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LA VOIX

DES MERCIER D'AMÉRIQUE

A word from the president

In this beginning of 1992, the Board of Directors of the AMAN and myself wish to all of you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**. May all your wishes be fulfilled.

This new year message is the occasion to recall some of the events that have marked the year 1991. Let us mention that, during the Merciers family gathering held in Québec last August, the study groups met with a large success. The four workshops held at this annual gathering permitted to exchange ideas and views on **genealogy, regional committees, recruitment** and "**Le Mercien**" to insure the progress of our Association and supply the Board of directors with numerous suggestions aiming at the attaining the AMAN's goals. The consolidation of regional committees was the main objective derived from those moments of study and insight.

The AMAN is greatly satisfied of the Mercier's trip to France last September. This trip gave the occasion to the travellers from America to meet cousins from overseas and establish contacts permitting exchange on genealogy and family history. The AMAN, represented by its founding president Ernest, presented to the mayors of several visited cities a copy of his book titled "**Mercier depuis des siècles**".

André Mercier



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Note that Jean and Léon do not appear in this photo.

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L'**objectif principal** de l'Association des Mercier d'Amérique durant l'exercice financier 1991-1992 est de :

- 1- consolider l'organisation de la **quinzaine de comités régionaux** autorisés à ce jour par le Conseil d'administration de l'AMAN;
- 2- mettre sur pied **un nombre au moins égal de nouveaux comités régionaux en Amérique du Nord** là où le nombre de foyers Mercier le justifie.

The **main objective** of the Association of the Merciers of America for the financial year 1991-1992 is :

- 1- To consolidate the structures of some **fifteen regional committees** already approved by the AMAN's Board of Directors;
- 2- To organize **at least as many new regional committees** as those already in existence where the Merciers' households justify the setting of such an organization.

Sites et généalogie --- Sites and genealogy

Le Service de généalogie de l'AMAN entreprend, en 1992, des recherches intenses sur les descendants du couple ancestral Charles Mercier dit Lajoie et Marianne Lahayse. Le but principal de cette étude laborieuse est de répondre à plusieurs demandes de francophones et anglophones Mercier (des États-Unis, en premier lieu et du Canada en second lieu), qui veulent connaître leurs racines en territoire nord-américain.

L'agencement de la descendance du couple ancestral précité n'est pas facile du fait que des descendants de trois des cinq couples ancestraux Mercier établis en Nouvelle-France avant 1770 prenaient et prennent encore conjoint dans les paroisses de la partie sud du comté de L'Assomption, Qc. De plus, quelques descendants de l'un de ces trois couples ancestraux Mercier, dont le patronyme était alors Mercier dit Lajoie ont pris un conjoint dont le nom de famille était, à l'époque, soit Janot ou Jeannot dit Belhumeur

ou dit Lachapelle, soit Juneau dit Latulippe. Quel imbroglio de patronyme!

Pour le moment, la question est de savoir si Joseph (Lajoie) Mercier (fils de Charles et Marianne Lahayse) marié avec Marie Catherine Janot dit Lachapelle (fille de Dominique et Marie-Rose Archambeault), à Repentigny (L'Assomption) le 17 novembre 1800 est bien le père de François Mercier? Ce François que l'on identifie comme fils de Joseph Lajoie Mercier et de Angélique (?) Jannot a épousé Victoire Therrien (fille de Pierre et Marie Hamelin) à Repentigny le 3 novembre 1829. Est-ce que Catherine Janot avait aussi Angélique comme troisième prénom?

Le tableau généalogique donne le conjoint, la date et le lieu de mariage pour les deux premières générations issues du couple Charles Mercier dit Lajoie et Marianne Lahayse. Il est incomplet. Le Service de généalogie de l'AMAN accueillera avec joie toute suggestion qui aiderait à le compléter.

The AMAN'S Genealogy Service is undertaking intensive research on the ancestral descendance of the couple Charles Mercier known as Lajoie and Marianne Lahayse. The aim of this elaborate study is to answer numerous inquiries from english and french speaking Merciers (from USA mainly and from Canada) who would like to know more about their roots in North-America.

