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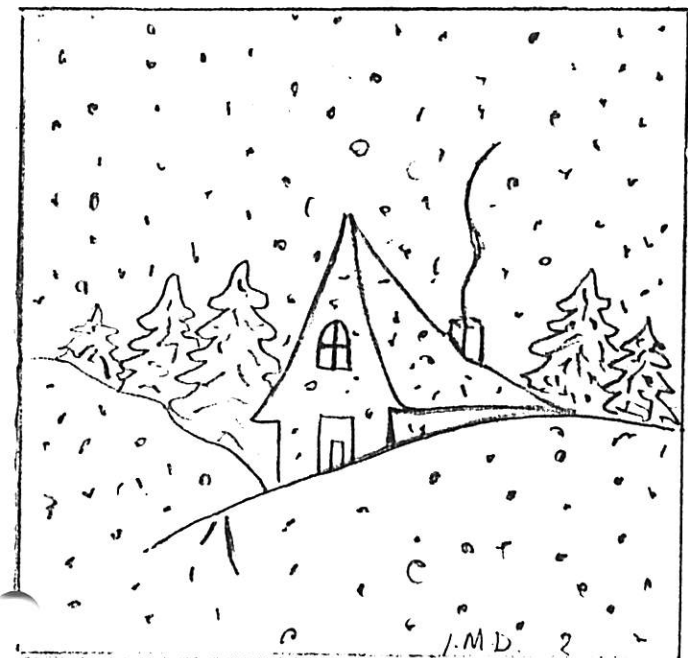
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DES MERCIER D'AMÉRIQUE



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Board of directors of AMAN wishes to all MERCIER descendants: peace, health and prosperity. May the outset of the 1990 decade bring to all of us:

- . radiative joy,*
- . gentleness toward others,*
- . achievements corresponding to reasonable expectations*

FROM PRÉSIDENT ANDRÉ

The Association of the Merciers of North America, founded in April 1985 and wisely guided since its incorporation by the past president Ernest, will begin, in 1990, its fifth year of operations.

On behalf of all members, I sincerely thank these women and men who have contributed to develop AMAN into a dynamic and progressive family association that we are proud to belong to.

During the coming year, the Board of directors will promote regional meetings in a few important localities and advocate the organization of regional Mercier committees. Through such regional structures your directors hope to reach, in a short time, the target number of one thousand members they formerly set as a desirable objective. Let us help them to consolidate AMAN by inviting our folks to join the Association. This year's motto is therefore:

Each member recruits an additional one.

André Mercier, Président

THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF AGRICULTURAL MERIT

Quebec pays special tribute
to Honoré Mercier

The province of Quebec proudly celebrated, in 1989, the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Agricultural Merit. The results obtained from this century old competition, initiated by Honoré Mercier, one of Quebec's most famous premiers (1888-1894), deserve more than a passing mention.

1. Principal objective of last years' festivities

The province of Quebec wanted to bring to the attention of its entire population the important role played by the thousands of men and women farmers in the development and constant progress of the agri-food sector of the Quebec economy.

2. Secondary objectives of the festivities

It was only fitting to stress the outstanding contribution of Honoré Mercier to the progress of agriculture in Quebec. It was he indeed who in 1888, convened a meeting of all provincial premiers in Quebec, in the course of which he reminded them that:



The comedian, Jacques Thisdale played the role of the senior Premier Honoré Mercier during the "Centenary festivities".

- "in time of peace, supplying local communities with basic food products is the joint responsibility of the farmers, the family and the provincial governments" (God helps those who help themselves).
- The responsibility for man-power training is shared equally by the family, the church and the state.
- Development of the means of communication and transport within the province is a provincial responsibility.

3. The task of organizing the festivities

Organizational activities for last years' festivities, marking the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Agricultural Merit, included the following:

- high-lighting the career and ideas of Honoré Mercier, the founder of the Order;
- presenting a special government sponsored stand at all major Agricultural Fairs in the province of Quebec;
- official presentation of special certificates of honour to the wives of the recipients of the Order, prior to 1980.

4. Programme of festivities

The various activities planned for the summer of 1989 to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order were announced by the Hon. Michel Pagé, minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in the Red Drawing Room (Salon Rouge), the very spot where Honoré Mercier, in 1889, submitted to the National Assembly a Bill establishing the Order of Agricultural Merit. These activities are intended to pay tribute to those who have contributed the most towards making the Quebec agricultural economy what it is to-day.

