



The third President's Message

Let me, to begin, express my gratitude:

- In first instance to AMAN's members present at the Annual Assembly held in Montréal on Sunday August, 16th, 1992, who elected me to the post of director.
- In second instance to the actual Board of director who, on Tuesday, September, 7th, 1992 elected to the presidency and direction of AMAN.
- In third instance, to my predecessors to the Presidency and management Ernest (1985-1989) and André (1989-1992) and all the precious collaborators of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee who spend numerous hours for the development of services offered by our family association.
- Finally to all the Mercier and allies who devote time benevolently in those precious regional committees, AMAN's basic functioning cells.

If after five years of absence, I accept to assume again certain responsibilities in the management of AMAN I have two particular motives,

First, I want to thank everyone for the sympathy shown when my spouse passed away in June 1987;

Second, I want to reassess my profound conviction in the necessity of family associations, such as ours, in this world in which human beings are pushed around from all sides.

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AMAN bets on youth

Jean Mercier wants to bridge the generation gap. We must help him.

Jean Mercier was born in Québec on October, 11th, 1950. He obtained a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree from the "**Faculté des Lettres, Université Laval**" in urban geography in April 1977.

In 1981 he obtained a certificate in economic development from the University of Waterloo (Ontario). After his studies he works during two years (1977-1979) for the "**Office de planification et de développement économique**". In April 1979 he works for the "**Société Inter-Ports de Québec**" where he develops different models on economic developments. Finally we find him in 1988 at the "**Société de promotion économique de Québec métropolitain**" where he is director of communications and industrial commissar. Jean is familiar with our association since he was a member of the "Comité organisateur du rassemblement Mercier" (CORM) in Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré in August 1987.

Congratulation and fructuous mandate.

President's report -- Term 1991-1992

On behalf of the Board of Directors whose members are : André, Benoit, Cécile, Ernest, Hélène, Isabelle, Jacques, Jean, Léon, Lucie and Paul H. Mercier, I submit today a statement of AMAN's realizations for the operational term ending on June, 30th, 1992.

Mercier gathering 1991

Our gathering held on August, 17th and 18th, 1991 at the "**Vieux Port de Québec**" did not meet with the expected success of participation for various reasons such as the nice weather and the numerous activities in Québec city and the neighbourhood at the time.

However, the Board of Directors is very satisfied with the quality attendance and the fructuous discussions in the workshops held on: **Le Mercien, Regional Committees, Genealogy and Family History** as well as **recruitment**. The conclusions of those workshop were published in **Le Mercien**, April 1992.

Regional structure

Considering the conclusions and recommendations of the 1991 workshop on the regional committees, your **Board of Directors** prepared the "**Manuel à l'usage des responsables des comités régionaux**". It was distributed to all members of the Board as well as to all leaders of a regional committee functioning in Québec, Canada and the USA. We must congratulate those who were mandated for this realization, they are: **Benoit, Ernest, Hélène, Paul H.** and the secretary **Hélène Breton** for the brilliant work done. A premiere for 1992, a report by each **Regional Committee Leader** to be presented at the Annual General Meeting. This presentation is on to-day's agenda. The two board members responsible for regional committees, Ernest and Paul H., will soon tour parts of Québec and USA to consolidate or establish regional structures.

Le Mercien liaison bulletin

Le Mercien was published four times during the last term. Ernest, the conscience of our

publication, is the author of most of the articles and genealogical exposes. He was assisted by Isabelle and president André who both contributed to the preparation of our bulletin. With its ever more interesting contents, **Le Mercien** is always published in Canada's two official languages. Congratulations and thanks to all those volunteers for what they do to inform us on the large Mercier family.

F.F.S.Q. 1991 Convention

President André represented AMAN during the session of the annual convention of the "**Fédération des Familles-Souches Québécoises**" held at the end of May in Laval. He was accompanied by Guy, the leader of the Montréal Regional Committee. Both participated in the workshops and brought back useful information and interesting documents. André did an expose on "**Un après grand rassemblement**" (The aftermath of a large gathering) and noted, among others things, the problem of diminishing membership. He also presented the "**Manuel à l'usage des responsables des comités régionaux**" of our association as a work tool. Following requests made at that occasion, ten family associations benefited from copies sent by AMAN.