The descendance of the fore mentioned couple is not easy to trace because descendants of three of the five ancestral Mercier couples established in New-France before 1770 were and are still taking spouse in the parishes in the southern part of L'Assomption (Qc). Furthermore, some descendants of one of those three ancestral Mercier couples, whose patronymic (family name) was then Mercier known as Lajoie took spouse whose family name was, at the time, either Janot or Jeannot known as Belhumeur or Lachapelle, or Juneau known as Latulippe. What a patronymic imbroglio!

For the time being, the question to solve is to know if Joseph (Lajoie) Mercier (son of Charles and Marianne Lahayse) married to Marie Catherine Janot known as Lachapelle (daughter of Dominique and Marie-Rose Archambault), in Repentigny (L'Assomption), on november 17th, 1800 is without a doubt the father of François Mercier? This François, identified as son of Joseph Lajoie Mercier and Angelique (?) Jannot was married to Victoire Therrien (daughter of Pierre and Marie Hamelin) on november 3rd, 1829 in Repentigny. Did Catherine Janot had Angelique as third christian name?

The genealogical table below gives the spouse's name, date and place of marriage of decendants of the first two generations issued from Charles Mercier known as Lajoie and Marianne Lahayse. It is incomplete and the Genealogical Service would joyously accept any rectification to achieve it's completion.

Thank you. Ernest Mercier.

Descendants à la deuxième et troisième générations de Charles Mercier dit Lajoie et Marianne Lahayse fiancés (contrat Daguilhe) le 18 juin 1761 et mariés le 21 juin 1761, à Repentigny, (Québec), Canada

Descendants of Charles Mercier known as Lajoie and Marianne Lahayse, engaged on June 18, 1761 (Contract Daguilhe) and wedded on June 21, 1766, at Repentigny (Quebec)

Deuxième génération / Second generation	Troisième génération / Third generation
<p>Premier mariage / First Marriage Jean-Louis Mercier (Lajoie) 1796-07-25 (1M) Elizabeth Landry Repentigny, Qc</p>	<p>Maximilien (Maxime) Mercier (Lajoie) 1841-02-09 Marie-Hélène Huberdeau Saint-Martin, Ile Jésus, Qc</p> <p>Joseph Mercier (Lajoie) 1837-01-30 (1M) Marguerite Valiquette Repentigny, Qc</p> <p>-----</p> <p>1849-02-13 (2 M) Marie Joséphine Courteau Repentigny, Qc</p> <p>Suzanne Mercier (Lajoie) 1816 François Allard Saint-Roch de L'Achigan</p>
<p>Deuxième mariage / Second marriage 1843-01-24 (2M) Marie Calixte Larivée N.D. de Montreal</p>	<p>Louis Mercier (Lajoie) 1867-01-04 Adèle Audet dit Lapointe Sainte-Justine, Dorchester</p>
<p>François Mercier (Lajoie) 1799-01-14 (1 M) Marie Antoinette Raymond Repentigny, Qc</p>	
<p>1802-01-11 (2 M) Suzanne Dumond Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Qc</p>	<p>François Mercier (Lajoie), Jr 1838-10-02 Euphémie Bélanger Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Qc</p>
<p>1818-03-30 (3M) Clémence Chartier Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Qc</p>	

Joseph Mercier (Lajoie)
1800-11-17
Catherine Jannot dit / knows as Lachapelle
Repentigny, Qc

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Fille de Dominique et
Marie-Rose Archambault

François Mercier (Lajoie)
1829-11-03
Victoire Therrien
L'Assomption, Qc

Joseph Mercier (Lajoie)
1828-01-14
Anasthésie Therrien
Repentigny (L'Assomption), Qc

Louis Mercier Lajoie
1803-01-31
Catherine Beaudoin
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Qc

Louis Mercier (Lajoie), Jr
1830-02-15
Marie Truchon dit / knows as Léveillé
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Qc

Joseph Mercier (Lajoie)
1840-10-20
Euphorie Faucher
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, Qc

