



Le Mercien

La voix des Mercier d'Amérique

The voice of the Merciers of North America

Annual Report of the President

I am pleased to transmit to you the main points on the subjects presented to the members attending our annual meeting on August 25th.

Our Internet site has now been translated to English thanks to the collaboration of Eugene Mercier of Somers, CT, USA.

As for recruiting new members we have put our emphasis on regaining former active members. That is, members who have not renewed their membership for the last two or three years. Our success has been remarkable, thanks to the

efforts of Benoît Mercier of Charlesbourg. We will continue these efforts.

Among the notable events of the past year is the addition of another Commander to our membership in the person of Lucienne Mercier Croteau of Bonnyville, Alberta.

The creation of this special class of membership started during our VISION 2000 program and has begun to bear fruit. We now have nine AMAN members who are classified as Commander. Each of these distinguished members have contributed

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Some participants to the Mercier Pilgrimage on the Côte-de-Beaupré on Sunday August, the 26th 2001
 First row : Georges, Ernest, Christine
 2nd R: Christine Famula, Marguerite Mercier, Noëlla Laliberté, Réal Mercier and Claudine Mercier
 3rd R: Lucie Mercier, Fernand Daigle, Olga Mercier, Pierre-Paul Mercier and Thérèse Bouffard
 4th R: Rodrigue Mercier, Gisèle Fradette, Dolorès Przybyla/Mercier, Francine Mercier and Robert Mercier
 5th R: (? ?) Eugène A. Mercier (? ?) (?)
 6th R: (? ?) Benoît Mercier et Jacques Guignard
 7th R: (?) Claude Dufour, Isabelle Mercier (?) and Gérald Mercier (?)
 8th R: Jean Mercier (?) (?) (?) (?)
 (?) and (?) The Management is sorry not to have been able to identify all people shown on that photo.



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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, QC	1999
Pierre-Paul Mercier	Administration	St-Lambert, QC	2000
Alain Mercier	Communication	Sillery, QC	2000
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Christine Mercier	Education	Québec, QC	2000
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Pierre Mercier	Engineering	St-Bruno, QC	2000
Suzanne Mercier	Commerce	Montréal, QC	2000
Lucienne M.-Croteau	Education	Bonnyville, AB	2001

Le Mercien - Seasonal deadlines

Number	Season	Deadline
1	Spring	February 1 st
2	Summer	May 1 st
3	Autumn	August 1 st
4	Winter	October 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

Patrilineal Mercier Ancestry Title

If you are a Mercier or have a Mercier ancestor in your family's ancestry and wish to establish your Mercier ancestry title in North America, here is the way to proceed.

First stage

You must find out, in first place, the date and place where that paternal or maternal Mercier ancestor of yours got married.

Second stage

In second place, you must do the same research for the parents and grand-parents of that Mercier ancestor appearing in your family ancestry if that information is available to you.

Third stage

If you have the required information on the place and date of wedding of one or two Mercier ancestors in your patrilineal ancestry, please submit it to the managers of the GENAMAN Bank (Genealogical Data Bank of the Association of Merciers of America / North). They will tell you if they are in a position to complete your patrilineal Mercier ancestry title in North America and France.

Costs

There is no cost to carry on the preliminary research required to inform any interested person if the managers of the GÉNAMAN BANK can produce his or her Mercier patrilineal ancestry title. However there is a 50 \$ cost to establish the line of Mercier ancestors linking the generation (G?) of the interested person to that (G1) of the first french immigrant who settled

and left descendants in New-France. Costs are higher if the client wants to have the basic genealogical data on the brothers and sisters of the ancestor of each generation separating his or her from the ancestral Mercier couple (G1). In that case, costs vary depending on the researches required and the number of copies of the extended ancestry title ordered by the client. The latter must be a member to benefit the services of AMAN.

Advice to the interested people

If you decide to prepare yourself your Mercier patrilineal ancestry title, you can do it in referring to local repertories : parish, county, census and region where your ancestors have lived. You will have to spend hours and days of work, especially if you prepare yourself your extended Mercier ancestry title. You will probably have to submit it to a well-informed genealogist in order to know if the whole title corresponds to reality.

Merciers over the centuries

That book, published in 1987 by the undersigned, contains the ancestors of the first three generations issued from the six Mercier bachelors who came from Europe before 1800 and settled in North America. The book also contains an extended ancestry title for a descendant of each of the 17 sons issued from the six Mercier ancestors who have left identified offsprings in North America.

The book is now the AMAN's property. You can buy a copy of it by communicating with the secretariat: AMAN, C.P. 6700, Sillery (Québec), Canada, G1T 2W2. The english version of the five first chapters (*Merciers over the centuries*) is available at the home of Joseph Norbert Mercier Jr, 625 North Akely Drive, Glendora, California, USA, 91740.

Ernest Mercier

(Annual Report of the President, following of page 1)

at least One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to our AMAN association. Our Commanders have contributed significantly to the financial stability of AMAN at a time when it was much needed. In the order of Knighthood, the title Commander was conferred on a person whose ranking was considered higher than an officer was. Knighthood was that class of noble warriors in the Middle Ages who were brave in the defense of their religious faith and who were honest and courteous.

We are continuing our efforts to improve our financial situation and I am happy to announce that our treasurer has reported a modest surplus of three hundred-sixty one dollars (\$361,00) which is a step in the right direction.

