

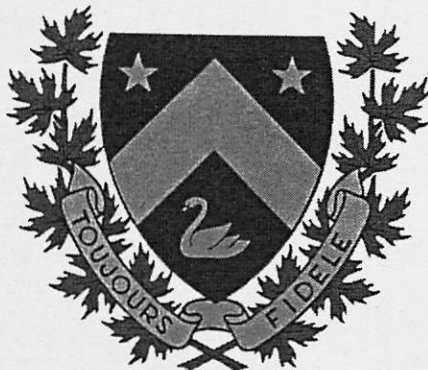


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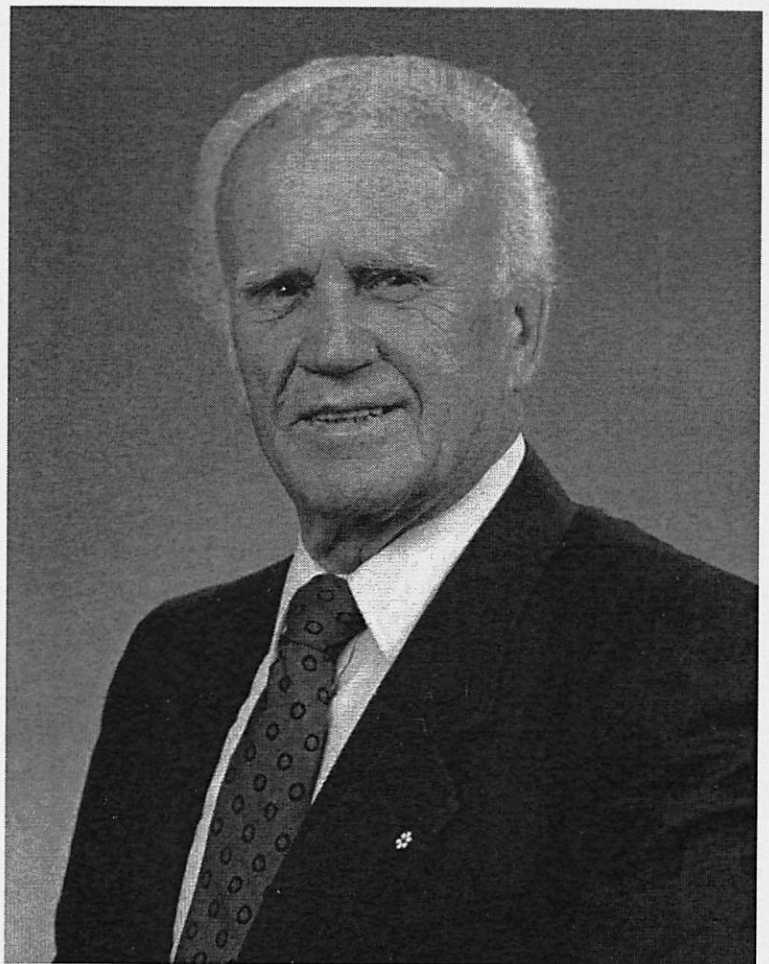
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The voice of the Merciers of North America

Ernest Mercier



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EDITORIAL

Ernest Mercier passed away on March 4th 2002 at Saint-Sacrement Hospital in Quebec City, following a short illness. He was eighty-eight years old.

This issue of our quarterly bulletin is entirely dedicated to him in homage to his undertaking in founding the Association of Merciers of North America in 1985. He remained responsible for publishing our newsletter until the most recent issue released last Winter. We owe him the current issue.

For the benefit of all those who could not attend his funeral on March the 9th, we include the homage that I was honoured to deliver in the name of the Association and of all the Mercier families, we also include the text of Jean Pelletier, his long time friend and neighbour and former mayor of Quebec City. You will also find the humorous eulogy of his oldest son Pierre.

Also presented are testimonies by members of our Association André of Quebec City, who succeeded Ernest as President of AMAN, has gathered the most prominent elements of Ernest's life and delivered them with a vibrant message of friendship.

We would be remiss in not mentioning remarkable events of Ernest's life: his parents, his wife and his children, by presenting photographs which will bring to mind the accomplishments of a man who left his mark wherever he was.

AMAN is proud to salute its founding-president who contributed to promote the noble name of Mercier.

Thank you Ernest, our deepest condolences to his family.

Pierre-Paul Mercier

HOMAGE TO MY FATHER

My name is Pierre, and if Saint-Pierre would listen to me for a moment, I would ask him to forewarn God that someone generous, spontaneous, determined and sometimes upsetting is on his way.