Alexis Mercier (Lajoie)
1850-08-26
Esther Beaudry
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan

Pierre Mercier (Lajoie)
1810-06-04
Marie DesAnges Langlois
Repentigny, Qc

Denis Mercier (Lajoie)
1843-11-07
Delphine Lescareau

Édouard Mercier (Lajoie)
1844-02-19
Olive (Metz) Forcier

Joseph Mercier (Lajoie)
1849-02-13
Elodie Gauthier dit Landreville

François Mercier (Lajoie)
1851-09-30
Félonise Vandette

Filles de Charles et Marianne
Daughters of Charles and Marianne

Marie Joseph Mercier (Lajoie)
1786-10-25

Jean Baptiste Longpré
Repentigny, Qc

Magdeleine Mercier (Lajoie)
1798-07-30

Pascal Beauchamp
Repentigny, Qc

Marie Mercier (Lajoie)
1803-08-03

François Archambault
Repentigny, Qc



La salle de l'école polyvalente de Tourouvre, Orne, France
The hall of the regional school at Tourouvre, Orne, France

Le groupe de voyageurs Mercier d'Amérique (1991)
The Merciers of America who made the Trip (1991)



Le maire de Tourouvre, M Monhey, remet la médaille de la ville à Ernest Mercier, le président fondateur de l'AMAN, sous l'oeil approbateur de Mme Ghislaine Lambert.



The mayor of Tourouvre, Mr. Monhey, presents the Town Medal to Ernest Mercier, founder and first president of the AMAN, in presence of Mrs. Ghislaine Lambert.



Dans l'ordre habituel/In the usual order
De gauche à droite/From left to right



1re rangée/1st Row : Cécile Royer, Éliane Grégoire, Denise B. Mercier, Annette L. Mercier, Armandine Mercier, Violette J. Mercier, Jeannette Croteau, Lucienne M. Croteau et Irène Croteau

2e rangée/2nd Row : Robert Sabourin, Ernest Mercier, Élina L. Mercier, Gratia M. Vaillancourt, Rosalia M. Laliberté, Marguerite Mercier, Aline Sabourin, M.-Claire Bilodeau, Olivier Mercier et Marie-Anne Mercier

3e rangée/3rd Row : René Grégoire, François Mercier, Gérard Mercier, Philippe Vaillancourt, Amédé Mercier, André Mercier, Marcel Croteau, Juliette Landry, Paul Croteau et Georges Mercier



Les Mercier...

à Tourouvre...

Tourouvre

Ernest Mercier remet au maire Monhey un exemplaire du volume **Mercier depuis des siècles** en présence de M Marcel Correia, président de la Société Perche Canada.



Ernest Mercier presents to Major Monhey a copy of his book **Mercier depuis des siècles** in the presence of Mr. Marcel Correia, President of the Perche Canada Society.



Les invités à la rencontre rendent hommage à Mme Pierre Montagne, historienne du Perche.

The guest pay tribute to Mrs. Pierre Montagne, the Historian of Le Perche.



Liliane Mercier et l'accordéoniste égaient les convives durant le banquet du dimanche midi, le 22 septembre 1991.

Liliane Mercier and the accordionist amuse the company at the Sunday banquet, September 22nd 1991.

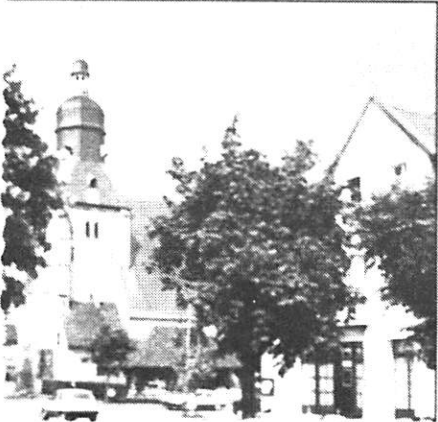


... à Tourouvre...