Recruiting new members is a constant preoccupation and we have undertaken to pursue our recruitment of new members thru the Internet. In addition too new members, another way in which we can improve our financial condition is to add to our list of business (or non-business) people who place an add to be published on the last page of *Le MERCIEN* bulletin. Jean-Guy

Mercier of Ste. Foy has concentrated his efforts towards this objective and his efforts have borne fruit. Do not hesitate to encourage members of your own families to become members of our association or to send us news of their events, i.e., birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc., to be published in the bulletin. We will all benefit.

An important step has been taken by our founder Ernest Mercier with the transfer to our association of all his remaining copies of his book *MERCIER, depuis des Siecles* and his many genealogy files. The details of this transfer were published in the last issue of the bulletin. AMAN is now responsible for the sale of this book and for the safeguarding of his many records and files for posterity.

Preliminary plans have been made for a trip to France in September of 2002. Early information has been published in the *MERCIEN* and subsequent details will be published when they develop. We will keep you up to date so you may plan accordingly.

I thank you for the confidence you have given thi administration and I thank the council for the support they have given me this past year.

Pierre-Paul Mercier, President

Our Secretary leaves

Lionel from Victoriaville has resigned as secretary of the board of directors and will not seek re-election as a board member at the end of his term this year.

He has been hospitalized since last April, as a result of a "Guillain-Barre" condition which has suddenly drained all his strength.

At the time of his resignation in August, he was still hospitalized to undergo rehabilitation treatments and was learning to walk again. His physicians estimate that another 8 to 12 months

of therapy will be required to get him back to normal.

Lionel was first elected to the board of directors in September of 1993, and has remained a board member since. He served as vice-president and as secretary, and he discharged his duties with devotion and competence in both functions.

Lionel, the members of the association join me in wishing you a speedy recovery, and we hope to be favoured with your assistance again, once you have recovered your strength.

Pierre-Paul Mercier, président

The archivist André temporarily takes upon the secretary's task

André, Thérèse, Jean and Marcelle at work, at the registration time, before the opening of the annual meeting on Saturday August 25th 2001.

André has agreed to act as substitute secretary at the annual meeting.



Membre à vie, membre honoraire et membre commandeur Life member/Honorary Member and Commander Member 30 juin - 2001 - June 20th

Nom / Name	Endroit / Place	Numéro de membre / Member number	Membre à vie / Life member		
			Régulier Paid-up	Honoraire Honorary	Commandeur Commander
Mercier, Alain	Sillery, QC	77	X		X
Cloutier, André	Mont-St-Hilaire, QC	1313	X		
Mercier, André	Mascouche, QC	476	X		
Mercier, André	Québec, QC	189	X	X	
Mercier, Antoine	Montréal, QC	488	X		
Mercier, Benoît	Mississauga, ON	1376	X		
Mercier, Benoît	Charlesbourg, QC	222	X	X	
Mercier, Bernard	Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré, QC	179	X		
Mercier-Nadeau, Cécile	Plessisville, QC	385	X		
Royer, Cécile	Ste-Foy, QC	47	X		
Mercier-Chabot, Cécilia	Lac-Beauport, QC	1342	X		
Mercier, Charles	Sillery, QC	76	X		X
Mercier, Charles-Eugène	South Burlington, VT	1420	X		
Mercier, Christine	Ste-Foy, QC	75	X		X
Mercier, Claude	St-Roch-de-l'Achigan, QC	46	X		
Mercier, Ernest	Québec, QC	32	X	X	X
Mercier, Estelle	Hull, QC	1402	X		
Mercier, Eugène A.	Somers, CT	1361	X		
Mercier, François	Nicolet, QC	63	X		
Mercier-Bélanger, Françoise	Charlesbourg, QC	737	X		
Laurence, George S.	North Palm Beach, FL	1430	X		