Montréal 1992 gathering

Through Guy's collaboration, AMAN was privileged in holding its 1992 gathering today in these locals. In your name, I thank the management and the personal of the "**Centre Social des fonctionnaires municipaux de Montréal**" for their gentle welcome and the various services they maintained at our disposal. Its at the occasion of the Montréal 350th foundation anniversary that AMAN, here today, invites us to participate to the various celebration activities.

Recruitment campaign

During the last term, the Management made special efforts to maintain and increase membership of our family association. On top of the means of recruitment normally used,

members were invited to participate to a personal recruitment. Tangible results were obtained but there are still more work to be done to reach our objective of a 1 000 paid up members. Let us continue our actions toward recruiting Merciers in our association.

F.F.S.Q. special meeting

On last May, 29th, president André represented our association to a special meeting of the "**Fédération des Familles-Souches Québécoises**". The main item on the agenda was a motion to change the chart of the said association by adding to its objectives the publication of newsletters. These changes were made to enable family associations to obtain reduced postal rates when mailing newsletters and in our case, **Le Mercien**. Without these changes AMAN would be subjected to full postal rates.

Condolences to Mercier families

By the acknowledgements received at the Secretariat, following condolences sent to Mercier families afflicted by mourning. The management must conclude that these marks of sympathy are appreciated by those concerned, members or not of AMAN. These messages of condolences are also published in **Le Mercien**. Thanks to Isabelle for her constant application in carrying this work. All members of all localities are invited to submit to the Secretariat any major event affecting their family.

Genealogical data on computer

Further to the purchase of a microcomputer and a contract concluded with Benoit Mercier, our secretary-treasurer the computerization of Ernest's genealogical data bank is in progress. Will also be treated any data that Mercier individuals or allies will send to the association's genealogical service. From this computerized data, AMAN's Genealogical Service will soon be enabled to supply ascendancy titles to interested parties, at reasonable fee.

Advertising in Le Mercien

Advertising rates in **Le Mercien** have been known for some times and any individual and enterprise may, if they wish, retain space. To date, in spite of the offers made, no advertiser used the newsletter pages. In order to remedy to that situation, the board invites all potential

advertisers, bearing the name Mercier or not, to use the publicity pages of ANAM's "**Le Mercien**".

Life membership

ANAM's life membership certificates are now available and may be issued to those who may wish to pay, once for all, their annual membership fees. Those interested may choose this class of membership by notifying the secretary-treasurer.

AMAN's promotion

The collaboration of the information medias is always acquired to AMAN and its communiques are always well received by the daily and weekly newspapers as well as radio and TV stations. Our sincere thanks to all concerned.

Acknowledgement

After my third term as AMAN's president, I wish to take this opportunity to thank those with whom I had the occasion of working to the betterment of our association, either as president of the "**Comité d'organisation du Grand Rassemblement des Merciers 1987**" or as president of the Board of Directors from 1989 to 1992. My special thanks to those close collaborators that are Benoit and Ernest. Thank you to all: directors, to you Mercier members, allies and friends for your support and presence here in Montréal today. Be assured that even if I leave AMAN's presidency I will continue to be active in the midst of our association. Thank you all.

André Mercier
Sunday, August 16, 1992

Up to now, about a dozen members have opted for life membership in AMAN.

ASCENDANTS
of / de
Jean-François Mercier

Dates et lieu de mariage des couples Dates and place of Marriage of couples

in / en France		
<i>Jehan Mercier</i>	↑ 1557-06-20 – Perche, France	<i>Thienette Le Blond</i>
<i>Marin Mercier</i>	↑ 1571-12-?? – Tourouvre	<i>Jehanne Brisson</i>
<i>François Mercier</i>	↑ 1605-??-?? – Tourouvre	<i>Roberde Cornillau</i>

