



Le Mercien

La voix des Mercier d'Amérique

The voice of the Merciers of North America



Michel Mercier

Michel of Terrebonne elected as AMAN president

It is at the last meeting of the new Administration Board, held at the restaurant *Le Lys*, at Sainte-Eulalie (Nicolet), on September 15, 1997 that Michel accepted the AMAN presidency for the 1997-1998 term. Member of the Board for the last few years, Michel presided, among other things — two years ago — over the organizing committee of the annual gathering held at St-Roch-de-l'Achigan. A wise businessman, Michel will bring his experience and dynamism to our association development.

He will be seconded, at the vice-presidency, by Lionel of Victoriaville, who will also act as secretary and Cécilia of Lac Beauport, Benoit of Charlesbourg will remain treasurer, Françoise of Charlesbourg, Marie of Sherbrooke, Ernest of Québec City, Pierre-Paul of Longueuil, Claude of Pointe-Claire and André of Mascouche have been elected AMAN directors.

A gathering well appreciated by the participants

Those who attended the gathering of last August 1, 2, and 3, held at the Hôtel Valdes-Neiges of St-Ferréol (Mount Sainte-Anne), left the place delighted. This is what can be drawn from the numerous comments expressed by the 220 persons (following on page 3)



The person of note Honoré Mercier and the president of the 1997 Mercier Gathering Pierre

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The Management apologises for the delay in publishing the number four (4) of the Volume 13 of *Le Mercien*. In return you will receive under cover the number one of the volume 14, Winter 1998.

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Gathering (following of the page 1)

registered. Thirty eight of them had their residence outside the province of Quebec, especially in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta; others came from around 10 American states.

Realizing that the participation would be less than the one anticipated, the organizing Committee decided, a few weeks before the event, to centralize the activities at the hôtel Val-des-Neiges; it was a happy decision, according to the participants.

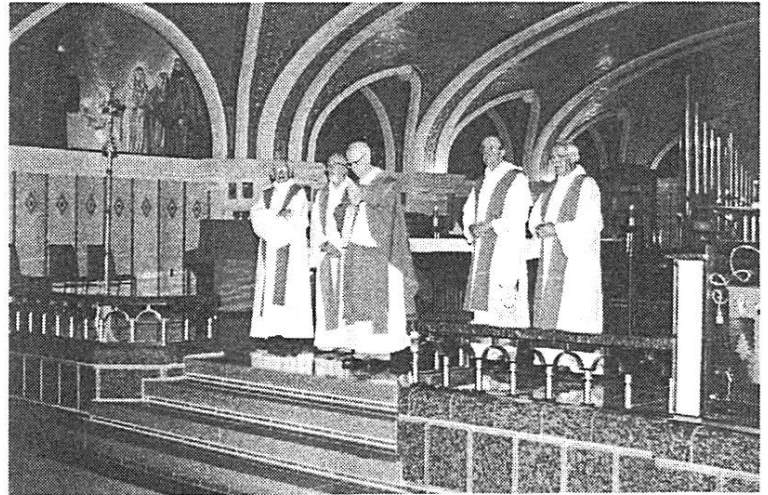
By Friday, at the time of the evening “meeting again”, the family spirit rapidly manifested itself under the aegis of the personage Honoré Mercier; it became more marked all along the weekend, creating so an intimate and very sympathetic atmosphere.

A steady participation to the different activities marked this gathering. In fact, whether it is at the general assembly of Saturday morning, at the mini-conference of Lucienne Mercier-Croteau of Bonnyville, Alberta — about her genealogical work or still — at the activities of the Parliamentary Hill or at the National Assembly, the almost totality of the registered persons have not only answered present but took an active part in these activities, especially those at the Québec Parliament.

