



Mershon News Bulletin

THE ASSOCIATION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF HENRY MERSHON

ORGANIZED AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1923

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May, 2009

2009 Mershon Annual Meeting to be held at Historic Huguenot Street New Paltz, NY on July 16 & 17, 2009

The New Paltz area is a Great Site for a Family Vacation

The 2009 Annual Meeting of our Mershon Association will begin at 9 AM on Thursday, July 16, 2009 in Deyo Hall at Historic Huguenot Street, a National Historic Landmark District in New Paltz, NY. We are having a two-day meeting on Thursday & Friday, July 16 & 17, to take advantage of the educational programs offered by Historic Huguenot Street. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Mershon descendants from across the United States.

Historic Huguenot Street is incorporated as the Huguenot Historical Society. This organization began in 1894 with one historic house and the purpose of preserving the history of the early French Huguenot settlers in the New Paltz area. The Huguenot Street historic district now features seven historic houses dating to 1705 and a reconstructed 1717 stone French Church. The organization also owns two historic houses at Locust Lawn, four miles from Huguenot Street. A Huguenot reference library is open on weekdays. For more information, visit their website at www.huguenotstreet.org.

Depending on interest, a special historical program can be organized by Historic Huguenot Street for school age children (ages 6-12) during our Thursday morning business meeting. Please indicate on your registration form how many age 6-12 children will be attending.

New Paltz is a town of 12,830 residents in the Hudson River Valley, on the New York State Thruway (I-87), about 90 miles north of New York City. New Paltz is the home of the State University of New York at New Paltz. This area is in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains. For persons traveling a distance, Stewart International Airport with car rentals is located near Newburgh, 23 miles south of New Paltz. Albany International Airport is 90 miles north of New Paltz. For MapQuest directions to Historic Huguenot Street, enter 18 Broadhead Avenue, New Paltz, NY 12561.

Other area attractions include President Franklin Roosevelt's former home with his Presidential Library at Hyde Park, approximately 15 miles east, crossing the Hudson River using the Mid-Hudson Bridge. The Roosevelt home is a National Historic Site. The U.S. Military Academy at West Point with its military museum is 42 miles south. Historic Kingston, the first capitol city of New York, is 12 miles north. There is good bus service by Trailways from New Paltz into New York City to



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see the Metropolitan Art Museum, Broadway plays, Empire State Building and the many other attractions in the City.

We are grateful to Mershon descendant Beverly Goldstein of Woodland Valley, NY, for her ongoing help with arrangements for our 2009 Annual Meeting. Information about our business items, special programs, meals and lodging follows:

Proposed Agenda

Thursday Morning, July 16, 9 AM:

- Welcome and Orientation
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Family Member Introductions
- Approve 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Genealogist Report
- Southern Chapter Report
- Executive Board Report
- Present proposed slate of nominations for 2009 Officers and open the floor for nominations.
- Election of Officers
- Solicit suggestions for future meetings.
- Confirm Lawrenceville, NJ, as the site for our 2010 Annual Meeting.
- Explanation of Huguenot Street Tour Opportunities

Thursday Noon: Tasty box lunches and beverages will be provided in Deyo Hall. Please mark your registration form and include \$10 for each lunch desired.

Thursday Afternoon, 1 PM: Huguenot Street Library Specialist Brandon Pendergast will present a program on the Huguenot Reference Library with a view of their archives. This presentation will last approximately 1 to 2 hours depending on interest from our group.

Following the library presentation, Huguenot Street will offer a tour of two historic houses and the French Church on Huguenot Street. The ticket for this tour is \$9 per adult; \$8 for seniors over 62, AAA members and students; \$4 for children ages 6-11; children under 6 Free.* This guided tour will be approximately 1.5 hours.

Thursday Evening, 6 PM: We will meet at Barnaby's Restaurant adjacent to Huguenot Street in New Paltz for a group dinner.