in North America / en Amérique du Nord		
<i>Jullien Mercier</i>	I 1654-01-18 – Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec, Canada	<i>Marie Poulain</i>
<i>Charles Mercier</i>	II 1691-11-08 – Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré	<i>Anne Berthelot</i>
<i>Louis Mercier</i>	III 1745-07-12 – Saint-Joachim-de-Beaupré	<i>Catherine Labranche</i>
<i>Louis Mercier</i>	IV 1771-02-04 – Saint-Joachim (Québec)	<i>Joséphine Simard</i>
<i>Louis Mercier</i>	V 1803-11-22 – N.-D.-de-Québec	<i>Véronique Giroux</i>
<i>François-Xavier Mercier</i>	VI 1839-08-20 – Saint-Rock (Québec)	<i>Flavie Charland</i>
<i>Oliva Mercier</i>	VII 1885-01-(13) – Saint-Rock (Québec)	<i>Marie Poulin</i>
<i>Henri Mercier</i>	VIII 1921-06-07 – Saint-Malo (Québec)	<i>Adrienne Lapointe</i>
<i>Paul-H. Mercier</i>	IX 1949-06-04 – Saint-Malo	<i>Jacqueline Beaupré</i>
* <i>Jean Mercier</i>	X 1975-08-08 – Saint-Louis-de-France (Québec)	<i>Carole Denis</i>
<i>Jean-François Mercier</i>	XI	

* Jean Mercier est issu, à la 10e génération, du couple ancestral Jullien Mercier et Marie Poulain. Il est de la lignée de Charles Mercier et Anne Berthelot.



Retracé par Ernest, Roland et Paul-H. Mercier
1987-07-15

Authentifié par Ernest Mercier à Québec, le 30 octobre 1992
pour l'AMAN., C.P. 6700, Sillery (Québec), G1T 2W2, Tél. : (418) 653-2137

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

During the financial term 1991-1992 the Board of Directors held seven meetings while the Executive Committee met twice.

During this period the member's register containing the name, address, and card number was kept up to date. On July, 31st, 1992 our association numbered 320 paid-up members including 9 life members. That is a slight decrease of 12 members compared to the previous year. Furthermore we have on file the names and addresses of 1,200 persons Merciers and allies who at one time were members or in contact with AMAN and who, for various reasons, broke liaison. This list will be revised in the next few months.

As you may note the last term ended with a deficit of some 4,000\$ even if the revenue increased. This deficit is due to increased expenses and new expenditures. As new expenses, you will find those incurred for the preparation of the "**Manuel à l'intention des responsables des comités régionaux**". Expenses to this item should diminish during the term 1992-1993.

However, planned visits to the regions will require travelling expenses. Due to increased printing and postal costs, expenses for "**Le Mercien**" newsletter increase greatly. The Secretariat cost also increased following the hiring of an executive secretary. Finally, the genealogical service expenses may increase in the next term.

Unless new sources of revenue are found, it will be difficult for the administrators to equilibrate the budget during the 1992 - 1993 term. One way to equilibrate AMAN's budget would be to diminish certain expenses by recruiting volunteers to do some of the work for which AMAN had to pay external help.

During the last year we benefited of the service of executive secretary Odette Côté for the first part and Hélène Breton to complete the exercise.

Their activities comprise the preparation of minutes of various meetings, the maintaining to date of the members registry, the renewal of membership as well as correspondence. Without the help of these two valiant secretaries I would not have been able to carry out all the work involved in the mandate of AMAN's secretary-treasurer. The management must be thankful to them.

Benoit Mercier
August 16, 1992

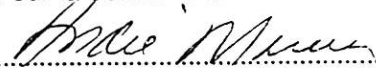
The AMAN's Genealogical Service can prepare for you or your children, at moderate cost, an ancestry title similar to the one published on page 4 of the present issue of *Le Mercien*. Are you interested?