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Carte postale	Post Card
L'école	The School
La mairie	The town hall
La rue principale	The Main Street
L'église	The Church

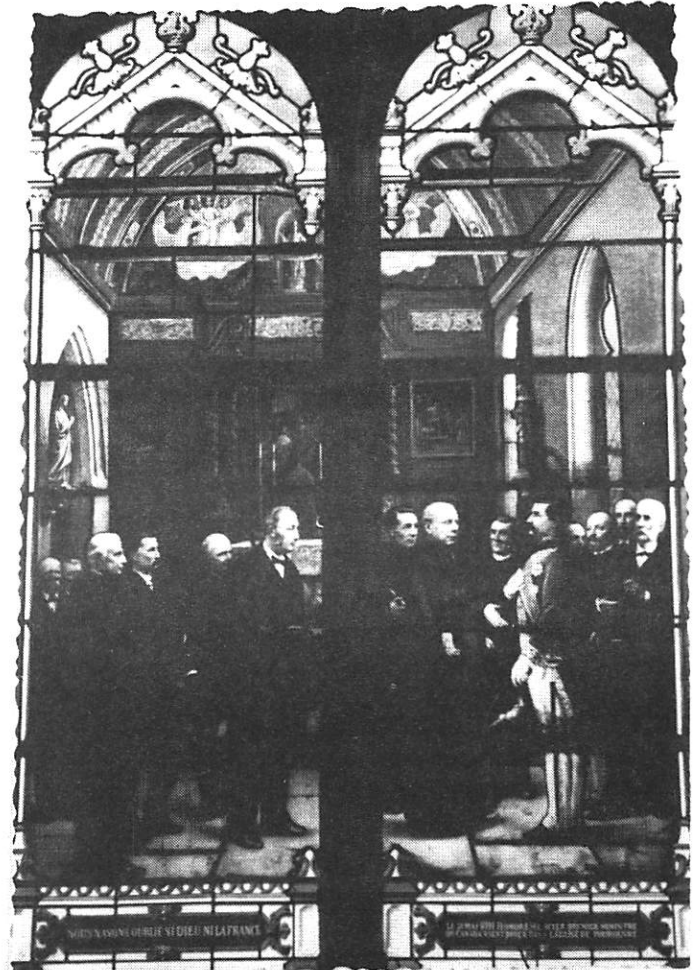


Volet de droite du vitrail double de l'église commémorant la visite de Honoré Mercier, Premier Ministre du Québec à Tourouvre, le 31 mai 1891

The right side of the stained glass window memorating in the church the presence of the Quebec Premier, Honoré Mercier, at Tourouvre, on the 31st of May 1891



Le musée de la colonisation percheronne à Tourouvre
The Perche Colonization Museum at Tourouvre



à Tourouvre...

à Fontenay-le-Comte...

et à Paris



Des Parisiens restaurent lentement la maison où naquit Jullien Mercier à La Grandinière, le 27 février 1621.

Paris citizens slowly restore the house where Jullien Mercier was born at La Grandinière, on February 27, 1621.



Ernest Mercier félicite la famille Pierre Mercier, vigneron chevronnés de DIX, près de Fontenay-le-Comte, en Vendée : Micheline et /and Pierre, Roger et/and Ditty, Simon, Daniel Ernest Mercier congratulates members of Pierre Mercier's family, wine producers at DIX, near Fontenay-le-Comte, in La Vendée.



Les voyageurs Mercier d'Amérique ont été reçus à la Délégation du Québec à Paris, le 12 septembre 1991.

Dans l'ordre habituel: Mme Liliane Mercier, Mme Dufour, le délégué André Dufour et Ernest Mercier. Visitors from America were welcome at the Quebec Delagation, at Paris, on September 12, 1991 Mrs. Liliane Mercier, Mrs. Dufour, Mrs. André Dufour, delegate, and Ernest Mercier

Nouvelles et potins -- News and gossip

Second trip of the America Merciers to France, September 1991

From the 11th to the 25th September, Ernest and myself had the pleasure of escorting, in France, representatives of the Mercier's family of America.

