

2018 Mershon Association Annual Meeting is on Saturday, July 28th

Please join us for our 2018 Mershon Association Annual Meeting and Reunion, beginning at 10 AM on Saturday morning, July 28th. We are meeting in 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.

Lodging: We have a group rate for lodging at the Hampton Inn Princeton, 4385 US Highway 1, Princeton, NJ 08540. See the registration form on page 3 for more information.

We will have our business meeting in the morning. A variety of catered box lunches will be available for our Saturday lunch.

Special Program: Beginning at 1 PM, we will have a living history program about Abigail Adams, portrayed by Kim Hanley of the American Historical Theater in Philadelphia. Kim is the same actress who portrayed Molly Pitcher at our 2016 Mershon Reunion. Those attending our 2016 meeting will remember Kim's interaction with our audience that made history come alive!



Kim Hanley as Abigail Adams

Abigail Smith Adams was an educated woman whose well-articulated opinions on government, politics and life in general were sought by at least two American presidents: her husband President John Adams, and her son President John Quincy Adams. If Abigail Adams erred, she felt it was on the side of common sense. Abigail's biggest causes were education and fairer treatment of women. She advocated education for both men and women, so they would be informed enough to deserve the right to vote. Although she could be blunt, Abigail advocated discussion and usually accorded and received respect. She is probably best remembered for her letter asking her husband to "remember the ladies" when enacting new laws. She asked John to limit the power of husbands over their wives by asking husbands to become friends of their wives and protect them, rather than empowering husbands to act as masters over their wives, and thereby continuing to abuse them.

Abigail was an upper-class woman who married a man she respected, a life partner who took her seriously. Although Abigail is sometimes belatedly considered elitist for believing that uneducated Americans had not earned a vote, Kim reminds us that our first Second Lady and second First Lady wanted a knowledgeable electorate able to make informed decisions.

Kim Hanley began interpreting Abigail Adams with American Historical Theater in 1997 and now has added Betsy Ross, Molly Pitcher, Annis Boudinot Stockton, Alice Roosevelt and Annie Oakley to her retinue. Ms. Hanley has appeared at the White House Visitors Center, National Archives, National Portrait Gallery, school groups and many others.

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

Laura Nawrocik of the Lawrence Township Archives will show us the redware storage jar originally owned by Henry Mershon IV (1740 - 1815) that was donated this year to our Mershon archives (see the April 2018 Mershon News Bulletin).

Tour the former Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern: Elmer and Ann Smith have agreed to our touring their lovely home at about 4 PM. Their home is the former Andrew Mershon Colonial Tavern. They have recently placed their home on the real estate market, so our access to this historic home is not guaranteed in the future. See information about the real estate listing below.

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

Suggestions Welcome: We welcome your suggestions for our 2018 meeting agenda. Please contact Clare Mershon by email at ecmershon@aol.com, or by phone at (503) 679-7990.

Former Andrew Mershon Tavern is on the Real Estate Market



Elmer and Ann Smith have recently put their historic home back on the real estate market. They are marketing their property as a potential bed and breakfast location. You can view the online listing with 46 photos of their home and surrounding grounds at the following link - https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/1258-Bear-Tavern-Rd-Titusville-NJ-08560/81899270_zpid/

Registration Form

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Saturday, July 28, 2018, Beginning at 10 AM

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Recommending Lodging: Hampton Inn Princeton, 4385 US Route 1 (Brunswick Pike), Princeton, NJ 08540, telephone (609) 951-0066. We have a preferred group rate for two types of rooms at \$119.00 per night plus 14.62% tax. You may choose between a king size bed room, or king size bed with a pull down queen bed room (two beds). Room rates include a buffet breakfast.

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

The hotel has set up a special Mershon Family Reunion web page for online reservations – <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/P/PTNHHHX-MFR-20180726/index.jhtml>

For a telephone reservation, call (609) 951-0066 and tell them you are attending the **Mershon Family Reunion** to receive our preferred group rate. **The hotel requests room reservations at our group rate be made by July 1st. Individual reservations must be cancelled by 6 PM on the day prior to arrival to avoid being billed for the first night's room and tax. Children are welcome!**

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Email _____

Names of other persons in your party:

Children and their ages: _____

Lunch Reservations for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 28th, 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 21st to:

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