



A word from the president : Jean Mercier

In this early spring of 1993, as nature awakens in all its splendour. I think it is suitable to recall to all the **Merciers and their allies** that they also have to come out of their lethargy and transmit to future generations unforgettable souvenirs of their ancestral origins.

If you are, like me born in a family of five offspring, you know how hard it is to remember your brothers and sisters birthday. That is one element amongst others that makes it imperative to leave our souvenirs to future generations. With all the modern technology at our disposal it is far easier to capture for ever the **voice**, the **image** and the **written**. We simply have to think of the cameras, recorders and videos that enable us to record the **voice**, the **image**, the **ideas** and **realisations** of close ones. A written document signed in front of witnesses becomes a document with legal value. We have no more excuses; we must take action.

In the issue of january 1993 of *Sélection du Readers Digest* Ellen Miller strongly encourages readers to preserve their family history. She gives precious advices on the way to conduct interviews with elders while it is still time.



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From left to right : François, Claude, Julienne and Jean Jacques Mercier, participators in the symposium on Merciers' vitality held on sunday, August 16, 1992 at Montréal.

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Généalogies et sites – Genealogy and sites

Should I own my Mercier ascendancy title

by
Ernest Mercier

Before answering positively or negatively this question, any Mercier individual and allied must have a precise answer to three points to be discussed:

- first, who **emits and certifies an ascendancy title?**
- second, what does **signify an ascendancy title?**
- third, what is the **price to be paid for an ascendancy title?**

I. Delivery of an ascendancy title

1.1 Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord

L'Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord — AMAN, as it is called — officially exists in Québec since April 19th, 1985. The genealogical **data bank** is in development since 1988.

1.2 AMAN Genealogical Service

The **Genealogy service** has, in virtue of article 5 of the charter(5) and article three zero three(3.0.3) of by-laws of the parent association — of which it is dependent — the right to emit any ascendancy title relating to Mercier ancestors, firmly anchored, for over three centuries, in the soil of North America.

1.3 Banque Génanam

The AMAN designates under the name **Banque Génanam** the mass of genealogical data on the union of two spouses that the **founding president Ernest** has gathered with the help of some ten Mercier **amateur genealogists**. These precious collaborators are the indefectible promoters of the upkeep of

family **genealogical registers**. If there are no genealogical register for the **familial** society in the simplest sense of the term that is: child, mother and father, there are no civil or religious society registers worthwhile. Only the mother of a child, may she be **single-mother, wedded, separated, or divorced**, holds in her brain, her hearth and her womb the carnal and splitting proof of the birth of a child.

For genealogists — it is also the desire of the **creator of nature**: Cross and multiply (*Crescite et multiplicamini*) — only the child (boy or girl) has genealogical importance as long as he can reproduce. Only the person who leaves one or more child who in turn will procreate; leave descendants; bridge or establish a biological tie between generations counts. The importance is to establish the biological link between the **mother, the father of this child**.

1.4 Genetics and reproduction

For some 3.8 million years, the primitive living cell has adapted to its environment and evolved in water, under uncountable reactions to finally end on land. For the human species the cells of reproductive organs, differentiated with time, are active from the time of juvenile puberty until old age.

The gamete or sexual cell bears the name of spermatozoon for the male gender and ovule or egg for the female gender of any mammal species including the human beings.

1.5 Chromosomes and genes

Each human reproductive cell contains a lengthwise half of each of the 46 chromosomes that are always in pair (23 pairs each for the male and the female). Each of these divided

pairs of differentiated reproductive cells, bears on the 23 individual chromosomes it contains, the some one hundred thousands (100 000) individual genes, partly responsible for the transmission of each of our characters and behaviour patterns inherited from our ancestors.

Thousand of europeans and american scientists are presently working on the discovery and the cartography of genes on human chromosomes. The cartography of the genome of this dominant earth species will be the 21st century project of cellular biology.