Friday Morning, July 17, 10 AM: Tour of Locust Lawn, located four miles from Huguenot Street. Here, the story of the Huguenots continues. This gentleman's farm features an 1814 Federal-style mansion, the original colonial stone house and several farm outbuildings. Road maps will be provided. The ticket for this tour is \$8 per adult; \$7 for seniors over 62 and AAA members; \$4 for students and children ages 6-17; children under 6 free.* The guided tour is approximately one hour.

Friday Noon: Lunch at a local restaurant.

Friday Afternoon: Options include visiting Franklin Roosevelt's home and Presidential Library at Hyde Park, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point or Kingston, the first capitol city of New York. Other options are to visit "A Notion to Sew" exhibit upstairs in Deyo Hall, the Museum Shop in the 1705 DuBois Fort Visitor Center and shops in New Paltz. Tours will be organized at our meeting depending on group interests.

Friday Evening, 6 PM: Group dinner location to be announced.

Friday Evening, 8 PM to 9:30 PM: Moonlight Magic Tour, as the full moon rises, we will be treated to drinks on the porch of the DuBois Fort, followed by a special walking tour of Huguenot Street – a tour that delves into the special role that the moon and its phases had on the lives of the early settlers. The ticket for this tour is \$12 per person.* This is the last scheduled event of our 2009 Annual Meeting.

* Tour tickets will be available at the beginning of each tour from a Historic Huguenot Street representative. We are discussing with them the possibility of offering a package deal for all three tours.

Lodging Arrangements: Recommended lodging is offered at the Super 8 Motel, 7 Terwilliger Lane, New Paltz, NY 12561, telephone (845) 255-8865 or (800) 800-8000. This motel is on the west side of I-87 at Exit 18 to New Paltz . You can see the motel online at www.super8newpaltz.com. Room rates with tax are \$86.90 Sunday through Thursday nights, \$108.90 on Friday night and \$152.90 on Saturday night. Continental breakfast is included in the room rates.

For persons desiring other lodging, there are numerous resorts, bed & breakfast and camping options in the area. A detailed list of lodging options is available from the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce, online at www.newpaltzchamber.org or telephone (845) 255-0243.

Andrew Mershon Tavern For Sale



You can view the real estate listing with 12 interesting photographs of the house and grounds at the following internet link - www.donmazak.com/listings/query.php?elegant=yes. This listing describes the house as being in Hopewell.

Mershon Store

For more information about mershon books and items, please consult your July 2008 news bulletin or go online at www.mershonassoc.com.

Upcoming Mershon Gatherings

Southern Chapter of the Mershon Association Annual Meeting

Kansas City, Missouri on Friday and Saturday, June 19 & 20, 2009

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

19901 E. Valley View Parkway

Independence, MO 64057

Telephone (816) 795-8889, FAX (816) 795-1734

Please see the March 2009 Mershon News Bulletin for details. The agenda is very exciting and on Friday, June 19 includes a tour of the Steamboat Arabia. <http://www.1856.com/>. This is a “must see” exhibit of a steamboat which sank in the Missouri in 1856 and includes a treasure of perfectly preserved pre-civil war artifacts that offer a glimpse into the life and times of our western pioneers. In the PM the group can tour the the Presidential home and library of Harry Truman. <http://www.trumanlibrary.org/index.php> The business meeting is on Saturday. Jim Mershon will show the newest DVD in a series of Mershon family DVD's. Please consult the www.mershonassoc.com site and look at “The Mershon Store.” Many of the store items will be available for purchase.

Questions: Contact Betty Butler at (816) 358-5313 or email bettybutlr@aol.com.

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New Paltz, NY on Thursday and Friday, July 16 & 17, 2009

See page 1 for program information. Please mail-in the registration form on the back cover of this News Bulletin.