Nom / Name	Endroit / Place	Numéro de membre / Member number	Membre à vie / Life member		
			Régulier Paid-up	Honoraire Honorary	Commandeur Commander
Mercier, Georges	Sept-Iles, QC	219	x		
Mercier, Georgette	Rockville, MD	1308	x		
Mercier, Germain	Ste-Sabine (Bellechasse) QC	615	x		
Cauchon, Jean	Lac-Mégantic, QC	916	x		
Mercier, Jean	Charlesbourg, QC	1	x		
Mercier, Jean	Frelighsburg, QC	951	x		
Mercier, Jean-Charles	St-Roch-de-l'Achigan, QC	43	x		
Mercier, Jean-Paul	Farnham, QC	849	x		
Mercier-Bédard, Jeanne	Ottawa, ON	204	x		
Rioux, Jeanne	Québec, QC	1366	x		
Mercier-Brouillette, Julienne	St-Esprit-de-Montcalm, QC	481	x		
Mercier, Laurent	St-Esprit-de-Montcalm, QC	580	x		
Mercier, Léonce	Orford, QC	1385	x		
Mercier, Lise	Hull, QC	1403	x		
Mercier, Louis	St-Bruno, Qc	52	x		x
Mercier, Luc	Longueuil, QC	152	x		
Mercier, Lucie	Plessisville, QC	126	x		
Mercier-Campbell, Lucie	Ottawa, ON	1374	x		
Mercier, Lucien	Wallingford, CT	314	x		
Mercier-Croteau, Lucienne	Bonnyville, AB	988	x		x
Mercier, Marc	Trois-Rivières, QC	83	x		
Mercier, Marcel	Montmagny, QC	x			
Mercier-Famula, Marguerite	Lancaster, ON	202	x		
Mercier-Morin, Marie-Reine	Ste-Agathe (Lotbinière) QC	1132	x		
Gélinas-Mercier, Marie	Lévis, QC	169	x		
Mercier, Maurice	Boucherville, QC	306	x		
Mercier, Michel	Valleyfield, QC	34	x		
Mercier, Monique	Bécancour, QC	49	x	x	
Mercier-Majewski, Olga	Milford, CT	1253	x		
Cauchon, Paul	Ste-Foy, QC	1365	x		
Mercier, Paul.-D.	Antrim, NH	718	x		
Mercier, Philippe	Wahnapitae, ON	1121	x		
Mercier, Pierre	St-Bruno, QC	73	x		x
Mercier, Pierre	Ville-St-Michel, QC	639	x		
Mercier, Pierre-Paul	St-Lambert, QC	19	x		x
Mercier, Ralph	Charlesbourg, QC	1151	x	x	
Mercier, Raymond	Tracy, QC	911	x		
Mercier, Raymond T.	Canterbury, CT	961	x		
Mercier, Rhéo	Disraéli, QC	4	x		
Mercier, Robert	St-Henri (Lévis), QC	250	x		
Mercier, Robert	Valleyfield, QC	646	x	x	
Mercier, Roger	Naples, FL	2016	x		
Mercier, Roland	La Pocatière, QC	61	x		
Mercier, Simone	Montréal, QC	1196	x		
Mercier, Suzanne	Montréal, QC	74	x		x
Mercier, Vincent	Mont-Joli, QC	500	x		
Mercier, William Arthur	Danvers, MA	1010	x		
			Total	6	9

Financial Statements 2000-2001

	June 30 2001	June 30 2000
INCOMES		
Membership fees	4 464	4 211
Grants and gifts		6
Lotomatic (Loto-Québec)	251	264
Genealogical income		41
Annual Meeting	552	365
Advertizing	50	
Bank interest	188	2
Profit from the sale of souvenirs	11	24
TOTAL OF INCOMES	<u><u>5 516</u></u>	<u><u>4 913</u></u>
EXPENSES		
Liability insurance	507	456
Meetings and conventions		244
F.F.S.Q. - Services fees	287	339
Internet	35	35
Le Mercien	3 155	3 122
Interest on loans		350
Memorial		325
Advertizing - promotion	115	60
Office expenses	1 056	2 034
TOTAL OF EXPENSES	<u><u>5 155</u></u>	<u><u>6 965</u></u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	<u><u>361</u></u>	<u><u>(2 052)</u></u>
BALANCE SHEET	June 30	June 30
A S S E T S	2001	2000
Cash on hand	3 838	4 626
Advance to F.F.S.Q.	500	600
Paid on advance	200	
Receivables	50	1 010
Inventory of souvenirs (at cost)	792	869
Term deposit	6 061	2 875
Furniture	404	404
Total of assets	<u><u>11 845</u></u>	<u><u>10 384</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Payables		400
Advances by the directors	2 194	2 194
Total of liabilities	<u><u>2 194</u></u>	<u><u>2 594</u></u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
At the beginning	(5 285)	(3 233)
Surplus (deficit) for the period	361	(2 052)
At the end of the period	<u><u>(4 924)</u></u>	<u><u>(5 285)</u></u>
Reserve - Life membership	6 775	6 250
Reserve - Commandor membership	7 800	6 825
Surplus (deficit) at the end	<u><u>9 651</u></u>	<u><u>7 790</u></u>
Total liabilities and accumulated funds	<u><u>11 845</u></u>	<u><u>10 384</u></u>

For the Board of directors,

_____ president _____

Pierre-Paul Mercier

Jean Mercier

I have examined the statements of revenues and expenses as well as the balance sheet as at June 30th 2001. In my opinion these statements represent accurately the financial position of AMAN according to accounting procedures generally recognized and applied in the same ways as they were in the previous years.

On the footsteps of Jullien Mercier and his descendants on the Beaupre Coast

by Ernest Mercier, o.c., PhD., agronome

The participants to the Mercier and related Pilgrimage on the Beaupré Coast, on Sunday August the 26th, 2001, saw several sites where the ancestral couple Jullien and Marie Poulin — and their descendants — have worked since 1648. Here are some of these sites.