The ceremony at the Honoré Mercier monument reminded us of the great actions of this ancient Premier of Québec. Our president and founder Ernest did not fail to emphasize the qualities and achievements of this Mercier of whom we are right to be proud of. In the presence of Senator Léonce Mercier and of the AMAN president, the representative of the President of the National Assembly, who is equally the main whip of the governmental party and deputy of Abitibi-Ouest, François Gendron, rendered homage to Honoré Mercier and invited the Merciers and their allies to visit the National Assembly Hall; to participate to the discussion at the Legislative Council Hall, on Honoré Mercier, in the presence of Gilles Gallichan of Québec City, author of the book *Honoré Mercier: Politics and Culture*.

It was a varied dialogue quite animated and the person of note Honoré had to answer a lot of questions from members of his large gathering.

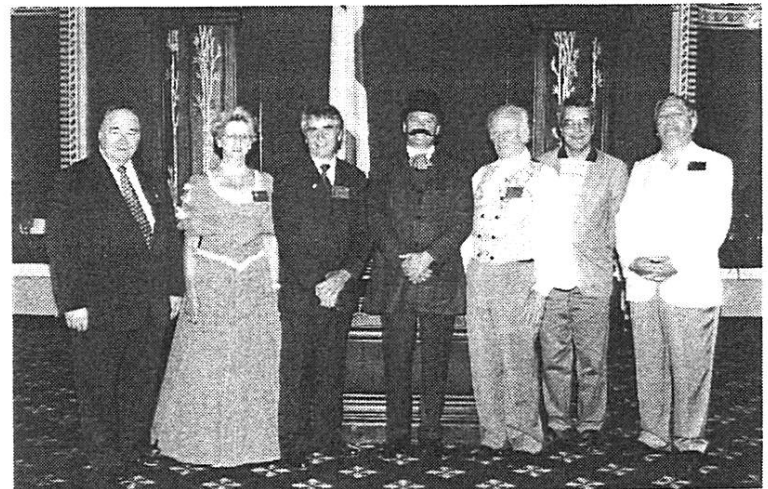
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From left to right :
Robert Mercier, ptre, St-Henri (Lévis); Jean Cauchon, ptre Mégantic; Jules Mercier, ptre célébrant Beauport; Bruno Mercier, c.s.s.r. Haïti; Robert Mercier-Blain, père O.P. Montréal
The Immaculate chapel, Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré



Léonce, Benoît, Lucienne, Honoré, Ernest, Lucie Mercier and François Gendron



Pierre, Lucie, François Gendron, Honoré Mercier, Ernest, Gilles Gallichan et Léonce Mercier

Editorial

We must question ourselves!

Last summer gathering did not get the expected participation. The table was ready to receive at least four times the number of dinner guests who came. Did the Organization Committee expect too much? Did the members overestimate the interest for the Merciers that such an event could present? Did we sin by optimism excess or did we elaborate a programming that was not able to interest the aimed clientele? More than 8 000 invitations were sent to Merciers of Canada and the United States. Hundreds upon hundreds of reminder phone calls were made and media periodically mentioned the event holding. Then how can we explain this weak rate of participation?

Those are some of the questions — to cite but a few — that the organizing Committee members gradually asked themselves as day “D” was approaching. The event was held: 220 persons registered; those present were very satisfied to have participated at it.

Today, besides having to pay the deficit that ensues, the Merciers association must now revise its strategy of events and think over the aptness of the holding of great gatherings spread over a period of 2 to 3 days. Will we have to privilege the one-day regional gatherings and reserve the fall season for the holding of these gatherings?

The clientele of the first gathering (1987) has grown 10 years older, reminded me one participant. We must, as early as today, make sure of the change of the guard; get more Merciers and allies to participate and interest them by putting in place a greater number of small but active and dynamic regional committees.

Will we be able to take a dare?

Pierre Mercier, président

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The form seemed to please the people and, besides, has permitted to reach the aimed objective, that is, to familiarize more the participants about the life of this great Mercier. Moreover, accomplished a remarkable performance.



Cécile Métivier, Liliane Desroches-Mercier, Charles-Émile, Claire Tanguay et Claire Mercier-Mainville

The religious ceremony in the chapel of the Immaculate of the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica was marked by a great meditation. The procession of the offerings personalized this mass concelebrated by Mercier priests and presided by Father Jules Mercier of Beauport.