Any member in charge of a regional committee has everything on hand to establish a solid link between individual members and the AMAN's secretariat. However, regional representatives have to work in cooperation with members in all localities where Mercier homes are found. (see page 12 of the present issue of *Le Mercien*)

Financial Summary for the last two operational years

Income (for the 12 months ending June, 30 th)	1992	1991
Membership fees	6 671	4 764
Grants and gifts	1 221	118
Interest	481	1 027
Profit from the sale of souvenirs	<u>158</u>	<u>184</u>
Total	<u>8 531</u>	<u>6 093</u>
Costs		
Liability insurance	221	—
Regional committees	1 239	—
Related costs	354	25
Bank cost	31	25
Travelling expenses	—	53
Meetings and conventions	3 273	504
Service cost F.F.S.Q.	793	510
Le Mercien	3 427	1 965
Monument	107	—
Advertising - promotion	120	—
Secretariat	2 526	1 218
Genealogical service	<u>388</u>	<u>---</u>
Total	<u>12 479</u>	<u>4 300</u>
Surplus (deficit)	<u>(3 948)</u>	<u>1 793</u>
Balance sheet June, 30 th	1992	1991
Assets		
Cash in hand	713	2 269
Advance F.F.S.Q.	—	500
Invenory of souvenirs (at cost)	625	679
Term deposit	4 000	8 168
Furniture	<u>2 962</u>	<u>229</u>
Total	<u>8 300</u>	<u>11 845</u>
Liabilities		
Account payable	—	336
Reserve - life membership	500	—
Reserve - Genealogical data	339	—
Advance from directors	<u>600</u>	<u>700</u>
Total	<u>1 439</u>	<u>1 036</u>
Accumulated funds		
. At the beginning of the term	10 809	9 016
. Surplus (deficit) of the term	<u>(3 948)</u>	<u>1 793</u>
. At the end of the term	<u>6 861</u>	<u>10 809</u>
Total asset of members	<u>8 300</u>	<u>11 845</u>

Pour le Conseil d'administration


..... président
André Mercier


Benoit Mercier, secretary-treasurer

I have examined the statements of revenues and expenditures as well as the balance sheet as at June, 30th, 1992 . In my opinion these statement present the correct financial position of AMAN according to accounting procedures generally recognized and applied in the same ways as they were in the previous years,

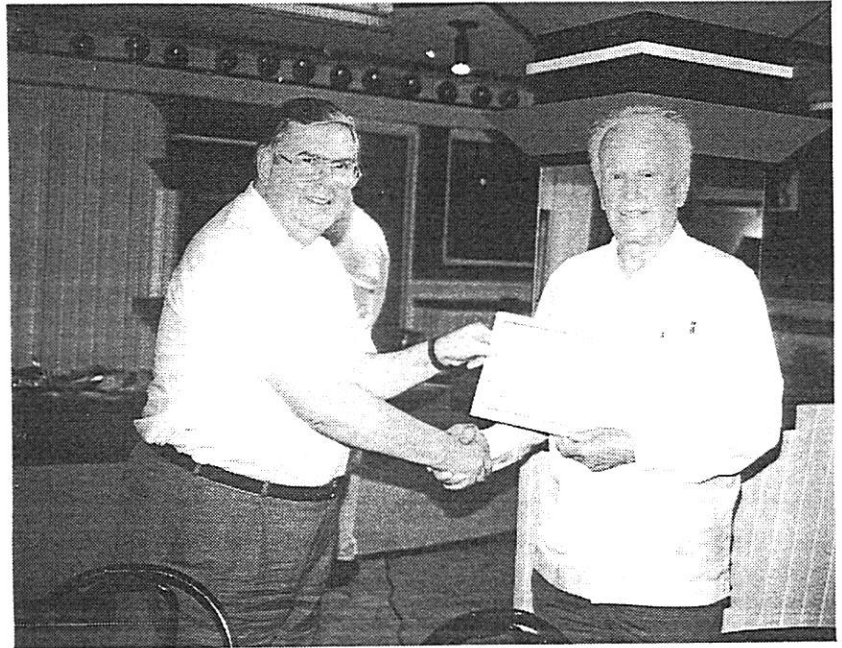

Lauréat Mercier, c.g.a.

