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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the beginning of a new year, I wish to all Merciers and allies, on behalf of every member of the Board of directors, a Prosperous and Happy New Year. May 1991 be profitable from every standpoint to all of you. Consolidating the structures and increasing the number of paid-up members remain two of the main AMAN's objectives to be emphasized throughout the year. During 1990 the consolidation of structures has been realized namely by: reinforcing the Mercier club of Alberta; establishing a regional committee in the Bois Franc region; merging the secretary and treasurer's functions and hiring on a part time basis a lady who looks after some daily tasks of our family association. In 1991, steps will be taken to consolidate AMAN's structures in the following regions: Montréal, Québec, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivières, Valleyfield, Ottawa, Beauce, New England and perhaps Toronto.

The annual family gathering and members' assembly will take place in Québec City during the weekend of August 17 and 18. That important get together in the old Capital City will help AMAN's management to finalize the organization of the fairly large Mercier gathering that will take place in "Sainte-Hélène" Island, on August 18-19, 1992 at the occasion of the 350th founding anniversary of Montréal.

With respect to increasing the membership, each one of you is respectfully invited to participate first by paying your annual dues for 1991. Your help is greatly needed to bring back ancient and recruit new members in your locality. (See page 11, MESSAGE)

Last summer, descendants of the pioneer couple, Joseph Mercier and Emilie Mailhot from Bonnyville, Alberta visited "Le Domaine de Maizarets" where their ancestor Jullien worked 341 years ago. From left to right: Dianne Croteau Sylvestre, Irene Croteau, past president and guide Ernest Mercier, Lucienne M. Croteau and Paul Croteau. (Photo taken by Sr Jeannette Croteau, July 1990).

From July the 22nd to October the 18th 1649 Jullien Mercier worked for Michel Huppé known as LaCroix who was then developing the Seignior "Notre-Dame-des-Anges" owned since 1626 by the Jesuits in Québec City. "Le Domaine de Maizerets" is now the property of Québec City.



LINEAGE OF MERCIERS FROM QUEBEC WHO SETTLED IN ILLINOIS (U.S.A.) BEFORE 1760

A study published by Rénald Lessard and his colleagues (2) cites as an example the case of several Mercier Pioneers who left Québec to settle further in the South, in the territory of the Illinois. This territory was formerly a part of New France but, with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1783, it became one part of the most important rural states in the U.S.A. Several facts and heroic deeds compiled and reported by the author of "**Mercier depuis des siècles**" (1987), supplement this rather fascinating anecdote.

Jean-Paul Mercier (1694 - 1753)

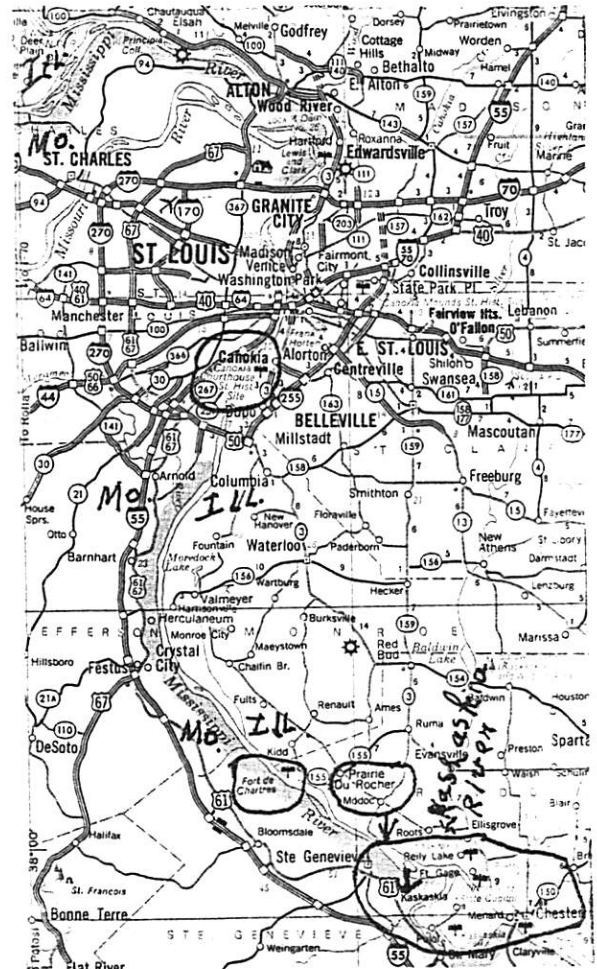
The first male Mercier from Québec to establish residence in the land of the Illinois was the Reverend Jean Paul Mercier. He was the son of the locksmith Louis Mercier and Anne Jacquereau and the grandson of the original pioneer couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain, whose marriage was blessed in the home of Robert Giguier (Giguère) in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on January 18th, 1654.

