



Le Mercien

La voix des Mercier d'Amérique

The voice of the Merciers of North America

A Word from the President

The past year was designated as the international year of the volunteers. As a new year begins I would like to compliment all the volunteers who contributed to the life of our large family and the progress of our association, not only last year but also in the preceding years.

There have been a very large number of members and associates who have graciously given of their time toward the attain-

ment of the objectives of AMAN.

Not only can we call to mind the members of the administrative body but also many others who are essential to the functioning of our association and whose role is not always obvious. There are those who are involved with

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Editorial

On Becoming Peacemakers

Globalization is making us more aware of the frightening number of enmities, rivalries, and confrontations that poison the lives of those who inhabit our planet.

If these flashpoints are not quickly identified, cooled off, and brought under control, they give rise to interminable conflicts, intractable wars, and acts of genocide planned and executed in secret.

Mistrust and the most unbridled egoism thrive where trust and generosity ought to prevail.

But what may seem to us so monstrous when it occurs at the continental or national level exists as well in our very own areas and in our very own families, although the conflict there may be less spectacular.

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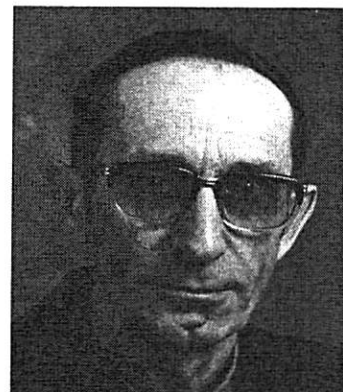
Every Christian desires and hopes to see a climate of comprehension, tolerance, and friendship take root that can heal human relations everywhere.

“Blessed are the peacemakers.” With these words did our Lord press his disciples to transform themselves into bringers of peace. It is all too easy to remain passive and indifferent. The love of one’s neighbour ought to move us to become proactive and to involve ourselves wherever possible in the peace process.

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For there to be peace among peoples, however, there must first be harmony between individuals and within families. One must know this joy oneself in order to desire it and foster it among others.

To attain this ideal and work to reconcile and reassure adversaries, we must take the ne-



cessary steps. To be sure, victory won by force can impose a peace treaty. But it will never achieve reconciliation or appease the human heart.

The acknowledgment of the errors that have been committed and a request for forgiveness are surely among the best ways to bring people together and to create a new climate of understanding and dialogue.

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For some time now we have seen the Vatican, certain local churches, some governments, and a variety of organizations publicly acknowledge their mistakes and accept responsibility for actions and behaviours that have sown discord and rivalry. It is relatively easy to ask forgiveness for mistakes that others have committed in times past. It is more humbling and challenging to acknowledge mistakes of one’s own.

It is nevertheless what we must do, and what we must counsel others to do. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” It is our Lord Himself who taught us to ask forgiveness for our sins.

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Are we aware of the commitment we make when we recite this prayer? Are we ready to remain faithful to this practice? It is what allows us voluntarily to make peace and to maintain it in our daily milieu.

Blessed will we then be ourselves. Such is the reward our Lord has promised us.

Bernard Mercier, C.Sc.R.

A Word from the President (Continued of page 1)

membership functions such as, membership renewals, collection/recording of dues paid, scanning the newspapers for articles on Merciers, sending notes of condolences to families aggrieved, solicitation of new members, maintaining up to date accounting registers and archiving corporation documents, organizing annual meetings down to the smallest detail and soliciting material for our publication, "Le Mercien".

On this last point we would appreciate a word from all of our readers to let us know

what's going on in your family. The events past and future are of interest to your extended Mercier family and we would be happy to note them in the "Le Mercien" bulletin.

To all those who have helped us in the past, THANK YOU and to all members and their families, my best wishes for the New Year.

Pierre-Paul Mercier, Presidentt

Homage to Mercier soldiers fallen in action

The Societe Genealogique de Quebec is looking for information relating to four Mercier soldiers fallen in combat during the two world wars and the Korean war.