And if God is tired of managing this great, sometimes undisciplined flock, let him not hesitate, when he needs a siesta, to entrust the helm of his great ship to Ernest. This exceptional man will know how to muster the flock and guide it to a safe harbour.

By the way, my father is anxious to take up new celestial duties, and has sent me a message: he invites relatives and friends of the family to enjoy refreshments in the basement of the church, after the funeral service.

Pierre Mercier
2002-03-09
Église Saints-Martyrs

H O M A G E

from the President

Dear friends,

The Association of Merciers of North America wishes to honour one of the most important members in its short history.

Ernest Mercier has indeed been a very special member, since our association owes its existence to him.

In April 1986, with the assistance of a few friends, he laid the groundwork for our association and became its first president.

To recognize his efforts, he was given the title of Founding President, which made him very proud.

Under his leadership, the active membership reached over 1,000 members and he assembled some 1,200 participants to a major gathering at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré in 1987. Such an achievement remain unequalled.

Four years after the founding of our association, he stepped down from the presidency, but he never left the affairs of the association. He remained a member of the board of directors until his death and always remained responsible for the publication of our quarterly bulletin, *Le Mercien*, until the last issue released last Winter.

Throughout the years, he has been the soul of our association. He has had a strong influence on its evolution and has guided the members of the board of directors year after year.

Ernest has every reason to be proud of his personal, family and professional achievements, and also for leaving us with an association devoted to making the Merciers proud of their ancestors and of their noble name.

We offer our sincere condolences to his wife Marcelle and to his family. We thank them for having shared Ernest with us, because they have sacrificed their family life to allow Ernest to devote so much time and effort to promote the great name of Mercier in Canada, in America and in Europe.

It is not only the members of the board of directors who join with me, but also all the Mercier families to express their condolences and gratitude today.

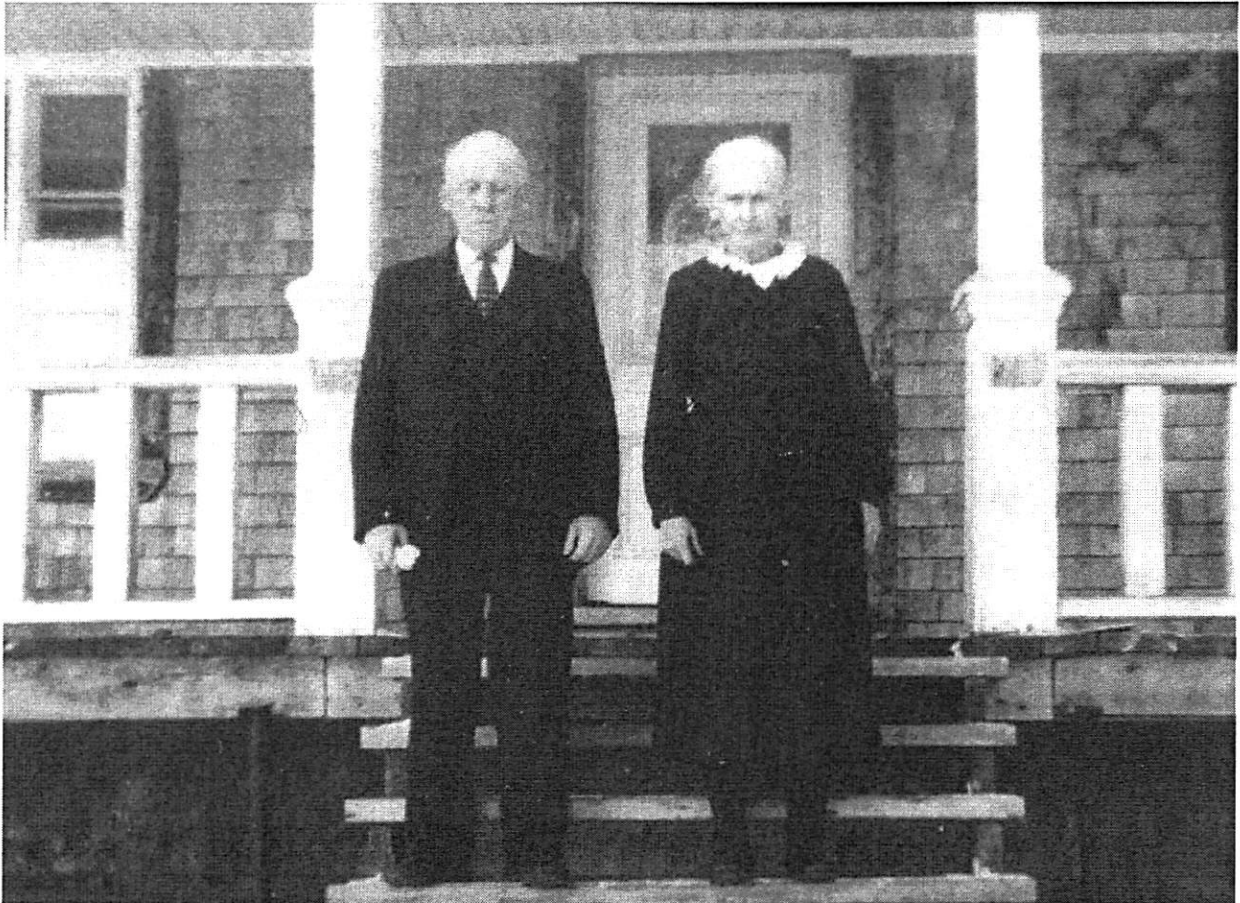
In the past, when Ernest was the object of some honour, he always insisted on his right to a reply. This will be more difficult to-day, but I am sure that he will forgive us.