Founding president Ernest named life member of AMAN

THE "ASSOCIATION DES MERCIERS D'AMÉRIQUE DU NORD (incorporée)" has paid tribute to its first president and founder at its last annual gathering dinner held in Montréal, on Sunday, August, 16th, 1992

Again this year AMAN pays tribute to a Mercier person, benefactor, and in his case, pioneer of our family association. The management wants to bring, today, to your attention the work done by our founding president Ernest Mercier and pay him tribute, he who, for many years, devotes many hours of work and research to bring forward and valorize the patronymic Mercier. His activities began well before 1985, when on April, 19th, of that year he, assisted by a small group of Merciers, he founded the "**Association des Merciers d'Amérique du Nord Inc.**". His passion for sidelight history and genealogy pushed him into doing many studies on the ancestral Merciers who came from France and settled in North America between 1647 and 1800. From the first weeks of his official presidency in 1987 AMAN has benefited from his work in genealogy which helped in propagating the merits of a Mercier's association. Many members profited of the data he has compiled to prepare their personal ascendancy titles. His book of some 400 pages titled "**Mercier depuis des siècles**", published in 1987, is tangible proof of the incessant work of Ernest to the Mercier cause.

Since 1985, Ernest promotes our association as founding president as well as a member of the "**Comité organisateur du Rassemblement des Mercier**" (CORM) of 1987, or responsible for the publication of **Le Mercien** of which he is the governing soul and also as member or leader of various committees created to realize the program of activities of AMAN.



André hands to Ernest his honorary life member certificate

Today, the directors think that the circumstance is appropriate to inform you on Ernest Mercier career. Born in 1914 at Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, Montmagny county, Québec from the wedding of Georges Mercier and Williamine Dion, farmers, he is a graduate in agronomy of Laval University, Québec. He holds a master and a doctor degrees of sciences from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA. He was successively the organizer and director of the "**Centre d'insimination artificielle des bovins du Québec**" in St-Hyacinthe; director of the "**Station fédérale de recherche agricole**" in Lennoxville, and deputy minister of Agriculture Québec. He was consultant in rural planning and agricultural development for the government of Québec and for the "**Agence canadienne de développement international**". Retired from the Québec civil service since 1979, he is an agrifood consultant and president of ARDA Inc. In 1989 Ernest was named officer of the **Order of Canada**, member of Canadian Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1991, and, lately member of the Québec Agricultural Hall of Fame. These honours were preceded by many others of professional orders that were bestowed for his

contribution to rural planning and agri-business development in Québec, Canada and developing countries of the world.

AMAN must associate his wife Marcelle Normand to this tribute. She who admirably seconded her husband since the beginning of their life in common in 1945. AMAN was and still is a cause of repeated absence of Ernest from their home on "l'avenue des Braves" in Québec where the association managers are always welcome for a get together or a meeting. Marcelle and Ernest have six children: Suzanne, Christine, Pierre, Alain, Louis and Charles who are also associated to this tribute.

On behalf of all the Merciers, members or not of the "Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord", congratulations and thanks to Ernest for his incessant labour to the Mercier cause. Homage to our founding president who for many years never missed an occasion to honour the name Mercier.

Cécile Mercier Nadeau

AMAN will reach its objective of 1,000 paid-up members annually after each member has recruited a minimum of two new members.

Up to now, AMAN has named two honorary life members :
Monique Mercier in 1991
Ernest Mercier in 1992

Ernest's acknowledgements

It is with great joy and gratitude that I accept this AMAN honorary life membership. Your token of esteem touches me deeply. I thank you all.

The reason that drives me to devote so many working hours to our young family association is simple. I have profound belief in the merits of the three great and secular institutions that shaped the exciting history of humanity, namely the **family society**, the **religious society** and the **civil society**.

The **family society** in the largest extent of the word: single parent family, the enlarged family (cousins, aunts and uncles), the tribes, the family associations, etc. is the most ancient and the most fraternal of the three fore mentioned institutions. As general rule the family was, still is and will always be the most inclined to mutual aid and cooperation. She has few faults to confess to humanity.

The **religious society** in the large sense of the term is the second in age. She has wonderful realisation when she limited her power to the spiritual domain. However, when this society assumed worldly power, she committed numerous injustices to individuals and family. The inquisitions and religious wars are the immemorial proof of it.

