



Le Mercien

La voix des Mercier d'Amérique

The voice of the Merciers of North America

From the president **Annual report 1999-2000**

When I accepted to serve as president of our association, last fall, I knew that our financial situation was a difficult one and represented a challenge. I agreed to face up to it.

Throughout the year, the board of administrators and I have devoted our efforts to the two most important elements of our program: the financial stability of our association and its vitality through recruiting new members.

In spite of our best efforts, results have been long in coming.

Our Vision 2000 Campaign has continued to be fruitfull, and we are proud to have recruited 7 new lifemembers,

for a current total of 62. Those new members will receive their certificates shortly, and you will have the opportunity of meeting those present today.

Our Vision 2000 campaign heralded the creation of a new category of members: the **Commanders**. The qualifying condition is to contribute a minimum of \$1,000. I am proud to announce that 7 members have qualified for such a status. They will receive their certificates at a later date, but I wish to introduce them to you immediately. They are : Alain from Sillery, Charles from Sillery, Christine from Ste-Foy, Louis from St-Bruno, Pierre from St-Bruno, Suzanne from Montreal and yours truly.

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Sincere thanks to Céline Mercier and her team of main associates

In the usual order: Marie Gélinas Mercier, her mother; Céline Mercier Rousseau; her husband, Jean-Marie Rousseau, M.D.; her sister-in-law, Gabrielle Lauzière Mercier and Raymond Mercier, her brother.

Céline and her associates have made a real success of the Merciers' gathering 2000.

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Armoiries des Mercier
d'Amérique du Nord déposées
par Jean-Paul Gélinas, Mgr
en 1986



Armoiries des Mercier
d'Angleterre déposées au
Burke Memorial Armory
de Londres vers le début
du 15e siècle



Armoiries d'Ernest Mercier
déposées en 1954
par l'institut généalogique Drouin

Name	Occupation	Residence	Admission
Ernest Mercier	Management	Québec	1999
Pierre-Paul Mercier	Administration	St-Lambert	2000
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Le Mercien - Seasonal deadlines

Number	Season	Deadline
1	Spring	March 1 st
2	Summer	June 1 st
3	Autumn	September 1 st
4	Winter	Decembre 1 st

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Messages

In order to hasten communications with the management,
please contact directly the members in charge of the AMAN
services.

If you plan to move, please inform the treasurer at least six
weeks ahead of time.

Membership fees :
Yearly : 25 \$

Life (65 years and over): 250 \$
Life (less than 65 years): 400 \$

Please send your comments and suggestions to either address
listed below.

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Editorial

To date, seven members have paid 1 000 \$ each to have their name on the honor roll of AMAN commanders. The president Pierre-Paul has unveiled their names and congratulated them at the Merciers' annual meeting held in Trois-Rivières on Saturday August the 26th, 2000. The commander's register and certificate are in preparation. The honor roll will be included from now on in each number of *Le Mercien*.

At the Trois-Rivières gathering, members have asked questions regarding the benefits a **commander member** enjoy compared to a **life member**.

Most of the Mercier residences in North America — more than 8 000 — have received documents on the VISION 2000 of the financing campaign initiated by AMAN at the beginning of 1999. Summaries of that documentation are found in the Editorial of *Le Mercien*, volume 16, spring 2000. We, therefore, have on hand all what is need to make that financing campaign successful. We need many voluntary people ready to work for a small amount of money, — not to say symbolic,— hardly representing travelling expenses.

Commander's privileges

AMAN's commanders enjoy eight privileges :

— Reduced entry fees at some activities — Automatic admission as life member — Granting of a special certificate — Free publicity at meetings — Photo and short biographical note published in *Le Mercien* — Name mentioned in each issue of the association's information bulletin — Free album souvenir (*Mercier depuis des siècles – Mercier for centuries*) — Free AMAN's badge — Membership in the Commanders' Board.

Life member's privileges

Life members enjoy only three privileges :

- ◆ Annual dues paid forever;
- ◆ Obtention of a special certificate;
- ◆ Having his or her name published once a year on the life membership list.

