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DES MERCIER D'AMÉRIQUE

A word from the President

We will have the opportunity to meet again, to fraternize, exchange views and, perhaps, make new friends among the large Mercier family at the occasion of the annual meeting of our association. It will take place in the charming site of Québec City and, more precisely, in "Le Havre" building of the "Vieux Port de Québec" where we will discuss the future of the AMAN that is entering its seventh year of activities. The quarterly bulletin (*Le Mercien*), regional committees, recruiting techniques and genealogical studies will be among the main topics discussed. You are all invited to participate.

At the general meeting you will have the opportunity of reviewing the work done by your Board of Directors during the last year of activities. Emphasis has been put on the organization of regional committees that are essential to AMAN activities closer to the members. Your directors hope that, following this meeting, more regional groups will be structured in several agglomerations of most Canadian provinces and the United States of America where Merciers' households warrant it. At Biddeford, Maine, last June, the annual kermes has taken place and reinforced the ancestral links between Franco-Americans and French Canadians. The AMAN's representative has met American Merciers and recruited members for the Association. In a workshop held at Biddeford, participants have discussed ways of improving cooperation between the two countries with respect to genealogical studies accepted by the "Fédération des familles-souches québécoises". Other workshops have tightened the links between francophones of the two countries.

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It was in 1987

August the 15th at
Beaupré, QC.

Part of the group
(over 1 000 people) at
the banquet and dance
of the Merciers' gathering.



Sites et généalogie – Sites and genealogy

Ancestral Mercier couples in North America

Since my retirement in 1979, I endeavour gradually to properly identify Merciers who left France to settle in North America between 1632 - - the date England turned back Québec to France -- and the sale of Louisiana to Americans, for a token, in 1803, by Napoléon the First, emperor of France.

Among the dozen and more of Merciers who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean and lived in New France during that first settling period (171 years), I have been able, up to now, to identify, only six Merciers who became **Habitants**.

That name was in these years almost honourable and given only to persons who were residing in a locality by opposition to those who were in transit: coming, staying for a while and returning to the mother country.

The following table (number one) gives the name of single Mercier men who came

across the Atlantic, got married and left descendants in New France.

The Mercier women of my country will excuse me for my incapacity to mention their names as chieives of households and ancestral couples. I sincerely regret aberrations of the mankind history that has underestimated the rôle of women in the life of nations. How can Canadians forget Jeanne Mercier, the brave wife of Pascal Poulain, present at Québec in 1635? How can Canadians forget the admirable Catherine Mercier, spouse of Jean Boudart, who savegely suffered the martyrdom by the Iroquois close to Montréal in 1651?

I respect the history that attributes to reasonable women an important share of the orderly development of nations since the beginning of humanity. **The two members of any human couple complete each other: physically, intellectually and sociably.**

Table 1. Name of known single Mercier men who came from France and took roots before 1803 in North America.

Members of the six ancestral Mercier couples who got married in New France	Date and places of their marriage			
	Year	Month	Day	Place
1. Jullien Mercier et Marie Poulain	1654	Janv.	18	Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc Maison de Robert Giguier
2. Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec et Andrée Martin	1679	Janv.	24	Beaubassin, Acadie
3. Pierre Mercier et Marguerite Lemain	1685	Janv.	08	Saint-Augustin, Portneuf, Qc
4. Pierre-Simon Mercier et Marie-Reine Pineau	1725	Juillet	30	Verchères, Qc
5. Charles Mercier dit Lajoie et Marianne Lahayse	1761	Juin	22	L'Assomption, Qc
6. Jean-Baptiste Mercier et Héloïse Leduc	1800	?	?	Nouvelle-Orléans, Louisiane USA

In 1990 HALBERT'S HERITAGE, Bath, Ohio, USA, has published "The World Books of the Merciers". In that publication, one can find the name of women and men who landed in the United States between 1620 -- the date of arrival of the Pilgrims in New England -- and 1920.

It goes without saying that I contested the ambitious title of that book because it ignores reality. No mention is made of the some 20 000 Mercier households existing in the french speaking countries of Europe. However, the authors of that book must be complimented for their effort in identifying the Merciers who came to USA during the last three centuries. The names of these immigrants are grouped in table two (2) below.