- 1- Who are the parents of **Armand Mercier**, SC-31102, killed in Korea on August 17, 1952, at the age of 27. He was the brother of Eugene Mercier of Moose Creek, Ontario. Armand was born in Buckingham, Quebec, and joined the army in Gatineau Mills.
- 2- Who is the father of **Arthur Mercier**, 856799, of Sudbury, Ontario, who died in France on July 18 1917, at the age of 25. His mother was Maria Mercier. He joined the army on October 10 1916 with the 178th battalion in Sainte-Agathe, Quebec.
- 3- The parents (Possibly Henri and R.E. Stuvvert) of soldier **Jean-Roch Mercier** , E-800356 from Chatham, New-Brunswick, who died in Korea on December 25, 1951. He was born and joined the army in Thetford Mines, Quebec, with the Second Battalion.
- 4- The father (Edouard) and mother of Soldier **William Mercier**, 856532, who died in Amiens on August 10, 1918, at the age of 38. Edouard resided in Saint-Alban de Portneuf while William resided in Saint-Louis de Lotbiniere, Quebec.

Mercier under the lights

The David-H. Mercier Wedding

Saturday, April 28, 2001, David-Honoré Mercier eleventh-generation descendant of Jullien and of Marie Poulin in the line of Jean and of Barbe Monmainier married Julie Rodrigue in the Saint Dominique Church in the City of Québec.

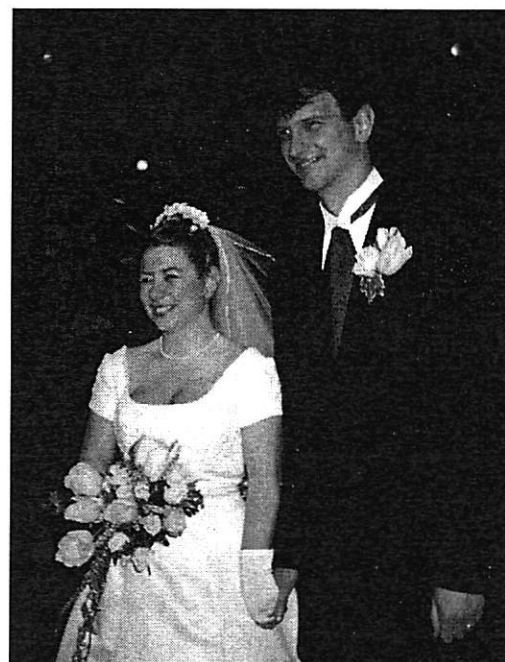
Congratulations to the newlyweds!

AMAN wishes you a lifetime of happiness!

Anne Mercier

David-Honoré has helped AMAN to make its way onto the Internet. Sincerest thanks!

Pierre-Paul Mercier



Ernest Mercier

Governor of the Laval University Foundation



Mr. François Tavenas, Rector of Laval University (left), and Mr. Pierre Viger, President of the Laval University Foundation (right), present Mr. Ernest Mercier (centre) with a silkscreen print as they confer upon him officially the title of Commander of the Laval University Foundation on October 19, 2001.

Ms. Martine Mercier

Owner of a large poultry farm (some 10,000 egg-laying hens) in Saint-Alexis (Montcalm), Québec, she became the first woman to be elected Second Vice-President of the board of directors of the Union of Agricultural Producers (UAP) at the annual assembly of this powerful farmers' association, held in the City of Québec in December 2001.

Ms. Mercier is the first woman farmer to occupy this high-level administrative position during the first 75 years in the existence of what is one of the most powerful agricultural producers' unions in the world. AMAN reported on her activities in agricultural unionism in Volume 16 (Winter 2000) of its bulletin *Le Mercien*. The short speech she gave upon her election as Second Vice-President proves her firm intention to continue her efforts to pave the way to the UAP's success in commercializing agricultural products.

"It is with energy and determination that I intend to undertake the task that the agricultural producers entrusted to me at the last general congress. My heart is in my efforts to succeed and to pave the way to success for our organization.

"This year we will focus on traceability. In this regard our producers will be leaders in the field. This initiative will not only better ensure the healthfulness of their products but will also give them an undeniable comparative marketing advantage.