The evening “Homage” was, without any doubt, an event filled with emotions. The tribute rendered to Lucienne, Ernest and Benoit were the expressions of feelings well experienced. It put in relief their considerable contribution to the patrimony of the Merciers of North America. The attribution of Life Membership to André and Benoit permitted the AMAN officers to recognize and underline the exceptional contribution of these two Merciers to our association. The dinner equally allowed the Merciers coming from the other Canadian provinces and American states to signal their identity and their place of origin. That was appreciated by the guests as a whole.

Sunday was most coloured and well followed. The “Merciades”, the “corn husking event and the Merciers’ show” has without any doubt, nourished this conviviality which manifested itself all along that day.

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News in brief

Claude Mercier, winner of a painting by Monique Mercier



From left to right :
Mme Denise Mercier-Leclerc, sister of the winner, Lucie Mercier,
AMAN's president; Marie Gélinas-Mercier, mother of the
artist and Pierre Mercier



Four generations of Mercier
Georges, Yanick, Serge and baby Alexandre

AMAN thanks

First to Lucie of Plessisville, our retiring president who gave all her heart to her term of office. She did all she could, spending of her time and energy for the spreading of our association.

Her constant implication in AMAN activities was an appreciable contribution to the organization life.

Lucie, we address you a big thank for services done and loudly, you can proclaim: mission accomplished.

To the organizing Committee of the 1997 Summer Gathering, the AMAN Management

wishes to emphasize all its appreciation for the huge and laborious work done by its members.

In fact, who is not aware of what represents the organizing of an event such as an international gathering? Preparations begin several months in advance and the work, for a big part, is realized in the "shadow".

To all those who were the craftwomen and craftsmen of this event, we reiterate our thanks.

A most special thank to André, the coordinator.

The Management

Photos du Rassemblement Mercier



*Les aînés participent aux Merciales.
Elderly folks participate to the Merciales.*



*Les gagnants des divers concours Merciales.
The winners of the various Merciales' contests.*



Benoit, Léonce et (and) Lucie Mercier.



Benoit, Claudine et (and) Robert Mercier.

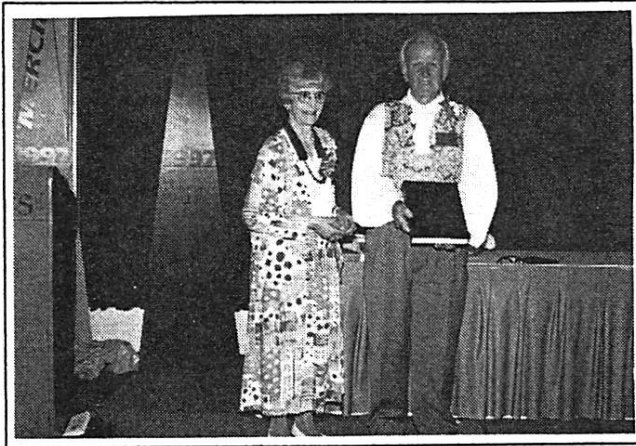


Pierre, Lucie et (and) André Mercier.

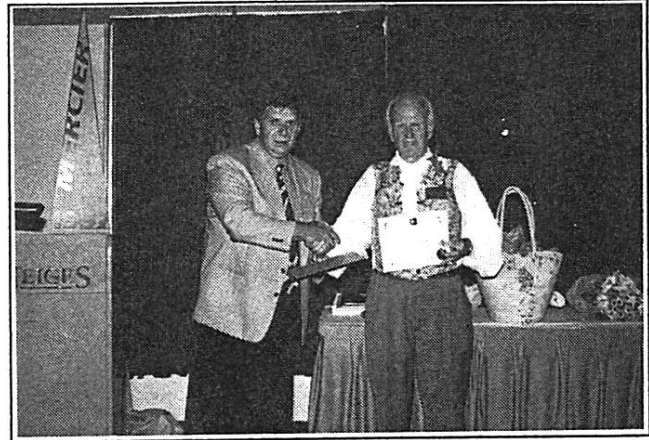


*La table d'André Mercier au banquet.
André Mercier's table at the banquet.*

Photos of the Merciers' Gathering



Lucienne Mercier Croteau et (and) Ernest Mercier.