Table 2: Name, age, year of arrival and port of entry of Merciers who landed in North America between 1675 and 1920, according to Halbert's Heritage

Name	age	year	port of entry
1. Marie Mercier	--	1675	Sorel, Québec
2. Jacqueline Mercier	--	1695	Carolina
3. Bertholomew Mercier	--	1681	New York, NY
4. Isaac Mercier	--	1681	New York, NY
5. Claude Mercier	17	1719	Louisiana, LA
6. Georges, sa femme Jeanne Fleury et ses 3 enfants	36 --	1719 1719	Louisiana, LA Louisiana, LA
7. Gilbert Mercier	--	1752	Louisiana, LA
8. Francis Mercier	--	1773	New York, NY
9. Augustine Gage	--	1773	Philadelphia, PA et Pennsylvania, PA
10. John D. Mercier		1775	New York, NY et Ohio en 1798
11. Joseph Mercier	--	1784	Pennsylvania, PA
12. Carl Friedr Mercier	--	1800	Philadelphia, PI
13. Charles Mercier	--	1806	Philadelphia, PI
14. John Mercier	17	1820	New York, NY
15. Dominique Mercier sa femme et ses 3 enfants	42	1842	New York, NY
16. F. Pat. Mercier	35	1847	New York, NY
17. John Mercier		1852	Detroit, MI
18. Michael Mercier		1872	Detroit, MI
19. Constant Mercier		1874	Philadelphia, PA
20. Étienne Mercier		1916	Wisconsin WI
21. Joseph Mercier		1920	Wisconsin WI

The mention of the Merciers listed in the previous table raises three basic questions in the reader's mind: where did the immigrants come from? Have they taken roots in North America? Have they left descendants in Quebec, Canada and the USA?

Most USA citizens descendants of Canadian Mercier families don't have, generally speaking, great difficulties in finding their roots when they refer themselves to the **Quebec National Archives**. It is the place where most, if not all, north american genealogist's publications are found.

The american Merciers who have not yet been able to find their roots in New France must turn to other genealogical sources. It is possible that they are descendants of couples listed in "**Mercier depuis des siècles**". Of course, americans and canadians whose mother's name is Mercier may have difficulties because the western world legislation has, until nowadays, systematically eliminated the maid name of women from family rights, civil law, economical and religious fields. They may find their ancestral roots in the Mercier's list published by Halbert's Heritage.

To succeed in genealogy, one must explore all avenues establishing direct filiation. These avenues are by order of importance:

- the existing marriage catalogues,
- the marriage notary contracts,
- the death catalogues and burial certificates,
- the birth catalogues and certificates.

The marriage certificates and contracts are more important than birth certificates because the modified names of both parents of the two spouses are usually mentioned.

When looking for parent's marriage certificates, one must not neglect publications of amateur genealogists and family historians who do not always publish their patient studies and researches.

Genealogical and historical societies that regroup most of these people are organisations that can be of great help. Let us not forget them.

The Quebec Associations of Genealogy and History must be congratulated for having accepted a comprehensive computer soft-ware prepared by "**La fédération des sociétés de généalogie du Québec**". That move will facilitate the desirable amalgamation of all data banks compiled by the family associations in North America. Concertation among family associations is becoming more and more important with the liberal legislation regarding a person's designation in many Western countries. Divorce, multiple family names will force the Canadian and provincial governments to adopt a social insurance number for each individual. Otherwise, the work of the genealogists may become quite complicated.

All family associations should coordinate their efforts in order to bring the canadian (federal and provincial) states to **supply all genealogists with a single identification number for a given person**. That number, which could be as public as the one found in all telephone directories, should be public. Why consider it as a secret number that is used by various government services to identify people they look after? Would the **social insurance number**, that is known by the majority of people, be a proper reference name for genealogists? It is time for upper government legislators to take a decision and help benevolent people to perform tasks that will facilitate the work of genealogists and historians during centuries to come.

Ernest Mercier

MERCIER HISTORICAL EVENTS DURING THE FIRST SEMESTRE OF 1991

1. 100th anniversary of the trip of Honoré Mercier to France.

On May 31, 1891 Honoré Mercier, Premier of Québec, visited Tourouvre on his coming back from Rome, Italy. He then told the authorities and residents of the town his ancestor Jullien left in 1647, to come to New France, that French Canadians had not forgotten "**neither god nor France**." A Group of Merciers from North America will remember that event while visiting Tourouvre on Sunday, September 22, 1991.