The comedian, Jacques Thisdale, will play the role of Honoré Mercier and will

preside at most of the projected activities. Special reunions of former members of the Order of Agricultural Merit will be organized in the five designated areas where the Order is attributed every five years, in conjunction with Agricultural Fairs held annually in Montmagny, Trois-Rivières, Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec and at MacDonald College in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

The "centenary festivities" will also include celebrations in the area where the Order of Agricultural Merit competition will be held in 1989, viz., the regions Saguenay-Lac Saint-Jean, Lower Saint-Lawrence Valley, Gaspé Peninsula and Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

The **crowning activity** will be a general gathering in the Fall of 1989 of all living recipients of the Order of Agricultural Merit.

The Quebec Museum of Civilization will hold until February 1990 an exhibition specially dedicated to the Order of Agricultural Merit for the purpose of making known to the entire population the involvement and contribution of Quebec families in the field of agriculture.

5. Results of the festivities

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Agricultural Merit has enabled the provincial government as well as several private corporations in the agri-food sector:

- to declare officially, as proven by actual statistical data, that food production on the farms of Quebec is currently worth some 3.6 billion dollars compared to a skimpy 50 million dollars on hundred years ago;
- to underline the professional and technical ability of all recipients of the Order of Agricultural Merit throughout the years. Increased efficiency in the field of agri-food production is such that the proportion of net income spent on food by the average consumer has consistently decreased since World War II. It has now reached the incredibly low level of 17%;
- to pay special tribute to the spouses of some 80 recipients of the Order, prior to 1980, and to all the women who are actively engaged in the food production sector



The honourable Honoré Mercier

The number of registered partnerships (men, women and children) in the field of agriculture is increasing at a faster rate than in any other sector of the economy.

6. The contribution of Honoré Mercier

Honoré Mercier was never a fervent supporter of the Canadian Confederation agreement. He was convinced that confederation would ultimately result in the abdication of granted powers by the provincial and municipal governments in favor of the Federal government.

The dictatorial behavior of the federal government under John A. MacDonald in the case of the **expropriation of lands of the Métis in the Canadian North West during the rebellions of 1869 to and 1885**, seemed to justify Honoré Mercier's opinion of the Canadian Confederation. Upon taking office as premier of Quebec, he nevertheless did his utmost to promote and defend the objectives of the authors of the British North America Act, the Canadian constitution. The latter officially recognizes the jurisdiction of the provinces in the fields of land ownership, natural resources, food distribution, regional development, healthy training, and education.

He thus undertook:

- to converse in Quebec City in 1888, the first conference of provincial premiers;
- to establish the Order of Agricultural Merit as a means of paying special tribute to the men and women farmers of Quebec who have the responsibility of feeding the entire population (1889);
- to grant one hundred (100) acres of timberland to the heads of families with 12 or more children (1890).

7. Honoré Mercier disappointments

Founder of the first nationalist party and a staunch believer in provincial autonomy, Honoré Mercier did not get along too well with his federal counterpart, Sir John A MacDonal. While Mercier stressed the importance of promoting the three classes of society which have molded the destiny of the human race, the **Family**, the **Church** and the **State**, MacDonal believed in a strong central authority based in Ottawa and dictating to the various provinces.

Mercier never forgot and could never forgive MacDonal's attitude towards the French Canadians as expressed in the following declaration made in November of 1885:

"He (Riel) shall die though every dog in Quebec bark in his favour"!

Mercier's ambition was the establishment of a strong French Canadian province respectful for the three classes of society: the **Family**, the **Church** and the **State**. This he would achieve through the development and exploitation of renewable resources, -- particularly the soil, -- manpower training, education and improvement of the means of communications. He would also make an all out attempt to stem the flow of French Canadian emigrants to the United States and to the return of Franco-Americans to their land of origin, the province of Quebec.

Unfortunately, in the pursuit of his objectives Honoré Mercier met with strong and organized opposition. The federalist Conservatives accused him of patronage and misappropriation of public moneys during the construction of the railway line to

the Baie des Chaleurs: it is surprising how history repeats itself after more than 100 years of so-called democratic government.

Following his efforts at encouraging the industrial development of Quebec by inviting French capitalists to invest in the province, he was accused of being an "irresponsible megalomaniac". Federal centralists considered him unpatriotic because he had dared convene a meeting of provincial premiers in Quebec City in 1888.

