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MILES MERWIN (1623-1697) ASSOCIATION
 2009 Reservation Form
 July 17, 2010

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2009 Meeting One of Best Ever Washington D. C. is set for 2010

We enjoyed the company of a large group of MMA members including an unusually large contingent of young members and a couple of new ones.

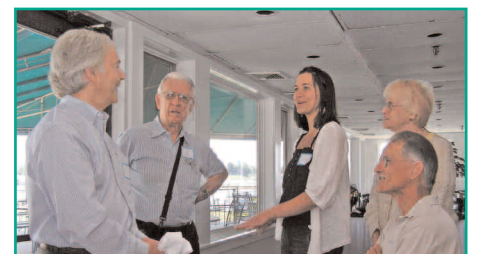
We were joined by the largest turn out of Directors that we've seen in years.

I want to thank all who attended for making the day memorable. What a good looking family! The photos don't do you justice.



We have booked the Bretton Woods Recreation Center for our July 17 luncheon and meeting. Many will recall that we have met there several times during the last decade. It was formally the Bretton Woods Club, founded by the IMF after WWII. Our past president and mentor, the late Charles Merwin, was part of those IMF efforts from

its inception. The Club has quite a past. Directions to the Club, which overlooks the Potomac River, are on Dr. John D. Merwin's excellent web site, (www.merwin.org). Dr. John overhauled and redesigned the website this past year. I urge you to bring it up now and then to stay informed or communicate with any of the MMA officers. I hope that you will decide to pick the July meeting as a great opportunity to see our nation's capitol. We visit about once a year and suggest that you take the family to the relatively new Visitors Center behind the Capitol, the Museum and the WWII monument. All are eye popping experiences. Everything in the District is worthwhile but these three are the newest.



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EVENTS:
 The MMA Board will meet Friday, July 16 at 4:00 PM

Friday, July 16, 2010
 Dinner
 7:00 PM

Meeting and Reunion
 Saturday, July 17, 2010
 10:30
 Bretton Woods Club

See
www.merwin.org
 for latest information



CONNECTICUT STATE ARCHEOLOGIST UNEARTH'S FACTS ABOUT EARLY FAMILIES

The erudite and always entertaining Dr. Nick Bellantoni spoke to the MMA about his discoveries of lives, and deaths, in early Connecticut settlements. Dr. Nick's findings are acquired primarily as a result of University of Connecticut and State sponsored excavations. They are always interesting and frequently eye opening.

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Dr. Bellantoni discussed issues of the 17th century such as public health policies, which included the digging up of vampires and burning of witches. He wryly suggested that one generation's science may be perceived as superstition to a later one and that we should be informed, cautious and critical of our own science. Future generations may look back on our policies and judge them as misguided or even superstitious too!

He began with the archeological beginnings of the state's topography and its earliest inhabitants. In an environment that is rich in buried artifacts and cultures, he is often called out when public or private developments unearth artifacts of antiquity. Moving quickly, Dr. Nick's team will determine the initial value of the find and determine whether a formal dig site will be required. Afterwards they will study their collections in the laboratory and add their findings to the State historical records.

Dr. Nick left us with a teaser. He told us that he was working on a project for the History Channel and he would be traveling to Europe as part of the project. He went on to say that until production was complete he wasn't at liberty to elaborate.

Several months later I found a press release from **The Guardian** ~ September 28, 2009

*New DNA tests show that a skull long thought to be Adolf Hitler's is not his after all. Scientists at the University of Connecticut conducted tests on the bullet-pierced skull — which had been secretly preserved for decades by Soviet intelligence — and discovered that it belonged to an unidentified woman under 40, the British newspaper, **The Guardian**, reported Sunday.*

*The results cast doubt on the long-held account that the Nazi dictator swallowed a cyanide pill and then committed suicide in his Berlin bunker as Allied forces were closing in on him in 1945. The story of the testing was also reported in a History Channel documentary, **Hitler's Escape**.*

University of Connecticut archaeologist and bone specialist Nick Bellantoni knew from the outset that something was amiss. "The bone seemed very thin; male bone tends to be more robust," he said. "and the sutures where the skull plates come together seemed to correspond to someone under 40," Hitler had turned 56 in 1945.

Bellantoni had flown to Moscow to inspect the skull and was given one hour to take DNA samples. The testing was conducted in Connecticut. ❖



The Latest Reported Marriages and Miscellaneous Information

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Deaths

(#4968a) Sharon Elizabeth (Reeves) Neese died 3 May 2004, at her home in Sacramento, California. She was the wife of Richard D. Neese and daughter of Robert and Doris (Holmes) Reeves (#4968). The death was reported by her sister, Lorell Hardaker (#4968b). Her grandparents were Lester and Sarah (Merwin) Holmes.

Leland D. Cobb reported the death of William Scoville on 20 December 2005. Bill was the husband of Cora Ann Terry, daughter of Myra Grace Merwin (#4921). Bill was accosted and brutally beaten by three thugs in a robbery attempt at his bookstore in Elmhurst, Illinois. He was 78 years old. Bill and Cora Ann had celebrated their 50 years of marriage in April 2005.

William Edwin Tirk (#4002) passed away 10 December 2006. He was born 31 August 1917. His wife, Mildred (Turner) Tirk, preceded him on 24 January 2003. They had no children. This was reported by his sister, Ann Adams, of Hartwick, NY.

