# Word of the president

During the present term, with the help of the members of the Executive committee, the Board of Directors and various committees of our young family association, I intend to proceed with the activities described below. These activities relate to the means of action of AMAN, that is:

- the consolidation of the structures of the existing regional committees and the creation of new committees;
- the return of the fold of ancient members who have left and the recruiting of new ones;
- the tracking down of new financial sources;
- the improvement of the liaison bulletin, The Mercien.

The executives of the AMAN ask each member and his or her relatives to help them reach the main goal of our family association, that is: the desire to relate his or her family history and the yearning to discover his or her ancestral roots.

Furthermore, your directors want to set up a **10th Anniversary Celebration Committee**. Our Association has organized its first general gathering at Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, in the middle of August 1987. It is necessary to emphasize this event, isn't it? The answer is yours.

In my name and in our directors' ones, I call for your solidarity. We need your support. Be present.

Jean Mercier, président



On May the 5th 1995, Merciers and allied will meet at Hovey Manor North Hathly Québec, Canada. The Regional Committee AMAN-ESTRIE organized the meeting.

Please make your reservation directly; come and see this marvelous site. Details on the loose page included in the present *Le Mercien* number.

Hovey Manor on the shore of Massawipi Lake, Qc, Canada

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## **Cotisation / Membership**

### Annuelle/ Yearly:

15\$

### À vie / Life :

pour les plus de 65 ans : 125 \$: pour les moins de 65 ans : 250 \$.

Moving: Please advise the Secretariat at least six weeks ahead of the time.

If you have questions concerning Le Mercien or AMAN, please contact members mentioned on this page.

The Secretariat

# Histoire de famille — Family History

The colonisation at Lac de l'Est, Qc, Canada

A few biographic notes on Anthyme Mercier, the Adventurer. Would he have been one of the first settlers at Lac de l'Est? There were already five Amerindian families living there when he arrived in 1903.

Anthyme Mercier: He was a descendant of the 7th generation of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec. He was born in Rivière-Ouelle, Qc, on July the 6th 1862 of the marriage of Gilbert Mercier and Zoé Lévesque. Like his brothers and sisters, he went to the grade school of the Petite Anse of his native parish.

In his teenage and youth, he sailed with his father Gilbert, a cod fisherman, in the St.Lawrence Gulf. His apprenticeship years in this trade did not convince him that it was the most beautiful and interesting one. Would he have taken his decision on the return after the shipwreck of a part of the fishing fleet in the Matane region? He was sailing with his father during that storm.

Around 1887, he emigrated to New England because the economic crisis was raging hard in Canada and especially in Québec. It is in the Boston region, more precisely at North Cambridge that he met and married **Rose Frappier** on July 26, 1891. Anthyme came back to live in Rivière-Ouelle with his wife Rose where, from 1892 to 1903, she gave birth to 6 children: Joseph Anthyme, Rose-Ilda, Adélard-Luc, Edgar, Roger and Étiennette. He was then working as an itinerant forest ranger.

Around 1903, when he was 40 years old, Anthyme and his eldest son Joseph went up to Lac de l'Est, territory newly opened to colonization, with the firm intention to open an agricultural lot.

According to Isidore Desjardins of Mont-Carmel, the father and son first built a pole wooden

camp as a shelter and immediately began to clear up the land. Apparently, the clearing up was going rather well and, in their leisures, fishing, hunting and trapping was part of the routine. Anthyme knew the best recipee, because he had improved it himself, to cook the beaver meat and draw out the gastronomic flavour wanted. For him, it was a royal treat.

A couple of years later, when the settler's house had become comfortable and worth living in, Rose and the rest of the children came to join Anthyme and Joseph permanently at Lac de l'Est. Evidently, the latter had the occasion, before, to go down to Rivière-Ouelle on several occasions.