Uceremoniously removed from the premiership by the Lieutenant governor Angers of Québec, he was indicted, acquitted by jury and subsequently acclaimed triumphantly in Québec city and on his return to Montreal. Such treatment at the hands of his political enemies was more than his delicate physical condition could endure. He died on the 13th of October 1894, a dejected, blind and diabetic man, old at the age of 54.

8. Testimony of AMAN

AMAN wishes to express its appreciation to the Quebec government and to the Board of Directors of a few private corporations, -- particularly **MÉTRO-RICHELIEU** for their contribution to this celebration in 1989 of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Agricultural Merit.

As we enter the last decade of the twentieth century, the whole world stands in awe before the sudden collapse of Marxist and Leninist Communism. Collectivisation of agricultural production in all countries under totalitarian regimes has been almost a total failure. Communist leaders have not succeeded in feeding their hungry population. The suppression of free enterprise in the field of agriculture is utter nonsense.

AMAN rejoices at the tribute paid to Honoré Mercier, this courageous defender of private enterprise in the production and distribution of food products.

Quebec remembers! AMAN rejoices

ERNEST MERCIER

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES OF HONORÉ MERCIER (1840-1894)

His family

- 1840: Honoré, the youngest of the three sons of Jean-Baptiste Mercier and Mary Catherine Timineur known as Laflamme, was born on a farm (October 15), at St. Athanase (Iberville County).
- 1866: First marriage to Léopoldine Boivin at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, on May the 29th.
- 1871: Second marriage to Virginie St. Denis at the same location. Four children: Eva (first marriage), Elise, Henri-Honoré and Paul left descendance in Canada.

His studies and career

- 1854: Entrance to Ste. Marie College of Jésuits, Montréal.
- 1862: Chief editor of "**Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe**" and law student at the Laframboise & Papineau's lawyer's office, located in St. Hyacinthe.
- 1865: Called to the Lower Canada Bar, he opened his office at St. Hyacinthe.
- 1866: Honoré gave up journalism at "**Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe**".
- 1872: Elected as liberal member for Rouville County at the federal election.
- 1874: Honoré did not stand at the August Federal election but associated with Bourgeois to form a busy lawyer's office in St. Hyacinthe.
- 1878: He was not elected at the federal election in the St. Hyacinthe County.
- 1879: Appointed as member of the provincial Joly de Lotbinière Government, Honoré was elected liberal member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly at the partial election in St. Hyacinthe County.
- 1881: He was re-elected without opposition at the provincial election.
- 1883: Appointed Leader of the Liberal Opposition.
- 1885: Following the execution of Louis Riel in Saskatchewan, Canada, he founded and directed "**Le Parti National**" that was joined by the majority of the Liberal and many Conservative Members and voters in disagreement with the Federal Conservative party, following Riel's execution.
- 1886: Honoré was re-elected in St. Hyacinthe County.
- 1887: On January 29, he became **Premier, General Sollicitor, President of the Executive council and minister of Agriculture and Colonisation** of the Province of Quebec.
- 1890: On June 10, the Premier Mercier was elected member for Bonaventure County.
- 1891: On December 16, the **Quebec Lieutenant Governor Angers removed from office the Premier Mercier** who was accused of public funds misappropriation, indicated by the Federal MacDonald Government, acquitted by Jury and acclaimed triumphally in Quebec City and Montreal.
- 1894: Harassed by his detractors, ruined financially, suffering from progressive blindness, Honoré Mercier **died prematurely**, at the age of 54, on October 30. Close to 75 000 people attended his elaborate funeral in Montreal. He was buried in the **Côte-des-Neiges Cemetery**.

The man and his achievements

Rather short, husky, intelligent, calm, gentle looking, smiling, Honoré Mercier had a brilliant mind and a strong will. This gifted man, ardent patriote and generous, wanted to work ardently for **Canada, Quebec** and his **compatriotes**. Good organizer and eloquent speaker, this farm-born lawyer had ideas and style; could understand things and explain them clearly, elegantly in simple terms.