"The ability to do new things and to depart from the beaten path is one of the things that excite me about agricultural unionism. Everyone works for the common good and is greatly concerned about equity, which I see as a fundamental value.

"During this holiday season it is our duty to reflect on the essential values that build bridges among men and women of good will. I send each and every one of you my very best wishes."

Ms. Martine Mercier is an eighth-generation North American descendant of the ancestral couple Charles Mercier dit Lajoie and Marie-Anne Lahaise. She is in the line of Louis Mercier and Catherine Beaudoin. Her father, Laurent, and her uncles have played a major role in agricultural organizations at the local, regional, provincial, and federal levels.

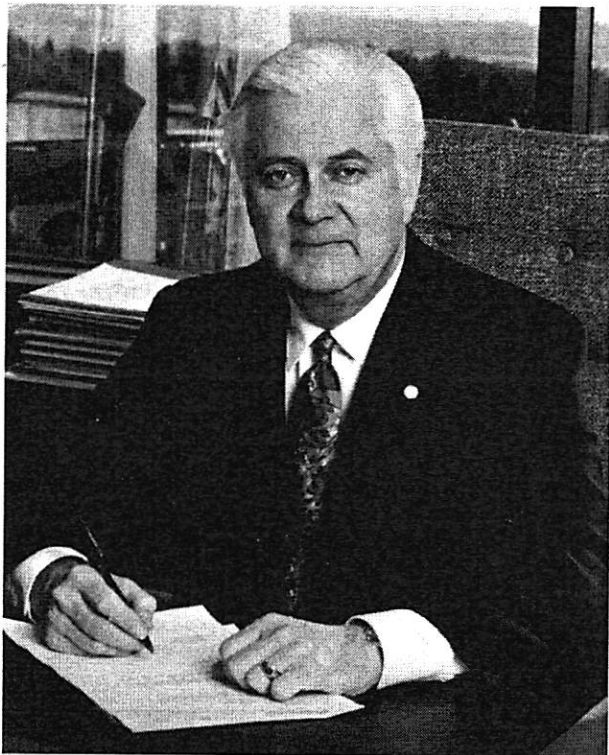
Congratulations to Martine Mercier!

We wish her the best of success during her term as Second Vice-President of the UAP!

Ernest Mercier

The Year 2001

Final Page in the History of the City of Charlesbourg



If the year 2000 was distinguished by the defence of the unity of the territory of the City of Charlesbourg and that of its rights as an autonomous entity, the year 2001 was one of transition that will lead it irrevocably to join the new City of Québec in the opening days of January 2002. It was during this year that the government of Québec passed Bill 170, which imposes the merger of the 13 cities forming the Québec Urban Community and thus brings to a definitive close more than 360 years of the existence of Charlesbourg as a city.

The year 2001 has thus brought upheavals of many kinds along with a transition that has thrust upon us not only the assembling of the various elements necessary to create the new City of Québec but also, as Bill 170 provides, the restructuring of the City of Charles-

bourg as an urban borough. The final page in the history of the City of Charlesbourg will thus be definitively turned on January 1, 2002.