Born on the first of August 1694, Jean Paul Mercier entered "Le Petit Séminaire de Québec" (secondary school for seminarists) on the 23rd of June, 1710 and was ordained to the priesthood by Mgr de Saint-Vallier (La Croix) in 1718, after eight years of preparation. Shortly after his ordination, Jean Paul set out for the land of the Illinois. At the time, "Le Séminaire de Québec" was actively engaged since 1699 in the establishment and development of the Holy Family Mission in Cahokia (East St. Louis) the diminutive homeland of the American Indians "Tamarois", situated along the shores of the Cahokia Creek, a small tributary of the Mississippi River, some 15 miles down stream from the mouth of the Missouri River. The mission was, at that time, possibly the only mission developed and maintained by the Primatial Church of Québec south of the 45th parallel. After 35 years of dedication and hard work, Father Jean Paul died and was buried in Cahokia on March 30th, 1753. He also ministered to the population

of "Fort-de-Chartres" established in 1717.

Dorothee Mercier

The first Mercier woman, to establish residence in the land of the Illinois was Dorothee Mercier, a first cousin of Father Jean Paul. This younger daughter of Jean Mercier and Barbe Monmainier (Montmeunier) was the grand daughter of the original pioneer couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain. She was married on the 16th of May 1718 to Pierre Chabot, lord of Kaskaskia and former husband of Symphrose Tapakoe, deceased. The marriage contract was signed in the presence of Father Antoine Chabot, pastor of "Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré", and committed to the care of Notary Verreau. (Part of the latter's notes for the 13th of May 1718). Kaskaskia was an indian mission located south of Fort-de-Chartres and Prairie-du-Rocher, Illinois. It was



ministered to by the Jesuits since its establishment by Marquette in 1675.

Jean-Baptiste Mercier

On May 11th 1718, the reverend Antoine Chabot, pastor at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, --was he related to Pierre Chabot?--joined in holy matrimony Jean Baptiste Mercier and Marie Baret (Barette). Jean is the brother of Dorothee. His wife was the daughter of Pierre Baret, an army lieutenant, and Marie Marguerite Bélanger (Bellenger), deceased.

Jean Mercier has previously been granted, on August 29th 1712, a lot of land within the parish of St. François-du-Sud (county of Montmagny) situated approximately 500 meters east of the actual church. The official declaration and enumeration of his holdings, registered by the lord of the "Seigneurie de Berthier-Bellechasse", in 1724, reveals that this third generation couple, Jean Mercier and Marie Baret were not, at that time, farming their granted lot in the parish of "Saint-François-du-Sud".

Jean had in fact settled in the land of the Illinois several years earlier, at least some time prior to 1718. The couple had four children, all born and baptised in Kaskaskia. Two of their children died at an early age. Two sons, Jean Baptiste, born on July 18th 1719, and Jacques, born April 29, 1726, survived.

Jean-François Mercier (1699-1769)

Jean François Mercier, a third generation Mercier from Québec, was the brother of Father Jean Paul Mercier. He was born in Québec on the 23rd of March 1699. He first journeyed to the land of the Illinois in 1725 but shortly after, he returned to his native city of Québec and was married in Sainte-Foy to Catherine Lafontaine on February 17th 1726. Some time between 1732 and 1735, after having sold his father's estate with his sister Marguerite Mercier-Loiseau, he returned to the land of the Illinois with his wife and children.

