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Reunion with related Milford families

MMA To Gather In July With Platts and Botsfords

This summer's Miles Merwin Association Reunion luncheon will be held Saturday, July 20th, at the Botsford Family Homestead, located at Ford and Gun Streets in Milford. We will be meeting with the Botsford and Platt family associations. Lunch will be at noon, followed by a speaker. Earlier we will take a bus trip to Milford Cemetery to memorialize members who have died in the past year. Further details will be posted on merwinassociation.com.

The three family connections date back to the first and third generations of Merwins in North America. Botsfords and Platts were founding families of Milford in 1639, about five years before our immigrant Miles Merwin moved there from New Windsor, CT. Sara Platt became the second wife of Miles Merwin. Sarah Botsford married Daniel Merwin, grandson of Miles.

The home where we will meet has been owned by the Botsford family since 1639, including the last 60 years of ownership under the Botsford Historical Association. We look forward to an enjoyable lunch, an interesting program, a little historic touring and expanding our circle of reunion friends in Milford.

*H*ave you ever wondered what life was like on the ship which has been illustrated atop the MMA newsletter for so many years? Miles Merwin sailed over on one of the Puritan

ships, which between 20,000 immigrants to passengers were well educated

The ships were about feet wide, which is basketball court, and

The journey averaged about three months. Most passengers slept in hammocks hanging from ceiling timbers, or on pallets lying on the deck. Cooking was done with open fires on the deck, with a fare including salted meat and fish, dried peas, oatmeal, biscuits, cheese and potatoes. Livestock made the passage too—usually dozens of horses, cows, sheep and goats traveled with passengers, making for a smelly trip. What about water? Enough water was brought along for cooking. But for drinking, beer was the beverage of choice. Ships

carried far more beer than water. (Don't let fool you.) That's because much safer than drinking that drinking water could drinking beer generally because microbes—

which in the 1630s nobody knew about—thrived in 17th Century water, but not in beer. So maybe the journey wasn't so bad after all?



JOHN DAVID MERWIN

One of the most stalwart and delightful Ohio. John David Merwin, 91, was born in a distinguished career in law and politics. He served in the legislature and later as Lt. Governor, when he was elected Governor in 1958. John David was well liked by all of The Islands ethnic groups, a charming man to those of us in MMA came from our organization. John David was awarded the Bronze Star and French Croix de Guerre again during the Korean War. We will remember him at our July reunion this summer in Milford.



members of MMA died March 17, 2013, in the Virgin Islands. John David had a distinguished career as a senator in The Virgin Islands legislature. The Eisenhower Administration appointed him to the position because of his warm relationship with the Islands and his testimony to the erudite, interesting, and to know. He was a long time vice president of MMA and a WWII artillery captain and was awarded the Silver Star, and served our nation with honor.

MMA Family News

Births

Daniel William Taylor Merwin, born June 1, 2011. His father is Robertson Merwin, and grandparents are Miles & Jane Merwin.

Fiorella Caprice Cabibbo, born February 17, 2010 in Louisville, CO. Her parents are Joseph G. & Leah Cabibbo, and grandmother is Ruby Murwin Cabibbo.

Noah Reed Aiken, born April 21, 2012, in Albany, NY. His parents are Russell James & Kasey Moran Aiken, and grandparents William & Pamela Aiken.

Margo Elizabeth Merwin, born August 16, 2011. Her parents are James B. & Elizabeth Merwin and grandparents are Ernie & Becky Merwin.

Caleb James Merwin, born April 27, 2012 to Jeffrey & Ashley Merwin.

Jackson Lloyd Merwin, born August 12, 2012, to Hollis & Leila Merwin. His grandparents are Lee & Betty Merwin.

Marriages

Kimberly Elaine Merwin married Christopher Michael Mann June 4, 2010, in Las Vegas, NV. She is the daughter of Thomas Lamont & Sharon Merwin and granddaughter of Gerald Albert and Edna Merwin.

Megan Taylor Merwin married Matthew Wallenberg July 2, 2011. She is the daughter of Robert William Merwin and niece of Margaret Merwin Tabor.

Jeffrey E. Merwin married Ashley Sims July 9, 2011.

Hilary Ewing married Jeff Christanell September 17, 2011 in Decatur, GA.

Deaths

Margaret Merwin Hewson, June 24, 2012, Sudbury Ontario. She was the daughter of Ben & Dorothy Merwin and sister of Miles Merwin, Ben F. Merwin and Mary Jane Christakos, and wife of Beale W. Hewson.

Deaths, continued

Rodney Woodworth, April 26, 2012.

David H. Merwin, February 9, 2012.

Clifton Birchard, June 26, 2011, uncle of Jessie Carr.

Andrew T. Leiser, May 16, 2011, husband of Shirley J. Merwin Leiser.

Evelyn Ruth Pearson Merwin, March 9, 2013 in Doylestown, PA. She was the wife of W. Lincoln Merwin and mother of W. Lincoln Merwin, III. She was a longtime resident of Milford, CT, where she was a school teacher and headmistresses.

John Henry Merwin, February 20, 2013, in Lebanon, NH. He was the son of Augustus White & Eleanor Treadwell Merwin and husband of Martha Poole Merwin. As noted in a prominent news /obituary published in *The New York Times* February 27, 2013, John Merwin was a nationally known fisherman and author. He founded Rod & Reel Magazine, a consumer magazine, and also Fly Tackle Dealer, a trade publication. For many years he was an editor and writer for *Field & Stream Magazine*. John Henry authored or edited many books on trout fishing, including *The New American Guide Trout Fishing*, which *The New York Times* reported to be a classic work, in the views of many outdoor writers. In *Field & Stream Magazine's* tribute, a former editor wrote "On the river, he was an artist and teacher, one who could explain succinctly why your casting stunk, as well as what you didn't understand about work and life. In truth, he only played the curmudgeon: he was a patient, gentle teacher. "

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