His main achievements are the following ones: the settling of the touchy Jesuits' question; creation of the magistrate Court in Montreal; organisation of many local evening schools, as well as the School of Arts and Trades in Quebec City; building of roads and steel bridges on rivers, protection of farmers and industrial workers;

simplification of the lengthy and costly legal procedures of the judicial system; organisation of farmers' associations; granting of a 100 acres (40 hectares) lot of public land to each couple having 12 or more children; creation of the Order of the Agricultural Merit.

He was granted many honorific distinctions: namely: Roman Count, Grand Cross of the Order of "St-Grégoire-le-Grand", "Légion d'honneur" of France, Order of Léopold (Belgium), doctorates **honoris causa** from Laval, Fordham and Georgetown.

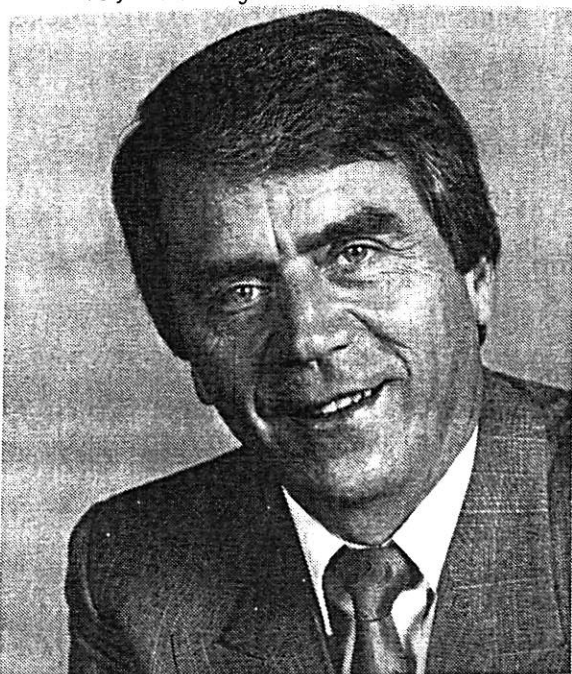
ERNEST MERCIER

FRANCOIS GENDRON IS PROUD OF HIS MERCIER'S ROOTS

Mr. François Gendron is a member of "**Le Parti Québécois**". He was first elected as the representative for "**Abitibi-Ouest**" County at "**L'Assemblée nationale du Québec**" in 1976 and re-elected for a fourth term in November 1989.

François is the third of a family of seven children whose parents migrated from the stony farmlands of "**St. Sébastien**" (Beauce-Frontenac County), adjoining the American frontier, in the early forties, to go and settle on fertile land (La Sarre), in the Abitibi District. His parents, Odilon Gendron and Marguerite Mercier, have lived the hard life of pioneer settlers while rising their family in colonization territories.

François' father, who became carpenter by necessity, died suddenly in 1961 at the age of 45, two day before Christmas.



The honourable François Gendron

The oldest boys, including François, had to work to help the rest of the family and earn their own living and education. One of them became lawyer and judge, another one medical doctor and François, school teacher. All the children had lots of initiative and wanted to master their own destiny.

Before entering politics in 1976, François was greatly involved in associations of all kinds, including municipal councilor and regional liaison agent for **l'Université du Québec**.

During his first nine years of service at the National Assembly, (1976-1985), he was assigned various political functions: assistant party whip, member of the **Treasury Board** and the **Priorities' Committee**. He became "**Ministre-délégué**" to **Regional Development**, **Human Resource Board** and promoted successively **Minister of the Public Function** and **Minister of Education**.

Between 1985-1990, he was Assistant-Leader of the Opposition, member of various commissions: **Budget and Administration**, **Education** and responsible of important files: **Higher Education**, **Electoral Reform** and **Parliamentary Reform**.

François Gendron is immensely devoted to the people of his constituency. Many eulogistic testimonies have been made public by various County organizations. **Simplicity**, **availability**, **humbleness** and **total engagement** are the main characteristics of this valuable member of the Mercier family.

Bravo! the Merciers are proud of you François.
Long life in politics.

Condensed by Ernest Mercier from a text prepared by Isabelle Mercier-Dufour.

LAURENT MERCIER LEAVES A CHAIRMANSHIP TO TAKE AN OTHER ONE



Laurent Mercier

On March 29, 1989, a distinguished chicken producer, Mr. Laurent Mercier of St-Esprit (Montcalm county), has been appointed, chairman of the Canadian Broilers Marketing Board. He is the first producer located in Québec to assume that important function.