In 1735, the Reverend Jean Paul Mercier drew up himself, or had somebody else draw, the plans of the **Holy Family Mission**. Jean François

Mercier was then farming his own lot in Illinois. The census of 1752 shows him as the only person bearing the title "Sieur". With the help of his wife, his three children and four black slaves, he was then cultivating some 70 arpents in the Seigniorship of the Tamarois. Furthermore, he carried the title of **traveling merchant**, as shown in some official documents of that period. He died in 1769 or 1770 at Cahokia.

Joseph-François Mercier (1706-)

Joseph François Mercier is the son of Louis Mercier and Louise Simon (third marriage). He was born in Québec on March 13th, 1706 and was married there on the first of October 1729 to Elizabeth Dupras (Prat). Recognized as a qualified locksmith he was hired to work in the western Mission on the 29th of September 1730. Where did he settle in Illinois? Possibly in the vicinity of his cousin Jean Mercier's farm in Kaskaskia. Nobody knows for sure. At that time, the "west" meant all territory located west of Montréal. The way to go to "Fort-de-Chartres" was the Ottawa River as far as Sudbury today, then la "Rivière-des-Français", the lakes Huron and Michigan as far as Chicago (today), then the "Rivière-des-Plaines" and the "Rivière-des-Illinois" as far as the Mississippi River.

Louis Mercier, Jr. (1708-)

Louis Mercier, junior, was also born of the third marriage of Louis Mercier and Marie Louise Simon. Born in Québec on May 25th 1708, he married Marie Anne Roy in Longueuil (Chaumont) on March 23rd 1729. Shortly after, the young couple decided to join their many relatives and emigrated to the land of the Illinois.

Joseph-Marie Mercier (1720-)

Joseph Marie Mercier, another son of Louis Mercier and Marie Louise Simon, rejoined his relatives in Illinois around 1743. Joseph Marie was born in Québec October 9th, 1720 and married Suzanne Mailhot in Montréal on the 24th of October 1735. He challenged the validity of the will

of his half brother Jean François Mercier. The latter has received an inheritance from a Mercier cousin likely Jean at Fort-de-Chartres (near Prairie-du-Rocher) in Illinois, and later willed this property to his sister in law Marianne Dornon (née Lafontaine), the widow of Antoine Giard.

Summary

The Merciers who left Québec to settle in Illinois between 1712 and 1760 are descendants of the pioneer couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain. Moreover, five of the six married men are direct descendants of

Louis, (the third son of the pioneer couple) who "was found frozen to death on the Beauport river shores" and buried in Québec on the 22nd of February 1728. Married three times, this remarkable locksmith had fourteen children whose descendants for the most part, are now living in the United States of America. The sixth Mercier boy and his sister Dorothée, who settled in Illinois, are descendants of Louis' brother Jean. The circumstances surrounding the lives of these Mercier expatriates, may be found in the book "**Mercier depuis des siècles**" (pages 104 - 111 and 352-357).

**LINEAGE OF QUEBEC MERCIERS WHO SETTLED IN ILLINOIS PRIOR TO 1760
SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN OF JULLIEN MERCIER AND MARIE POULAIN (1)**

Mercier individual(2)	Name of spouse	Date and place of marriage(3)	Date of departure from Québec
A. Children of Louis Mercier and Anne Jacquereau (2nd marriage)			
Jean Paul	Priest	Ordained (May 8th	1718
	Bachelor	1718, at Québec, Qc	
Jean François	Catherine Lafontaine	Feb. 17, 1726 at Ste-Foy, Qc	1725
B. Children of Louis and Marie Louise Simon (3rd marriage)			
Joseph François	Elizabeth Dupras	Oct. 1, 1729 at Québec, Qc	1730
Louis, Jr.	Marie-Anne Roy	March 13, 1729 at Longueuil, Qc	?
Joseph Marie	Suzanne Mailhot	Oct. 24, 1735 at Montréal, Qc	1743
C. Children of Jean and Barbe Monmainier			
Dorothée	Pierre Chabot	May 16, 1718 at Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré	1718
Jean, Jr.	Marie Baret(te)	May 16, 1718 at Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré	1718

(1) Mercier, Ernest (1987) **Mercier depuis des siècles**.