Granting **commander** and **lifetime membership titles** (at the new rate) to Merciers and related is established to publicly recognize valuable efforts of those who are willing to stabilize the financial situation and assure the future development of our young family association.

The AMAN's board of administrators invite those who consider becoming life members — who will now have to pay after January 1st 2001, 250 \$ if they are 65 years and over and 400 \$ if they are younger — to pay, if they can, the difference between the above mentioned amounts and 1 000 \$ in order to become sustaining members and be classified as commander. The administrators are looking for voluntary Merciers and related to contact Mercier business people in order to invite them either:

- ◆ to become AMAN commanders;
- ◆ to contribute specific amounts of money as publicity subscribers in *Le Mercien* or sponsors of some AMAN's activities.

Our young family association needs additional funds to help younger and elder people to **discover, develop** and **defend** the ancestral patrimony in Canada and the USA. That is what compels AMAN administrators to assemble family associations requesting Income Canada to create a **plurifamilial Foundation** in order to develop the ancestral patrimony at the Québec, Canada and USA levels.

Ernest Mercier

(Continuing from page 1) From the president

Thank you to those generous contributors. May their actions be followed by others.

In addition, Ernest, the founder of our association, has been awarded the title of honorary commander in 1999, on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

In total, our membership currently stands at 268 active members.

Since the beginning of the year 2000, many members have delayed sending their annual dues.

The main reason is that we have delayed sending our renewal notices for several months. This was due to our computer system which refused to recognize the year 2000.

We have had to update all our systems to the new millenium, and Benoit, our accountant, has been responsible to bring us back on board. He deserves our sincere thanks of his precious efforts.

Such an operation requires time, and has delayed the mailing of renewal notices early in the present year.

The cost of the operation amounted to 1,285., and it is the single most important factor of our operating loss of \$2,000. for the last financial year.

Therefore, we have to catch up with some delinquent members.

The best tool at our disposal to retain our members and recruit new ones is our quarterly publication, *Le Mercien*. We have made every effort to improve its contents and make it more interesting through publishing histories of Mercier families. We discover interesting people who have influenced their time and who might not have been known otherwise by other Mercier if their histories had not been published in *Le Mercien*.

For instance, in the Winter 1999 issue, we reported on the gathering of the family of Patrick Mercier and Marie-Anne Martel, we wrote on Marie Gelinat Mercier, Monique Mercier and champagne Mercier.



President Pierre-Paul delivers his message. Lionel takes notes. Benoit, accompanied by his wife, distributes documents.

In the Spring 2000 issue, we wrote about Linda Mercier and Real Frechette and published a letter from the Ottawa area about Gérard Mercier.

In the Summer 2000 issue, Eugene Mercier published his father's history and he came from Somers Ct. with his wife Dolorès to be with us to-day.

We appreciate the cooperation of such devoted members to bring us histories of Mercier families.

We still have material to keep on publishing, but we count on all of you to feed us the information.

Such has been the operation year that just ended, and we hope to have met your expectations.

We need volunteers to help us and the administrators and I invite you to let me know what are your talents or fields of interest. We will be pleased to feel your support.

I thank the members of the board who have supported me and we all thank you for your confidence throughout the year.

Pierre Paul Mercier, C.A., Adm., A.

Family Patrimony

At the Merciers' meeting in Trois-Rivières, participants have seen the commemorative plaque indicating the site of the first chapel where Marie Poulin was baptized on January 1st 1641. The present biographical note of Jullien Mercier's wife brings some precisions on Marie's life stages.