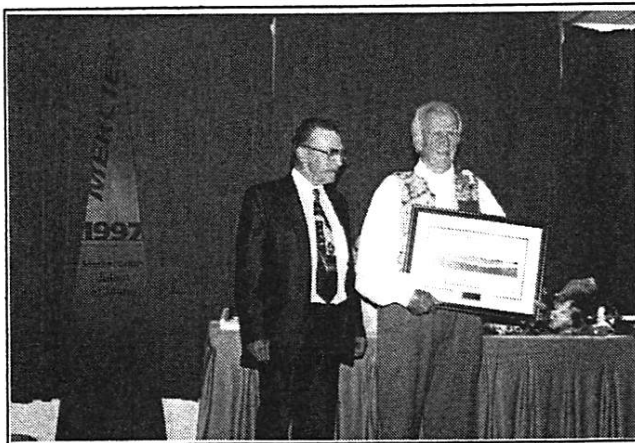
Paul-Armand Morin, représentant (representant) de la (of) F.F.S.Q. et (and) Ernest Mercier.



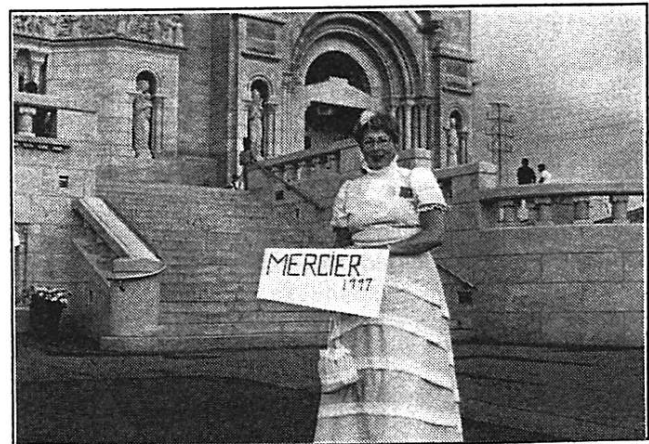
*Programme des talents Mercier.
Mercier's talent program.*



*Compétiteurs à un concours Merciades.
Competitors at a Merciades' contest.*



La ferme Mercier à Bonnyville, AB [Armand Fortier et (and) Ernest Mercier]. The Mercier's Farm in Bonnyville.



Claudine Mercier a (at) Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré

Photos de (of) Claude Mercier, Montréal

Les Mercier dans l'actualité

Depuis notre dernière chronique, des Mercier ont à nouveau fait partie de l'actualité dans des articles de journaux et de revues. L'on nous a rapporté ce qui suit:

Le Journal La Tribune de Sherbrooke, dans ses éditions des 20 et 21 mai 1997, fait écho à l'aventure qu'ont eu à vivre **Claudia Mercier** et Audrey Ouellette non loin de la résidence de leurs parents à Saint-Denis-de-Brampton, lorsque voulant construire un abri avec des pierres, une grosse pierre a basculé et les a emprisonnés. Les pères des deux jeunes filles, **Marcel Mercier** et Bernard Ouellette ont participé avec une équipe à l'opération sauvetage. Les deux victimes n'ont heureusement pas été blessées gravement.

M. Jean Gravel dans sa chronique du Journal de Québec du 24 mai 1997, rapporte que **Réjeanne Mercier** fera la mise en scène de la de la pièce Valpone que présentera la troupe Les Calembours, le 1 juin 1997, à l'auditorium de l'école secondaire La Courville, secteur Courville, à Beauport.