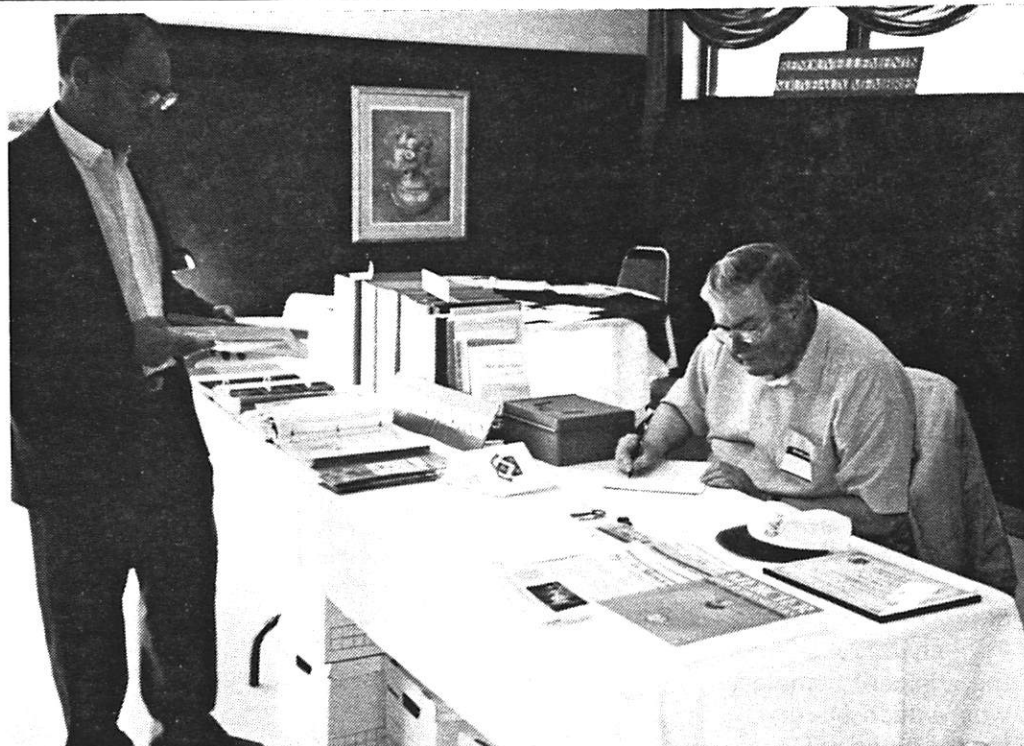
1. The Jesuit Seigneurie on the east side of the lower St. Charles River where Jullien worked from 1647 to 1650 (Maizarets, 2000 boulevard Montmorency, Limoilou, QC).
2. The piece of land granted to Claude Poulin, father of Jullien's wife, is located where the ancient Ste. Anne hospital stands in front of the actual Basilica. It is probably the site where Jullien signed his marriage contract with Marie on October the 7th, 1652.
3. The space between the Basilica and the third church is the site where could be found Jullien's bones. He was buried in the basement of that church the following day of his death on October the 18th 1676.
4. "Robert Giguier"'s house, located at 391 *Côte-Ste-Anne*, where the Jesuit Father, Paul Ragueneau, blessed the marriage of Jullien and Marie on January the 18th 1654.
5. The piece of land granted to Robert "Giguier" (Giguère), located between that of Etienne de "Lessart" (Lesard) on the southwest side and that of Jullien Mercier on the north-east side became, by donation, the property of a descendant of Jullien Mercier — Julien and Angélique Racine — on March the 25th 1787.
6. The actual Maufils House, located at 403, *Côte-Ste-Anne*, was built on the west side of Jullien's piece of land in 1859. Maufils was a sailor married to Magdeleine, a sister of Marie Poulin.
7. The Mercier house, located at 413, *Côte-Ste-Anne*, was owned by Pierre Mercier and Marie Chamberland, — the fifth son of Jullien and Marie — as well as their descendants until 1924.



New siting of the monument erected in homage to Jullien Mercier and Marie Poulin and their children on the east side of the Mercier House located at 413 *Côte-Ste-Anne Road*



8. The monument to the ancestors Jullien and Marie and their children, erected by the AMAN members in 1987 and moved to its new site, on August the 16th 2001, it now stands on the east side of the Mercier House located at 413, *Côte-Ste-Anne* which is the property of Denis Simard and Louise Paradis (see page 12).
9. The kitchen house built in 1786 on the north-east portion (lot 81) of the piece of land granted to Jullien. The estate had been divided lengthwise in two lots of the actual Cadaster of the municipality of *Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré*. The house is located at 424 *Côte-Ste-Anne* — on the south side of the highway — and owned by René Gauthier. The eastern border of Jullien's land is a few meters on the east side of that house.
10. On the 27th of July 1685, Charles Mercier, the second son of Jullien and Marie, became owner of the eastern half of the piece of land granted to Louis "Gasnier" (Gagné) in exchange of his piece of land measuring five arpents in width on the river-front at *St-Joachim-de-Beaupré*. The second or third generation house located on the north side of the highway, at 443 *Côte-Ste-Anne* is the property of Hélène Bastille since several years.
11. The residence of Jean-Noël Mercier, son of Georges and Anita Boisvert is located at 515 *Côte-Ste-Anne*.
12. The house (?) of Jean Mercier, the 4th son of Jullien and Marie Poulin, is located at 11 606,



The president Pierre-Paul congratulates the archivist André who has exhibited, at the last annual meeting, at the storage archives at *L'Ancienne-Lorette, QC*

The AMAN history in the Archives

The archives are the memory of a family association. The Association of the Merciers of North America (AMAN) relies upon several documents which brings in light its activities since its foundation in 1985. One can find the complete collection of all minutes of the board of administrators and annual meetings, as well as all issues of the liaison bulletin *Le Mercien*. Documents include notes and photos of the 1987 and 1997 reunions, of AMAN's annual meetings, of Merciers and related activities illustrated by photos and newspaper clips. As much as possible, we preserve in the archives every thing that can add value to the Mercier and related accomplishments. The participants to the last August annual meeting at Ste. Foy had the opportunity to consult the documents kept in the archive storage.