Biographical note of Marie Poulin (1641-1716)

Wife of Jullien Mercier (1621-1676)

- 1639 On August the 8th of that year, Claude Poulin and Jeanne Mercier were wedded by Nicolas Adam, Jesuit, acting as Québec priest, in the Notre-Dame-de-la-Recouvrance church.
- 1641 Marie Poulin, daughter of Claude and Jeanne Mercier, born since some time, was baptized by Father Ragueneau, Jesuit, on January the first 1641. Shortly after that date, the small family went back to France.
- 1645 Claude and Jeanne had two children who saw the light in Saint-Maclou (France) :
1646 ♦ Pascal born on February 16th 1645,
♦ Madeleine born on June 27th 1646.
- 1647 Claude, Jeanne and their three children came back to New France and settled in Ste-Anne-du-Petit-Cap (today Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré) on a land concession (six arpents of frontage on the St.Lawrence River by one and half leagues in depth). The local hospital is on the estate conceded to Claude Poulin.
- 1651 On October 15th 1651, Jullien obtained a land concession (five arpents of frontage by one and half leagues in depth). His estate is on the east side of Robert Giguier (Giguère) concession where the Sainte-Anne Basilica is found to day.
- 1652 About one year after he had obtained his land concession, Jullien signed a marriage contract with Marie Poulin who was eleven and half years old.
- 1654 On January 18th 1654, Father Ragueneau, Jesuit, solely united them "in the home of Robert Giguier".
- 1676 After 23 years of marriage, Jullien died at the age of 54 years, on October 18th 1676, when Marie was pregnant with twin daughters who were born four months later.
- 1682 At the age of 41 years and half Marie remarried Charles de Monmainier dit Jouvent on November 5th 1682.
- 1716 On July 17th Marie died at the age of 75 and half years.

Life Members on June 30th 2000

Name ans surname	Place	Member number	
Mercier, Alain	Sillery, QC	77	
Cloutier, André	Mont-Saint-Hilaire, QC	1313	
Mercier, André	Mascouche, QC	476	x
Mercier, Benoît	Brampton, ON, CND	1376	x
Mercier, Bernard	Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, QC	179	
Mercier-Nadeau, Cécile	Plessisville, QC	385	
Royer, Cécile	Sainte-Foy, QC	47	
Mercier-Chabot, Cécilia	Lac-Beauport, QC	1342	x
Mercier, Charles	Sillery, QC	76	
Mercier, Christine	Sainte-Foy, QC	75	
Mercier, Claude	St-Roch-de-l' Achigan, QC	46	x
Mercier, Estelle	Hull, QC	1402	
Mercier, Eugène A.	Somers, CT, USA	1361	
Mercier, François	Nicolet, QC	63	
Mercier-Bélanger, Françoise	Charlesbourg, QC	737	
Mercier, Georges	Sept-Iles, QC	219	
Mercier, Georgette	Rockville, MD, USA	1308	
Mercier, Germain	Ste-Sabine (Bellechasse) QC	615	
Cauchon, Jean	Lac-Mégantic, QC	916	
Mercier, Jean	Freligsburg, QC	951	
Mercier, Jean-Charles	St-Roch-de-l' Achigan, QC	43	
Mercier-Bédard, Jeanne	Ottawa, ON, CND	204	
Rioux, Jeanne	Québec, QC	1366	
Mercier-Brouillette, Julienne	St-Esprit-de-Montcalm, QC	481	
Mercier, Laurent	St-Esprit-de-Montcalm, QC	580	
Mercier, Léonce	Orford, QC	1385	
Mercier, Lise	Hull, QC	1403	
Mercier, Louis	St-Bruno, QC	52	
Mercier, Luc	Longueuil, QC	152	
Mercier, Lucie	Plessisville, QC	126	
Mercier-Campbell, Lucie	Ottawa, ON, CND	1374	
Larose, Lucien	Wallingford, CT, USA	314	
Mercier, Marc	Trois-Rivières, QC	83	
Mercier, Marcel	Montmagny, QC	452	
Mercier-Famula, Marguerite	Ancaster, ON, CND	202	
Mercier-Morin, Marie-Reine	Ste-Agathe, QC	1132	
Gélinas-Mercier, Marie	Lévis, QC	169	
Mercier, Maurice	Boucherville, QC	306	
Mercier, Michel	Valleyfield, QC	34	
Mercier-Majewski, Olga	Milford, CT, USA	1253	
Cauchon, Paul	Sainte-Foy, QC	1365	
Mercier, Paul-D.	Antrim, NH, USA	718	
Mercier, Pierre	St-Bruno, QC	73	
Mercier, Pierre	Ville-St-Michel, QC	639	
Mercier, Raymond	Tracy, QC	911	
Mercier, Raymond T.	Canterbury, CT, USA	961	
Mercier, Rhéo	Disraéli, QC	4	
Mercier, Robert	St-Henri (Lévis), QC	250	
Mercier, Roger	Naples, FL, USA	2016	
Mercier, Roland	La Pocatière, QC	61	
Mercier, Simone	St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC	1196	
Mercier, Suzanne	Montréal, QC	74	
Mercier, Vincent	Mont-Joli, QC	500	
Mercier, William Arthur	Danvers, MA, USA	1010	