2. Opening of the Bonnyville Museum, Alberta

After years of efforts the Croteau-Mercier families have opened, last May, the **Bonnyville Museum**. Lucien Croteau, who was instrumental in gathering momies to erect the building has been named **Man of the year** of the locality. His sister, **Lucienne Mercier-Croteau** has put lots of time in the organization of the Museum. Congratulations to the descendants of the Bonnyville's pionners.



VETERANS NAME POST FOR PLAINFIELD WOMAN, CT, USA

Miss Cindy M. Beaudoin, daughter of Paul and Phillis Mercier, will give her name to the American Veterans post number 47 at Plainfield, CT, USA.



Cinda M Beaudoin

Miss Cindy M. Beaudoin died instantly in Iraq on February the 28th "when she stepped on a land mine while trying to protect other members of her unit after their jeep ran over an other land mine". She was the first woman in the Connecticut Army to die in combat.

Miss Cindy, aged 19, joined the Connecticut Army National Guard two years ago after she graduated from the Plainfield High School in 1989. Her father, Paul Beaudoin, said Cindy was "proud to be a member of the National Guard". Her mother, Phillis Mercier, sais "she was proud to be an American". Mr. Vern Collins, the post trustee said : "she went out there...and she did her job...It is a big step for a post to be named for a person...She was a veteran...This is a small way to thank her family" (The Norwich Bulletin, June 19, 1991, page 1).

Phillis Mercier Beaudoin is the niece of Ted Mercier who was cited for his great

courage during the **Second World War**. His biographical notes are found on page 7 of the present issue of **Le Mercien**. The AMAN reiterates to the Beaudoin and Mercier families of Plainfield, CT, USA., its deepest sympathy for the death of that young lady who was so close to her parents and family. "Bon sang ne peut mentir..."

SIDELIGHTS ON THE 1991 MERCIERS' GATHERING.

Manifestations of all kinds will happen at the occasion of the Mercier's annual gathering at "Le Vieux-Port," Québec City, on August 17 and 18, 1991.

Two USA sheep: the **Oliver Perry Fregate** and the **Helicopter Guam** will be lying at the quay of "Le Vieux-Port". Twenty-five giant helicopters will take off from the Guam and participate to a flying demonstration over Québec City. Citizens of Québec City will have the opportunity of seeing a bombardier B 52, flying at 1200 feet of altitude, over the old city of Champlain.

Merciers and their allies who want to visit Québec surroundings will have apportunities of doing it at their own expenses. Boat trips on the **Louis-Jolliet ship** and the **St-André schooner**, visits to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, guided tours in the Old Québec City and other attractions are available at moderate cost.

All people coming to Québec City for the 1991 Mercier's gathering - - sponsored by the AMAN'S members - - at the occasion of their annual meeting, will be handed any tourist information at the registration desk, in **L'Edifice du Havre, at Vieux-Port** de Québec, 160 Dalhousie Street (at the eastern end of Saint-André Street, the coninuation of "**Boulevard Charest**" East)

MERCIER'S GATHERING AND ANNUAL MEETING OF AMAN'S MEMBERS

Convocation

- A. The annual meeting of the AMAN'S members will take place on August 17, 1991 at 11h00 a.m., in "l'édifice du Havre, Vieux-Port de Québec" (located at 160 Dalhousie Street, at the eastern end of Saint-André Street (the continuation of Boulevard Charest). The Order of the Day is given below.
- B. Order of the Day of the AMAN's annual meeting
1. Opening remarks
 2. Convocation
 3. Minutes of the 1990 meeting
 4. President's report
 5. Secretary treasurer's report
 6. Approval of the directors' decisions
 7. Appointment of an auditor
 8. Election of directors
 9. Other subjects
 - Life Membership
 - Trip to France (1991)
 - Montréal Rendez-vous (1992)
 10. End of the meeting

The secretary-treasurer, Benoit Mercier

C. Program of activities of the Mercier's gathering

Saturday, August 17, 1991	Sunday, August 18, 1991
09h00 Registration and gossiping	10h30 General session on topics discussed Saturday
11h00 Annual meeting (see agenda above)	11h30 Corn boil, attendance prize
12h30 Lunch (in the meeting hall)	15h00 Goodbye
14h00 Workshops on: Le Mercien Genealogy Regional Committees Recruiting Attendance prize	D. Accomodation Food and beverages will be sold by a caterer
16h00 Free time	Lunch box: 6 00 \$ Dinner plate: 7 00 \$
17h00 Animation, music, encountering competition. Diner in the assembly hall.	N.B. The registration fee is 15.00 \$ and includes the corn boil
20h00 Animation, music, dance, participation of talented Merciers, attendance prize.	The Management

Histoire de famille – Family History

Ted. Mercier et Helen Cecilia Coffey, Plainfield, Ct, USA

My father's naturalized name is Henry Mercier. He was born in St-Valérien P.Q., on February the second 1883. There is some question about his baptism name.