(2) Lessard, Rénaud et al (1988). Peuplement colonisateur au pays des Illinois. L'ANCETRE, vol. 14, numéro 6, pages 214-224.

(3) Dates and places of marriage mentioned in the present article are drawn from various sources: Tanguay, Jetté, Faribault-Beauregard, Talbot and others.

Ernest Mercier

Emilia Dion-Mercier is 100 years old

In December 1990, Mrs Emilia Dion-Mercier reached 100 years of age. The **St. Sacrement Hospice Centre** where she actually resides in Québec City, organized at that occasion a small gathering to which her relatives and friends were invited. She was married at an elderly age; had no child of her own but adopted the four children of her widowed spouse Napoléon Mercier. She was presented gifts and flowers. Aman's founder and past president Ernest offered to Mrs Dion-Mercier on your behalf a copy of the book "**Mercier depuis des siècles**". Congratulations to Emilia Dion-Mercier.

Perche and francophones from America

The Perche tourist authorities in France have published recently a splendid leaflet entitled "**Au Perche des Canadiens français**" in which they describe the region and mention various services offered in particular to those who are searching their roots. It is well known that many francophone Merciers living in Canada and USA have their roots in "**Le Perche**". The leaflet is distributed at no cost by the French official Tourist Services in Montréal, telephone (514) 288-4264.

Claudine Mercier in the limelight

Each year the "**Just to laugh Festival**" has its talent discoveries. Last year it was a student young lady, Claudine Mercier. Imitation is her field of interest in which few women are engaged. She raised bursts of laughing last summer at the St. Denis Theater in Montréal. Born in "**St-Jean-sur-Richelieu**", Claudine was involved at the age of 17-18 in a community colleges competition representing her home town when she was discovered. At the end of 1990 she participated to the Canadian TV Program "**Bye Bye 1990**". Congratulations and long career Claudine!

Mercier residential project

A 16-million dollar residential

project named "**Développement Mercier**" will soon be initiated in the municipality of St. Augustin on the west outskirts of Québec City. Let us remember that the pioneer Pierre Mercier and Marguerite Lemain settled in 1685 in that locality which was at that time named "**Pointe-aux-Trembles**".

Jocelyne Mercier comes back to sports

At 40 years of age, Jocelyne Mercier from "**Pointe-au-Pic**" Qc, who is now paraplegic, desperately wants to enjoy life again. Two years and a half ago, she was a civil servant living in Québec City and acted occasionally as a tourist guide during summer months.

A bad accident happened to her while she was walking leisurely on St. Jean Street. An automobile driver who did not make his stop bumped another car that was pushed on the sidewalk and squeezed Jocelyne against a stone wall. After that stupid accident she lost one leg and 90% of the capacity of the other one.

Naturally, she took quite a long time to accept her strange situation while recovering in her home town at Pointe-au-Pic. As a sport woman who formerly practiced racketball, alpine ski, water polo and softball, Jocelyne has recovered her original sport enthusiasm, specially since she had a taste of the **Montréal Paraplegic Marathon** that she wheeled in 4 hours and 20 minutes. Congratulations Jocelyne! Don't let adversity overcome your courage.

THE ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW

FIXED AT 15 DOLLARS.

THANK YOU.

Remarkable family gathering



Régis Napoléon Mercier - 1920

The descendants of Régis Napoléon Mercier and Anne-Marie Giguère thank the AMAN's management for having published in the October issue of *Le Mercien* a brief report on the family gathering they held in Québec City on August 25, 1990. They thank and congratulate Georges Mercier, a grandson of the above mentioned couple, for his idea of assembling the relationship at other occasions than the obsequies of a member who is dear to our family.