With the years, **Anthyme** and his son had cleared up sufficient land to keep a horse, a couple of cows, from 25 to 30 sheep, pigs and hens. **Rose** was tending a large garden, supplying all the vegetables they needed to feed the family.

In the years 1920, Anthyme was cutting and selling poles to the **Québec Power Co.** He knew how to choose the nicest trees, and the best season to cut them. He was proud to be a preferred supplier by **Québec Power**. For him, it was important to be recognized as a connoisseur in this trade.

Always according to Isidore Desjardins, Anthyme would have cut, on his lot at Lac de l'Est, a black spruce of 40 feet which was, and is still used as a mast, near the summer residence that Letellier de Saint-Juste had built on the St. Lawrence banks, on the right of the long pier of Pointe aux Orignaux and Hôtel Laurentide, at Rivière-Ouelle. Since 1991, this nice and imposing building belongs to Camp Canavish and it is now called today Site Jean-Luc Chouinard. Chouinard was a very active president of the Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste of

the Côte-du-Sud, which has financed the purchase of the building. The mast was painted white and it is still used.

Anthyme was a forest worker in the real sense of the word. He was a reliable man working for **East Lake Lumber**, **Plourde & Frère**, and other forest contractors.

When, in 1926, he felt his physical strength diminishing, he sold his large house and his farm at *Lac de l'Est* to a merchant of Saint-Pascal. He retired for a few months at a nephew's place, at *Rivière-Ouelle* before being hospitalized at *l'Hôtel-Dieu de Québec*. His son-in-law David Desjardins, husband of Rose-Ilda, brought him to his home, at St-Benoit-Lacorne, Abitibi, where he died of cancer, on November the 13th 1938, at the age of 76 years.

At the best of his career, Anthyme was known as a valiant and courageous man, conscious of his physical capacities and a belligerent, who commanded respect. He was also known, especially at Rivière-Ouelle, as a story teller of adventures, without limits. He knew how to put crackling in his stories.

In short, Anthyme was a cod fisherman with his father. He emigrated to New England. He was married in Boston. He came back to **Rivière-Ouelle** where his wife Rose gave birth to 6 children. He went to Lac de 1'Est, became a settler, a farmer and forest ranger. He died in Abitibi. Respect to you, jack of all trades. You were a real Mercier, just like we love them.

Roland Mercier, descendent of the 9th generation of Pierre Mercier, dit Caudebec



Anthyme Mercier and his wife, Rose Frappier, at Lac de l'Est around 1905

### Renseignements désirés

Lieu et date de mariage de Maxime Rocheleau et Zénaide Mercier en USA. Estce bien le premier août 1897, à Winchendon, Mass.? L'épouse (Alexina) d'Alexandre William et celle (Aurore) de Michel Théroux, aux États-Unis, étaient des Mercier de la province de Québec.

> Merci E.M.

## VARIA

### 1. Publicity in Le Mercien

The Aman's liaison bulletin cannot contain free publicity concerning other family associations, especially annual or exceptional activity programs which concern only one or two members. In the case of general interest events for a great number of members of the AMAN, the associations should submit their text — ready to be included in the sachet containing *Le Mercien* — well ahead the probable date of the expedition of the liaison bulletin at each season.

### 2. Late invitation to AMAN's activities

The AMAN's liaison bulletin is:

- prepared by benevolent people;
- organized, printed, addressed, put into plastic bags and mailed by La Fédération des familles souches québécoises Inc.
- subjected to inevitable delays resulting from annual vacations, holidays of the Tempa Society — which prints the French bulletin version — as well holidies of the aforementioned Federation.

Briefly, it takes time to produce an issue of the bulletin. The AMAN's management accepts these annoyances and maintains the annual dues at 15 \$ because it uses the benevolent people at the maximum. The management could do better and faster but it would be more costly. Let us be patient and send our texts on time.

### 3. Liaison bulletin shipping stop

If you don't get *Le Mercien* for a season, it is probably because you have not paid your annual dues after a second notice of payment transmitted by the Secretary.