I was born September 18th 1916 at Plainfield, Connecticut, USA, the sixth and last child of Henry and Alma Jodoin Mercier.

I attended public school in the USA for 2 years when my father decided to send William, Loretta and Ted (myself) to a private school in St-Césaire, P.Q. so that we might learn to speak French. To this day I can still understand and speak fairly well although I have forgotten much.

After 2 years at St-Césaire, I spent 5 years at Sharon Heights private school to farther my education bilingually and graduated there. Both the above schools where thought by Brothers Sainte-Croix and Sacré-Coeur. I had one year of high school leaving to go to work at age 16, the legal age at that time.

Most of my work has been in construction, both building and roads. On two occasions, when work was completed, I was retained as a forman until the regular employes where hired.

I retired June 3rd 1969 after 4 years as a mainnace foreman having been kept after the building was completed.

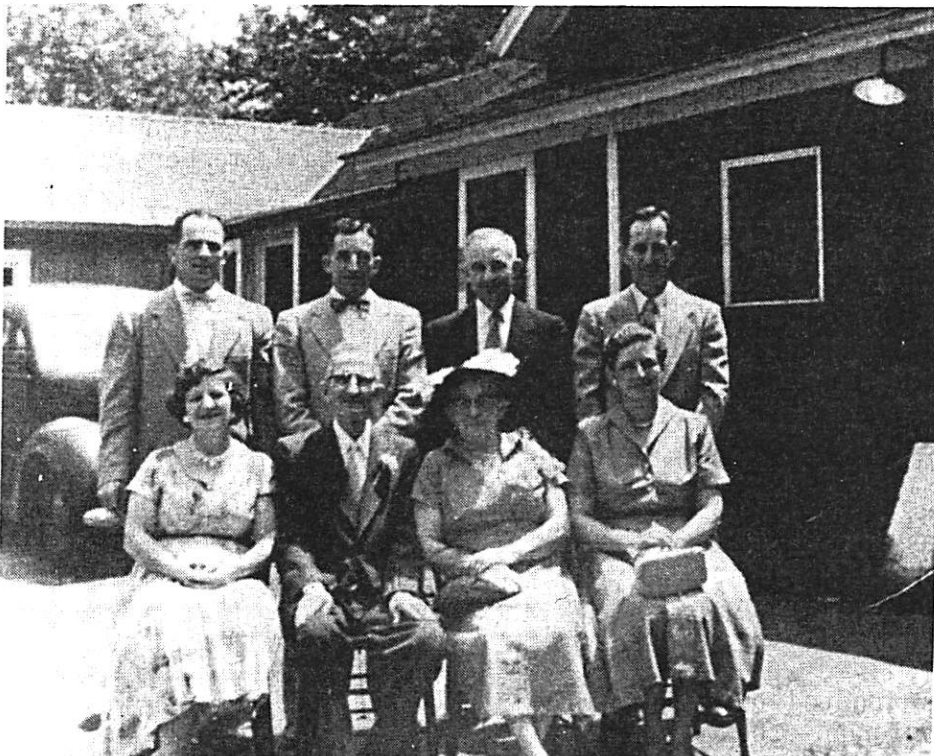
In the interim I spent 44 months, from February 1942 to November 1945, with General George Pattons 3rd army, serving in the 704th tank destroyer Battalion, 4th Amored division, receiving 5 mayor battle stars and the French "Croix de Guerre" with bronze star by order of General De Gaulle at the request of my regiment.

On December 27th 1941 I married Helen Cecilia Coffey in Plainfield, CT. I have one son Michael Eugene born October 28th 1946 and one grandson Jesse Thomas born May 24th 1980.

Thank you for your interests in the Merciers. I hope this helps you.

Best of health

Ted



50th wedding anniversary of Henry Mercier and Alma Jodoin.