1.6 *Biological tie between generations*

The fertilization of a woman ovule by a man spermatozoon produces an embryo that implants into the womb of a woman. This embryo becomes a child during the period of gestation or pregnancy of the mother of whom he is totally dependant until birth. The birth certificate of the child as well as the rather easy attestation of motherhood and sometimes difficult fatherhood are of prime importance.

1.7 Identification of generations

The certified ascendancy title of a Mercier person ties schematically, by a roman numeral, all generations that precede his. The title identifies clearly: on the one part the generations well established in North America —in Canada and in the United States of America(USA) — and relates on the other part, these north american generations to european ancestors or ancestral couples that came to establish in *Nouvelle-France* after 1608.

1.8 Summary

Through its *Service de généalogie*, AMAN emits a certified ascendancy title to any Mercier person and allied for whom the basic data on matrimonial unions of spouses are included in its data bank **Génaman**.

This ascendancy title is proof of his belonging to a line (identified son) issued from one of six the ancestral couples established in *Nouvelle-France* prior to 1800.

II - Ascendancy title categories

The *Banque Génanam* offers two types of Mercier ascendancy titles: a) the abridged (pedigree type) and b) the enlarged one mentioning for each generation collaterals (brothers and sisters) of the direct ascendants.

2.1 *Abridged title (pedigree type)*

The abridged ascendancy title includes for each Mercier person, two basic information. They are:

- **the complete name of each of the two spouses and**
- **the proof of their official matrimonial or «common law» union.**

2.1.1 *Family names of spouse*

The name of a person is formed by one or more surnames and his patronymic — formerly the name of the father — commonly called the family name.

It is preferable to always use the same name. The repetitive use of more than one christian name during the life of a person married or living in a common law union is sometimes a source of genealogical confusion to be banned at all times.

The family name, the patronymic used for ages is no more an obligation today. This surname is replaced these days by the matronymic — name of the mother — in most of the modern genealogical repertories. Why? Simply because **motherhood or childbirth is the only irrefutable physical proof of the coming of a child to this world**. Fatherhood is a much more difficult and costly to biologically establish **proof**. Why? Because blood typing the trio: **child, mother** and **father** is long and

required to establish the parenthood of the three persons.

2.1.2 *Matrimonial union*

The **date and place of matrimonial union** in its largest sense are essential for genealogists to establish, **à bon compte**, the ties between generations. These two data enable one, with the help of documents available locally, to ascertain the social and familial ties between the two spouses, man and woman (husband and wife), deliberately joined in front of witnesses of the **society historical masters**. These masters are: the **familial society**, the **religious society** and the **civil society**.

2.1.3 *Basic documents*

The basic documents certifying a union are by order of importance in North America:

- a religious or civil **wedding certificate**;
- a notarized **wedding contract** followed by other legal documents such as;
- a **testament** by either one of the spouses, the **inventory after death** of the assets of a widow or a widower, the **yeaning of an orphan**, that is the official adoption of an orphaned child by other members of the family who assumed, without charge, the responsibility of raising and upkeep of the unfortunate child;
- an **officially recognized declaration of the birth** of a child issued of a common law union, not officially married but biologically declared mother and father of a child.

2.1.4 *Family records*

In addition to the name of the mother and father any worthwhile family register must also contain:

- the date and place of the **official matrimonial union of the parents**;
- the date and place of birth;
- * the date and place of death and burial of any member of the family whatever the religious or civil status.

The Quebec marriage registers kept by parish, county and legal district are an invaluable source for amateur genealogists and all those that are looking up their biological roots.

2.1.5 *Common law spouse*

The **civil authorities of Québec** are now sole and unique officials, as in all other canadian provinces and all the states of the USA, to keep the data bank concerning births, **weddings, deaths and burials** of all persons **born, married, dead or buried** on its territory.

May we want it or not, the **government of Québec** knows — he always knew — who is the mother and the assumed father(?) of any child reported to the register of birth of the State. There is **no shame to record** in a **private family register** the name of a child and those of his **true parents (father and mother)**. It is the only way to help this child. This action will probably help him to discover on his own who are his biological parents without incurring major expenses.