Mrs Huguette Mercier from Charlesbourg has the following comments about that first family gathering:

"My father Jacques and I were very pleased to display a large collection of family photos illustrating the memory and achievements of Régis Napoléon and Anne-Marie, as well as their descendants of the following five generations.

"The participators and their escorts in the gathering have greatly enjoyed the videoclip set by Paul-Emile Mercier, his wife Carmen and their son Jocelyn and taken from films made by Paul-Emile during the 1950 decade.

"The gathering was embellished by the coming of Ernest Mercier, the founder and first president of AMAN. Besides mentioning the aims and purposes of the Association of

the Merciers of North America, he pointed out the fact that his and our families are related. They both trace back to the ancestral couple, Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain wedded at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on January the eighteenth 1654 and to the elder of their five sons Paschal who married Anne Cloutier on October 11th 1681. Sincere thanks.

"François Mercier has registered on a tape the main events of that memorable evening. We had good food, have exchanged and danced at the sound of music sometimes jerky but nevertheless most enjoyable. The participants have expressed the wish that the gathering be repeated next year.

"The descendants of the above mentioned couple wish to express their gratitude to the Brisson family owner of La Galerie Christin well established in the 'Maison Mercier' at 113, Saint-Paul Street, Québec. The actual owners look carefully after this ancient house restored by Régis-Napoléon and Anne-Marie, house that was known at the end of the last century (1886) as the 'best groceries' and the 'Seamen Provider' in the town."

The AMAN's management congratulate warmly the descendants of the above mentioned couple and invite other families to do the same and those that do it to let AMAN known about it.

Charles Mercier known as Lajoie

Maurice Mercier from Boucherville, Qc and his cousins from L'Assomption, Qc, want to pursue the study initiated by Viateur Mercier from Magog on the sites where the ancestral couple Charles Mercier dit Lajoie and Marianne Lahayse lived after their marriage at L'Assomption in 1761. All descendants of the above mentioned couple who want to enrich their family heritage are advised to contact Maurice Mercier, 912, rue Charles-Roy, Boucherville, Qc, J4B 3Y5, telephone (514)655-0895. The AMAN's management seconds the effort of the descendants of Charles and Marianne and wish to help them according to the association's means.

PIONEER MERCIER SETTLERS IN SAINT VINCENT, ALBERTA

The history of the two Mercier families reproduced in *Le Mercien* is drawn from the book entitled "Souvenirs, Saint Vincent 1906-1981". That book written in the two official languages of Canada, English and French, has been prepared by the Saint Vincent Historical Club and printed in 1983. It contains the history of the local parish and each pioneer family that settled and lived in that agricultural community.

Thanks to Mrs Marguerite Mercier-Irwin, coeditor and secretary of the Saint Vincent Historical Club. *Le Mercien* is glad to reproduce the history of Louis and Théodule. The text on Louis' family is reproduced in the present number; the text on Théodule family will appear in a subsequent number of *Le Mercien*.

Three Mercier brothers: Louis, Théodule and Alexandre came to Saint Vincent at the beginning of the actual century. They chose three quarter sections of land in the same section (one square mile divided in four quarters). Each one built his shack on his own quarter close to the center of the section so that they were all together but each one had his own home. Then the three brothers went to work somewhere else. Alexandre returned down East while Louis and Théodule went to earn their living elsewhere (U.S.A.) Only these last two returned in 1908 to cultivate their land.

Louis Mercier (1883-1952)

"Louis Mercier, son of Edouard Mercier and Appoline Mercier, was born August 6, 1883, at Berthier-sur-mer, County of Montmagny in the province of Québec. He left home when he was sixteen years old, to seek work in the United States. He first went to his uncle's in Chicago, then worked in Ohio and in Idaho. He and his older brother, Alexandre, came to Alberta in 1904. Louis first came to this area to look it over, on a horse he had bought for next to nothing. When he reached Vegreville the horse was so short-winded that Louis had to walk nearly all the way. On his return to Edmonton, the two brothers headed south and found work in a brick factory at Missoula, Montana.

