French well-armed, mounted soldiers, light cavalry) in Protestant households. In 1685, the year Henry Marchand I emigrated to America, the Edict of Nantes was revoked by Louis XIV which withdrew the toleration and privileges the Huguenots enjoyed under the edict for 87 years. Many of their churches and schools were destroyed. It proved to be detrimental to France's economy as most of the fleeing Huguenots were well skilled, especially in silk weaving, the largest single occupation for the refugees and it thrived in the Spitalfields area of London where many of them fled and settled, including Daniel Marchand's family.

Daniel Le Marchand was a native of Caen, Normandy, France, and a Huguenot or member of the French Protestant Church. He left France with his wife, Catherine, and three children (names unknown), arriving in London, England, probably in the fall of 1681. He was a French Protestant refugee and was relieved (assisted) through the Threadneedle Street Church from December 1681 through 1684. Catherine was a native of Caen and the daughter of Josias Lavendier and Anne Dufour. I have estimated Daniel might have been born about 1650 and Catherine about 1653, both in Caen, and married there about 1674. We know they had at least 5 children in life, possibly more, but there



French Huguenot Threadneedle Street Church  
17th Century London

are no other records available at this point to locate the correct number, nor their names, having only the names of two of them, mentioned later.

Daniel received on 22 January 1681/82 a certificate of sound doctrine and good behavior, called a *temoignage*. These documents were signed by a minister and two elders, certifying that the person named had been a member of the church, attended services, participated in Holy Communion, and committed no scandal that had come to the Consistory's attention.

On 23 August 1682, Daniel Marchant and two others were to be cited the next Sunday because of the insults they exchanged on the last Sunday near the church door. Mr. Carris was instructed on the 30<sup>th</sup> not to give a *mereau* (communion token or invitation to receive communion) to Daniel le Marchand.

Daniel and Catherine Lavendiere le Marchand baptized their new daughter, Jeanne, in the Threadneedle Huguenot Church in Spitalfields, London, on 31 December 1682.

On 28 October 1683, Daniel and his wife were cited as being involved in a matter concerning Abraham Parissot who earlier abandoned his wife and went to live with another woman. They were also cited for obtaining 40 shillings from the Consistory deceitfully, but on the 31<sup>st</sup> they were judged innocent with regard to the Parissot business, but censured for obtaining assistance from the church by deceit.

On 13 April 1684, Daniel had been cited twice for not appearing. If Daniel did not appear the next Sunday, he would suffer the rigor of discipline, but he showed up on the 20<sup>th</sup> and was exhorted to live harmoniously with his wife. Apparently, he didn't follow through very well, because on 3 August, in view of reports of bad behavior towards her, his *mereau* was withheld until they received favorable testimony about his conduct, failing that, he would be publicly suspended from communion.

Daniel, Catherine and their children left London between 1684 and 1690 for America. On 16 August 1690, a subpoena was issued in Queens County, New York, to Daniel and Catharin Marchand along with three others. This is the first mention of them in America. On the 21<sup>st</sup> a bond was issued along with a warrant for the arrest of Andrew Falourdell in an action of defamation brought by Daniel and Catherine Marchand. There is no other reference to the case.

The next mention of Daniel is the first of October 1690 in court held in Newtown, Long Island. Luke Depaue sued Daniel for £2.14s.9d. Two witnesses testified they heard Luke promise to mend Daniel's loom for nothing as Luke would not have anything for any work that he did for Daniel. Daniel won the case and Luke had to pay the court costs. This is the only indication of Daniel Marchand's occupation as a weaver.

Daniel Marchand's wife, Catharine, gave birth to another daughter, Mariane, at 1 a.m. on 5 September 1692. They baptized her on 11 September at the French Church in New York. Soon after this in 1693, Daniel died.

Catherine Lavendiere Le Marchand, now a widow, married Francois Le Conte in the French Church in New York on 31 May 1693. Francois was the son of Francois Le Compte and Marie Amon, and was a native of Pont l'Eveque in Normandy. He made public abjuration on 7 May 1693 denying the Roman Catholic Church and accepting Protestantism. He was a victualer (inn or tavern keeper) by trade. They had three children: Francois (b. 2 March 1693/94, Josias (b. 20 February 1696/97), and Madeleine (b. 15 March 1697/98), all in New York. We have no record of any children being married or of any grandchildren of Daniel Marchand and Catherine, nor of Francois Le Conte and Catherine.