There should be **no shame** to note in a **family register** the names of the **biological parents of a child**. If you do not do it voluntarily today, it may cost a lot to your grand son or grand daughter to establish on their own, with genealogical proof, the biological descendance in the offices of the legal districts of Québec.

2.2 *Enlarged ancestry titles*

An **enlarged ascendancy title** is an abridged title to which are added for each generation the names of the brothers and sisters of the forebears that took spouse and left identifiable descendants in North America.

2.3 *Summary*

In a word, a Mercier ancestry title is simply a descriptive table of the number of generations of forebears that separate a living person from his paternal ancestor in North America. This

Mercier ancestor must have left identifiable descendants so that we may tie today their roots to an ancestral single man or couple that came from overseas.

III- Cost of a Mercier ancestry title

We must recall to members that the *Banque Génaman* actually contains basic data on close to four **thousands (4000)** certified marriages of north american descendants issued from the six ancestral Mercier couples married and established before 1800 in Nouvelle-France. The AMAN **Genealogical Service** hopes to group in the fore mentioned data bank some twenty thousands Mercier marriage that will upgrade after verification the contents of the *Banque Génaman* of our young family association. The AMAN has invited some 6000 Mercier homes — some 3 500 in Canada and 2 500 in the USA — at the international gathering of Merciers, in mid-august 1987, in Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. Tens of Mercier amateur genealogists are working to enrich and consolidate the *banque Génaman*.

3.1 Anchor points of Mercier

The tens of thousands Mercier marriages above mentioned are grouped:

- by **ancestral couples** and
- by **lineage(or branch)**, that is for each of the 16 sons — on a possible maximum of 22 — issued of the six celibate frenchmen of whom we still, today, find Mercier descendants in north american territories.

The author of *Mercier depuis des siècles* has inventoried the marriages for each of the **first three generations** of north american Mercier issued from the 16 sons of the **six ancestral couples** mentioned above. If you keep an **updated family register** that goes back **three generations or more**, you should be able to obtain at **low cost** a **Mercier ascendancy title**. However, canadian genealogists cannot

help their american friends if these last ones do not have basic written data relative to the place of origin of their Mercier forebears that came from Canada before or after the **American Civil War** (1860-1867).

3.2 European anchor point

Each of the six french Mercier celibates who married and settled in *Nouvelle-France* before 1800 is tied to one ancestral couple overseas. To date, the place of origin of the six french Mercier settlers has been identified. The place and date of marriage for five of them is definitely known. To their descendants to find the ancestral couple of whom they issued, of whom they draw their roots.

3.3 Characters and paper

The abridged ascendancy Mercier title is, for the time being, issued by the *banque Génaman* on a simple 8 1/2" by 11" (letter size) or 8 1/2" by 14" (legal size) paper. The dimensions of the sheet of paper varies according to the **number of generations** identified in North America and France.

The customer has the choice in between **six stylized printing characters** in small or capital letters, that is 12 different options. The sheet of paper on which the abridged ascendancy title is printed may be plastified at a relatively low cost — some two dollars or more — according to the size of the sheet. This plastification ensure the integrity of the sheet against manipulation damages for generations to come.

3.4 Price of an abridged ascendancy titled

The cost per unit of a Mercier ascendancy title for which the basic Mercier data is in the *banque Génaman* and that does not require additional research is of 30\$ plus mailing cost. Each additional copy of such an ascendancy title for each of the member of the aimed family:

children, brothers and sisters of the Mercier applicant is 10\$, plus mailing cost, for each member of the enlarged Mercier family no matter the number of copies ordered.

3.5 Price of an enlarged ancestry title

It is not possible to establish the exact cost of an enlarged Mercier ascendancy title. It depends on the number of children issued from one parental couple appearing at each ascending generation of the title involved.

3.6 Summary

The cost of a Mercier ascendancy title is relatively low if the AMAN members have on hand the basic data concerning the date and place of the matrimonial union of their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. If you would like to obtain an ascendancy title, please complete the order form included in this bulletin and transmit it to the secretariat. **Do not send money** before being informed that the **Genealogical Service** can produce an **authentic ascendancy title**.