Le samedi 24 mai 1997, Le Soleil, dans sa section «Questions d'argent» rapporte que **Louise Mercier**, directrice de la production chez le fabricant de chaussures Hichaud Inc, a 35 employés handicapés sous sa responsabilité. Selon madame Mercier, chez Hichaud, les problèmes quotidiens ne sont pas différents. A part la patience, qu'il faut cultiver, "il faut être prêt à répéter souvent la même chose".

Un publi-reportage du Journal de Québec, en date du 30 mai 1997 fait mention du deuxième spectacle soigneusement ficelé et renouvelé que **Claudine Mercier** donnera dans la salle André-Mathieu de la Maison des arts de Laval, accompagné du pianiste Stéphane Aubin, du 27 juin au 30 août 1997. De son côté, Le Soleil de Québec du 12 juin 1997 rapporte que le nouveau spectacle de Claudine Mercier sera présenté les 16 et 17 octobre 97 à la Salle Albert-Rousseau, à Sainte-Foy.



André Mercier

Un article signé par Jean-Paul Boulé, secrétaire du conseil d'administration, de Rayon de Soleil, publié dans La Tribune de Sherbrooke du 2 juin 1997, signale le 10e anniversaire de cet organisme communautaire de maintien à domicile des personnes âgées et mentionne que Rayon de Soleil veut honorer d'une façon symbolique sept bénévoles, dont **Pauline Mercier**, qui sont un témoignage vivant de l'excellence du bénévolat.

En juin 97, des chroniques de la Tribune de Sherbrooke relatent, entre autres, que **Johnny Mercier** a été repêché à titre de partenaire par Alcide Bourque de Bourque Métal. Vu que Yvon Gendreau de la firme Olympia Canada, devra s'absenter des parcours de golf pour un bout de temps à la suite d'une opération au genou gauche. De son côté **Josée Mercier** fait rarement les choses comme tout le monde... C'est du moins ce que prétendent ses ami(e)s ! Golfeuse au Club de golf de Sherbrooke, tellement pressée d'en finir avec son "putting", son "pull cart" téléguidé a pris le chemin bien avant elle, à sa grande stupefaction, en direction du prochain terre de départ.

Dans le journal Le Soleil de Québec de juin 97, une photo montre **Chantal Mercier** en compagnie de Mme Marjolaine Bart. Le bas de la photo mentionne que le Collège Bart vient de décerner sa première médaille du gouverneur général du Canada à

Chantal Mercier, finissante au DEC en techniques juridiques, pour la meilleure performance dans l'ensemble des matières de son programme d'études. Mme Mercier fait partie du premier groupe de diplômés en techniques juridiques de ce collège.

Un article du journal La Nouvelle de Sherbrooke de juin 97 souligne la retraite du **Sergent Mercier**, membre de la Sûreté municipale de Sherbrooke depuis 1956. En termes de séniorité, il est le troisième parmi tout le personnel des forces policières de Sherbrooke et il est en mesure de relater la plupart des événements majeurs de la scène policière de l'endroit qui se sont produits dans un passé récent.

La Tribune de Sherbrooke du 4 juillet 1997 rapporte que **Renald Mercier** de l'Université de Sherbrooke, est celui qui a gagné le concours de putting disputé sur le vert d'exercice du SCC et a amassé la somme de 250 \$ que Renald a versé à la Ligue.

Le Soleil de Québec, du samedi 5 juillet 1997, publie une photo sur laquelle nous voyons **Mme Céline Mercier** de l'Office de tourisme et des congrès de Beauce. Cette photo fut prise à St-Georges, lors du lancement du volet II du projet pilote d'accueil touristique, qui permet à la Beauce de se donner une image particulière et de développer des circuits sur mesure.

Dans la Tribune de Sherbrooke du 12 juillet 97 il est fait mention que c'est **Geneviève Mercier**, de Lac-à-la-truite, qui a été couronnée reine de l'Expo, lors d'une soirée qui se déroulait à Thetford-Mines.