From left to right,
first row (sitting)

Loretta, nurse, dead
Henry, dairy farmer, dead
Alma, Home manager, dead
Noëlla, maid

Second row (standing)

Ted, construction worker,
Hervé* restaurant owner, dead,
Lionel, Ph. D, administrator
William, technician.

* Grandfather of Cinda M. Beaudoin
see page 5.

Romulus Mercier Death at 100 years of age

Romulus Mercier died quietly at Québec City, on April 7, 1991. **Le Mercien** wanted to know the secret of his longevity. His son Pierre, who owns a little grocery, on Sutherland Street in the City of Champlain, has supplied interesting information on his father's career and living habits.

Born at Saginaw, Michigan, USA, Romulus spent his early life at Blue Island (allsept), located on the western outskirts of Chicago. His father Emmanuel Pierre, who was wedded to Emma Godbout at Berthier-en-Grève, QC, on January 9, 1888, was working in a brickyard of the Windy City.

After her husband's death toward the turning of the century, Emma came back to Québec when her son was 10 years old. After his schooling, Romulus worked for some 10 years at the Hunt's tobacco store, St. John Street, Québec. He then became, around 1914, itinerant postman on Canadian National passenger trains between Lévis, Québec and Campbellton, N.B. During his long 40 years career he worked at night time to earn his living. Residing in Sillery, Québec, he was walking down before 11h30 P.M. to the **Québec Post office** in order to get into the little truck that was taking mail bags to the Lévis railroad Station after having crossed the St. Lawrence River on the Ferry boat.

After his going on board of the train, Romulus was sorting packages of letters and parcels and putting them in mail bags hooked on the inside wall of the car in the order they had to be delivered at various stations in the lower St. Lawrence and Matapédia vallies.

After a substantial breakfast, a long walk and a good sleeping period at Campbellton, our postman was going on board of the train in the late evening to perform the same task in the opposite direction. He was unboarding the train at Lévis in the early hours of the following day.

At Sillery, Romulus' home was located on the east side of Bois-de-Coulonge, the lieutenant governor, residence. He was

gardening a large patch of land where he enjoyed immensely watching many varieties of fruit trees and bushes, as well as vegetables and fine herbs, develop, especially in summer. During the growing and harvesting times Romulus used to put a sweater and work steadily, toward the end of the afternoon, in his garden in order to perspire. He considered that physical exercise his "little sauna" before taking his shower, dinner, siesta and going back to work.

He retired June 2, 1953 after 40 years of loyal services for which he received the long time employment medal from the Government of Canada.

Romulus was wedded twice: the first time to Blanche Girard; the second time to Emilienne Saint-Hilaire. Three children: two sons (Guy and Pierre) and a daughter, (Marielle) were born of his first marriage.

He is a descendant at the 9th generation of the ancestral couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain in the line of Pascal and Anne Cloutier.

Romulus used to attribute his longevity and good shape to lots of gentle physical exercise, especially walking, and moderation in food and alcoholic beverages consumption. He lived in his home until 97 years of age.

The AMAN thanks **Pierre Mercier** for having supplied that information to **Le Mercien** and reiterates the expression of its deepest sympathy to all members of the family.



Romulus Mercier at 97 years.

Foyers Mercier aux États-Unis d'Amérique
Mercier Households in the United States of America

État State	Nombre (2) Number	État State	Nombre (2) Number
Alabama	AL 19	Nevada	NV 4
Alaska	AK 1	New Hampshire	NH 160
Arizona	AZ 29	New Jersey	NJ --
Arkansas	KS 6	New Mexico	NM 8
California	CA 219	New Jersey	NJ 27
Colorado	CO 38	New York	NY 148
Connecticut	CT 125	North Carolina	NC 21
Delaware	DE 2	North Dakota	ND 7
Dis. of Columbia	DC 1	Ohio	OH 60
Florida	FL: 177	Oklahoma	OK 3
Georgia	GA 36	Oregon	OR 28
Hawaii	HI 1	Pennsylvania	PA 40
Idaho	ID 2	Rhode Island	RI 52
Illinois	IL 69	South Carolina	SC 15
Indiana	IN 11	South Dakota	SD --
Iowa	IA 7	Tennessee	TN 18
Kansas	KS --	Texas	TX 91
Kentucky	KY 4	Utah	UT 10
Louisiana	LA 89	Vermont	VT 48
Maine	ME 173	Virginia	VA 28
Maryland	MD 15	Washington	WA 28
Massachusetts	MA 447	West Virginia	WV --
Michigan	MI 181	Wisconsin	WI 94
Minnesota	MN 43	Wyoming	WY --
Mississippi	MS 35		
Missouri	MO 23		
Montana	MT 9		
Nebraska	NE 14		