The **civil society**, the most recent of the three fore mentioned restricting institutions, has many faults to be forgiven for. Its leaders who imposed, kept and retained the power to impose taxes of all kinds, to declare war, to despoil the vanquished, to take prisoners and to bring back captives, could hire and pay scribes to narrate their conquests, their dominations sometime infamous and their histories.

If the hours of work that I devote to AMAN and the Mercier families of the world may compensate in a minimal way for all the faults of the leaders of the kingdom of Mercie, I am delighted. The Mercian kings who dominated the british heptarchy during more than two centuries, between 633 and 875 before being dominated by the Danish crown until 1066, --

date of the invasion of England by William the Conqueror, duke of Normandy -- probably gave the Mercier family name to the world.

It is by instilling to individuals the inclination to narrate their limelight history and to discover their roots that we will improve indirectly the **family society**, the **religious society** and the **civil society**. AMAN, our Mercier family

association has taken up this goal. We must congratulate it. Personally, I am proud to be one of the early hour member and doubly proud to be one its second honorary life member. Thank you, thank you very much for this token of your esteem.

Ernest Mercier

The title of **Honorary life member** is granted by AMAN to any person who has made substantial donations to our family association. These donations may be of any kind, either as :

- money or goods,
- benevolent work,
- research on the origin of the Mercier surname.

Honorary life members are not requested to pay their annual dues but they are invited to maintain their own contribution of all kinds to the survival of AMAN.

Any organization is likely to survive when its founders, first adherents and followers are willing to put the shoulder at the wheel.

Reception at Paul H. Mercier July, 2nd, 1992 Introduction of Ernest by André Mercier

Thanks to the personal initiative of Paul H. and Jacqueline, member of the board and their escorts are united here to emphasize the admission of our founding president to the **Québec Agricultural Hall of Fame** after having been made a member of the **Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame** in late 1991. In 1989 Ernest was made officer of the **Order of Canada**. Has you all know Ernest was honoured for his contribution and interest in the development of agrofood sectors in Québec, Canada and developing countries. We also want to add an other recognition: his untiring work to the Mercier cause, since 1985 when he founded AMAN and accepted the post of first president of the association. On behalf of all the members of the "**Association des Merciers d'Amérique du Nord**" congratulations to Ernest for the magnificent realisations and thanks for the honour falling out on the Mercier families Thank you to Paul H. and Jacqueline for this reception enabling us to honour one of ours.

After expressing sincere thanks to the host of the reception, founding president Ernest told the joy he felt to be able to devote himself for AMAN. The feelings expressed are in his speech to the members of the Mercier Association at the general meeting on August, 16th. (see pages on 8 and 9)



On nous écrit

Correspondence

From Cécile Nadeau Mercier

One of my nieces, Chantal, from Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario, send me a text on the Mercier family name origin in France. Due to the interest aroused by this question for many AMAN's members, I submit this documentation to our founding president Ernest for comments.

Ernest's answer

In her paper on Savoie, Chantal sustains that the patronymic family name Mercier would originate from this beautiful region of France south-east, conquered by the Romans in between 122 and 118 before Christ and invaded by burgundy families in the fifth century of the contemporary era. From the available documentation Chantal writes:

«the first registration of the family appeared in 1300 when Jean Mercier was cited. The noble branch of the family Mercier de Rochettes just established in Poitou and by the year 1359 this branch was found in Béarn, Languedoc and Savoie. Pierre was a judge of Auvergues for the duke of Berry and was mentioned in 1405. The family continued to spread and in 1538 she was registered in Sâllenoves, than in 1571 in *La Chapelle d'Abondance* and finally in 1575 in Cervens. Through the centuries this family continued to grow and prosper in many regions where Mercier family members were considered notable citizens by their respective communities. Many members of this ancient family received titles and lands in reward of the gallantry shown on the battlefield. Jean-François Mercier was a captain of the Champagne regiment and he was ennobled by Louis XVI. In Marseille the Mercier family presented

the sire of the city of Hervé, of Leigné and of Héraudière and her nobility was confirmed in 1707. Jean-Baptiste Mercier received a papal letter in his favour on July, 11th, 1777. Among the Mercier celebrities of that era, let us mention Jean-François Mercier who was a captain of the Champagne regiment.»