Laurent Mercier left the chairmanship of the Québec Federation of Poultry Producer after 13 years of service. He was involved in the Provincial Joint Marketing Plan since its early beginnings in 1971.

Congratulations and best wishes, Laurent.

P.S. Additional information on Laurent's family are found on page 469 of the book "Mercier depuis des siècles".

THE MERCIERS OF ALBERTA REMEMBER

Moved by the enthusiasm of Mrs. Lucienne Mercier Croteau (Bonnyville), two other distinguished ladies from Alberta have decided to fill their own family genealogical family record and that of their children. They are: Mrs. Blanche Mercier Brault (9728, 142 Street, Edmonton, T5N 2N1) and Mrs. Marguerite Mercier-Irwin (St-Vincent, TOA 3B0).

Bravo! In the modern world, women have assumed the responsibility of keeping the family records in good shape.



Mrs. Marguerite Mercier Irwin with her husband in the early thirties.

NOËL MERCIER APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF AMAN

In concordance with the resolution past at the 1989 annual meeting, the Board of directors has appointed the 11th director of AMAN. Noël Mercier, 1380, Leblanc, Sillery (Québec), G1T 2G7, tél. (418) 527-8646, will assume the responsi-

lity of recruiting new members. Noël is deeply interested in genealogy and family history. Congratulations Noël and welcome in the upper ranks of the Merciers "tribu".

HAS YOUR ADDRESS BEEN CHANGED RECENTLY ?

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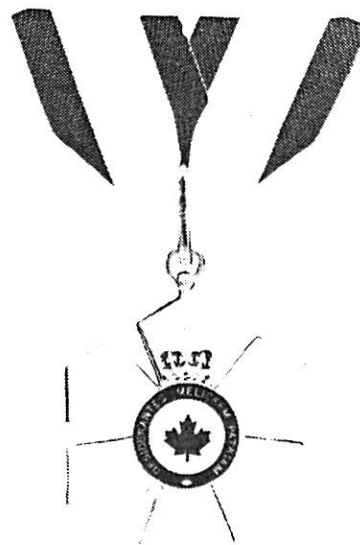
DISTINCTION HONORIFIQUE -- HONORARY DISTINCTION

Le président-fondateur de l'AMAN, Ernest Mercier, devient officier de l'Ordre du Canada (premier juillet 1989).

Ernest Mercier, the first president and founder of AMAN is appointed Officer in the Order of Canada (July First 1989).



Insigne - Decoration



Devise -- Motto
Desiderantes meliorem Patriam
"Ils aspirent à une patrie
meilleure"
"They desire a better
country"

18 octobre 1989 -- October 18, 1989

Mention officielle -- Official reference

L'un des plus grands mérites de cet ancien sous-ministre de l'Agriculture du Québec est sans doute d'avoir guidé la province vers une agriculture moderne, scientifique et industrielle en encourageant, entre autres, la réorganisation de l'enseignement supérieur agronomique. Par la suite, il a mis ses connaissances et son expérience en aménagement rural et en développement agro-alimentaire au service des pays du Tiers-Monde et d'organismes bénévoles comme la Fondation canadienne contre la faim.

One of the greatest achievements of this former Quebec Deputy Minister of Agriculture is undoubtedly the fact that he guided the province toward a modern, scientific and industrialized agricultural system by encouraging, among other things, the reorganization of higher education in the field of agronomy. He subsequently put his knowledge and experience in rural management and food and agriculture development to work for Third World countries and volunteer organizations such as the Canadian Hunger Foundation.

To Ernest W. Mercier, USA

Quebec, October 21, 1989

Dear Ernest W.

Enclosed is a copy of your filiation with
ir common ancestor Mercier from Sainte-
Anne-de-Baupré.

You have cousins at the fourth generation
living in Victoriaville and Châteauguay,
Québec (see pages 448-449 and 450-451) of
my book "Mercier depuis des siècles".

You will be interested in the history of
our ancestral couple, Jullien Mercier and
Marie Poulain (pages 63-165 and
particularly pages 85-95) dealing more
specifically with the part of Jullien's
land concession that was owned by your line
of Merciers until about 1780.

I would very much appreciate receiving all
the information you may have in addition to
that you already sent me last May. Thank
you in anticipation.