The solution to this problem is to become a life member of the Association. The cost?

125 \$ for people of 65 years of age and over. 250 \$ for adults of less than 65 years of age.»

The AMAN's management exhorts you to do so if you spend the winter in the south and if you travel in the summer. Don't miss *The Mercien*.

# 4. Delay in the publication of the English version of *Le Mercien*

Around 9 per cent (9 %) of the AMAN's members wish to continue receiving the english version of *Le Mercien*. Needless to say that this version is more costly to produce than the french one if management pays for the translation.

As it is necessary to have two different editions, the english one has to be published after and priority given to the french one. Let's be patient. Benevolence and the disponibility of the Federation services have limits and must be borne in mind by managers and members.

# Mercier's stained-glass windows in the church of Tourouvre

#### Question 1

How much did Honoré Mercier (the taxpayer of Québec) spend for the manufacturing, in France, and the installation (in the church of Tourouvre) of stained-glass windows commemorating the visit of the ancient Premier of Québec in Italy, France and Belgium, in 1891?

### Answer 1

Three thousand (3 000) golden francs which correspond to a few thousands canadian dollars of 1994. How many? Who can find the approximate amount?

#### Question 2

Where did the money come from?

#### Answer 2

Certainly, directly or indirectly from the Québec consumer's pocket.

# Généalogie et sites - Genelogy and places

Descendants de la deuxième à la cinquième générations inclusives de Jean Mercier, quatrième fils de Jullien, et Marie Poulain mariés à Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré le 1654-01-18.

Descendants from the second to the fifth generation inclusively of Jean Mercier, the fourth son of Jullien and Marie Poulain wedded at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré on the 1954-01-18.

# Deuxième génération/Second generation — Troisième génération/Third generation

Jean Mercier et/and Barbe (de) Montmagnier

1691-04-25

Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc, Canada

### Abréviations/Abreviations

C: Comté/County

G: Génération/Generation

Chiffres romains/Roman numbers

I. II. III. etc./l. II. III. etc.

J: Jean/John

Jos: Joseph/Josephte, Josette

M: Marie/Mary

(1M): Premier mariage/First marriage(2M): Deuxième mariage/Second marriage

Mtl: Montréal/Montreal

N.D: Notre-Dame/Notre.Dame

On: Ontario

Qc: Québec/Quebec St./Ste: Saint/Sainte

USA: États-Unis/United States

## Julien Mercier I et/and Agnès Meunier

1718-05-30

Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc, Canada

# Jean- (Baptiste) Mercier et/and Marie Barrette<sup>1</sup>

1718-05-16

Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc, Canada

### Marie-Anne Mercier et/and Jean Allaire

1710-?-?

Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc, Canada

# Dorothée Mercier et/and Pierre Chabot

1718-05-16

Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc, Canada

1 Le jeune couple alla s'établir à Kaskaskia, près d'Utica, en Illinois, USA.

# Comité régional AMAN-ESTRIE

Le 30 août 1994, lors de la réunion du Conseil d'administration de l'AMAN à Québec, S. Marie et André Mercier de l'AMAN-ESTRIE ont apporté des suggestions. Premièrement, organiser une réunion des responsables de comités régionaux afin qu'ils se connaissent davantage et qu'ils puissent s'entraider dans leur travail. Ils proposent aussi la mise en évidence par région, des exploits, des réussites et des activités des Mercier, dans le bulletin de liaison *Le Mercien* comme moyen d'intéresser le plus de lecteurs possible dans les familles et

ainsi agrandir notre association. Alors, nous prêchons par l'exemple en vous donnant des nouvelles de l'Estrie.<sup>1</sup>

#### Nomination

En septembre 1993, Rénald Mercier a été nommé au poste de directeur du **Service de la coordination** l'Université de Sherbrooke pour un mandat de deux ans; il a occupé précédem-