This trip organized by "Voyage Lambert Inc." was enjoyable and unforgettable both in its historic itinerary and the receptions in the Mercier families in Fontenay-le-Comte and Tourouvre (native town of the ancestor Jullien Mercier).

Participants gathered from all over North America. In France a driver-guide explained the sites along the itinerary. Local guides were also available in the major cities and with Ernest our knowledgeable family historian we plunged into France and family history.

We will never forget the numerous wine tastings as well as the dinner offered by the owners of the "Mercier" wines, the supper in the Mercier families in Fontenay-le-Comte and the warm welcome in the families of Tourouvre. The banquet with accordion band offered by "VOYAGE LAMBERT" created an air of joy, cheerfulness and fraternity by the participation of our canadian and quebec fellow travellers as well as the cooperation of the locals and neighbors.

I would like to congratulate all fellow travellers for their collaboration and discipline during the bus tour. Because of all of you it was easy to escort you and I thank you all. I will keep a fond memory of all and hope to see you next summer at the next gathering in Montréal during the city 350th anniversary festivities.

Liliane Mercier, escort
for "Voyage Lambert"

Statistical information

Date: September, 11 to 25, 1991.

Participants: 29 persons of whom 17 ladies and 12 gentlemen.

Place of origin: Québec (21); Ontario (2); Alberta (2); B-Columbia (1); USA (1); From Sept-Iles (Qc.) (1) California, USA. (1)

Surnames: 21 Mercier's descendants 6 allies and one friend couple.

Transport: KLM from Montréal to Paris via Amsterdam, Holland.

Weather: Generally sunny and warm max: 31 C. (88 F) -- (13 of 14 days without rain)

Travel agency: Voyage Lambert Inc., 1505 ch. Sainte-Foy, Québec (Qc.), Canada, G1S 2P1.

Tour guides: Liliane Mercier (logistic) -- Ernest Mercier (history)

Objectives:

Realise a socio-cultural itinerary including:

- 1- Visits of ancient sites dating of the celtics and roman eras, medieval churches and gothic cathedrals as well as wine producing regions;
- 2- Meeting with local Mercier interested in genealogy and family history;
- 3- Discussion with people interested in knowing their cousins from America;
- 4- Reminder of Honoré Mercier's trip to Tourouvre on May, 31st, 1891.

Ernest Mercier, escort

Message from Ernest Mercier, AMAN's delegatee, to: BIDDEFORD, MAINE, Gathering, Saturday, June 22nd, 1991

1. Genealogy workshop

If franco-americans descendants of Québec ancestral couples want to retrace their roots, they must endeavor to supply genealogists the date and place of marriage of their mother and father, their grandparents and great grandparents if possible. Baptism or birth certificate may be useful but the christian names may have been non officially modified during the period in between birth and wedding.

2. General assembly

AMAN decided in 1989 to publish its liaison publication in Canada's two official languages (french and english). To the AMAN's leader its a question of giving the members of our association an appreciated service as well as creating an opening to external world. This is a service to the Mercier's of Canada and the United States of America.

English, due to its simplicity, is progressing slowly in becoming the universal language. More than 80% of scientific articles on agronomy -My own field of work- are published in english papers. French would probably have become the international language, had it not been for the divorce in between ENGLAND and FRANCE in 1429. Actually Spanish -- because its clarity and logic -- is gaining ground as the second most used language of the world. French should keep the third place. Fortunately, French supplied, due to its greek-latin origin and its logic, approximately half of the english vocabulary.

It is the use by military forces, the technologic and economic communities that determine the world rank of a language.

If some franco-americans desire to retain the French as a second language their the only one that can make it so. In democracy when the peoples speak, the political power listens, hears and follows.
Ernest Mercier

Distinctions honorifiques -- Honorary Decorations

In december 1990, Lt-colonel Denis Mercier of Quebec was awarded the rank of officer of the **Canadian Military Order of Merit**. The ANAM which, at the time, congratulated him on his achievements is proud to write the biographic notice of this young soldier whose merits are not awaiting the years.