Best regards

Ernest from Québec

January 3, 1990

To Ernest Mercier

Québec City

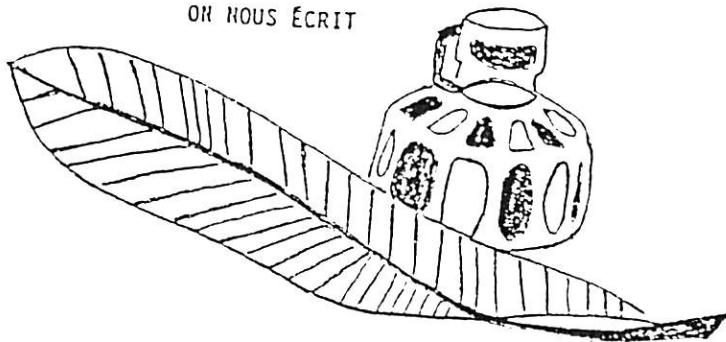
Dear Ernest,

Thank you for the filiation regarding our
ancestor Mercier from Sainte-Anne-de-
Baupré.

Now I believe that the ancestral listing
is complete. However, I have no way to
verify this listing, and request your
assistance to verify it's accuracy or
authenticity.

Now I believe that the ancestral listing
is complete. However, I have no way to

OR NOUS ÉCRIT



verify this listing, and request your
assistance to verify it's accuracy or
authenticity.

At the time I received your letter asking
for more information, I was at a loss as
to what could be done, as I had furnished
all my information.

At the time of the 1987 Reunion we visited
my cousin Benoît Mercier in Gentilly.
Because of the language barrier it was
difficult to communicate. However, his
daughter Claire helped because she could
speak english.

Not knowing where to obtain more informa-
tion for you, I contacted Benoît who had
received his Titre d'ascendance report and
requested a copy. When his copy was
received I then deleted his father's name
(Ernest) and substituted the name of my
father, Adloph-his brother.

Your verification of our Titre d'ascendan-
ce would be greatly appreciated. Also I
wish to thank you for all of your past
help and attention.

Sincerely,

Ernest W. Mercier

1438, Rockdale St.

Green Bay W1 54304

THANKS TO MEMBERS

Sincere thanks to all members who have sent their good wishes to the past president
Ernest, namely:

Name

Place

Mme Huguette Beauchesne

Victoriaville, Québec

Mmes Alcée et Lynn Lapointe

Mississauga, Ontario

M. et Mme Joseph Norbert Mercier

Californie, USA

M. et Mme Roger Mercier

Mont-Brun, Abitibi, Québec

Mme Lucienne Mercier-Croteau

Bonnyville, Alberta

Mme Mercier-Irwin

Saint-Vincent, Alberta

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Entrelacs, Québec

Mme Céline Mercier-Langevin

Sherbrooke, Québec

Mme Jeannine Michaud-Mercier

Charlesbourg, Québec

Mme Cécile Michaud et M. Laurent Mercier

St-Esprit (Montcalm), QC

THE QUEBEC'S URSULINES REMEMBER

The Ursulines nuns from France arrived at "Kébec" on August 1st, 1639. They have heartily commemorated last year the 350th anniversary of their coming to New France.

The commemoration of the arrival of Marie de l'Incarnation, accompanied by Madame de la Peltrie and Sieur de Montmagny took place on July 31st, 1989. The transportation by schooner of the three important newcomers from the west land of the Orleans Island to the "Vieux-Port" of Quebec City corresponded to what happened 350 years ago.

The large gathering presided by Mrs. Jeanne Sauv , Governor General of Canada, included the Mass celebration in the agora amphitheatre of the "Vieux-Port" by Cardinal Vachon of Quebec City.

The Ursulines have organized two exhibitions on their performance: one labeled "Women of Apostleship" at les "Vo tes du Palais" and the other one headed: "Augustines and Ursulines, already 350 years" at "Le Mus e de la Civilisation" of Quebec City.

Participants admired the achievements of those dedicated women who, for over 350 years, keep on educating young girls and caring of sick people. They were able to procure themselves a recipe book revealing the secrets of the Ursulines kitchens.

Congratulations and thanks to Sister Rita Coulombe and her devoted partners who have organized the program of activities commemorating the 350th anniversary of the coming of the Ursulines nuns in New France.



Sr. Rita Coulombe, the mother superior of the Monastery, rue du Parloir, Quebec City, in front of the monument erected to Marie de l'Incarnation.