**(See Noel Barton's Additional Notes on page 7)**

# Micah Williams, Early New Jersey Traveling Portrait Artist

by Clare & Sharon Mershon of Portland, OR

What historical figure has Lallie Benkoski dramatically (and convincingly!) portrayed at two Mershon reunions since 2005? Answer: **Miss Sarah Mershon.**

The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. owns a 20"x25" pastel on paper portrait of **Miss Sarah Mershon**, drawn in 1817 by Micah Williams, a self taught, itinerant New Jersey portrait artist. Sarah<sup>5</sup> Mershon (1800-1875) was a daughter of Robert<sup>4</sup> Mershon and a granddaughter of Thomas<sup>3</sup> Mershon.

Micah Williams (1782-1837) of New Brunswick, NJ, was a traveling portrait artist from approximately 1815 to 1835. His subjects lived mostly in Monmouth and Middlesex counties of NJ. About 272 portraits have been identified as being painted by Williams. He drew quickly, often completing a portrait in a day.

Before photography, having your portrait drawn was very important to the persons who could afford it, because the portrait was probably the only image they would ever have of themselves. Micah Williams' subjects would carefully choose their props and clothes. Many adults chose to hold a book, which would indicate that the sitter was literate and educated.

**Sarah Mershon** married Daniel R. Schenck (1795-1879) on Sept. 14, 1818. The National Gallery also owns a pastel portrait of Daniel, drawn by Micah Williams in 1823. Both portraits were donated to the National Gallery in December 1966 by Edgar William & Bernice (Chrysler) Garbisch. Mrs. Garbisch was a daughter of Walter P. Chrysler, founder of the Chrysler Corporation.



Daniel R. Schenck, circa 1823  
*National Gallery of Art*



Miss Sarah Mershon, circa 1817  
*National Gallery of Art*

We appreciate Jeanne Mershon of Arlington, VA, visiting the National Gallery in March 2014 to obtain the above color photographs of the portraits and to research more information. National Gallery records report that Edgar and Bernice Garbisch purchased both portraits on Jan. 30, 1956 from H. Gregory Gulick, a Middletown, Monmouth County, NJ, antiques dealer. According to Henry Gulick, Gregory's son, the Garbisch purchase date



of Jan, 30, 1956 makes it likely the portraits were purchased at the prestigious Eastside Antique Show in New York City. We don't know when the portraits left the Schenck family.

One of Daniel and Sarah's nine children, Hannah Mershon Schenck (1843-1917), inscribed the name, birth, marriage and death date for her parents on the backing paper behind each portrait. These inscriptions are now covered on the backs of the framed portraits, but are noted by the National Gallery records. Daniel and Sarah are buried in the Westminster Cemetery, Cranbury, NJ.

From May through September 2013, the Monmouth County Historical Association hosted a first-ever exhibition of 67 portraits by Micah Williams. However, the portraits of Daniel R. and Sarah (Mershon) Schenck were not included in this exhibit because the National Gallery deems them too fragile to travel. On Sunday following our 2013 Mershon Annual Meeting, we traveled to Freehold, NJ, with Tom & Elaine Tredinnick to view the Micah Williams portrait exhibition. It was a fascinating display, including a small oil portrait of Micah Williams, holding his artist's palette and two thin paint brushes, painted by an unknown fellow artist while Micah was studying oil painting in New York City. Seeing the detailed faces, fashions and hairstyles of early New Jersey residents at the exhibit was very interesting. The Monmouth County Historical Association exhibition catalog can be viewed online at the following link - [http://media.icompendium.com/karenbri\\_MW-All.pdf](http://media.icompendium.com/karenbri_MW-All.pdf).

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Micah Williams, circa 1832  
*Monmouth County Historical Assn.*

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## Noel Barton's Additional Notes for his Daniel Le Marchand Biography on pages 4 & 5:

**Names** are variously spelled throughout this article as they were found in the original records. Most names were spelled phonetically (as they sounded) in earlier times and clerks and scribes recorded them accordingly. There was very little standard spelling of names of people or places.