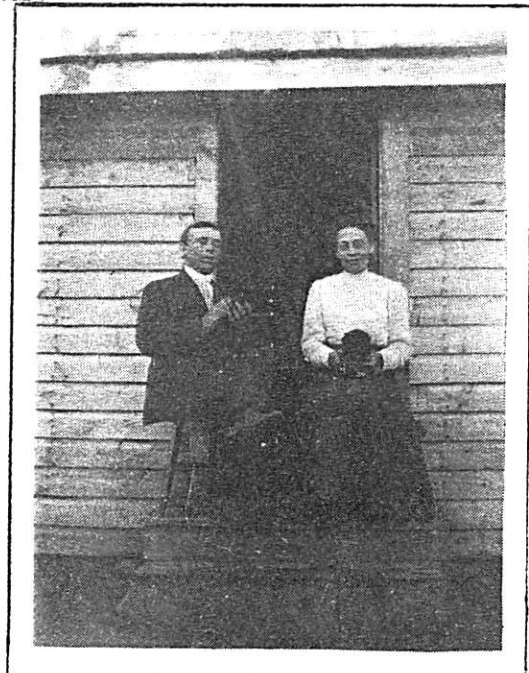
"In 1906, Louis and Alexandre came to St. Vincent and each claimed a homestead. Louis' was the NW 34-59-9-4. Another brother, Théodule, joined them and claimed a homestead next to theirs. While one of them stayed on the land, the other two would work in a brick factory at Strathcona (Edmonton).

"On May 5, 1915, Louis and Rose-Anna Gouin were married at St. Vincent. Rose-Anna had come West in 1911 from Lachine, Québec, to join her

aged mother and her two brothers.

"In 1917, Louis bought Joseph Bilodeau's quarter section, adjoining his.

"With André Brousseau, Albert Gouin, Jack Greene and David Gervais, Louis founded the first cooperative in St. Vincent when he bought a steam engine which was used to saw wood for construction and for other types of works.



Louis Mercier and Rose-Anna Gouin - 1915

Extract from the chronicle of "La Survivance" at Louis' death:

'He has lived in our midst for over forty-five years, a very quiet man and in complete harmony with everyone. Being very shy, he never wanted to be active in any organization, though he was amply qualified to do so. He was an avid reader and was well informed on numerous topics.

'As time went by, three children were born, Edouard, Marguerite and Gérard. But other children joined his and were part of the family: a niece, Alice Mercier, and an orphan, Jeanne Adam, and how many others made it their home so they could attend school.

'After having suffered from rheumatism and heart trouble, he passed away on March 21, 1952. He was 68 years old.

"After Louis' death, his son Edouard, a bachelor, kept on farming. He died on Christmas Day in 1976, after a long illness. His mother had predeceased him in 1970 at 88 years of age.

"Edouard had spent three years at the Jesuit College in Edmonton after completing grade VIII at the local school.

"His contribution to the community was as manager of the Credit Union and Secretary of the Rural Electrification Association. He was a very moral and charitable man.

"Marguerite went to the local school, then was a boarder at the convent in St. Paul where she graduated from High School in 1935.

"On May 18, 1946 she was married to Walter Irwin in Fort McMurray where she was teaching.



Marguerite Mercier and her husband Walter Irwin - 1946 (?)



Alice, first cousin of Marguerite Mercier - 1946 (?)

"In 1949, they moved to Vancouver where Walter worked for Canadian Pacific Airlines. From Vancouver they moved to Kamloops then to Penticton and lastly to Summerland. While on a visit to St. Vincent in 1975, Walter died of a heart attack. He is buried in the St. Vincent Cemetery. Their two children are Lloyd at Summerland and Estelle (Hyder) at Edmonton.

"After attending College in Edmonton for seven years, Gérard enlisted in the army and came back from Europe in 1946. He worked at different jobs and eight years before Edouard's death, he had come back to St. Vincent to live with him where he still is today.