André Mercier

Royale Avenue, Beaupré. QC. The *Mont Ste-Anne* skying Centre and the Pulp-Wood yard of the Abitibi and Consolidated are located on the piece of land the couple mentioned above acquired from Charles de Montmagnier said Touvent on August the 16th, 1695.

13. The second or third generation house (?) of Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier, site at 130 *Royale Avenue, St-Joachim-de-Beaupré, QC.* The above mentioned couple had bought from Charlotte Godin half of the three-arpent on the riverfront piece of land conceded to Michel Auvray by Charles Aubert de La Chenaye on July the 2nd, 1664.
14. Fondations (Historical Site) of the second church of *St-Joachim-de-Beaupré* burnt by the English armed forces in 1759. The bones of Jean Mercier, fourth son of Jullien and Marie, are in the deconsacrated cemetery of the church yard. These fondations are located a few kilometers away on the west side of Cap Tourmente : a gathering centre for snow geese

migrating alternatively each year from South to North.

The afternoon program of Sunday August 26th has been slightly modified in order to benefit of the presence of Father Bernard Mercier, C. Sc.R., during the visit of the land bought by Mgr François-Xavier de Montmorency de Laval (1623-1708), in 1662, to finance his institutions in the new Québec diocese, among others Laval University.

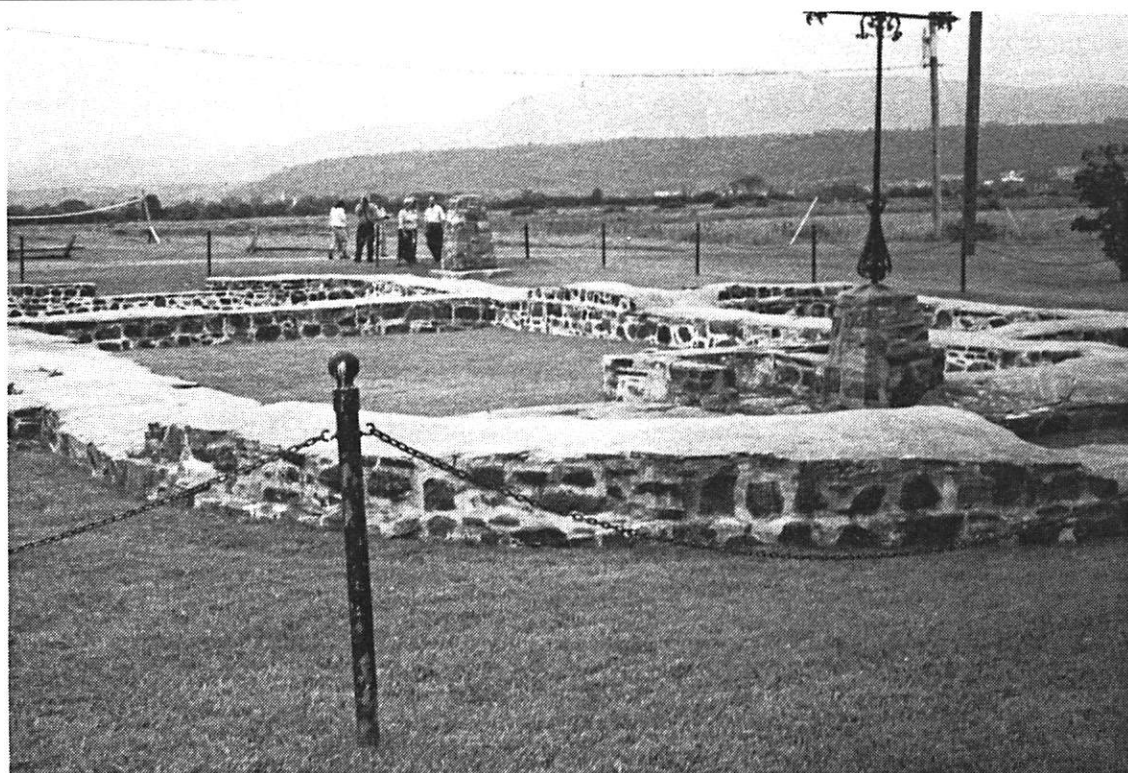
15. Additional notes

Albert Mercier, woodcarving and stonemasonry sculptor has built the forms required to decorate the columns inside and walls outside of the actual Basilica of *Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré* built before the last World War II (1939-1945). Albert was the father of Bernard Mercier, C.Sc. R., and the brother of the forestry engenieer Theodore Mercier, father of Jean, the AMAN treasurer.

The participants to the Mercier and related Pilgrimage on the *Côte-de-Beaupré* have enjoyed



Foundations of the second St. Joachim church — burnt by the English in 1759 — and the adjacent cemetery where Jean Mercier, the fourth son of Jullien and Mary was buried towards 1699.