(suite à la page 10)

### Quatrième génération / Fourth generation — Cinquième génération / Fifth generation

Julien Mercier II et/and Marthe Roy

1755-05-11 Berthier-en-Grève, Qc

Agnès Mercier et/and Jean-Baptiste Morin

1738-08-13 Saint-François-du-Sud, Qc

Angélique Mercier et/and Michel Richard

1746-11-21 Saint-Pierre-du-Sud, Qc

Geneviève Mercier et/and Jacques Malboeuf

1750-04-28 Saint-Pierre- du-Sud, Qc

Marie Mercier et/and Jean-Vallier Roy

1757-01-18 Berthier-en-Grève, Qc

François Mercier et/and Françoise Mercier 1757-11-07

Berthier-en-Grève, Qc

Julien Mercier III et/and Madeleine Laverdière (1M)

1786-08-07 Saint-Vallier, Qc

Charlotte Dugal (2 M)

1791-08-29 Saint-Vallier, Qc

Charlotte Fradet (3 M)

1818-02-02 Saint-Vallier, Qc

Guillaume Mercier et/and Angélique Fortier

1793-11-17 Saint-Henri (Lévis) Qc

Louis Mercier et/and Rose Gagnon

1810-08-16 Saint-Henri (Lévis) Qc

M. Josette Mercier et/and Henri Audet

1785-11-21 Saint-Vallier, Qc

Marguerite Mercier et/and Louis Dallaire

1797-01-15 Saint-Vallier, Qc

Jean-François Mercier et/and Thérèse Bonneau

1782-11-29 Saint-François-du-Sud, Qc

Marie-Françoise et/and Louis Laflamme

1777-11-09 Saint-François-du-Sud, Qc

## **Testimonies**

### Guigues, Qc - 1995-01-23

«In the last months, I have sold 4 volumes Mercier depuis des siècles (1987), and, if I can, I will endeavour to sell more so that AMAN will be better known. I like very much the liaison bulletin, Le Mercien. Can you tell me if there will be a second volume, a supplement which would be the continuity of Mercier depuis des siècles? »

### Ida Rocheleau Bergeron

### Québec, Qc 1995-02-20

"Thank you most sincerely for the efforts you do to sell the volume Mercier depuis des siècles. As you have already sold four in your family, I owe you one, free. Write me to whom I must ship it.

As regards to the eventual publishing of a supplement to the above mentioned volume, I am not yet ready to do it. AMAN members and relatives will have to agree to pay in advance the cost of publishing ancestry title and their family history.»

### Ernest Mercier

### Lotomatique

En début de décembre 1994, les résidants du Québec pouvaient participer à une promotion conjointe de l'AMAN et de LOTOMATIQUE. Lors de sa réunion du 20 février 1995, à une réunion régulière du Comité de direction, le tirage parmi tous les participants a été fait. Le gagnant du prix de 150 \$, applicable sur un repas dans un restaurant de son choix, est Maurice MERCIER de la rue Galt à Montréal. La direction de l'AMAN le félicite et remercie tous les participants.

Le secrétaire-trésorier Benoît Mercier

### Sabrevois, 7 septembre 1994

«We want to thank AMAN's management for its participation to the Commemoration of the Centenary of the death of the Honourable Honoré Mercier, at Sabrevois. Will you also transmit our gratitude to Mrs Monique Mercier?

We estimate essential to keep alive the memory of this son of Jean-Baptiste Mercier of our town, and one of the first Québec Premier whose thought lasts.

We wish the Association all the possible success in its undertakings and specially during your next gathering on October I».