IV - Conclusions

4.1 The **Genealogical service** of AMAN offers to members of the family association abridged or enlarged Mercier ascendancy titles. These titles identify each person for which basic data on ancestors of previous generations are included in the **Banque Génaman**.

4.2 When the desired information is true and easily found, the titles are certified by the directors of the **Genealogical Service** or those of the **Banque Génaman**.

However, neither of those officers can certify, if there is a doubt, the exactness of dates and place of wedding of couples or the common law union of Mercier spouses identified in France or in Europe before 1800.

4.3 The price of an **abridged title** (pedigree type) of a Mercier ascendancy title, certified by

the **Banque Génaman Direction** is 30\$ for the **original title** plus mailing cost.

The price per copy of the same ancestry title modified by replacing the name of the recipient by that of a child, a brother, a sister or any other kin is of **10\$ a copy** plus mailing cost, no matter the **number of copies**.

4.4 Concerning the price of an enlarged ascendancy title the production cost of the initial document depends on the number of children — brothers and sisters — of the Mercier ancestor appearing at each generation of the title, The price is established on a case by case. The interested people must negotiate on this base.

4.5 In short the AMAN has in the **Banque Génaman** sufficient basic data on the union of Mercier spouses, for over 300 years, to produce at an affordable price an abridged ascendancy title. To the members to profit of the offer and have their family members benefit from it. It is an invaluable anniversary or New Year gift.

4.6 The directors of the **Banque Génaman** are for the time being: Ernest Mercier, founder and first president and Benoit Mercier, secretary-treasurer since 1987 of the AMAN.

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Guy Mercier joins the religious Order of the Christian Brothers

On May 9, 1992, **Guy Mercier** took his **perpetual vows** in the religious Order of the Christian Brothers at the *Saint-Jean Juvenile House* at Dolbeau, Québec.

Son of **René Mercier** and **Irène Pouliot**, Guy was born on March 18, 1961 at Saint-Lambert (Lévis), Qc. He is a descendant in direct line, at the **11th north american generation**, of the ancestral couple **Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain**. He is of the **Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier** line or branch (second generation) in Nouvelle-France. After long studies from local school to university, Guy decided to serve mankind in joining permanently a religious brother organization at 31 years of age.

The religious ceremony of May 9, 1992 was followed by a local family banquet attended by parents, relatives and friends.

Guy belongs to a family of **seven children**, five daughters and two sons : **Line** (Guy Pelletier), **Edith, Nicole, Denis** (Josée Labonté), **Danielle** and **Michelle**.

In these days of civilian suspicion against religious orders, the AMAN managers congratulate Guy for his choice to serve mankind in his own way. Many fruitful years of achievements, Guy. The sky is the limit.



Alphonse Leblond, Bernadette Picard-Marcoux, Annette Labbé-Mercier and Charles Eugène Mercier (jubilees), and Irène Picard-Marcoux.

Gold wedding anniversary

Charles-Eugène Mercier and his wife, Annette Labbé, have celebrated their wedding golden jubilee on January 2, 1993, at St. Charles (Bellechasse), Qc.

A **high mass**, celebrated in the local church at 14 h 30, was followed by a **reception, dinner and evening party** at the *Jardin de Capri*. Many parents and friends attended these family festivities.

AMAN's managers warmly congratulate the jubilees and wish them many additional years of happiness with members of their family.

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The secretary-treasurer
Benoit Mercier



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Histoire de famille – Family history

Mercier settlers at St.Vincent, Alberta

Marguerite Mercier Irwin, daughter of Louis and Rose-Anna Gouin, wrote the family histories of her father and her uncle Théodore Mercier. They both left their hometown, Berthier-en-Grève (Montmagny, Qc) in 1906 to go and settle in the newly founded province of Alberta, Canada. At an early age, these three Mercier brothers followed the American adventurers' advice : «Young men, go west». One of them came back; the other two became farmers in Western Canada.