From left to right :

1. Québec-Lévis ferry wharf
2. Old Québec harbour
3. Mouth of the St. Charles River
4. The Beauport sand bar
5. The heights of Charlesbourg
6. The Montmorency fall
7. The *Mont-Ste-Anne* skying centre
8. The *Île d'Orleans* bridge
9. The *Cap Tourmente*
10. *Ste. Pétronille*, I.O.
11. The *Pointe-Lévis* (Lauzon shipyard)
12. The St. Lawrence River below Québec

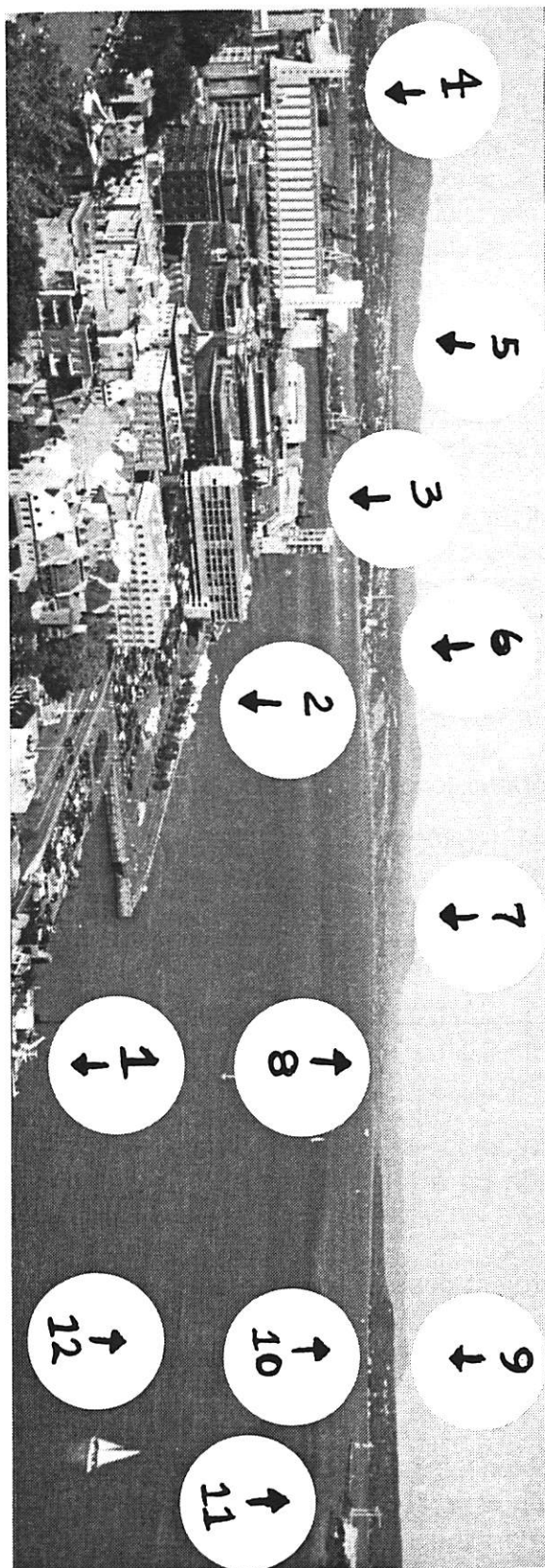
a one-hour visit at the *Petit-Pré* Centre, 707 Royale Avenue. Visitors discovered in a short time the history of that nice rural area where several New-France pioneers, settled during the 17th century.

A glance at the Montmorency fall enables the visitors to observe the worn out by water side of the Canadian shield and the vestiges of the tectonic Logan break which dates back 650 million years compared to some 3000 years for the young St-Lawrence River.

To date, I have been able to locate the burial sites of the five sons of the ancestral couple Jullien and Marie who have left descendants in North America:

- Paschal at *Château-Richer*, after his death on October the 20th 1695;
- Charles at *Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré* on December the 3rd 1731;
- Louis at *Quebec* on February the 22nd 1728;
- *Jean* at *St-Joachim-de-Beaupré* (probably in June 1699) before his belongings inventory by the notary Jacob on January the 20th 1701;
- Pierre at *Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré* on December the 17th 1729.

Ref. : *Mercier depuis des siècles* (1987)
Ernest Mercier



View of the Côte-de-Beaupré taken from the Bastion-du-Roy at the top of the Québec Citadel
(Photo Claudine Mercier)

New site for Jullien Mercier's monument

AMAN had to move to a new site the monument erected by our family Association in 1987, as a tribute to Jullien Mercier, Marie Poulin and their children at 413 Côte-Ste-Anne.

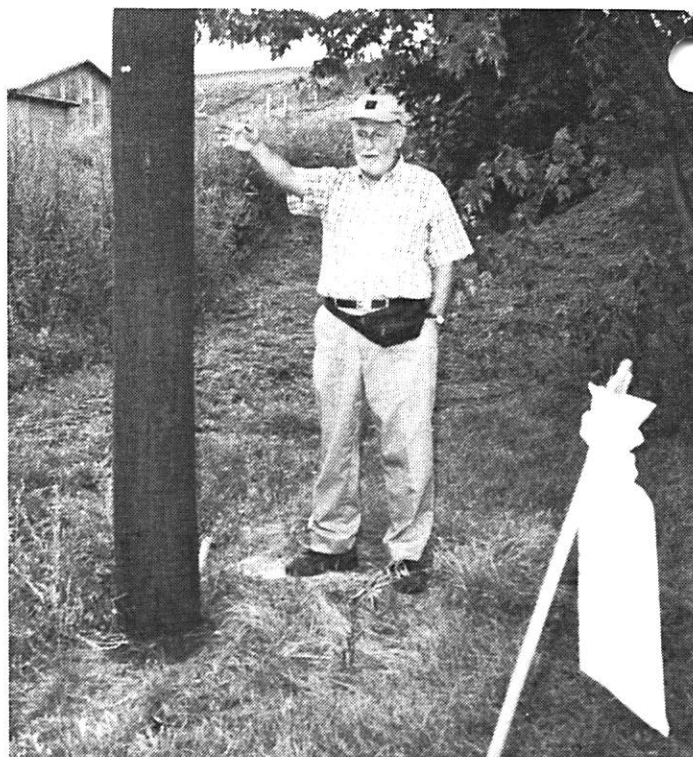
After the building of a new house behind the monument and the setting of a pole by the Bell telephone company close to the monument in order to install electricity and telephone services to the new house, the monument was almost invisible from the local road.