"Jeanne Adam was nine years old when she joined the Louis Mercier family. She attended the local school, the convent at Bonnyville, then she joined the Order of the Sisters of Charity d'Evron at Trochu where she was a postulant. She left the Order and a few years after she was married to Léo Gagné of Bordenave. They had five children, Cécile (Chrapko), Jacqueline (Malterer), Gilbert, Joanne (Blanchard), and Roger. They're all in Edmonton except Joanne who resides in Kamloops.

"Alice Mercier, motherless, attended the local school and spent a year at the convent in St. Paul. She has been living in British Columbia for over thirty years. It is at Abbotsford that her husband, Tony Romaine, died suddenly in January, 1965.

"Their two children, William (Billy) and Anne-Marie (Epp) were only nine and eight years old respectively when he passed away. Alice is still living at Abbotsford.

"Louis Mercier's home, built in 1913, is the oldest house in St. Vincent and is still inhabited by his children, Gérard and Marguerite.

AMAN'S FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN 1991

1. Convention of "La Fédération des familles souches du Québec"

Place :Rivière-du-Loup, Qc
Date :May 3 - 5
Location:Motel Universel

2. Franco-American Kermis

Place :Biddeford, Maine, U.S.A.
Date :June 21 - 23
Location:J. Kennedy School

3. Family reunion and annual meeting

Place :Québec City, Qc
Date :3rd weekend of August
Location:To be announced in the April issue of Le Mercien

4. Mercier trip to France

Date :September 11 - 25
(see folder inside)
Agency : Voyages Lambert, 1505, chemin Ste-Foy, bureau 301, Québec, Qc, Tel: (418) 681-1703, Fax (418) 681-1886. Telex (418) 051-3274

DO NOT FORGET THE DATE OF THE FAMILY REUNION AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

IN QUEBEC CITY: AUGUST 17 AND 18, 1991

From Australia, August 26, 1990

 On nous écrit

One of the four great-grandmothers of Mrs. Adèle Casbolt from Victoria has three christian names including one usually given to men: Marie, Victoria, Joseph Mercier. She wonders about that first name and the country of origin of that great grandmother. She has submitted her case to AMAN. The past president Ernest offers the following preliminary answer:

"With respect to the first name of your great-grandmother I must say that most of the Roman Catholic children born in French Canada from the beginning of the 17th century were given until recently several christian names besides their surname (family name).

"All boys had the first name Joseph and all girls that of Marie, Sometimes these two christian names were associated no matter the sex of the child. When the christian name Joseph was given to a girl, some priests "feminized" it. It therefore became Josèphe, Josette and Josée.

"The plurality of first names enabled one to differentiate and eliminate the confusion between sons and daughters whose inherited parental first name and surname were the same in several related families."

Thanks from the Croteau family

"The Alberta group wishes to thank most sincerely the AMAN and particularly Mr. Ernest Mercier and Mrs. Claudine Mercier for the magnificent tour they guided on July 9 and 10, 1990.

"We visited the Old Québec and the monument of Honoré Mercier located close to the National Assembly; the sites and the ancestral Mercier house - - next to the monument of Jullien and Marie Poulain - - where our ancestors of the first and

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second generations; Jullien and Jean respectively lived in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Saint-Joachim-de-Beaupré (on the north shore); the lands sites, places and houses where our ancestors of the 3rd -5th generations farmed at Berthier-sur-mer and Saint-François-du-sud on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. Mr. Ernest Mercier had us visit his hilly birth town Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, south of Montmagny.

"That two-day visit in the Québec region with a guide so well aware of our ancestors' history has been most fruitful. It ended by a tea served by Mrs Mercier, the charming spouse of Mr. Ernest in their home and a group dinner in Québec City.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!"

Taken from the minutes of the Mercier Club, Bonnyville, AB, September 9, 1990.

DO YOU HAVE A COLLECTION OF

FAMILY PHOTOS?

IF SO, PLEASE LET AMAN'S

MANAGEMENT KNOW.

THANK YOU

IF YOU ARE PREPARING A FAMILY HISTORY, PLEASE
INFORM THE AMAN'S MANAGEMENT OF YOUR ACTIVITIES
THANK YOU

DÉCÈS

DEATHS

Condoléances aux familles Mercier dont l'un des membres est décédé récemment.
 Deepest sympathy to Mercier families that have lost a member recently.