Furthermore, Chantal mentions in her text the name of many Mercier individuals settled in New England, Louisiana and other parts of the USA, Most of these named are in the list already published in **Le Mercien**: volume 7, number 3, July, 1991 (pages 2-4). Welcome to american and canadian searchers interested in the discovery of the descendants of Mercier persons in North America.

In my book "**Mercier depuis des siècles**"(1987) and in the liaison bulletin "**Le Mercien**" April, 1992 I developed the hypothesis that the **patronymic Mercier** origins from the **kingdom of Mercia**, in England, whose official existence dates back to 633 after Christ. We must not forget that the 15,000 Mercier homes counted in the french census are mainly in the north and northeast of the country; that the map of England traced around the year 600 of the christian era mentions the kingdom of Mercia; that the english royal family took refuge in Normandy in 1013; that there were no impenetrable frontiers between France and England from 1066 to 1453; the "**Communauté des merciers marchands de France**" had a fixed place in "**Les Halles de Paris**" in 1137. Those are, in my opinion, evident proofs that the Merciers of France came from the coast, in particular by the north instead of the south of the country.

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† 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
Marguerite Moisan Mercier	1992-06-18	Saint-Roch, Québec, Qc
Marcel Auger (Carmelle Mercier)	1992-06-24	Sainte-Croix, Lotbinière, Qc
Roger Mercier	1992-07-02	Dosquet, Qc
Armand Mercier	1992-07-18	Québec, Qc
Rachel Proulx Mercier	1992-07-23	Cap-Saint-Ignace, Qc
Jeanne Lizotte Mercier	1992-07-29	Welland, Ontario
Roger Cloutier (Yvette Mercier)	1992-08-01	Québec, Qc
Jean-Marc Mercier	1992-08-05	Charlesbourg, Qc
Bertrand Paquet (Luce Rita Mercier)	1992-08-14	Saint-Flavien, Lotbinière, Qc
Jeanne Mercier Gendreau	1992-09-14	Montmagny, Qc
Doria Lacroix Mercier	1992	Mont-Brun, Qc

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In short, the merchants (mercatores) came from the south with the roman invaders and from the east with the conquerors from Germanic Gaul, at the beginning of the christian era. The merciers merchants specialized in the sale of dry goods appeared in France during the western european countries Holy Land crusade in Jerusalem (1096-1291).

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AMAN counts on youth to assume its destiny and pursue the actions started by all the pioneers of our association. I want to bring the Merciers of my age to bridge the generations gap: **elders**, **adults** and **teenagers**. I want to convince them to discover their ancestral roots and bring them to narrate the prowess of their parents and grandparents who did not leave written notes on their realizations in many family associations, religious or civil groups. This toil must be done by all of us, members of AMAN and allies. I am ready to coordinate the activities of our association but only your constant participation and help will reinforce AMAN's foundations.

Thank you in advance for your commitment.

Jean Mercier
Président

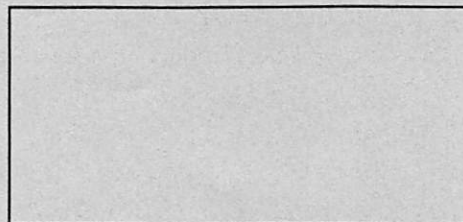
The cost of publishing an english copy of *Le Mercien* is about three times higher than of a french copy.

What can anglophone members of AMAN do to save the english version of *Le Mercien*?

Recruit two (2) news members during the present fiscal year.

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Important message

To the leaders of regional committees

During the last months the Executive Committee has taken certain decisions to insure the growth of regional committees. That way, a part of the annual membership fees as well as a percentage of souvenir's sales are granted to each of the regional committees.

In order to promote the implication of the leaders of committees, the secretariat will produce periodically a list of members who have not renewed their membership. In order to enable the secretary-treasurer to produce this list, each regional committee leader is requested to inform, as soon as possible, the secretariat of all the postal codes or zip codes used in his region.

The leaders will have to supply the names and date of payment on a correctly identified list in order to obtain the established return.

Summary

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