David Smithouser reported that his mother, Anna Smithouser (#3049,f,1) passed away 27 January 2005. She was 78 years of age being born on 23 January 1927. She died of pancreatic cancer and was in residence at her son's under the care of hospice. Earl L. Smithouser, Anna's husband, had been ill and was also living with David when he fell in the bathroom and suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. After being on life support for a period, he passed away on 16 November 2005.

(#4490,a) Shirley Yvonne Kutzacher reported that her husband, Howard Kutzscher, born 2 June 1925, passed away at home in Gilboa, NY, 30 May 2006.

Thomas L. Merwin reported that his mother, Edna E. Merwin, the widow of (#5030) Gerald A. Merwin passed away 16 November 1990.

Marilyn M. Stone (#5313) reported that Ruth (Stevens) Merwin died 22 April 2006, in Sharon Hospital, Sharon, Connecticut. Ruth was the wife of (#5311) Alan Dewey Merwin.

Ruth Rohwasser reported that (#2424b) Steven Charles Rohwasser born 2 October 1943, in Troy, NY, died 16 May 2005, of cancer at his home in East Groonbush, NY. He was buried at Chester Rural Cemetery, Chestertown, NY. Steven graduated in 1961, from Glen Falls, NY, high school and from Siena College, Loudonville, NY, in 1975, with a B.B.A. degree. He was employed in the automotive industry most of his adult life. Survivors include his wife, Linda (Kotorum) Rohwasser, his daughters, Sara (Rohwasser) Colello, Megan Rohwasser, and his parents, George and Ruth Rohwasser of Glen Falls, NY. He was predeceased by his sister, Barbara (Rohwasser) Cienen (#2424a).

Linda L. Rohwasser reported the her mother-in-law (#2424,2 Vol. I, p. 371), Ruth Elizabeth (Brown) Rohwasser, passed away at age 89 on 1 May 2007. Her husband is George F. Rohwasser. They married 1 March 1952, and had two children.

Dorothy (Merwin) Summerlin (#5423) married M.I. Summerlin 28 November 1935, and had six children. She was born 10 February 1916, in Port Arthur, Texas. She died 13 June 2006, in Austin, Texas. She is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Luverne, Alabama. Her death was reported by Phillip Summerlin (#6612).

(#5696) Lynn Ann (Remmel) Jacobi reported the death of Jean (Jeanne) Marie (Mary) (Schutte) Jacobi on 22 September 2006, and her husband, Wilfried Jacobi on 28 May 2001. She also reported Hazel Fern (Merwin) Remmel (#4532) who was born 1 April 1911, as passing away on 27 January 2002. Hazel's husband, Ralph John Remmel, born 28 December 1908, died 23 November 1998. They were married 8 June 1935, and had four children. Hazel was the daughter of Benjamin Pierce and Anna (Proeser) Merwin.

(#4102b) Ruth (Merwin) MacMaster reported the death of her husband, (Ed) Marshall E. MacMaster on 15 January 2007. Ed was born 26 March 1917, the son of Joseph and Irene (Birkins) MacMaster. Ruth and Ed had a double wedding with her sister, Joyce (Merwin) and James Hurd on 18 June 1949.

Dorothy Bell Buel (#4503) married Alan Clark Graham 30 December 1942. Alan was born 12 November 1920, at Herkimer, NY, and died 15 June 2005, after a four-month stay in the hospital and a few weeks at home. They had been married 62 years.

Mary Ellen Frazier (#1190,b,1) reported the death of her husband, Dick D. Frazier on 30 June 2006, at his home in Kountz, Texas. He was born 22 August 1923, in Liberty County, Texas. They were married on 14 August 1951, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lloyd Fraser Tweedy born 28 January 1926, died 24 March 2005. He was the husband of Alice (Merwin) Tweedy (#4259).

Eileen C. (Merwin) Davis (#4936) reported the death of her husband, Ellis W. Davis. He died 31 October 2001.

Margaret Anne (Pool) Burns (#6621) reported the death of her aunt, Ruth (Merwin) Lyday (#5426) on 15 October 2003, in Port Arthur, TX. Ruth's parents were Floyd Charles Merwin and Vera Inez (Ware). Her husband, Orlan Edgar (Pete) Lyday is still living in Port Arthur, TX.

Rosemary (Brown) Merwin reported the death 7 January 2005, of her husband (#4853-04) Allan Paul Merwin born 16 September 1943, in New Orleans, LA. They were married 12 August 1967 in Baton Rouge, LA.

Rosemary Merwin also reported the death of Cecile (Wuertz) Merwin, the wife of (#4853-02) Edwin Charles Merwin. She died 2 May 2005. Edwin died 18 December 1993.

A former MMNA Board member, David L. Trafton (#3983,a,1) reported the death of his mother, (#3973,a) Mary Elizabeth Lewis 13 June 2008. She was born 28 August 1912. She married David Calvin Trafton 7 August 1936. He preceded her in death in 1980. Mary E. Trafton was a descendant of Jesse Merwin (#598) through her grandmother, Catherine Merwin (#2760).

(#5033) Ruth Thelma Bitting Hamm born 3 July 1915, in Torrington, Wyoming, and died 12 July 2008, in Illinois. She married James Justin Hamm 22 July 1936. She was a long-time member of the Daughter of the American Revolution. She served as Registrar General NSDAR from 1983-1986 was a Vice-President General from 1969-1972, and State Regent of Illinois from 1967-1969. She was a member of the Letita Green Stevenson Chapter in Illinois. She received many awards from other national organizations. ❖