Note: Le comité du Mercien vous invite à lui faire parvenir des articles de journaux et de revues de votre région, dans lesquels des Mercier font parler d'eux, en ayant soin d'inclure le nom du journal ou de la revue ainsi que la date de publication de chaque article. Adresser le tout à: André Mercier, 1035, avenue Belvédère, app. 342, Québec, G1S 3G4

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The “Merciades” were skillfully animated by Anne and Louis, seconded by Julie and Carl. Competition is a part of the life of the Merciers but they have greatly demonstrated the sense of pleasure that they possess. The participation to this activity was intense and the show was delirious. This success was equally seen at the time of the Merciers show. Claire Mercier Mainville, Cécile Métivier, Claire Tanguay and Charles-Émile Mercier were responsible for this splendid show which closed the gathering.

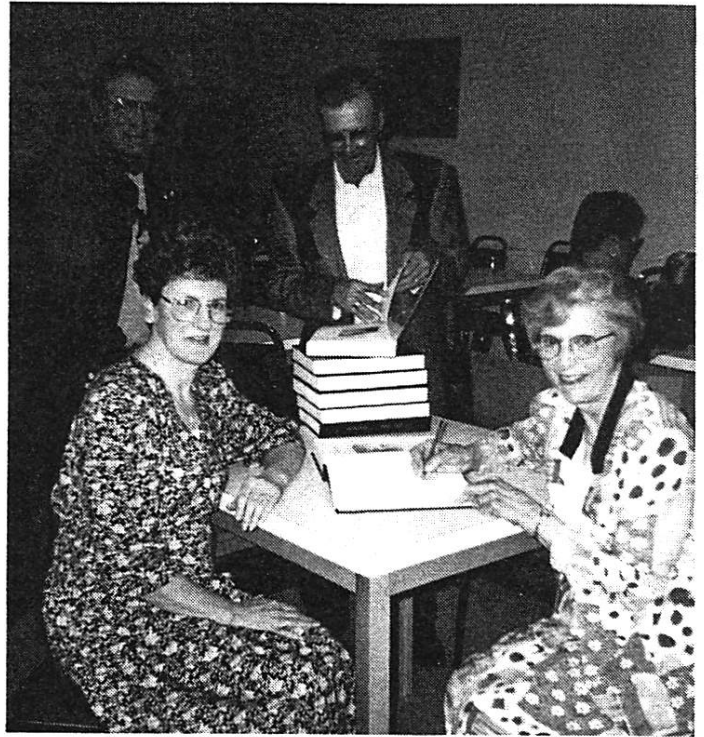
The Expo-Mercier showed the numerous talents of the Merciers. The quality and variety of the exhibits have illustrated the panoply of the disciplines and that explains why this activity was so popular all weekend.

Finally, the information bureau on genealogy was really the turntable of the majority of the Merciers during that weekend. How crowded it was, that interest, and so many questions that Claudine, Benoit, Robert and Ernest had to answer to! These four were obliged to be on their toes and their card catalogue was used very much. Several, especially the Americans, arrived with lots of questions and returned with answers and satisfaction. The genealogy team was able to say, rightly so, mission accomplished.

The wines of the Mercier selection allowed the people to wash down the whole thing and celebrate in the joy this 10th anniversary of the first gathering (1987), the 350th anniversary (1647) of the arrival of Jullien and to recall, in the presence of the personage, the 85th anniversary (1912) of the inauguration of the Honoré Mercier monument.

Pierre Mercier, president

Lucienne Mercier Croteau publishes



On October 12, 1997, Lucienne Mercier Croteau launched locally her book titled *Mercier; yesterday and today 1647-1997*. The event took place at the Centre culturel of Bonnyville, Alberta, Canada. While Lucienne hand writes her name in Priscilla Mercier’s copy, Edward Mercier and Armand Fortier wait for their turn.

Those who are interested in this book will find more information on page 12. Most parts of the book are written in the two official languages of Canada: English and French.

Why not offer to Merciers and allies the membership fee (20\$) as gift at Christmas and New Years’s time or as anniversary gift?