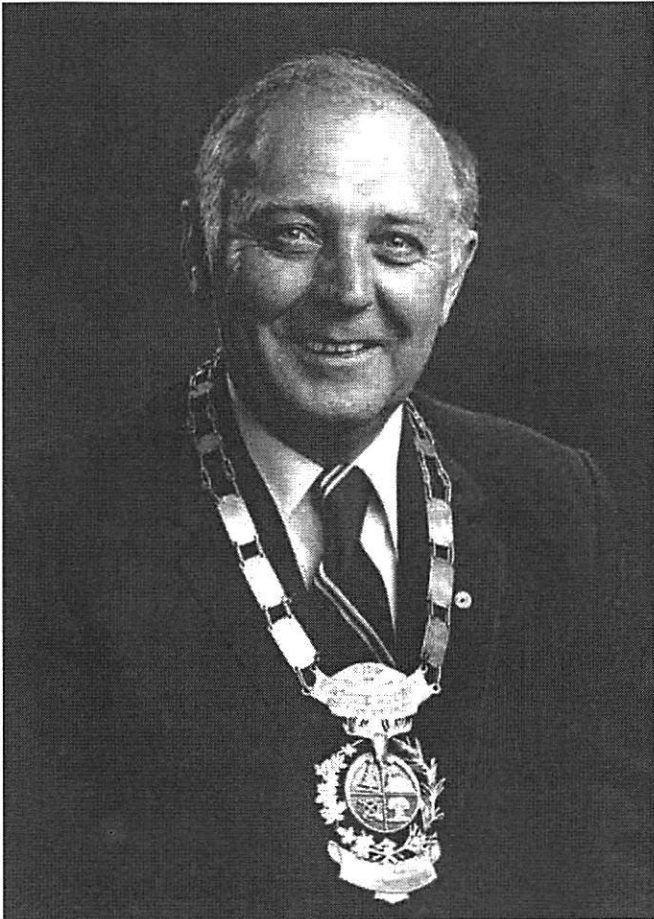
What awaits the citizens of the new City of Québec at the dawn of the year 2002? Many questions remain unanswered even today. One thing is certain, however: This first year will surely be full of surprises and unexpected developments.

Concerning the future of the mayor of the City of Charlesbourg, Mr. Ralph Mercier decided to run for election last November 4. He was elected to one of the positions of councillor and then named president of the new borough of Charlesbourg. According to Mr. Mercier, his desire to remain in politics stems from a number of factors, most particularly the will to continue defending the interests of the citizens of Charlesbourg. *"To my mind,"* he said, *"the citizens come first. Throughout my career in politics I have considered it my duty to manage the business of my municipality with rigour in order to offer the taxpayers of Charlesbourg an attractive quality of life that respects their capacity to pay."*

After serving the City of Charlesbourg for 17 years, Ralph Mercier is preparing to take up the challenge of participating actively in the creation of the new City of Québec. In a way it is a kind of homecoming, since his grandfather Joseph Mercier served as a municipal councillor and as president of the police commission of the City of Québec at the beginning of the previous century. Bravo! Congratulations and best of luck in his future political career to this Mercier who simply never gives up.

Ernest Mercier

*Prince George's
Fifteenth Mayor
Elmer Mercier*

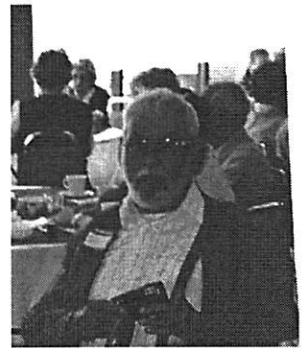


Elmer Mercier was the mayor of Prince George from 1978-1986. Mercier faced a tough job, as during this period, Prince George was stuck in a weighty recession. The economy of the city was quite poor during this time. Construction and development remained relatively stagnant. Mercier was a critical force in helping the residents of Prince George to fully accept the process of amalgamation (which took place in 1975). Mercier wanted to see an Art Gallery/Theatre complex located near the public library's new Main Branch which opened in 1981. Unfortunately, the concept of the Art Gallery/Theatre was defeated in a referendum, as

the costs of creating this new building were deemed too high, and the public was strongly in favor of a sports complex. According to the December 6th edition of the Prince George Citizen, in 1983, the Lafreniere-Lalonde sewage project was completed, \$10 million was spent to bring new waste water treatment plant on line and water service was extended on Nechako Road. Mercier was a highly skilled ambassador and extensive traveller who promoted Prince George at many important events such as Expo 86.

(Extracted from the web site of the city of Prince George, B.C.)

***Congratulations
to a sober Mercier***



In 2001, Georges Mercier has celebrated his 33rd anniversary as a sober member of the Sept-Iles Association des Lacordaire (Alcoolics anonymous).

Congratulations and keep it up, Georges.

The Management

Patrimoine familial de Pierre-Paul Mercier

I—Return to the Past

The annual meeting of the members of our association in September of 1999, in Montmagny, was a good occasion for me to get better acquainted with Berthier-sur-Mer, the land of many of my ancestors.