(1) Halbert's Family Heritage (1990). The World Book of Merciers
 (2) Nombre approximatif --
 Approximate number 2666

Foyers Mercier au Canada -- Mercier Households in Canada

Province	Nombre -- Number
Terre-Neuve -- Newfoundland	NF 1
Nouvelle-Écosse -- Nova Scotia	NS 4
Île-du-Prince-Édouard -- Prince Edward Island	PE 1
Nouveau-Brunswick -- New Brunswick	NB 74
Québec	Qc 3456
Ontario	ON 305
Saskatchewan	SK 24
Alberta	AB 129
Colombie Britannique -- British Columbia	BC 59

Total	Canada 4053

 On nous écritCorrespondence 

Dear Ernest

I believe my roots are from Jean the 4th son of Jullien and Marie Poulain but I am not sure.

I can follow the family to page 15 in "Mercier depuis des siècles" where I get confused finding that a Thomas Mercier was married to Flavie Sarrazin. This does not match the birth certificate enclosed as that shows Thomas Joseph was married to Flavie Depelteau.

I would very much like to know who my great grandfather was; to whom he was married, how many children did he have.

I have no information whatsoever if my grandfather had any brothers or sisters. Not knowing this disturbs me somewhat.

If you would be willing to get me the correct information on my lineage, I would be grateful. I am prepared to send you payment in the form of a bank check in advance if you desire. It is important to me as I wish my son and grandson to be rightly appraised of their Mercier ancestors.

Thank you and best of health

Ted

Answer from Ernest

Thank you very kindly, Ted, for having sent me informations regarding your family and career. I am glad to use that material in the News Letter section of the AMAN'S liaison bulletin, Le Mercien.

You can be absolutely sure of your roots. The wedding date of your great grandfather Théodore Thomas Mercier with Flavie Sarrazin known as Depelteau at St-Athanase, Iberville, Québec, is exact. The enclosed tables give you all you need to prepare your paternal filiation with collaterals (brothers and sisters) at each generation. You are descendant at the 10th generation of the ancestral couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain (the line of Jean and Barbe Monmainier).

Thomas Théodore, your paternal great grandfather was full brother of Honoré Mercier, former Premier of Québec. You are cousin from the 4th to the 3rd degree

with Mrs. Jeanne Mercier Depocas whose family history is found on pages 7 to 9 inclusively of the April issue (1991) of **Le Mercien**.

Could you enter on the enclosed family register forms all places, names and dates of marriage, birth, death and other pertinent matter you know about your folks living in the USA and return a copy of them to me for their enclosing in the AMAN'S data bank.

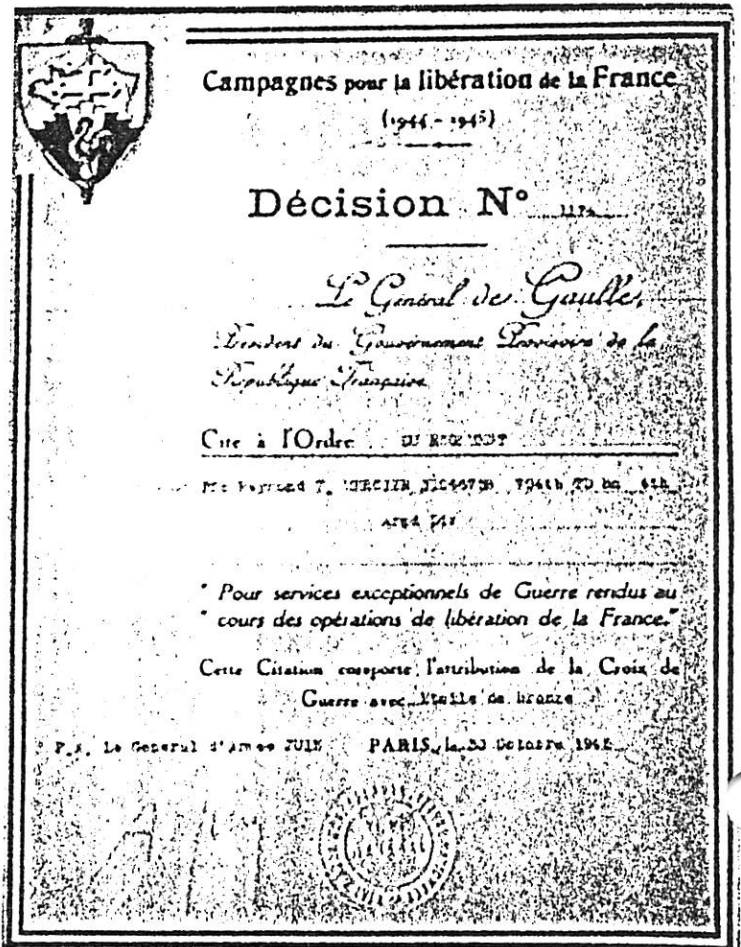
You will note that the Association has lots of information on your uncle Théodule's family. Thanks to Paul-Emile. If you need additional help to complete your Mercier's ascendance title, I will be glad to help you.