Nom - Name	Inhumation - Burial	Endroit - Place
Azilda Mercier	1990-10-01	Rivière-du-Loup, Qc
Irma Fortier-Mercier	1990-10-09	Sherbrooke, Qc
Yvonne Hall-Mercier	1990-11-02	Rouyn, Qc
Rosa Paradis-Mercier	1990-11-05	Rivière-Ouelle, Qc
Ginette Lessard-Mercier	1990-11-05	Rouyn, Qc
Raymond Mercier	1990-11-13	St-Nérée Qc
Roger Mercier	1990-11-24	Chicoutimi, Qc
Jeanne d'Arc L. Mercier	1990-12-04	Bienville, Qc
Lilianne Mercier	1990-12-10	Berthier-sur-Mer, Qc
Amédé Mercier	1990-12-12	Sherbrooke, Qc
René Mercier	1990-12-31	Rouyn, Qc

ACTIVITIES OF THE MERCIER CLUB, ALBERTA

In its family letter of last November, the Mercier Club from Alberta reports the main activities of the descendents of Joseph Mercier and his two consecutive wives (Emilie Mailhot and Hélène Bérubé) during the year 1990. The activities are summarized as follows:

- .Study of a mode of affiliation with AMAN
- .Competition to draw a family flag
- .Preparation of a book on all family groups
- .Celebration of five wedding anniversaries
- 20th: Roland and Darlene Mercier, March 28, Bonnyville, AB
- 25th: Mack and Diane Mercier Smith, July 3, Rife, AB
- 30th: Lyle and Marg. (Collins) Dierkhissing, Feb. 20, Fort St. John, B C
- 40th: Marcel and Anita (Mercier) Dubrule, Aug. 11, Edmonton, AB
- 60th: René and Rose-Anna (Mercier) Collins, Aug. 18, Bonnyville, AB
 (9 children, 24 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren) and 250 relatives and friends
- .Fellowships and rewards to 14 students
- .Honorary mentions to 21 members of the family
- .Marriages 9, births 20, deaths 3 [Antonio Mercier, Georges Ducharme and Ellen (Choquette) Habel]

Congratulations and condolences from the AMAN's management to that large family that relates the history of its members.

A message . . .continued

The AMAN's objective is always to assemble 1000 members in order to have an efficient family association.

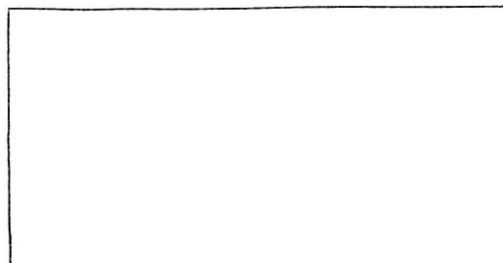
Your Board of Directors, therefore solicits earnestly your cooperation. If you are bent to have AMAN go well and grow, you must second all your directors' initiatives aiming at the development of an active and progressive family association.

André Mercier

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AMAN'S INVITATION TO ALL ALLIED MERCIER FAMILIES

The canadian genealogist, Mgr. Cyprien Tanguay, (volume 5, page 603) gave a proof that several Mercier individuals from Europe have adopted another family name during the Renaissance period (15th-18th centuries).

The most common surnames derived from **Mercier** that exist presently in France, Canada and the United States of America are: **Mercier known as Caudebec, Dumontier, Lafontaine, Lajoie and Lespine**, to mention only the main ones. Of course, the family names **Bercier, Le Mercier, Lemercier, Mercié, Mercer, Mercereau, Mercure and Messier** are only slight modifications of the secular Mercier surname.

Why canadian and american families related to and associated for ages with the Merciers of the world do not get together in celebrating fraternal retrouvailles at the Ste. Hélène Island, during the weekend of August 18 and 19, 1992, at the occasion of the 350th foundation anniversary of Montréal?

What do you think about that?

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