The adjoining photo gives an idea of the distance (about one metre) between the post and the base of the former site on which the AMAN's treasurer, Jean Mercier, is standing (see page 8).

The cost of transferring the monument from the past to the actual site was over 500 \$. AMAN's managers have submitted the invoice to the Bell telephone company. They hope to recover the moving cost from the above mentioned firm. We will see.

Here are a few facts concerning the monument erected in tribute to Jullien Mercier and his family on his piece of land conceded on October the 5th, 1651.

1986: AMAN ordered the monument from Raymond Touchette, Beauport, QC. It included the base, the body, the bronze plaque and the setting of the monument.



1987: The municipal Council of Ville de *Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré* authorized, on April the 6th 1987, the setting of the monument at 413 Côte-Ste-Anne.

1987: Proprietors of the old Mercier house located at 413 Côte-Ste-Anne and the AMAN's representative signed a 20-year agreement on July the 22nd, 1987 (Minute numéro 9242 du Greffe du notaire Raymond Guy).

Ernest Mercier
Founder and first president

L'AMAN in France in 2002

The last issue of *Le Mercien* gave some information on a trip to France in September 2002.

As the project goes ahead, we are pleased to inform you of the latest plans resulting from discussions with travel agencies representatives.

One of the goals is to visit the birth place of each of the six Merciers having come from France prior to 1800 who are recognised by AMAN as having perpetuated the name of Merciers in North America.

In addition to those historic sites, other tourist attractions are included in the program such as: Lisieux, the birthplace of Sainte-Therese, two of the castles in the Loire valley, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, the fortified city of Carcassonne, the roman arenas of Nîmes, Avignon and the popes' palace, the Gard Bridge, and Marseille.

Our French cousins are expecting their cousins from North America; let us join them in large numbers for this memorable visit.

Further details will appear in the next issue of *Le Mercien*.

The Management

The proposed itinerary is not final, but final plans should be firmed up by december 2001. Changes should be minor and could vary according to the time required for certain receptions, visits or activities.

The tentative timeframe is from September 15 to the 30th, within a matter of days.

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The tentative price is \$3,210. per person and includes:

- Air transportation by chartered flights,
- Ground transportation in a de luxe air conditioned bus,
- The presence of a qualified guide,
- Lodging in 2* or 3* hotels, double occupancy,
- 13 continental type breakfasts,
- 10 table d'hôte dinners,
- The welcome and farewell dinners,
- Admission to sites and monuments: the cellars at Epernay, the grand apartments at Château de Versailles, the Château de Blois, the Château de Chenonceaux, les cellars of Cognac, Moissac Abbey, the Nîmes arenas, the Popes' palace at Avignon.

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The price does not include:

- The airport taxes; \$67. per person,
- Lunches and dinks, except as indicated in the program,
- Personal expenses

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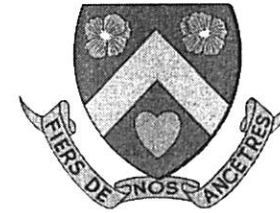
Please inform us of your interest as soon as possible, without obligation, so that we can better plan this activity.

Resource person:

the president,

Pierre-Paul Mercier tel.: (450) 671-9051

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Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord

**History and tourism
in France,
Country of origin of six of our ancestors**

Made to measure

Meetings with Merciers of France

September 2002
(from September 15 to 30th)

Day 1 Montreal - Paris (Charles de Gaulle)

Day 2 Paris - Reims

Arrival at Charles de Gaulle and meeting with our guide, bus to Reims, city tour, visit of the cathedral, welcome dinner and lodging.

Day 3 Reims - Epernay - Paris

Reims - Epernay, visit of the cellars of Champagne Mercier, transportation to Paris: city tour dinner and lodging.

Day 4 Paris

Paris - Versailles: visit of the chateau and gardens, return to Paris: free time, dinner and lodging.

Day 5 Paris - Rouen - Lisieux

Paris - Rouen: city tour, stop at Barneville, place of origin of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec, Honfleur, Deauville et Lisieux: dinner and lodging.

Day 6 Lisieux - Tourouvre - Blois

Visit of Lisieux, (Sainte-Thérèse basilica) arrival at Tourouvre, place of origin of Julien Mercier, church visit, Museum of Emigration, stop at la Grandinière, birthplace of Julien, then to Blois for dinner lodging.

Day 7 Blois - Tours

Visit of the château de Blois, visit of château de Chenonceau, stop at Beaumont-la-Ronce, place of origin of Charles Mercier dit Lajoie arrival at Tours, free time , dinner and lodging.

Day 8 Tours - La Rochelle

Saint-Denis-la-Chevasse, place of origin of Pierre Mercier, reception at Vix, with Groupe Mercier, on La Rochelle, dinner and lodging.