Honorary Life Member

Mercier, André	Québec, QC	189	
Mercier, Benoît	Charlesbourg, QC	222	
Mercier, Ernest	Québec, Qc	32	
Mercier, Monique	St-Grégoire-le-Grand, QC	49	
Mercier, Ralph	Charlesbourg, QC	1151	
Mercier, Robert	Valleyfield, QC	646	x
Mercier-Croteau, Lucienne	Bonneyville, AB, CND	988	

x) New during the 1999-2000 term

New members 1999-2000 term

Surname	Name	Place	Member number
Geoges	Mercier	Beauport, QC, CND	1407
Pierre	Mercier	Mascouche, QC	1409
Ernest	Mercier	Toronto, ON, CND	1411
Susan	Mercier	Wacase Columbia, CT, USA	1412
David M.	Mercier	Albuquerque, NM, USA	1413
Françoise	Mercier	Longueuil, QC	1414
Thomas Joseph	Mercier	Dryden, MI, USA	1415
Irène	Mercier	Sullivan, QC	1416
Jean-Guy	Mercier	Ste-Foy, QC	1417
Clément	Chabot	Ste-Foy, QC	1418
Sylvie M.	Clément	Mulgrave & Derry, QC	1419
Charles Eugène	Mercier	South Burlington, VT, USA	1420
Delphine P.	Goodwin	Livonia, MI, USA	1421
Gertrude	M. Gélinas	Shawinigan, QC	1422
Gérald	Mercier	St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, QC	1423
Jean L.	Mercier	Montréal, QC	1424
Rodrigue	Mercier	Ville St-Laurent, QC	1425

QC : Québec CND : Canada USA : United States of America

During the financial year 1999-2000, the new members classified by country were as follows :
 From Canada : 12, of whom 10 are from the province of Quebec and 2 from others provinces.
 From USA : five (5)

What a beautiful day

We were 74 Mercier participants who gathered in Trois-Rivières for our 16th general annual meeting on Saturday, August 26th 2000.

Merciers from the USA, Alberta, Ontario and Québec meeting in a fraternity and joyfull climate to see each other again and get acquainted with other Merciers, is really something worth mentioning.

The organization Committee must be congratulated for its magnificent work. All parts of the program: wellcoming, site, meal and afternoon visits were suitable and well planned even if the number of registered people was not supposed to be so large.

(Following on page 11)

Statement of Incomes and Expenses for the last two terms ending on June 30th

INCOMES	2000	1999
Members' dues	4 211	5 180
Lotomatic (Loto-Québec)	264	227
Genealogy	41	
Annual meeting (net)	<u>365</u>	<u>270</u>
Interest	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Profit on souvenir sales	24	66
Vision 2000		101
Other	6	141
TOTAL	4 913	5 987

EXPENSES		
Liability insurance	456	460
Regional committees		7
Meetings and conventions	244	97
F.F.S.Q. - Services fees	239	465
Internet	35	145
Le Mercien	3 122	2 856
Interest on loans	350	
Monuments	325	
Publicity - Promotion	60	
Secretariate	2 034	608
Genealogical services	<u>13</u>	<u></u>
TOTAL	6 965	4 644
NET INCOME (DÉFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(2 052)	1 343