Christ said « I am the Way, the Truth and the Life ».

Ernest showed us the way; it is our the responsibility to maintain the life of our association. This is the mission ahead of us. I am sure that he will find a way to guide us from heaven.

Thank you Ernest, thank you to his family.

Pierre-Paul Mercier
Quebec City, March 9, 2002



The parents of Ernest, Georges Mercier eandWilliamine Dion, were married in Saint-Damien-de-Bellechasse on the 26th of August 1895.

His father was one of 13 children, of which 10 sons survived. They were known to be very good lumbermen in their village.

Even if he could not write nor read, he occupied various positions such as churchwarden, school commissioner, and municipal assessor.

His mother, Williamine Dion, was a school teacher at one time, but she devoted most of her life to helping on the farm; she even tailored work clothes and fabricated footwear.

She had a higher degree of education for their time, and this made it possible for her to generate income from various sources. She directed that income towards the education of one of the sons and the two younger daughters.

G R A T I T U D E *of Jean Pelletier*

The funeral of Mr. Ernest Church of Saint Martyrs, Canadians 9 March 2002

The Pelletier family has always felt privileged to have the Mercier clan as neighbors for the last 38 years. We are gathered here today to pay our respects to a remarkable man, the patriarch of the clan.

Even though a city dweller for dozens of years, he held on to his country attitudes. He was the twelfth of seventeen children, born and brought up in Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire in Montmagny County. In his early years he was involved in the cultivation and forestation of his fathers' land. He had pleasant memories of his youth and of his family life where spiritual and moral values were of prime importance. At an early age Mr. Mercier obtained a sense of duty, respect and help for those in need. This was the code by which he lived his life.

He could also be obstinate, as he himself would admit. He left high school by necessity and refused to be a tutor which was the only way which he would financially be able to continue his education. He worked on his father's farm for five years, but having a solid academic base never left his mind. In 1933 he returned to school for a higher education. He pursued courses in agriculture to the master's and doctoral level in science. Not bad for one who left high school then returned. After all of that, he had earned the right to preach to his children and grandchildren the need for higher formal education.

Mr. Mercier had a remarkable professional career in the agricultural field to which few have achieved. He was Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Quebec as well as the Canadian consultant in agricultural affairs for the United Nations for many years. The agricultural world in particular owes him much gratitude because he was associated with many important positive changes. He was credited with many agricultural programs. Consolidating farm cooperatives and fish coopera-

tives and the creation of a Canadian milk commission to name a few. He also reorganized a teaching cooperative for French speaking farmers in Quebec and worked for the privatization of a milk producers' association, etc.etc.

Therefore, it is not surprising that he has received so many Canadian and Quebec distinctions. For example, « Commander of the Order of Merit in Agriculture in Quebec », member of the « Agricultural Hall of Fame of Canada », officer of « The Order of Canada », to name a few.

Mr. Mercier exuded enthusiasm, energy and determination and he interested himself in all kinds of things. His fight against cancer and his involvement in the nursing home cooperative of Cap Diamant are admirable. His generous assistance for many years to his church and its works have not gone unnoticed as well as his contribution to the Association of Mercier Families of America (AMAN).

The memories we have of this remarkable man will not soon be forgotten. His faith, fidelity and loyalty to Quebec and Canada, his profound sense of family, the love he reserved for his children and grandchildren, his social preoccupation and help to others, all of these attributes have left a profound impression upon us all. His fierce determination, his frankness, his mix of trust and distrust, his capacity for anger and humour, all of this reminds us daily of the splendid country man he fundamentally remained. This solid Oak of a man, only death could knock down.