The family history of Louis has been reproduced in the liaison bulletin, volume VII, number 1, January 1991. Théodule's history is found in the present number of *Le Mercien*.

Mercier, Theodule (1887-1978)

«On February 25th, 1887, in a little town called Berthier-Sur-Mer, Montmagny, Quebec, a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mercier. They named him Theodule.

«In 1906, at the age of nineteen, Theodule decided to look for greener pastures in Alberta. In those days, that was some journey to undertake, but he had courage. His first job, shortly after his arrival in a small place called Edmonton (Strathcona then) was in a brick-manufacturing plant, close to where the High Level Bridge is now located. In fact, he assisted in the construction of the bridge. Farming in Alberta was his chief ambition. He chose a homestead in St. Vincent just after being in Alberta a short period of time. He kept improving it between jobs in bush camps and at a brick plant.

«In 1914, Theodule moved to St. Vincent and started farming seriously. In those days long hours were required for some measure of success. Theodule applied himself to this and all was going fine. Then came the first World

War of 1914-1918. More jobs were created by the war, but so were hardships. The deadly flu of 1918 destroyed Theodule's marriage to Anne-Marie Ouellette, leaving little Alice, their three-week old baby without a mother.

«In 1920, Theodule married Eugenie St. Jean, a widow who had three young sons, Joseph, Edmond and Ernest.

«The community of St. Vincent grew in orderly fashion and so did the Theodule Mercier family.

«Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodule Mercier. They all married and raised families of their own. Angele married Paul Vallee of St. Lina and had nine children. Louis George married Madeleine Primeau and had seven children. They live in Edmonton. Alvine married George Bassie and had four children. They live in Regina. Jean-Baptiste married Denise Guindon and had three children. They live in Bonnyville. Helen married Victor Kossowan. They had eight children and live in Bonnyville. Alexander married Marie Labrie. They live in St. Paul and had eight children. Cecile married Pete Boychuk. They had five children and live in St. Paul.»



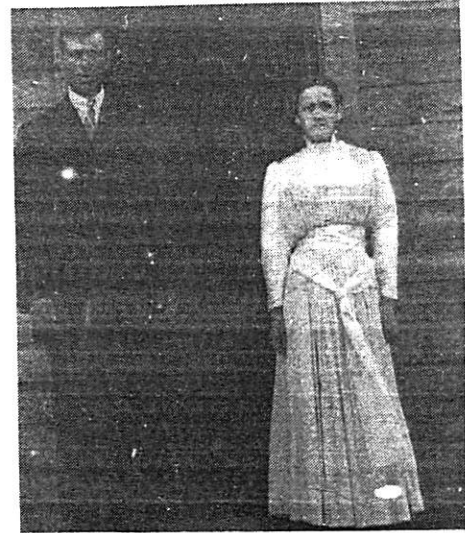
In the usual order, from left to right
First row : Alexandre, Théodule, Eugénie, Cécile
Second row : Hélène, Angèle, Alvine, Jean-Baptiste, Louis Georges
Third row : Ernest St.Jean, Gerard Mercier (son of Louis), Edmond St. Jean, Edouard Mercier (son of Louis)

Births and deaths

«Joseph St. Jean, born May 11th, 1913 died November 25, 1948. Mrs. Theodule Mercier, born December 22, 1892, died August 7, 1968. Mr. Theodule Mercier, born February 25th, 1887, died March 2, 1978. Angele Vallee, born February 25, 1921, died April 18, 1980.

«Mr. and Mrs. Theodule Mercier left numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. On his 90th birthday, at a family gathering in St. Vincent, there were over a hundred descendants. Eugenie and Theodule are buried in St. Vincent where they spent the better part of their life.»

Marguerite M. Irwin



Théodule Mercier and his first wife, Anne-Marie Ouellette. Photo taken around 1914

Note : Théodule Mercier is a direct descendant, at the 9th north american generation, of the ancestral couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain. He is issued of Paschal Mercier (2nd generation) and Anne Cloutier who were married at Chateau Richer (Québec) on November, 11, 1681.