Lt-colonel Denis Mercier was born in Sherbrooke. After completion of his collegiate studies at the **Mont Saint-Louis College**, in Montreal, he enroled in the Canadian Armed Forces in september 1965. First posted to the Royal Military College of St-Jean (RMC St-Jean) he graduated from RMC Kingston with a diploma in **Engineering and Management** in 1970.

Posted in september of the same year to the **12th Armoured Regiment of Canada** (12th ARC), to which he is still affected, he successively serves as troop commander, administration officer and instructor, In january 1974 he is detached to the **12e Regiment de Chasseur de Sedan** in France. During this detachment he follows the captain's course at Saumur and receives the Staff officer of the **French Ground Forces**.

Recalled to Canada during the summer of 1976, he serves as the **12th ARC regimental adjutant** for a period of two years of which six months were with the **Canadian contingent** of the UNO in Cypress.

He then serves successively as "C" Squadron 12th ARC commander, trainee at the **Canadian Staff College** and staff officer with the 5th Canadian Brigade Group in Valcartier.

Promoted to the rank of **Major** in february 1980 he is a student of the **Canadian Armed Forces Staff College** in Toronto from august 1980 to july 1981. Back with the 12th ARC he commands a squadron until his detachment for Saumur,



Lt-Colonel Denis Mercier, o.m.m.

France in the summer of 1983 were he serves as an instructor at the school "**École d'application de l'arme blindée et de la cavalerie**".

Back in Canada in the summer of 1985 he is posted as staff officer **Canadian Militia Eastern Sector in Montreal**. He was named 2nd in command to the 12th ARC for a period of three years in 1987.

Promoted to the rank of Lt-colonel in july 1990 he takes command of the **Reconnaissance Regiment of the 1st Canadian Division in Kingston**.

In december 1990 Lt-colonel Denis Mercier is awarded the rank of officer in the Canadian Military Order of Merit.

Married to Ghislaine de Vastey, he has a son Philippe, (eighteen years old), and two daughters, Noémi and Marianne, respectively thirteen and fifteen years old. They live in Quebec city.

Le président fondateur de l'AMAN, Ernest Mercier élu au Temple de la renommée agricole du Canada

ERNEST MERCIER, Ph.D.

1914 —

Throughout his career as a researcher, superintendent, deputy minister of agriculture and private consultant, Dr. Ernest Mercier has been instrumental in planning and implementing provincial and federal agrifood policies required in transforming the family farm into a viable and profitable enterprise in Quebec. Dr. Mercier worked towards modernizing marketing legislation to enable farmers to regulate their own production in Quebec and Canada; making basic farm loan and credit available to all efficient family farm owners in Quebec; improving the transfer of scientific research results to agrifood producers in Canada and the world and having producers take responsibility for managing several farm improvement services.

Some highlights of Ernest Mercier's contributions to agriculture include his post-graduate research on the influence of day length on reproduction efficiency and the shape of the lactation curve of dairy cows in Canadian latitudes (1945-47); the organization of the

Quebec Artificial Insemination Centre in 1947 and the initiation of Quebec's Dairy Herd Analysis Service which became an important semi-privatized dairy cattle improvement program (1965). He also initiated the semi-privatization of Quebec's extension services after studying the close relationship between research, teaching and extension in New York State and the privatization of extension services in France.

Dr. Mercier served as a special advisor to CIDA and as a member of Canadian delegations to FAO and other international conferences. He was also a member of several missions to developing countries. Ernest Mercier has been very active in L'Ordre des agronomes du Quebec and the Agricultural Institute of Canada in addition to being very involved in the local church and several community committees.

Ernest Mercier's contributions to agriculture at the regional, provincial, national and international levels have been recognized by several organizations including the Quebec Order of le Mérite agronomique, the Order of Canada and the Lazare Spallanzani -- Italia.

*Nominated by
L'Ordre des agronomes du Quebec
1991*



Members of the Merciers' family at the unveiling of Ernest's portrait by the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Association on November 10, 1991 at Toronto. On the left: Suzanne, (Rachel and Pierre), Christine, Louis and Marcelle. On the right: Ernest, Jacky (Christine), Laurence and his father Alain, Martine (Louis) and François (son of Pierre and Rachel). Charles and Annick were not present. (The six children of Marcelle and Ernest are members of the AMAN).