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30th

A S S E T S	2000	1999
Cash on hand	4 626	2 819
Advance to F.F.S.Q.	600	600
Inventory of souvenirs (at cost)	869	894
Deposit certificate	2 875	2 875
Furniture	<u>404</u>	<u>2 962</u>
TOTAL	10 384	10 150
LIABILITIES		
Reserve - Life membership	6 250	6 200
Reserve - Commander membership	6 825	
Reserve - Genealogical data	1 849	
Advance by administrators	2 194	5 334
Payables	<u>400</u>	<u></u>
TOTAL	15 669	13 383
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Opening balance	(3 233)	(4 576)
Net income (deficit) for the year	<u>(2 052)</u>	<u>1 343</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	(5 285)	(3 233)
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY - TOTAL	10 384	10 150

On behalf of the board of directors

_____ president _____ treasurer
 Pierre-Paul Mercier Jean Mercier

I have audited the operating results for the year ended June 30, 2000 and the balance sheet as at that date. In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the association, according to generally accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceeding year.

 Lauréat Mercier, c.g.a.

The web

In our last issue, we invited readers interested in genealogy on the web to share with us the results of their findings as to which sites were interesting to explore.

So far, few of our readers shared their secrets with us. If we want this exchange to continue to be of interest, we need your input.

So far, two sites have been brought to our attention:

'www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory'
and 'delisle.html'.

The two sites are exclusively in English.

The **first site** contains historical information on the migration of French-Canadians to the United States during the period 1840 to 1930, their survival in New-England, the Flint Affair, repatriation, the Franco-Americans, the Sentinel Affair and the Quebec Nationalism.

The **second site** contains the coats of arms of several families; however it is not all-inclusive. The name DeLisle is used as an exemple only. You may retrieve others through replacing DeLisle by another name. There might be a cost involved in obtaining a particular coat of arms. However we do not recommend that you make a purchase at this point. We are merely providing information.

There are other sites to visit. It would be interesting if we could only share their addresses.

The site address and the name of the person who submitted it will be published in the next issue of *Le Mercien*, with his or her consent.

So please contact Benoit at :
'benoitmercier@hotmail.com'

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Benoît Mercier

Recruiting MERCIERS and related in AMAN

I, undersignerd, wish to help AMAN in becoming :

- regular member and pay 25 \$ by year**
- life member and pay :**
 - 250 \$ (for people over 65 years of age)
 - 400 \$ (for people below 65 years of age)
- sustaining member (commander) and pay :**
 - one single amount of 1 000 \$
 - two annual amounts of 500 \$ each.
 - five annual amounts of 200 \$ each.
- advertising or sponsoring client**

Name

Address

City

Zip (postal) code

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Entrepreneurial Heritage
Founded by Gabriel Mercier (1914-2000)

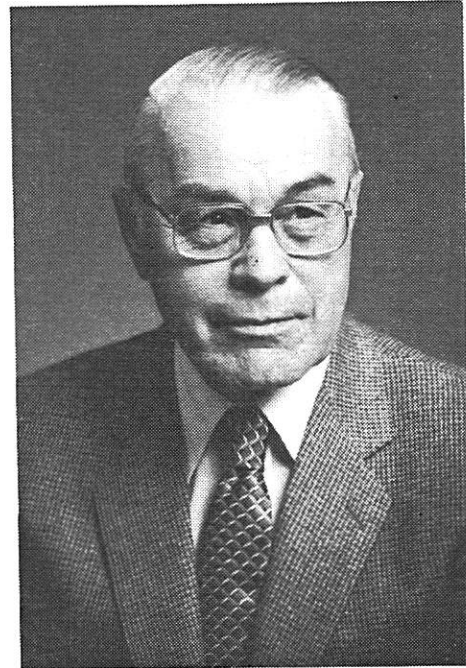
The founder of three firms concerns still in operation today died on July 7th of this year.

They are: Assurances Gabriel Mercier Ltée, Meubles Mercier Ltée and Miroirs Laurier Ltée.