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AMAN 1992 SYMPOSIUM

Merciers' vitality

The **directors of our young family association** had decided, at the foundation of AMAN in 1987, to hold, as much as possible, the **annual meeting in region**. The last few years, the **Board of directors** had convened to invite local members of the area where the members meeting was held to take part in special activities placed on the agenda of the annual Merciers and allies meeting. So was the case in Québec in 1991 and in Montréal in 1992.

1992 symposium

Last summer, the **Board entrusted Claude Mercier** with the task of organizing a symposium on the subject mentioned in the title. The three participants: **François, Julienne, and Jean-Jacques** unveiled, in turn, to the audience:

- the secret of their success in life;
- their way of identifying themselves in the community of youths, adults and elders;
- the message they want to leave to the young of their sphere.

Who are the participants?

Claude Mercier, the moderator of the 1992 Symposium was born in Québec. He is a young pensioner, whose career took place in the training and management of personnel for tobacco processing companies in Québec. Married to Claire Sicard and father of two children, this young pensioner devote a good part of his free time to **charitable societies** since his retirement in 1984. He is a descendant of the ancestral couple **Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain** and of the line of **Charles Mercier and Anne Berthelot** (second generation).

He is one of the seven cosigners of the request for the AMAN letters patent in 1985. Thank you, Claude.

Julienne Mercier is the wife of **Lucien Brouillette** and mother of eight.

The couple and their children operated a dairy farm of which Alain, the youngest of their three sons who are farmers, is now the owner in the parish of **Saint-Esprit-de-Montcalm** (Joliette).

Julienne is a direct descendant to the seventh generation of the ancestral couple **Charles Mercier known as Lajoie and Marie Anne Lahayse**. She is of the line of Louis (second generation) and of Catherine Beaudoin.

Issued of parents admirers of knowledge, Julienne received an advance schooling for a **fifth child of a family of thirteen**. Her solid rural training, both practical and technical (ninth grade), brought her to assume leading functions in organisations of her area : the local branch of the AFEAS, the **credit union**, the **senior club**, to mention only the principal ones. She has beautiful achievements to relate to the **young, adults** and **senior citizens** of her country.

François Mercier, this son of internationally known doctor of medicine, born in France in 1923, did his primary, secondary and university studies in Montréal. **Distinguished lawyer**, member of the group Stikeman Elliot, advised businessman, François became known as prosecutor in **sophisticated cases** at the **national and international levels**.

This Mercier descends in direct line, to the **seventh generation**, from the ancestral couple **Charles Mercier and Marie-Anne Lahayse**. He is of the line (second generation) of **Joseph Mercier(Lajoie) and Catherine Jannot known as Lachapelle**. **François married Lucie Rouleau** in 1946. The family numbers four children. This Outremont(Québec) resident does volunteer work in some regional and national organisations involved in the domains of **arts, sciences and business**. He is a **member of the Order of Canada**.

Jean-Jacques Mercier is a native of Joliette (Québec), this Mercier is a direct descendant to the ninth generation of the ancestral couple of **Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain**. He is of the line of **Jean Mercier** (second generation in *Nouvelle France*) and **Barbe Monmainier**.

After completing his classical studies at college, the l'Assomption, Jean-Jacques — related to the former Québec premiers; **Honoré Mercier and Lomer Gouin** — wanted to make a career in the **political arena**.

With an **objective and easy pen** this born communicator became a reporter for numerous francophone and anglophone regional (local) and national (Quebecer) newspapers. However, it is as founder of the *Voix Populaire* local newspaper for the district of St-Henri (Montréal), that this eloquent communicator spread the voice of the unheard electors. Well done Jean-Jacques!

«*Verba volant; scripta manent*» — «Spoken words disappear; written words remain».