### Robert-A. Bergevin Comité Honoré-Mercier

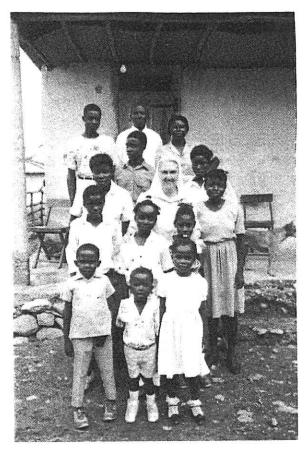
### Saint-Grégoire, 5 septembre 1994

«Je suis allée à Sabrevois. C'était une très belle cérémonie avec un protocole exemplaire, dehors, car il faisait très beau.

Les couronnes et gerbes (au moins une quinzaine) ont été déposées à tour de rôle par des dignitaires ou des représentants officiels d'organismes. Cérémonie d'au moins 1 h 30.

J'ai très bien fait de ne pas axer mon allocution sur la vie d'Honoré Mercier car d'autres historiens, politiciens, etc. l'ont fait abondamment. Tel que je vous l'avais dit, j'ai parlé sans texte sur l'excellence des qualités d'une personne qui devient un témoin et atteint ainsi un degré d'âme qui n'appartient plus à une lignée mais devient un exemple pour toute une collectivité. Cela a été fort apprécié. Je devrai mettre par écrit ces idées et les envoyer au maire de Sabrevois.»

**Monique Mercier** 



Jeanne d'Arc Mercier, c.s.l., with a haitian family sponsered by a canadian family (1989)

I was born in Saint-Henri de Lévis. My father, Onésiphore, was also from Saint-Henri and my mother, Adéla Dussault, from Saint-Lambert de Lévis. I am the tenth of a family of thirteen children: 7 boys and 6 girls. I received a christian education imprinted with faith, a real solid faith (See *Mercier depuis des siècles* (1987) — page 410).

At about three years of age, I left with my family for Rouyn where I undertook my elementary school with the **Grey Sisters of the Cross.** At fourteen years old, I entered the Juvénat of the **Charity Sisters of St. Louis**, at Pont-Rouge (Portneuf), where I did my 8th and 9th grades.

In 1940, after a vacation with my family at Rouyn, I left for the Postulate of the SS. of the

Charity of St.Louis, at Bienville (Lévis). I took the nun's habit on February the 11th 1941 and pledged myself with my first vows in 1943.

After my first teaching diploma at the Scholasticat of Bienville, certain religious teaching assignments were conferred to me, at first in the province of Québec, in different villages; let's mention in particular at Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire (Montmagny) where children of the same family name «Mercier» were some of my pupils. It's also the place of origin of the founder-president, Ernest Mercier, the responsible of Le Mercien. In these various places, I was a teacher or a school director but let's mention already that, between these tasks, a particular call was inviting me to go to work on foreign land. Haiti would become my second native land and my apostleship field from 1947 to 1952 as a teacher. After five years, I came back to Canada... but the Lord was looking at me from a long way as I returned twice to my «Dear Haiti», without counting my sojourns as substitute during the vacations of my compagnion sisters'. I remained tied to youngsters' education, either as a teacher, school director, or as a school canteen organizer as well as keeping busy, one way or the other, with the poor.

Between these sojourns in a tropical country, another need was being felt at **Vannes, In France**, at the very cradle of our Congregation where another task was proposed to me. It was to be in charge of orphanages, my task always staying an education work.

Then, from 1964 to 1969, it was in the **U.S.**, at **Plattsburg**, that I was sent as a caretaker, at the boarding school, student of English or substitute in the classrooms. In the meantime, after my return to my native land, I kept studying to obtain my pedagogy bachelorship. Then it

was the return to **Haiti** for a six year stay — from 1971 to 1977... and — a fact to be mentioned, on my return to Canada — my active presence, for 10 years, with the International Health Collaboration (an organism which helps developing countries) at Limoilou. Even back home, my preoccupation for **Haiti** was well alive and, in spite of the many sacrifices required by this job, I was doing my best to answer promptly to each missionary demand.

After these years of toiling, I was granted with a sabbatical year in **Rome**.