To Marcelle, his wife, his children and his grandchildren, our emotional condolences and a final affectionate and respectful salute to Ernest Mercier, this unique man whom we all loved dearly.

Translation by Eugene A.N. Mercier

A T R I B U T E T O E R N E S T

Ernest a Friend and a Leader

Last March 4th, at the age of eighty-eight, we all lost a respected friend and leader in Ernest Mercier. He made us all the beneficiary of his friendship and thoughtfulness. This friendship was demonstrated in different ways from his firm handshake upon his greetings and upon his goodbyes. Whether in public or at his home in the company of his wife Marcelle, his welcome was always warm and personal. Often have members of the ASSOCIATION of MERCIERS of NORTH AMERICA which he founded have had the pleasure of discussing with him their personal interests.

Those who were closest to him can recall with pleasure their trips with him to assist in the preparation for a meeting of the administration or for a reunion or other AMAN activity. It was a pleasure to exchange ideas with him and to benefit from his advice and experience.

For us, members of AMAN, Ernest was a leader. Not only as founder of our family association in 1985 but as its founding president. He was the soul of the association's bulletin *Le Mercien* and an important part of the administration's governing body from its founding until his departure.

His activities as a leader manifested itself by his intense genealogy research particularly on the Mercier family and by his publication in 1987 of his book entitled *Mercier depuis des siècles* which contains approximately 400 pages of his research.

His professional career is another proof that Ernest was an exceptional person. For about twelve years he was an advisor and consultant to various organizations in Quebec as well as national and international. For six years he was Deputy Minister of the ministry of Agriculture of Quebec, and for ten years in management of agricultural research and experimentation at a federal level. For three years he was the manager for the department of artificial insemination of cattle in the province of Quebec. Also during the depression years of 1929-1933 he spent three years in the study of efficient operation and production of family farms.

This remarkable man has received many decorations and honors. Among which were, Officer of the Order of Canada in 1989, member of the Pantheon of Agriculture of Canada in 1991, and in 1992 he was made a member of the Quebec Agricultural Hall of Fame. Several other medals and distinctions were bestowed upon him for exceptional service. He was also a life member of several canadian organizations.

In closing, those of us whom Ernest graced with his friendship should feel privileged and be grateful to him for having made things better in many areas.

André from Québec

Translation by Eugene A.N. Mercier

Official Biographical Notes

Born, March 1st, 1914 in Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, Montmagny, QC, Canada

Education

- 1920-1928 Primary and secondary school up to ninth grade
1933-1939 BA Laval University
1939-1943 BS in Agriculture, Laval University
1943-1944 MSC Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., U.S.A.
1944-1946 Ph D Cornell University

Profession

1. *Twelve years as an advisor in the fulfillment of the following:*

- Advisor in written opinions on the international development of food products;
 - Evaluation of projects for rural housing and agricultural development submitted to Canada and Quebec by under-developed countries and by private societies;
 - Coordination of the joint project (Canada-Quebec) participation at the « Rural economic development of RIF in Morocco. » (Project DERRO);
 - Participation as member/director of studies and projects in nine under-developed countries (Algeria, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Cuba, Madagascar, Morocco, Peru, Rwanda and Saudi Arabia);
 - Member of the committee for the study and research in agriculture in Canada;
 - Preparation of hundreds of agricultural chronicles for the international section of Radio-Canada and for Canadian periodicals.
 - Publication of technical articles on international food products;
 - Participation at international conferences; FAO in Rome, Biosphere in Paris, Colombo Plan in Canada;
 - Implementation of a new style of management in the keeping of documents for international development;
 - Elaboration of a political understanding for Quebec-Canada in the matter of international development.
2. *Six years as Deputy minister in the Agriculture Department of the Province of Quebec during which time the following changes were accomplished:*
- The merger of the ministries of Agriculture and Colonization.
 - The creation of the office of Development for eastern Quebec and the signing of an agreement between the federal and provincial agencies. (Rural Housing and Agricultural Development) (ARDA)
 - The merger of the Quebec governmental agencies for the commercialization of milk and other agricultural products;
 - The modernization of the family farms and the merging of the agricultural and fishing co-ops;
 - The development of long and short term agriculture credit plan and the beginning of the operating credit plan;
 - The establishing of an harvesting insurance plan in Quebec;
 - The creation of a commission for the inquiry on the Quebec agricultural system;
 - The making of a study about the distribution of milk in schools; the giving of a sense of direction to the International Salon of Agriculture; the study of farming and farm produce;
 - The reorganization of the French agronomic studies in Quebec;
 - The creation of the teaching of technology in Quebec;

- The creation of management and study groups to study the agricultural profitability;
- The implementation of a Canadian Agricultural Services coordinating committee (CASCC);
- The beginning of privatization of the milk distribution in Quebec;
- The preparation of hundreds of memos and notes for the ministers.

