

# Mercer, PA

## SMALL HISTORIC TOWNS ACROSS AMERICA.

As presented by Mr. Stadt's on-line Freedom Project Education U.S. History classes in the Fall and Winter of 2014. You can learn more about our classes by visiting us at: [www.fpeusa.org](http://www.fpeusa.org).

### A brief history lesson

Mercer PA was named after a close friend of George Washington, who was named Brigadier General Hugh Mercer. It was created on March 12, 1800, and it had a population of 3,228. By 1990 it had a population of 12,003.

The town of Mercer has had three court houses. The first, which was built in 1807 for about \$7,116, burnt to the ground in 1866. Fortunately, all important documents were saved from the fire. The second court house, which was built immediately after the first burnt down, cost about \$100,000. This court house also burnt down in December 1907. Again, all records and documents were saved from the fire. The current court house was built in 1909 for \$500,000.



### Mercer Government.

Mercer's Mayor (no, not the author, Mercer Mayer) is Steven Van Woert, The legislator is Ted C. Nesbit, and the sheriff is Gary Hartman. It has a great government which is set on doing the best for Mercer's people.



### Who was President when Mercer was founded? What was the political environment like?

The election of 1800 was filled with many hardships. The two main parties were the Federalists and the Republicans. Both sides thought that if the other side won, it would be the end of their brand-new nation. The Federalists wanted a stronger central government, while the Republicans wanted more power for the states. In the end it was John Adams of the Republican Party who won the election of 1800. <http://www.ushistory.org/us/20a.asp>

### Hotels.

There are many places to stay in and around Mercer. For example: Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn, Mercer Motel, Hampton Inn & Suites, Super 8, Best Western, etc.

### Interesting things to see!

Mercer, PA, has the largest (in the world) of the following things:

- Shoe store (Reyers)
- Candy store (Daffin's Chocolate)
- Off price ladies fashion store (The Winner)

Plus, Hermitage, a small city near Mercer, is home to the Avenue of Flags. Also, Sharon, which is very close to Mercer, has the only completely FREE golf course in the world!

### Airport:

Mercer is conveniently located near Venango Regional airport, a public airport located just 30 minutes away. To get from the airport to Mercer you'd only have to follow PA-8 South until you came to I-80 West, then you'd take I-80 West to Mercer. [www.flyfranklin.org](http://www.flyfranklin.org)



### Oldest building in Mercer:

The Raisch Log Cabin is one of the oldest structures in Mercer. It was discovered in 1977 when a house in Hermitage was being demolished for a new building. It was then moved first to Buhl Farm Park, and then on to Mahaney Park.

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### Why visit Mercer?

Mercer is a *great* town to visit if you're looking for a quiet, peaceful place to spend your time. It is pleasantly beautiful and it has many things to offer!