 On nous écritCorrespondence **From Whitehorse, Yukon to Québec**

Let me first introduce myself, I am Chantal Mercier and I was born in La Pocatière, Qc. I moved to the Yukon five years ago. In fact I am in my fifth year. I teach basic french in an elementary school in Whitehorse. To be more precise I am the niece of Roland Mercier and daughter of Jean-Paul Mercier of La Pocatière. Lionel Mercier (the priest) is also my uncle. Uncle Roland was involved with ANAM, I believe, from the early days.

The present is to accompany a small gift, in occurrence a book on the Yukon written by François-Xavier Mercier. You will note certain orthographic differences in this book (Youkon, Clondike). This book recalls the Yukon pre-gold rush years of 1896-1897. It recalls the life at the time and the movement of persons in between Yukon and neighbouring Alaska. Other Merciers were there also (Moïse, François). It is purely historic and most likely valuable for your archives. According to the **Alaska Historical Society**, to whom I wrote, there would be two other books mentioning Francois Xavier Mercier; "**Land of the Midnight Sun**" and "**The Last Frontier**". I will try to consult them at the municipal library.

I enclose two articles published in 1987 in our french newspaper of Yukon "**L'Aurore Boréale**" on Francois Xavier Mercier. I draw your attention on the book's bibliography. There were other notes published on Francois Xavier.

I wish you good reading and good genealogy research. I hope this material will be helpful.

Before ending , please inform me on the ways to subscribe to the ANAM's journal. I would be immensely grateful if you would send me a short note to inform me that the book got to you.

Accept my gracious salutations

Chantal Mercier

From Québec to Whitehorse, Yukon

Thank you sincerely madam Chantal Mercier for your magnificent and appreciated gift on the valuable contribution of Francois Xavier Mercier to the economic, geographic, political and religious development of Yukon. The brochure titled: "**The Recollections of the Yukon**" (Memories from the Years 1868-1885 by **François Xavier Mercier**) is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mrs. Linda Finn Yarborough who published it in 1986.

You will find under separate envoy:

- One copy of the ANAM's liaison publication "**Le Mercien**"

(vol 4, no 3, july 1988 page 9 and 10) in which is reproduced the article on this distinguished Mercier published in "**La Patrie**" january 4, 1906;

- the copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Maurice Bédard of Montréal, kinship of François, on april 17, 1990 contesting the inadmissible genealogical affirmation that François Xavier Mercier, above mentioned was affiliated in any extend to Honoré Mercier premier of Québec (1887-1891);
- a copy of no 2 (april 1991) volume 7 of "**Le Mercien**" in which Jeanne Mercier Depocas, granddaughter of Honoré Mercier and Virginie Saint-Denis, relates the history of her parents (Paul-Émile Mercier and Marie-Louise Juneau), first white canadians to be wedded under the tent in Whitehorse, Yukon, on june 28, 1901;
- a copy of our last published bulletin of l'ANAM (vol. 8 no 1, january 1992) in which I regroup by generations (for the second and third) the wedding of the descendants of the ancestral couple Charles Mercier known as Lajoie and Marianne Lahayse.

According to Pontbriand and Bergeron both genealogist, François Xavier Mercier, son of Joseph and Zoé Gauthier (wedded in Varennes (Qc on january 15th, 1855) is a grandson of François Mercier said Lajoie and Marianne Lahayse engaged june 18th, 1761 (Daguilhe contract) and wedded in L'Assomption june 21, 1764.

Remains to establish definite proof that Joseph son of Charles Mercier said Lajoie, married with Catherine Janot known as Lachapelle, daughter of Dominique and Marie-Rose Archambault, in Repentigny Qc, on november 17th, 1800. It is not an easy task. First, family names (patronymic) Mercier known as Lajoie and Janot (Jeannot) known as Bellehumeur were in fashion in the L'Assomption territory. Second, some parishes marriage registry of L'Assomption County were destroyed by fire.