Day 9 La Rochelle

City tour and free time for the dicorery of the old port and the old city, dinner and lodging.

Day 10 La Rochelle - Bordeaux

La Rochelle - Cognac: visit of cellars, Saint-Andre-de-Cubzac, place of origin of Jean-Baptiste Mercier, Bordeaux: city tour, dinner and lodging.

Day 11 Bordeaux - Toulouse

Visit of the Moissac Abbey, Toulouse: city tour and free time to discover the 'Pink City', dinner and lodging.

Day 12 Toulouse - Montpellier

Departure for Carcassonne: walking tour and free time to visit the fortified city, arrival at Montpellier, dinner and lodging.

Day 13 Montpellier - Avignon

Stop at Nîmes: city tour, visit of roman arenas and of 'la Maison Carree', stop at the Gard Bridge: visit and free time, Avignon: dinner and lodging.

Day 14 Avignon - Marseilles

Visit of 'Palais des Papes', Aix-en-Provence: free time in the old town, arrival at Marseilles: ascension to Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde, farewell dinner and lodging.

Day 15 Marseilles - Montreal

Transportation to the airport, return flight to Montreal.

Condoléances aux familles Mercier dont l'un des membres est décédé récemment.

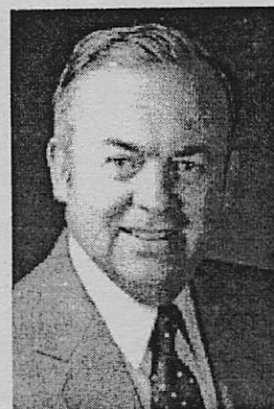
Deepest sympathy to Mercier families that have lost a member recently.

Nom - Name	Inhumation - Burial	Endroit - Place
Denise Bordeleau-Mercier	2001-06-16	Montréal, QC
Roger Mercier	2001-06-24	Danville, QC
Julie Mercier-Simard	2001-07-13	Ste-Anne-de-Baupré, QC
Louis Lapointe (Époux de Aurore Mercier)	2001-07-13	St-Magloire, QC
Gérard Mercier	2001-08-11	Beauport, QC
Clariste Guay Mercier	2001-08-13	St-Joseph-de-Lauzon, QC
Pierre (Louis-Philippe) Mercier	2001-08-06	Montréal, QC
Raymond Mercier	2001-08-05	Ville La Salle, QC
Laurent Mercier	2001-08-17	Charlesbourg, QC
Armande Mercier-Grégoire	2001-08-20	Sherbrooke, QC
Rolande Boutin-Mercier	2001-08-27	St-Michel (Bellechasse) QC
Angéline Simard-Mercier	2001-09-03	Québec, QC
Germaine Mercier-Lockwell	2001-09-14	Québec, QC
Angéline Coulombe-Mercier	2001-09-25	Asbestos, QC
Gérard Mercier	2001-09-25	Lévis, QC

Responsable : Isabelle Mercier Dufour

Robert R. St-Louis : Un descendant Mercier

Robert R. St-Louis, 68, of 142 Church St. died Tuesday, August 14, 2001 in his residence. He was born in Laconia on April 17, 1933, the son of Joseph A. and Rose-Anna (Mercier) St. Louis and was a life-long resident of Laconia.



He was educated in Sacred Heart Elementary and High Schools. He operated Robert St. Louis Photography Studios for many years until a skydiving accident in March of 2000 forced his semi-retirement. Well known for his professional skills, he had several photos of the Weirs Riot in 1965 published by Life Magazine.

Among a list of noted accomplishments he had served as a City Councilor, was an incorporator of the Taylor Home, a founder of Community Health & Hospice, the Historical Society and member of both the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the St. Jean Baptiste Society. An active member of Sacred Heart Parish, he was a leader in the movement to keep parochial education alive through the establishment of the Holy Trinity School. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council #428.

Mr. St. Louis volunteered for service in the "Food For Peace" campaign in Haiti in the "90's. Displaying an

adventurous spirit he was an avid skier and tennis player and even gave a try at skydiving. Many will remember his skilled play at Gilford Hills Tennis Club leagues. He was among the first in the Lakes Region to learn scuba diving.

Family members include a daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Paula) M. St. Louis-Shute of Mt. Prospect, IL; a son, Rev. Mr. Scott J. St. Louis of Hampton, NH; a grandson, Ryan Shute of Mt. Prospect, IL; a sister, Mrs. Preston (Florence) Stewart of Franklin, NH; two brothers, Joseph A.R. St. Louis of Satellite Beach, FL and Raymond J. St. Louis of Lochmere, NH; former wife, Marcia St. Louis of Tilton; several nieces and nephews.

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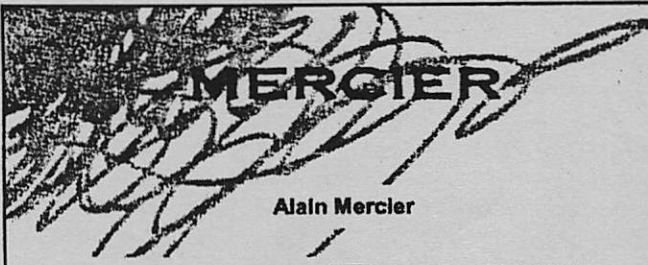
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