At an early age, my mother used to leaf through her family album of pictures and I became puzzled by the fact that my parents went to Berthier-en-Bas (as the place was called then) for their honeymoon.

When they married, in August of 1927, both my parents lived in Charlemagne, near Montreal, and both their families had been established in the vicinity for many generations: Repentigny, Sant-Paul-de-Joliette, Pointe-aux-Trembles, etc. I had never heard that they had relatives outside of that territory.

Several years later, I learned that my first ancestor to come from France was Julien Mercier and that one of his grandsons, Pierre, along with his two brothers Pascal and Jean, had settled in Berthier. Their families subsequently spreaded throughout the area known as 'La Côte du Sud' and this area is the origin of many Mercier families in North America. Between themselves, those three brothers, sons of Pascal Mercier and Anne Cloutier, had 39 children: 25 sons and 14 daughters.

When I look at those pictures taken of my parents' honeymoon, I can't avoid imagining the kind of adventure that it must have been.

First of all, the couple travelled from Charlemagne to Berthier by automobile, which in itself must have been quite an expedition, given that the road network was relatively limited in those years. Moreover we must talk in terms of expedition, because the newlyweds were accompanied by relatives from both families. My father was with one of his sisters, Elisabeth and her husband, Eugene Fortin, and also one of his brothers, Adelard. With my mother were a sister, Clara and Paul Belhumeur, her husband, and also two of her brothers,



Rangée du haut : (?), (?), (?),
Adélarde Mercier, Élizabeth (Mercier) Fortin

Rangée du bas :
Clara (Laurin) Belhumeur, Paul Belhumeur, (?),
Joseph Mercier, Héléne (Laurin) Mercier, Éloi Laurin,
David Laurin, Mary (Morin) Laurin, Eugène Fortin

David and Eloi and their wives, Parmelia Venne and Mary Morin. The picture shows three other adults and one young girl whom I never knew and who I presume to be part of the local receiving party.

This must have been a great occasion for both sides of the family to get acquainted and celebrate the newlyweds.

My mother was often nostalgic about her honeymoon, and I would have liked to know more. She died some twenty years ago, and my father had passed away almost twenty years earlier. Fortunately, I still have some pictures which I am glad to share with you today.

During my visit to Berthier on that occasion, I was impressed to discover Pascal Mercier Street, named after my ancestor's brother. It runs from the present village to the Saint-Lawrence River, where the original village was located. By the shore, at 105 Pascal Mercier Street, is a former community hall and

presbytery erected in the XIXth century and an old church nearby. Both buildings, now privately owned, have been renovated and are in an excellent condition, as evidenced by the picture on the next page.



Presbytère de Berthier-sur-Mer construit au début du 18e siècle

We can still see the main street of the original village which runs along the river. I was privileged to be guided by Therese Mercier of Montmagny who took me to the house where she was raised, just nearby, facing the river. One of her brothers still owns the family house and uses it as a Summer retreat. Thanks to the association, I had the opportunity to visit the land of my ancestors and set foot where they have lived for centuries. I had not anticipated such a reward as a benefit of attending one of our association's meeting.

Pierre-Paul Mercier

UNE INVITATION À LA CABANE À SUCRE

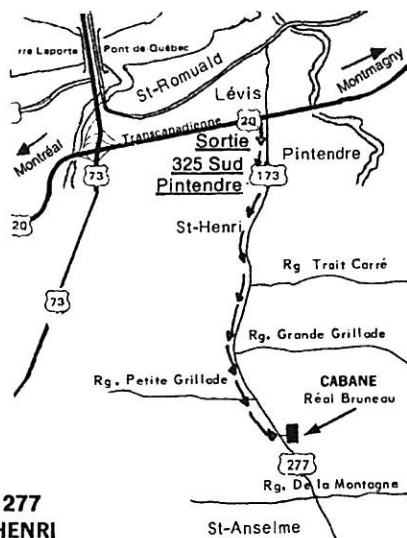
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II— The Blacksmith

My grandfather, Napoleon Mercier, died the year before I was born. All that I know of him has been told to me by my parents, and it is not very much.