During my last sojourn in **Haiti**, from 1989 to 1994, I had the joy to celebrate, with simplicity, my **«Golden Jubilee»** of religious life. It was in the spring of 1993. I was surrounded by my Sisters of Bourdon (Port-au-Prince) and all our Haitian Sisters.

What an occasion to thank God for all the good deeds that he had showered upon me since my birth, but specially in the 50 years I had consacrated to His service. Thank you for the life shared with my sisters, for my community which has opened the treasures of a long tradition of spiritual experiences and evangelic charity. I appreciate more and more the part of inheritance bequeathed by our venerable founder. Mother Saint-Louis.

The community of the **Charity Sisters of Saint-Louis** have as a mission to be a witness of the tenderness of the Father, in the love of his son Jesus-Christ dead and resurrected. I am happy to be part of it.

### Soeur Jeanne d'Arc Mercier, c.s.l.

P.S. With the present article, I have wished to answer to the demand of my sister, Mrs. Marguerite Mercier-Famula, of Sarnia, On, Canada.

### Comité régional AMAN-ESTRIE

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ment, les fonctions de directeur à la SDERS (Société de développement régional de Sherbrooke et de vice-président marketing pour la compagnie **Shermag**.

### **Projet**

L'AMAN-ESTRIE fait part de son intention de recevoir les cousins Mercier le 6 mai 1995, au Manoir Hovey de North Hatley, un des plus beaux endroits de l'Estrie. Il y aura conférence donnée par René Beaudoin, animateur de l'émission *«C'est mon nom»* à CKAC, une messe, un souper ainsi qu'une soirée.

### Les Mercier se perpétuent

S'il est important de ne pas oublier nos aînés, il en est tout autant des jeunes. Et c'est pourquoi nous considérons important de mentionner quelques naissances chez des Mercier de l'Estrie.<sup>2</sup>

*Marc-André* Mercier, fils d'André, le président du rassemblement en Estrie, et de Christine Topping de Sherbrooke.

**Cassandra** Mercier-Demers, née le 6 août 1994. Les heureux parents sont Danielle Mercier et Mario Demers.

**Justine** Mercier, née le 6 février 1994. Son père Daniel et sa mère Sylvie Cloutier se réjouissent de cette naissance.

L'AMAN-ESTRIE offre à tous ces parents des félicitations chaleureuses et des souhaits de belles réalisations à ces enfants

Tous les Mercier de l'ESTRIE désireux de donner des nouvelles de leur famille sont invités à communiquer avec S. Marie Mercier au (819) 569-2331 ou avec Michel Mercier au (819) 569-7315.

- 1. Note de la direction : La première rencontre des responsables des comités régionaux a eu lieu à Québec le 30 octobre 1994.
- Ces naissances ont été rapportées dans Le Mercien de l'automne 1994 (Volume 10, numéro 4, page 11).

Naissance	S				E	Births
	x parents d'un enfant r s to the parents of a re					
Nom	Parents	Date A-M-J	Gene-	Lieu	Provinc	e Pays
Name	Parents	Date Y-M-F	ration	Place	State	Country
Mercier	Alain et France	1994-06-23	12e	St-Jean-	Qc	Canada
Geneviève	Gagnon			Chrysostome		
Mercier	Pierre et Caroline	1994-08-30	12e	St-Jean-	Qc	Canada
Anne-Marie	Forgues			Chrysostome		

## Centenaires Mercier vivants — Living Mercier Centenarians

Nom	Âge	Ville	Province	Pays	Référence
Name	Age	City	State	Country	Référence
Lilian Mercier <sup>1</sup>	102	Calgary	Alberta	Canada	Le Mercien, Vol. 10, No 1, 1994
Rose Ilda <sup>2</sup>	100	Amos	Québec	Canada	Le Mercien, Vol. 11, No 1, 1995

<sup>1</sup> Liliane descend du couple ancestral Jullien et Marie Poulain. Elle est de la lignée de Paschal Mercier et Anne Cloutier.