After graduating from Sainte-Croix College, Gabriel started a general insurance practice in Lyster, QC. In June 1937, he married Lucienne Olivier and carried his insurance business in the family home. The couple had three children: Jean-Luc in 1938, Claude in 1940 and Robert in 1942.

In 1945, with the assistance of his father Alcide Mercier, who operated a sawmill in Laurier Station, Gabriel incorporated Meubles Laurier Ltée, where he manufactured bedroom sets. The factory offices were located in Laurier, but Gabriel maintained his insurance practice just the same. He commuted every day between Lyster and Laurier.

During the Summer of 1950, he sold the family house and the insurance business of Lyster to his brother Gérard, but continued his insurance activities in his new home in Laurier where he moved in November.



Gabriel Mercier
Photo Studio Maurice enreg.

The furniture factory started experiencing problems with the procurement of mirrors. Gabriel then decided to go into the mirror manufacturing business.



Should AMAN participate to the 2001 Genealogy Publicity on Salon?

The family association "Les Langlois d'Amérique" organizes — for the second year — "Le Salon de la publicité généalogique" at Place Laurier (Quebec City) on February the 8th 9th 10th and 11th 2001. A table with basic commoditees is offered to AMAN at the basic price of 100\$ for the four days.

AMAN could participate to *The Salon on genealogy publicity* if voluntary members are willing to come and answer visitors' questions during the 35 hours the Salon will be opened: 11

hours on Thursday, 11 on Friday, 8 on Saturday and 5 hours on Sunday.

If you can help the AMAN management and come to attend during few hours that publicity event, please inform the administrator temporarily in charge, telephone (418) 688-9820, before december the 10th 2000. Thank you for your participation.

Can you answer : "Yes, I will participate?"

The management

† Deaths



Deepest sympathy to Mercier families that have lost a member recently.

Name	Burial	Place
Raymond Marie Mercier	2000-06-30	Pont-Rouge, QC
Charles Mercier	2000-07-29	Sherbrooke, QC
Richard Mercier	2000-08-05	N.Dame de Lorette, QC
Marie-Anna Mercier	2000-08-07	Beaumont, QC
Fernand Mercier	2000-08-29	Ste-Euphémie, QC
Rachel Verreault Mercier	2000-06-15	Québec, QC
Maurice Mercier	2000-06-17	Québec, QC
Gabriel Mercier	2000-07-10	St-Flavien, Lotbinière, QC

Responsible : Isabelle Mercier Dufour



A few years later, Miroirs Laurier Ltée was supplying mirrors to other furniture factories in the area and throughout Québec. He continued operating the three businesses throughout the 1950's, which kept him very busy.

The three sons were in college. Gabriel waited till they obtained their university degrees before asking them to join him, Jean-Luc and Claude started in 1962 and Robert joined them a few years later.

Gabriel continued to be very active for several more years, until the three sons were in a position to take over. He was active until 1990 and then retired into Manoir Archer in Quebec City.

At last, he enjoyed a quieter way of life and he was in a position to devote more time to his family and friends, in spite of minor health problems.

He always enjoyed short visits to the office and often took friends along with him to share his pride for his factories.

Recently, his health deteriorated rapidly and he died on July 7th 2000, after a short illness.

(Translation by *Le Mercien* of the original text in French by Jean-Luc Mercier)

(Continuing from page 7 - What a beautiful day)

Lady temperature had reserved one of its most beautiful day of the month for the afternoon visits to "Les Vieilles Forges" and the Pierre-Boucher Museum (The Trois-Rivières' Minor Seminary) where the ancient wedding dresses were simply gorgeous. At each of the two places we could have spent half a day to discover "a page of our history."

How agreeable it is to be together in a bus to dialogue before and after a visit! That nice way to organize visits at the occasion of our annual meetings must not be given up.

How time went by quickly! That was the comment heard when getting of the bus before departure. It has been super as daily event. Thousand thanks to Monique, Céline and their spouses.

For those who could not be present at the reunion, please, reserve August 25th 2000 for the next year meeting in Quebec City. All our annual meetings are now taking place on the last saturday of August before the Labour Day celebration.

Lionel Mercier, secretary

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