**Dates** before 1752 in the old Julian calendar are double-dated to match the Gregorian calendar. The first day of the year on the Julian calendar was 25 March, so all dates from 1 January-24 March were the end of the year on the Julian (Roman) calendar and the beginning of the year of the Gregorian (Catholic) calendar. France, being Catholic, made the change from the Julian to Gregorian in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII decreed the change, but Great Britain (being Protestant) and its colonies (including America) didn't change until 1752. Therefore, 21 February 1681/82 indicates that 21 February was still in the last part of the year of 1681 on the Julian calendar, but in the first part of the next year on the Gregorian calendar.

**Records** used in this article are located in or published by the Archives of the French Protestant Church of London, the Huguenot Society of London, or the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland in London. Also, from the manuscripts and publications in the Archives of New York State and the Office of the Secretary of State in Albany; the Newtown Town Records, Records of the Church of France in New York, and Collections of the Huguenot Society of America, along with histories published on Huguenots, emigration records, etc. Also, from the Archives of The Association of the Descendants of Henry Mershon, Inc. Many of these records are on line, microfilmed, or available on FamilySearch.org or Ancestry.com and other on line companies.

# Samuel H. Mershon, a Casualty of Antietam

Samuel H.<sup>7</sup>, John S.<sup>6</sup>, Samuel<sup>5</sup>, Samuel<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Henry II, Henri<sup>1</sup>

by Clare Mershon of Portland, Oregon

**Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War, this is the third article in a series about Mershon descendants in the Civil War.**

Samuel H.<sup>7</sup> Mershon was born on 1 Nov. 1836, the second of eight children born to John Schenck<sup>6</sup> and Sarah (Weidman) Mershon of Wilkesbarre, PA.

On 13 June 1861, Samuel enlisted for three years as a Private in Company F, 7<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Reserves, also known as the 36<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers. Company F was recruited from Luzerne County in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Company F roster does not show Samuel as a musician, so the photograph on the right showing Samuel in a military-style musician uniform may show him before the Civil War as a member of a community band or a militia band. As a Private, Samuel probably was an infantryman in Company F.



Samuel H. Mershon  
*Mershon Association Archives*

Samuel, age 25, died on 26 Sept. 1862 of wounds received on 17 Sept. 1862 during the Battle of Antietam, near Sharpsburg, Maryland. The details of Samuel's wounds are unknown. The 7<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania was part of the Union Army of the Potomac, 1st Corps, that charged against Gen. Hood's Confederate forces in Miller's cornfield at Antietam.



Company F, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, in camp outside Washington, DC, near the Potomac River, May 1862. The officer seated in front is Captain LaGrand B. Speece, Company Commander. *Mark Leinaweaever Collection, U.S. Army Military History Institute*

Antietam was the bloodiest one-day battle of the Civil War, with approximately 23,000 killed, wounded and missing on both sides. Army medical staff and civilian caregivers were overwhelmed. Following the battle, approximately 75 temporary field hospitals were set up in surrounding houses, barns and churches to care for the wounded. Some of these field hospitals were in operation for several months.

Samuel's death was not the only Civil War sacrifice of his family. Samuel's younger brother, John Wesley<sup>7</sup> Mershon, age 19, lost his left leg in 1864 while serving in Company K of the 6<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery. Happily, John survived the war to resume work as a cabinet maker, the same profession as his father.

He married Lydia Jane "Jennie" Simms in about 1866. By the 1880 U.S. Census, John & Jennie had three daughters. John listed his occupation as an undertaker in the 1900 Census. John died in 1924 at age 78. John & Jennie are buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery, Lackawanna County, PA, as are his parents, one sister, two daughters and several grandchildren.

The burial place of Samuel Mershon is unknown. He is not interred in the Antietam National Cemetery and he not buried in the Hickory Grove Cemetery with other members of his family.