<sup>2.</sup> Rose Ilda descend du couple ancestral Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec et Andrée Martin. Elle est de la lignée d'Alexandre Mercier et M. Josephte Godin.

† Décès		Deaths †
Condoléances aux familles Mercier dor Deepest sympathy to Mercier families t		
	nhumation - Burial	Endroit - Place
Claude Mercier	1994-03-02	Plessisville, Qc
Antoinette Laurendeau Mercier <sup>1</sup>	1994-09-19	Montmagny, Qc
Madeleine Mercier Lirette	1994-12-03	Loretteville, Qc
Laurent Couillard (Jacqueline Mercier)	1994-12-10	Québec, Qc
Louise Mercier Émond	1994-12-15	Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, Qc
Jacques Leclerc (Denise Mercier)	1994-12-23	Charlesbourg, Qc
Claude Mercier	1994-12-23	Ancienne-Lorette, Qc
Marcel Mercier	1994-12-27	Lévis, Qc
Régina Mercier	1994-12-31	Lac Mégantic, Qc
Denise Bergeron Mercier	1995-01-04	Québec, Qc
Lyse Mercier	1995-01-10	Québec, Qc
Georges Mercier	1995-01-16	St-Nérée (Bellechasse) Qc
Charles-Henri Mercier	1995-01-17	Québec, Qc
Lucien Gagnon (fils d'Alice Mercier)	1995-01-27	Québec, Qc
Rachel Mercier Doyer <sup>2</sup>	1995-02-28	Québec, Qc
,	Rapporteu	ure : Isabelle Mercier Dufour

<sup>1</sup> Antoinette Laurendeau Mercier (épouse de feu Honoré Mercier), décédée le 15 septembre à Québec et inhumée le 19 de ce mois à Montmagny, était la mère d'André Mercier, ex-président de l'AMAN (1989-1993) et président du Comité organisateur du premier rassemblement Mercier de 1987.

Condoléances sincères aux familles éprouvées

<sup>2.</sup> Rachel Mercier Doyer a été l'une des promotrices dévouées de l'AMAN dans la région de Québec après le rassemblement de 1987.

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# Exposition to visit Honoré Mercier

If you show interest, accept to be watched carefully and that the feeling not to be welcomed doesn't bother you too much, you will probably be interested and have fun to visit the exposition dedicated, by the National Assembly, to Honoré Mercier. The year 1994, being the centenary of his death, the Assembly was inaugurating, in November, an exposition entitled: **Honoré Mercier**, 1840-1984, which retraces with photographies, illustrations and epochal objects, the life and vivid career of this man who has left the memory of a great Premier of the XIX century. Son of a Patriot of 1837, Honoré Mercier was first a liberal deputy at the Chamber of Commons. Then, he was, by turns, Minister at Québec under the Government of Joly de Lotbinière, head of the Liberal Opposition, then founder of the National party, which took him to the head in 1887, as Premier of Québec, until 1891. His government raised important questions which remain, still today, strangely of actuality such as alphabetization, the Constitution, the economic development and the public debt. The expo is presented in eight windows at the Gallery of the Presidents of the Parliament Hotel in Québec. To visit the expo, opened from 9 A.M. to 16:30 hrs, from Monday to Friday until September 1995, you must pass through the Door number 3 of the Parliament.

## **Sugar Maple Party of the Merciers**

**The place :** At Saint-Clothilde-de-Beauce, Qc

in the 11 Rang, at Alexandre Mercier's farm

Day and date: On Saturday, April 22, 1995

**Hour:** 11 A.M.

**Telephone:** (418) 427-5370

Organizer: Anie Mercier, Tel.: (418) 427-5692

Regional Committee: AMAN-BEAUCE and AMAN-BOIS-FRANCS

Hall (Maximum): 150 persons

**Inscriptions:** Before next April 8

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