Jean-Jacques Mercier devoted and still devote many hours doing benevolent work for non-profit organisations of his neighbourhood. **Congratulations!**

1 Summary of the symposium on the Merciers' vitality held in Montréal on Sunday August, 16, 1992.

Summary of the participants intervention

The essence of **François, Julienne, and Jean-Jacques** comments on the Mercier vitality may be resumed in the following three words: **work, perseverance, devotion**. The first letter of the words in French form the banner **T. (travail) P. (persévérance) S. (serviabilité)** — Taxe sur les produits et service — the **tax on products and services** imposed by the Canadian government in 1991 and decried by many Canadians :

- **Work** requires of all some **temerity**, a lot of tenacity and many pat on the back to improve the performance.
- **Perseverance** require planning, projects and programming to cut corners and succeed in life,
- **Devotion** is shown in the **family society**, the **religious society** and the **public society** to give the human beings joyce during their stay on earth.

The AMAN Board of directors thanks sincerely the moderator and the participants of the symposium on the **Vitality of the Mercier**. That their witnessing, their involment and solidarity toward our young association be an example to each Mercier in North America.

E.M.

Do you know ?

Of more than a dozen Mercier who lived in North America before 1800 six have left descendants whose names are recorded in the Banque Génomane.

Who are these ancestors? Who is yours?



Correspondance

To : Ernest Mercier, Québec

From : Yvonne Mercier, Sherbrooke

I thank you for the documents mailed recently. It is very interesting to read news of family associations, especially those close to your hearth.

For sure sister Marie Mercier informed me on the gathering of Merciers in Sherbrooke, on Saturday next September 25th, 1993. I went to meet her in order to help her as I am familiar with those projects of annual meetings.

My father and I will be with you in Sherbrooke.

See you again Ernest, take good care of yourself.

Sincerely
Yvonne Nadeau

To : AMAN

From : St. Albert, Alberta

Help is welcome

In order to meet the requirements of the francophone population of Alberta the "Société généalogique du Nord-Ouest" (North West Genealogy Society) has been founded on December 10, 1990 and received its letters patent on January 31, 1991.

Established at Edmonton, the Society's terms of reference are to **preserve, help and promote studies** dealing with **family history and genealogy** in the north western part of our country.

- Our society profits by the technical assistance of "l'Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta" (Alberta French Canadian Association). The S.G.N.O. will be managed by a group of benevolent people.

As we organize a research library, we welcome any documentation on your association's activities.

Correspondence

We request earnestly gifts of books on genealogy and history for our library and the permission to reproduce articles already published by your association. It is understood that we will mention the origin of the documentation.

With the expression of our best feelings.

Normand Lefaivre, President
Société généalogique du nord-ouest
17, Madonna Drive
Saint-Albert, Alberta
TON 1G9

Monsieur le President de la S.G.N.O.

Following your request for publications on genealogy and family history, the AMAN managers are sending you under separate cover some documentation on the young **Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord (AMAN)**.

You will find under separate cover a copy of my book *Mercier depuis des siècles*, as well as a study (1979) on families and land granted to the first settlers of my hometown Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire (Montmagny) as gifts for your library.

Good luck to you and your young Organization

Sincerely
Ernes Mercier, agronome, Ph. D., o.c.

Do you move?

Please, let us know your new address. AMAN must pay between 1 \$ and 2 \$ to send you a bulletin that has not been delivered and returned to the secretariat. It is a big fine.

Thanks for your cooperation.

The Management

Nouvelles et Potins – News and Gossip

Monique Mercier helps the Québec Section of the Canadian Children Dreams Foundation

From *Le Journal de Québec*,
February 8, 1993



Photo Le JOURNAL

À l'occasion du brunch-bénéfice au profit de la Fondation canadienne Rêves d'Enfants, organisé par le Club social et les employés du Château Frontenac, M. et Mme RÉAL FORTIER, les propriétaires de la Galerie d'art du Château Frontenac, ont offert un magnifique tableau d'une valeur de 2695 \$ réalisé par la grande artiste peintre Mme MONIQUE MERCIER. Le gagnant a été M. PIERRE FOISY. Dans l'ordre habituel, les propriétaires de la Galerie d'art du Château, M. et Mme RÉAL FORTIER, l'artiste, Mme MONIQUE MERCIER, et son mari, M. ALLEN LAGACÉ.