## 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. Our Mershon Association Genealogist, Teresa Mershon, can send you a copy of what is in our genealogy database for your Mershon family line. Our hope is that you will update our data and return a copy of your notes to Teresa to update our database. Teresa will send you a copy of our updated database. You may contact Teresa by email at [mershontree@yahoo.com](mailto:mershontree@yahoo.com), by phone at (614) 654-2188, or by mail at 2111 Pelham Place, Obetz, OH 43207.
  3. **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 1,020 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 2013 bulletin cost \$558.67 to print and mail 438 copies at a cost of \$1.28 each.
  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. 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)
  7. **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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## 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 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.



## Mershon Family News

**Hollie E.<sup>11</sup> Mershon** of Malvern, PA, played professional basketball during the 2013-14 season for club Kibirkstis-Vici, based in Vilnius, Lithuania. Kibirkstis-Vici is a member of the Euroleague Women, the most prestigious women's basketball league in Europe. This was Hollie's rookie year in professional basketball. You can read about Hollie's basketball season in Europe by visiting her blog – [www.holliemershon.blogspot.com](http://www.holliemershon.blogspot.com)



Hollie played college basketball for Drexel University in Philadelphia, where she majored in Elementary Education. During her 2012-13 senior season, Hollie averaged 19.5 points, 6.2 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game. She led the Drexel Dragons to the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) championship in April 2013 and was named the WNIT Most Valuable Player (*edited from a Drexel University news release*).

Hollie plans to play basketball for one more year in another country. She is currently waiting for a contract. When basketball is over, Hollie may go to graduate school for nursing or may get into college coaching.

Hollie is the daughter of John O.<sup>10</sup> & Janie S. Mershon of Malvern. She is a Thomas<sup>3</sup> Mershon descendant. Hollie has an older brother John<sup>11</sup> who played football for Ithaca College. Her younger brother Thomas<sup>11</sup> is a swimmer for Penn State. *Thank you Hollie for allowing us to share your information. Best Wishes!*



Harrison Hunt (right) receiving his BSI investiture at the Yale Club in New York.

Mershon Executive Committee member and News Bulletin Editor **Harrison Hunt** was inducted into the Baker Street Irregulars at their annual dinner in New York in January 2014. The Baker Street Irregulars is the oldest and most prestigious group of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts in the country. Harrison was recognized for his many Sherlockian activities and writings.

Mershon Executive Committee member **Linda Hunt** was hired as the Archivist and Librarian of the Greene County, New York Historical Society's Vedder Research Library in September 2013. Linda, who has a Master's in Library Science and a certificate in Archives Management, is responsible for the Society's extensive collections of local history books, manuscripts and photographs. No Mershons have been found yet, but she's looking!



Linda Hunt

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.

**Registration Form**  
**2014 Mershon Association Annual Meeting & Reunion**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2014, Beginning at 10 AM**

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

**Recommending Lodging:** Homewood Suites, 3819 US Route 1 (Brunswick Pike) at Mapleton Road, Princeton, NJ 08540, telephone (609) 720-0550. We have a preferred group rate for three types of rooms, starting at \$99.00 per night plus 15% tax. Room rates include a buffet breakfast. All rooms include kitchen facilities. You can book online reservations at this special link set up for our Mershon family - [http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/P/PTNHWWHW-DHM-20140724/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/P/PTNHWWHW-DHM-20140724/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

For GPS directions, use the address of 3819 Brunswick Pike, Princeton, NJ 08540.

If you make a telephone reservation, be sure to say you are attending the **Descendants of Henry Mershon Annual Meeting** to receive our preferred group rate. **The hotel requests room reservations be made by July 2nd to receive our group rate. They request 72 hours notice for cancellations. Children are welcome!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Names of other persons in your party:

\_\_\_\_\_

Children and their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/ We plan to join the Morven Tour on Friday afternoon, July 25th, at 1 PM (see “Additional Activities for Friday, July 25th” on page 1).

**Lunch Reservations for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 26th, 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 “The Mershon Association” by July 21 to:

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## **2104 Mershon Family Events Calendar**

**June 6 & 7, 2014 (Friday and Saturday) – Mershon Southern Chapter Reunion** at the Country Cascades Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN. See page 3 for program information and lodging details.

**July 26, 2014 (Saturday) – 2014 Mershon Annual Meeting and Reunion** at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library, Lawrenceville, NJ. See pages 1 & 2 for program information. See page 11 for our Registration Form and lodging details.

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