I was told that he had been a blacksmith, than a hotel keeper, and that he loved his grandchildren very much.

When I started working on my family history, I discovered that not only had he been a blacksmith, but his father and his grandhather as well. He was then a third generation blacksmith.

It is only natural for a father to teach his skills and knowledge to his children, just as it is for children to be influenced by their parents' occupations.

Pascal Mercier, a sixth generation descendant of Julien Mercier et Marie Poulin had married Joseph Bougret-Dufort on 27 January 1817 à Repentigny and established the third lineage of Merciers in the area after Charles Mercier et Marie-Anne Lahaise who had settled around 1760 et Jean-Louis Mercier et Elisabeth Landry around 1790.

The couple gave birth to 15 children, and the oldest, Pascal, is declared to be a blacksmith when he married Marie-Louise Archambault, on October 22 1849. That couple only had five children, the youngest being Napoléon, my grandfather.

He was born on May 10 1858 in Saint-Paul l'Ermite and married Alphonsine Chartier in Pointe-aux-Trembles on October 27 1884. He was said to be a blacksmith in Pointe-aux-Trembles.

I have always tried to imagine what life must have been like for our ancestors. Occupations such as farming, were widespread. However, other trades were vital to the progress of the young colony, such as loggers, carpenters, millers, etc. The blacksmith is one of those tradesmen whose talent contributed as well to the evolution of society.



The job of the blacksmith is to hammer at a piece of metal heated enough to become red. The fire is maintained by wood or coal and activated by air pumped by ventilators and channelled through ducts.

The oven is usually made of a fire and heat resistant material such as brick which can withstand high degrees of temperature. The blacksmith must exert a certain degree of physical strength and works under difficult and hard conditions.

The blacksmith may be called upon to fix shoes to horses, and must answer various needs, such as repairing wagon wheels or make or repair farming equipment and tools. When I look at some pictures of my grandfather, I realize that he seemed to have the appropriate physical requirements for the job. His five sons have inherited the same size and strength.

Pierre-Paul Mercier

III— From Blacksmith to Businessman

In the first article, I have mentioned that my grandfather, Napoleon Mercier, was a third generation blacksmith. He had followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps.

I have always been impressed and I developed a certain degree of respect and even admiration for those individuals who demonstrated above average physical strength required by the practice of their trades. My grandfather is no exception.

However, my grandfather has evolved rapidly through a series of real estate transactions in the Bout-de-l'Isle area of Pointe-aux-Trembles.

In 1892, he acquired for \$2,000. a parcel of land known as a portion of lot # 234 measuring some 700 acres. In 1896, he sold 600 acres for \$3,000. The balance was subdivided and sold with or without buildings for amounts ranging from \$250. to \$3,100. The profit potential was remarkable.

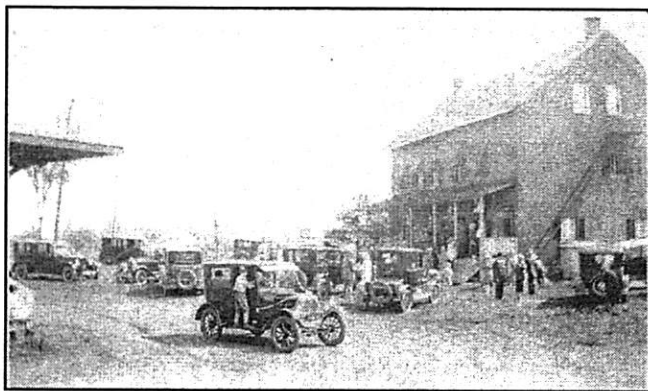
In 1895, my grandfather decided that the time had come for him to become a hotel operator. He leased such an establishment located on the shores of the St-Lawrence and Rivière-des-Prairies rivers for a period of five years. The lease agreement stipulated that he had to maintain ferry and postal services between Pointe-aux-Trembles and Repentigny. He also had to accommodate Mont-realers on excursion in the area.