You will find enclosed an adhesion form to ANAM, The bulletin "**Le Mercien**" is forwarded to all paid members of the ANAM graciously. Thank you for your implication in the research on the Mercier family and for your help.

Ernest Mercier

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
Albert Mercier	1990-07-27	Chloridorme, Qc
Henri Maurice (époux Marielle Mercier)	1991-09-02	Sainte-Justine, Qc
Jocelyn Mercier	1991-09-19	Châteauguay, Qc
Imelda Mercier Lynch	1991-09-19	Berthier-sur-Mer, Qc
Irma Mercier Morel	1991-09-23	Saint-Rodrigue, Qc
Monique Mercier Saint-Pierre	1991-10-16	Québec, Qc
Marie Tourigny Mercier	1991-10-17	Québec, Qc
Lauréanne Mercier Chercuite	1991-10-22	La Pocatière, Qc
Rita Mercier Paquet	1991-10-24	Saint-Flavien, Qc
Laurette Mercier Grenier	1991-11-16	Québec, Qc
P.E. Bégin (ptre) fils Mérilda Mercier	1991-11-28 et 30	Pintendre, Qc
Benoît Therrien (Salette Mercier)	1991-12-06	Québec, Qc
Émile Mercier	1991-12-21	Sainte-Euphémie, Qc
Michelle L. Bussièrès fille de Marcelle Mercier	1992-01-10	Québec, Qc
Rosario Mercier	1992-02-01	Saint-Magloire, Qc

**CONFIRMATION OF AN IRREVOCABLE ANAM's CHOICE
SET UP A LARGER NUMBER OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES**

The regional committees list (page 3) gives the name, address and phone number of each committee in operation or of those recently agreed to by ANAM administration. Two ladies members of the Board of Directors -- Hélène Mercier and Cécile Mercier Nadeau -- have accepted the task of coordinator of regional committees and membership recruiting, respectively. The Board granted a minimal budget to the promotion of regional committees. Also a work group with Paul H., Ernest and Hélène was formed to prepare a **Guide for ANAM Regional Committees Leaders**. This guide will be available in next march.

Georges Mercier coordinator of the **Comité Régional de la Moyenne Côte-Nord (Sept-Îles)** will hold a meeting of the area Mercier's on sunday february 9th, 1992 in Moisie, Qc, in order of consolidating the structures of this regional organisation. Congratulation Georges and best wishes of success.

august 16th, 1992 -- to instill new forces in it is Montreal division whose activities have been flagging since 1989.

On top of the ten Québec regional committees listed above, ANAM's board wants to promote in 1992 the organisation of new committees in Chateauguay, in Abitibi, in Eastern Townships, in Mauricie, in Montérégie, in Ottawa, in Toronto, in Windsor, in Winnipeg and in British Columbia as well as in New-England states, and in Louisiana (USA).

If you are ready to volunteer service to the ANAM's cause -- wherever you may live -- please complete the enclosed form and return it to the ANAM's secretariat. The management will send the **Guide à l'usage des responsables des comités régionaux de l'ANAM**. The duties of the ANAM's regional delegate were published in volume 5, number 4, october 1989, supplement B.

Thank you for your collaboration
André Mercier, president

The ANAM's board intents of using its general assembly -- which will be held in Montréal on sunday,

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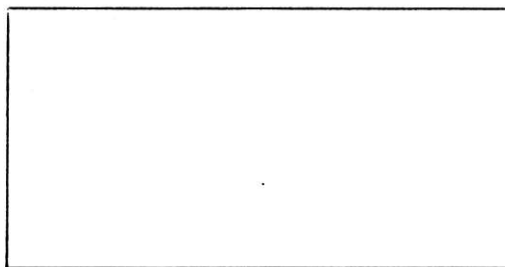
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If you are planning vacation in Montréal area, book Sunday August 16th, to be present at AMAN's annual meeting.

Details regarding the program, the agenda and location of the meeting will be published in April's LE MERCIEN.

Do not miss this meeting.

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