Michèle Mercier

Y a-t-il vraiment de la place pour quatre grandes salles à Québec?

The general manager of "Le Grand Théâtre de Québec", Michèle Mercier, wonders if there are not too many entertainment halls in Québec city.

«It is possible to retain adequate clientele if each one respects others' creches... but it is a big 'IF', she insists with an evident doubt.»

Relance, January 1993

| † Décès | Deaths † | |
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| 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 |
| Rosilda Pouliot Mercier | 1993-02-06 | Québec, Qc |
| Roger Mercier | 1993-02-08 | Montréal, Qc |
| Roland Mercier | 1993-02-10 | Lac-Noir, Qc |
| Hervé Tanguay (Marie de Lourdes Mercier) | 1993-02-13 | Sainte-Sabine, Qc |
| Aline Cloutier Mercier | 1993-02-18 | Montmagny, Qc |
| Maurice Mercier | 1993-03-03 | Lévis, Qc |
| Joseph Villeneuve (Georgette Mercier) | 1993-03-13 | Québec, Qc |
| Alice Noël (Odias Mercier) | 1993-03-13 | Sainte-Agathe, Qc |
| Léon Landry (Juliette Mercier) | 1993-03-22 | Lévis, Qc |
| Jean-Paul Boivin (fils de Antoinette Mercier) | 1993-03-30 | Château-Richer, Qc |
| Lucien Mercier | 1993-04-03 | Bienville, Qc |

(following from page 1, A word from the president)

Among the main objectives of **AMAN**, **family history** and **individual genealogy** are on top of the list, As soon as April 1989 *Le Mercien* emphasized on the importance of:

- keeping an appropriate **family genealogical register** containing the basic data concerning births, marriages, deaths and other important events;
- establishing one's ascendancy title, either the abridged pedigree type or the enlarged title also including the sisters and brothers of the paternal forebears;
- keeping family albums containing well identified photos;
- keeping written records of family history including the heritage, lands, buildings and other family property.

The directors of AMAN thank all the Merciers and allies who contributed, to date, in the realisation of the **BANQUE GÉNAMAN** and supplied documentation published in the liaison bulletin *Le Mercien*. Send to the secretariat your family genealogical records. They will be useful to us and they will be useful to you.

Personally, I admire the benvolent labour of amateur genealogists who produce on a piece of paper an abridged title of ascendancy. This document supplies at a glance basic data on matrimonial union of spouses of some ten or more generations of **Merciers of North America** and Europe.

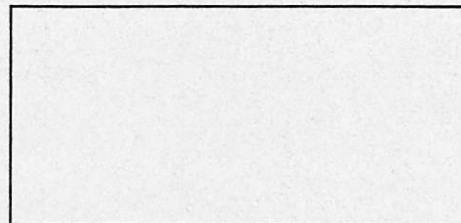
Recently, at the occasion of the 1992-1993 Holidays, my parents, offered to my brothers and sisters and myself our abridged ascendancy title. Its an original and unique gift that I am proud to own and expose preciously. There it the idea is aired.

Jean Mercier
President

N.B. By exception, the April (1993) issue of the liaison bulletin *le Mercien* will **have 16** instead of 12 pages. AMAN emphasizes on **family history** and **ancestry title**.

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To All Mercier and allies AMAN annual meeting

Date : Saturday September 25th, 1993
City : Sherbrooke (Québec)
Local : Granada theatre reception hall
Address : 53, Wellington North
Telephone : (819) 822-3679

Preliminary programm

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|---------|------------------------|
| 10 h | Inscription |
| 11 h | Members annual meeting |
| 12 h 30 | Luncheon |
| 14 h | City tour |
| 16 h | Celebrations |
| 18 h 30 | Dinner on site |
| 20 h 30 | Evening festivities |

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