"Good health and happy life"

Ernest

As first president and founder of the AMAN, I am pleased to convey you, Ted, the most sincere congratulations of the directors and all members of our family association.

"Good blood cannot lie".



† 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
Cinda M Beaudoin	91-02-28	Plainfield, Ct, USA
Léonidas Bernier (époux de Jeannette Mercier)	91-03-31	Lévis, Qc
Raymond Mercier	91-04-02	St-Magloire (Bell.) Qc
Lucien Rochefort (époux de Anne-Marie Mercier)	91-04-04	Beaumont, Qc
Éva Mercier	91-04-09	Québec (St-Fidèle) Qc
Romulus Mercier	91-04-13	Québec (St-Dominique) Qc
Alphonse Mercier	91-04-18	Berthier-sur-Mer, Qc
Marie-Laure Mercier Ouellet	91-04-23	Cap-St-Ignace, Qc
Martin Mercier	91-05-01	Ste-Agathe (Lotb) Qc
Armancia Mercier Cloutier	91-05-06	Charlesbourg, Qc
Raynald Mercier	91-05-14	St-Damien, Qc
* Dorothée Mercier Gosselin	91-05-20	Québec, Qc
Simon Mercier	91-06-06	St-Joseph (Lauzon), Qc

* Soeur de Isabelle Mercier Dufour

A word from the president (continuation)

You are therefore all invited to participate to the second large Mercier gathering to be held in Québec City next August 17 and 18. Bring your folks and Mercier friends in order to enjoy making new friends and spending unforgettable hours in the unique atmosphere of "La vieille capitale".

André Mercier

MERCIERS' TRIP TO FRANCE

The second Mercier trip to Europe must be representative of the AMAN'S membership in North America. The travel agency needs to recruit some 20 additional people to go and fraternize with their Mercier cousins from France. A large number of these cousins will meet and want to get acquainted with the largest possible number of travelers at Fontenay-Le-Comte and Tourouvre. Let us not disappoint them. If you are interested, please contact **Voyages Lambert** 1505 Chemin Ste-Foy, suite 301, Qc, G1S 3C6.
tel: (418) 681-1703 Fax: (418) 681-1886

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MERCIERS' GATHERING AND AMAN'S ANNUAL MEETING

The next Merciers' gathering and the AMAN'S annual meeting will take place on August 17 and 18, 1991 in "Le Havre" building at "Le Vieux-Port de Québec". The two-day program of activities, outlined on page 6, includes workshops on AMAN'S future, one entertainment evening and the traditional corn boil on Sunday noon. All Merciers and allies want to reserve that weekend for the Québec gathering. People who want to join the Merciers Association can do it in sending 15 00 \$ to the AMAN'S secretariat, C.P. 6700 Sillery, Qc G1T 2W2. For additional information, please contact Ernest Mercier (418) 688-9820.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE DATES OF THE FOLLOWING MARRIAGES

Year	Place	Mercier spouse	Spouse
18??	St-François (Beauce)	Gaspard Mercier	Céline Lacroix
18??	St-Thomas, Montmagny?	François Mercier	Caroline Marticotte
18??	Repentigny, L'Assomption?	François M. dit Lajoie	Angélique Jeannot

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