From 1897 onward, notarial deeds and other documents describe him as a businessman. His blacksmithing days were behind him.

In 1906, the railway line was extended between Charlemagne and Pointe-aux-Trembles. He moved along with progress

and bought a hotel in Charlemagne, next to the railway station.

That is where he established his young family for the rest of his active life. His youngest son had been born in Pointe-aux-Trembles the preceding year, and the oldest children started marrying in 1922. As they married, they lived at the hotel even after the birth of their first own children.



While Napoleon continued to liquidate his real estate investments in Pointe-aux-Trembles, a third generation started expanding in Charlemagne.

He lived there until two or three years before he died in 1933. He then returned to Pointe-aux-Trembles, to live with his daughter Odila. Later, my grandmother liquidated his estate.

I would have liked him to share some of his secrets and receive advice from him, as I became a real estate professional.

I might have inherited certain skills from my grandfather, and I may have passed some of them to my daughter Marie-Claude. She is now involved in real estate development.

Pierre-Paul Mercier

Patrimoine familial de Eugène A. Mercier

Eugene A. Mercier, life member in **AMAN**, continues his research on his ancestors in Canada and in the United States of America. **Le Mercien** has already published in the Summer of 2000, volume 16, number 2, pages 9 and 10, an article written by Eugene A. Mercier, 10th generation de-

scendant of the ancestral couple of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin and their son Jean married to Barbe Montmainier. **Le Mercien** is now pleased to publish a family photo of Georges W. Mercier and Emilia Coulombe, the grandparents of Eugene A. as well as the family's line of ancestry.



Photo de famille du couple Georges W. Mercier et Émilía Coulombe vers 1905
À l'avant : Émilía Coulombe, Alphonse, Yvonne, Edward, Alfred et Georges W. Mercier
À l'arrière : Samuel, Emma, Georges, Marie et Clémentine Mercier

AscENDANTs

de/of

Eugène Mercier

Père / Father _____ Date et lieu de mariage / Date and place of marriage _____ Mère / Mother _____
Date and place of marriage _____ Mère / Mother _____
en France / In France

<i>Jehan Mercier</i>	I 1557-06-20 - Tourouvre, Perche, France	<i>Thiennette Le Blond</i>
<i>Marin Mercier</i>	II 1571-12-09 - Tourouvre, Perche, France	<i>Jehanne Brisson</i>
<i>François Mercier</i>	III 1605- ?- ? - Tourouvre Perche, France en Amérique du Nord / In North America	<i>Roberte Cornillau</i>
<i>Jullien Mercier</i>	I 1654-01-18 - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec, Canada	<i>Marie Poulin</i>
<i>Jean Mercier</i>	II 1691-02-05 - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec	<i>Barbe Monmainier</i>
<i>Julien Mercier</i>	III 1718-05-30 - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec	<i>Agnès Meunier</i>
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† Décès**Deaths †**

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

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

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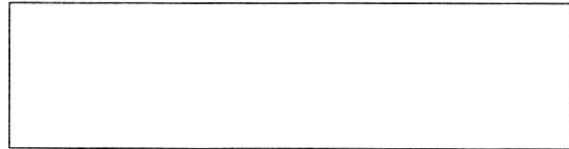
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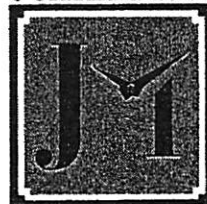
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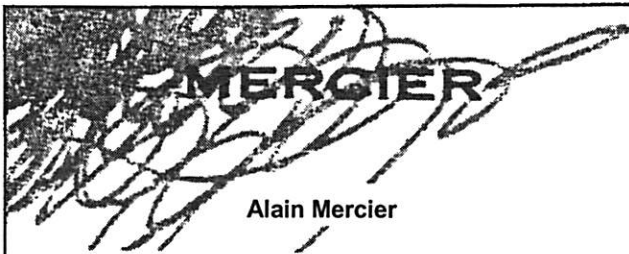
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