Sister Rita Coulombe is a grand-daughter of Pierre-Octave Mercier and C lina Mailoux who were married on July 22nd, 1851 in Quebec City. The photo of her maternal grandfather appears on the cover of the book entitled "Mercier depuis des si cles". Additional information on Sister Rita Coulombe's folks can be found on pages 383 and 384 of the above mentioned book (Information supplied by Jacqueline Coulombe of Quebec City).

MERCIER'S TRIP TO FRANCE

The 2nd Mercier's trip to France is planned for the first fortnight of September. If you are interested, please communicate with Ernest Mercier, 910 des Braves, Qu bec, Qu bec G1S 3C6; Tel: (418) 688-9820.

If the number of Mercier and friends does not reach 42, other families whose ancestor came from Tourouvre will be invited to join the participants to the trip overseas.

Décès - Deaths

Condoléances aux familles Mercier dont l'un des membres est décédé récemment.

Condolences to Mercier families that have lost a member recently.

<u>Nom - Name</u>	<u>Inhumation - Burial</u>	<u>Endroit - Place</u>
Jeanne-D'Arc Mercier	1988-08-27	Saint-Jean-Chrysostôme
Arthur Mercier	1989-03-13	Rimouski
Anne-Marie Gravel-Mercier	1989-10-14	Château-Richer, Québec
Hermance Boisseau-Mercier	1989-11-04	Baie-Comeau, Québec
Colette Mercier-Dallaire	1989-11-20	Sainte-Foy, Québec
Flôrent Mercier	1989-11-25	Lévis-Lauzon, Québec
Thomas Mercier	1989-12-09	Saint-Damien, (Bellechasse)

Death of AMAN's first secretary

Mrs. Colette Mercier Dallaire, the first secretary of AMAN (1885-1986), past away after a long sickness on November 21, 1989. Fond of genealogy and family history, this middle-age lady has helped the President Ernest to launch the "**Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord**". AMAN offers to his husband, Mr. Roger Dallaire, teacher, and the relatives of this charming couple its most sincere sympathy.



Colette Mercier-Dallaire

AMAN's annual meeting -- 1990

The **general annual meeting** will takeplace probably at Sherbrooke, on Sunday, August 19, 1990. Please, reserve this weekend to visit the Eastern township Region. Details concerning the program of activities will be found in the April and July issues of **Le Mercien**.

Descendants of Jean Mercier

The author of "**Mercier depuis des siècles**" pages 270-287 wants to know more about the descendants of **Jean Mercier** who came from Bordeaux, France, and settled at Nouvelle-Orléans, USA, in 1765. Those Merciers are likely living in Louisiana and California. Alfred Mercier (1816-1894) grand-son of Jean, wrote a book entitled "**L'Habitation Saint- Ybars**", edited by Reginald Hamel (Guerin littérature) that eulogizes the marriage of American and French cultures.

Descendants of Jullien Mercier

Two sons of Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain, namely **Louis** and **Jean**, probably have descendants in the Mississippi Valley. The couple Joseph-Marie Mercier and Suzanne Mailhot lived apparently at Fort de Chartres, Randolph Co., Illinois. Jean- François, half brother of Joseph-Marie lived at Cahokia and died there in 1735.

The couple Jean Mercier (grand nephew of Louis) and Marie Barret lived at Kaskaskia, near Utica, Illinois.

Any descendant of the above mentioned couples are invited to communicate with Ernest Mercier, 910, av. des Braves, Québec, (Québec) Canada G1S 3C6.

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du *Mercien* à:

MEMBERSHIP FEE AND ANNUAL DUES COLLECTION

AMAN is making a great effort to recruit new members and to induce those who have formerly belonged to the Association to pay their annual dues.

AMAN needs money:

- . First, to pay its annual dues -- one dollar (1\$) per member per year -- to "**La Fédération des familles souches québécoises Inc.**" for numerous services rendered to individual associations;
- . Second, to return to regional organizations approved by AMAN part of the money collected. That is to say one sixth -- two dollars (2\$) -- for each new member recruited and one twelfth -- one dollar (1\$) -- for the collection of the annual dues from actual members of the Association.

ENGLISH VERSION OF LE MERCIEN

Please, tell your anglophone folks that "**Le Mercien**" is now available in English. There is no reason why the Merciers who do not understand French could not join and remain members of AMAN. Recruit newcomers to help maintaining the membership fee low.

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