Oregon Mershon Picnic

Sunday, August 16, 2009, from 1 PM to 4 PM

The Oregon Mershon Family & Friends Potluck Picnic will be held at the Old Springdale School, 32405 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, OR 97019. All Mershon descendants and friends are invited. For more information, call Clare Mershon at (503) 252-7139 or email him at ECMershon@aol.com.

Reminders

1. Send change of address information to our corresponding secretary, Beverly Mershon, 7617 Donegal Ln, Wichita, KS 67206-1316, or email to Bsmershon@aol.com.
2. If you have Internet access, but are not receiving this Bulletin by email, please send your email address to Bsmershon@aol.com so we can email this Bulletin to you.
3. Visit our two websites: www.henrymershon.com and www.mershonassoc.com.
4. Other links include <http://genforum.genealogy.com/mershon> is a Mershon family genealogy forum and <http://www.thelhs.org/> accesses the Lawrence Historical Society.

In Memory of Arthur Hartland Mershon, Jr. (1916-2009)

Arthur Mershon passed away in February 2009, in his ninety-second year. He is survived by his wife Florence, his sister Clara Mershon Buroff, his son Donald H. Mershon, a professor at North Carolina State University, two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was a long time newspaper editor and when he retired in 1981, he owned the Kenly News in Kenly, NC. Bob Boyette, a former Kenly News columnist wrote in 1983 that “Hart” Mershon was “born to be a newspaper man.” He published his first newspaper in 1928 at the age of 12 years; it was a Sunday edition called the Red Star News that included a self-drawn comic strip and sold for 10 cents. Each paper was set by hand and there were usually four printed. Boyette wrote that advertisements were accepted for ten cents. Ads were usually from his father or a neighbor who owned a department store. When Arthur entered the eighth grade in 1930, the Red Star News exited the newspaper scene but the Crusader 8-C commenced. This tabloid had a circulation of over 100 copies weekly. Arthur graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in journalism. This account was reprinted in the Kenly News for April 4, 2009. Arthur’s obituary is on our website www.mershonassoc.com (available no later than June 9, 2009.)



Arthur was descended from the Mershon family that operated the Mershon Publishing Company in Rahway, NJ, and New York City. His father, Arthur H. Mershon Sr., and his sister Clara (Mershon) Buroff, both served as President of our Mershon Association. As related by Clara, during annual meetings of the Mershon Association, Arthur and Clara as young children used to walk from the Lawrenceville Church onto the adjacent Lawrenceville Golf Course to pick up loose golf balls lying on the fairway, much to the consternation of golfers on the course.

Arthur H. Mershon, Sr. started our Mershon genealogy database with handwritten charts. His daughter Clara later assumed this responsibility. Starting in 1985, Bill Trott digitized our genealogy database which now includes over 32,900 names from 1685 to present. Our current Genealogist/Historian, Teresa Mershon of Obetz, Ohio, continues this important and on-going work for our Association.

Help Wanted!

The Mershon Association is seeking a new Editor for our Mershon News Bulletin to replace Dr. Jim Mershon who is retiring. This important position is crucial to publicizing our Mershon Association programs and communicating our family history.

We are also seeking a new Corresponding Secretary to replace Beverly Mershon who is retiring. The Corresponding Secretary maintains our Mershon Association mailing list, answers inquiries, receives donations and writes thank you letters to acknowledge donations.

We are grateful to Dr. Jim and Beverly Mershon for performing these important jobs since 2000; Jim also served as our President from September 2000 until September 2007.

If you can volunteer to help with either of these important positions, please contact Clare Mershon at ECMershon@aol.com or call him at (503) 252-7139.

Registration for 2009 Mershon Annual Meeting at Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY on Thursday and Friday, July 16 & 17, 2009

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Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Email _____

Names addresses of other persons in your party:

Box Lunch's desired for Thursday Noon: _____ @ \$10 each
Children(12 and under) Box Lunch's: _____ @ \$8 each

Please return with checks written to The Mershon Association for meals by July 8th to:
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