† Décès

Deaths †

Condolances 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
William J. Mercier	97/03/26	Gladstone, Michigan, USA
Roger Mercier	97/06/13	Lévis
Jean Mercier (Abbé)	97/06/13	Sherbrooke
Jean-Marc Roy (époux de Pauline Mercier)	97/06/23	Québec
Claudette Mercier	97/06/25	St-Charles (Bellechasse)
Irène Castonguay Mercier	97/06/28	Lévis
Maria Shink Mercier	97/06/30	St-Nérée (Bellechasse)
Sr Marie-Anna Mercier, s.s.c.m.	97/07/01	Beauport
Marcelle Martineau Mercier	97/07/01	Château-Richer
Antoinette Brousseau Mercier	97/07/04	Sherbrooke
Rodolphe Mercier	97/07/05	Fleurimont
Joseph-Aimé Mercier	97/07/12	Québec
Lucienne Veilleux Mercier	97/07/14	East-Angus
Sr Céline Mercier, s.s.f.b.	97/07/16	Sillery
Ida Mercier (épouse Ambroise McGrath)	97/07/17	St-René Goupil, Gatineau
Rosette Vézina Mercier	97/07/18	Deauville
Lucien Mercier	97/07/21	Ste-Germaine (Dorchester)
Jacques Mercier (frère de Jean ptre)	97/07/26	East-Angus
Jules Mercier	97/08/02	St-Pamphile
Yvette Laliberté Mercier	97/08/16	Québec
Germain Mercier	97/08/23	Dosquet
Réjean Mercier	97/08/27	St-Jean-Chrysostome
Marie-Paule Bélanger Mercier	97/08/30	Giffard
Thérèse Labrecque Mercier	97/09/08	Québec
Gérard Mercier	97/09/18	Rougemont
Ernestine Guillemette Mercier	97/09/10	St-Raphaël (Bellechasse)
Pierre Mercier	97/09/15	St-Gilles (Lotbinière)

Responsable : Isabelle Mercier Dufour

Appreciation

I wish to congratulate the organizers of the 1997 gathering which was very inspiring. The Merciers of Bonnyville were very pleased of their experience in Québec and thank you most heartily.

Very sincerely,

Lucienne Mercier-Croteau

My wife and I were hesitating to go to the Mercier gathering of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. She does not know very much french. She has been welcomed by numerous Merciers and allies who have recomforted her talking with her in english. We came back delighted. Our trip was magnificent.

Eugène et Dolorès Mercier
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In the introduction of her volume, Lucienne Mercier Croteau reminds the three great factors which forms a nation. She then returns to the sources outlined in the inexhaustible book titled: *Mercier depuis des siècles* published by the well-known author Ernest Mercier; and relates her experience in dealing with the North American Mercier Association (AMAN).

Lucienne summarizes in the first part of her book the historical facts of the above mentioned period — 300 years — during which the Mercier history has been elaborated in North America. The first four chapters encompass the history and the genealogy, beginning with the ancestral couple Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulain followed by those of their son Jean wedded to Barbe Monmainier, the line or branch Lucienne belongs to. She carries down with Jean's line to the eight generation. However, from the fifth generation on, starting with the couple Guillaume Mercier and Angelique Fortier, she adds the history and the genealogy of collaterals — brothers and sisters — who could supply her with genealogy data.

In the introduction of the second part of her book, Lucienne relates the history of Bonnyville, Alberta, in the heart of the lakes region. In chapters V to XV, it is the dawning of Joseph Mercier's family, that left Laurierville, Québec, to go and settle in Western Canada, at Moose Lake (Bonnyville, Alberta), in 1907, which comes in the front part of the stage.

The last chapter relates the events of the Alberta Merciers gathering which took place on the 3rd and 4th of June 1989.

Here is the outline of that book containing some 600 pages and about 600 photos.

Lucienne and Ernest

Sale of the book

Price : 50 \$ + TPS (3,50 \$) + post mailing cost

For your information, it is the minimum price which represents the editing and printing cost of the book. The extra is mine. It is my contribution to the Mercier family.

Sinceres thanks

Lucienne Mercier-Croteau

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