3. *Ten years in the management of agricultural research and experimentation at the Federal level where the following was implemented:*

- The feeding of bovines producing milk or used for meat products based on herbs kept in vertical and horizontal silos;
- The hibernation of bovines (milk or meat products) in stables built above ground and where they are able to move at will;
- The cross-breeding and the selection of pure breed bovines, pigs and sheep;
- The production of feeding herbs based on vegetables;
- The massive and appropriate fertilization and preparation of the soil for the planting of vegetables;
- The reorganization of federal institutions on the agricultural research and experimentation in Quebec;
- The popularization of the results already done in agricultural research;
- Preparation of current reports and budget estimates.

4. *Three years as Director of the Center of Artificial Insemination of bovines in Quebec.*

5. *Three years as participant in the exploitation of the lived-in family farm when farming and lumbering reached their peak during the economic crisis of 1929-1933.*

6. *Important discovery*

The influence of the seasons on the fluctuating production of milk. The farmers were asked to provide lighting when the cows had to be kept in their stables at night and during the cold months. This simple change did increase not only the milk production but monetary gain as well.

7. *Recognition for exceptional services:*

- 1940 - Scholarship from « Filles de l'Empire à l'Université Laval »;
- 1945 - Fellowship Dewit at Cornell University
- 1946 - President of the Cornell Cosmopolitan Club
- 1947 - Member of the SIGMA XI Cornell
- 1964 - Commander of « l'Ordre du Mérite agricole du Québec » (COMAQ)
- 1965 - Fellowship of the Agricultural Institute of Canada
- 1983 - Commander of the « l'Ordre du Mérite agricole du Québec »
- Commander de « Equestrian order of Saint-Sepulchre of Jerusalem »
- 1989 - Officer of the Order of Canada
- 1991 - Member of the Agriculture Hall of Fame of Canada
- 1992 - Member of the Agricultural Hall of Fame of Quebec
- 1994 - Honorary member of the Canadian Association of Cattle Breeders

8. Medals

- 1967 - Confederation (Canada 1967)
- 1972 - Lazzarre Spallanzani (Italie)
- 1992 - Confederation (Canada 1992)
125th anniversary

9. Lifetime memberships

- 1974 - Canadian Society of Rural Popularization
- 1989 - Member of the Canadian Overseas Service Organization (SACO/CESO)
- 1989 - Member of the Canadian Association of the United Nations, Quebec Branch.

Para-professional activities

10. Professional Services

- Two years as President and two years as Vice-president of the Agronomists Corporation of Quebec in l'Estrie;
- Two years as Vice-President and two years as president of the Agronomists of the Order of Québec;
- Participant in the preparation of memos submitted for various inquiries by the Order of Agronomists of Quebec;
- Twenty years at the Canadian Foundation Against Hunger, including five years as vice-president;
- Eight years at the Board of Directors of SACO CESO;
- Twenty years as member of the Canadian Cancer society, Quebec Branch.

Community services

11. Local Activities

Member of various community organizations as an administrator: agricultural exhibitions (Sherbrooke & Quebec); Caisse populaire (Lennoxville); executive secretary (Saint-Martyrs-Canadiens); alumin Association of Laval University; Red Feather and Centraide (Saints-Martyrs-Canadians Parish); choir member (Lennoxville and Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens).

12. Promotional on Health and Welfare

- Twenty years of strong support of the Canadian Cancer Society, Quebec branch, promulgating research in preventing and eventually curing cancer;
- Four years of presidency on the committee of gerontology for the elders of the Laval University.

13. Physical Activities

Gardening, relaxation, walking, exercising at home.

14. Publications : written and audio-visual :

- Dozens of scientific and technical articles; hundreds of popular articles.
- Hundreds of radio interviews, especially during weekly reports on food products for the international section of Radio-Canada.

15. *Small Publicationso history*

- 1979 - Book on the parishes of Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire and Sainte-Euphémie, Montmagny county;
- 1979 - Indexes of over 2500 marriages and concessions of public domain plots (published 1979)
- 1980 - Work in progress on Mercier d'Amérique du Nord (AMAN)
- 1981 - Influence of the treaty of Webster-Ashburton on the Colonization in the center of Montmagny county (article published in the journal no. 16 of the Historical Society of the South coast)
- 1983 - Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, frienship place
- 1986 - Le Chemin des Anglais
- 1987 - Mercier depuis des siècles

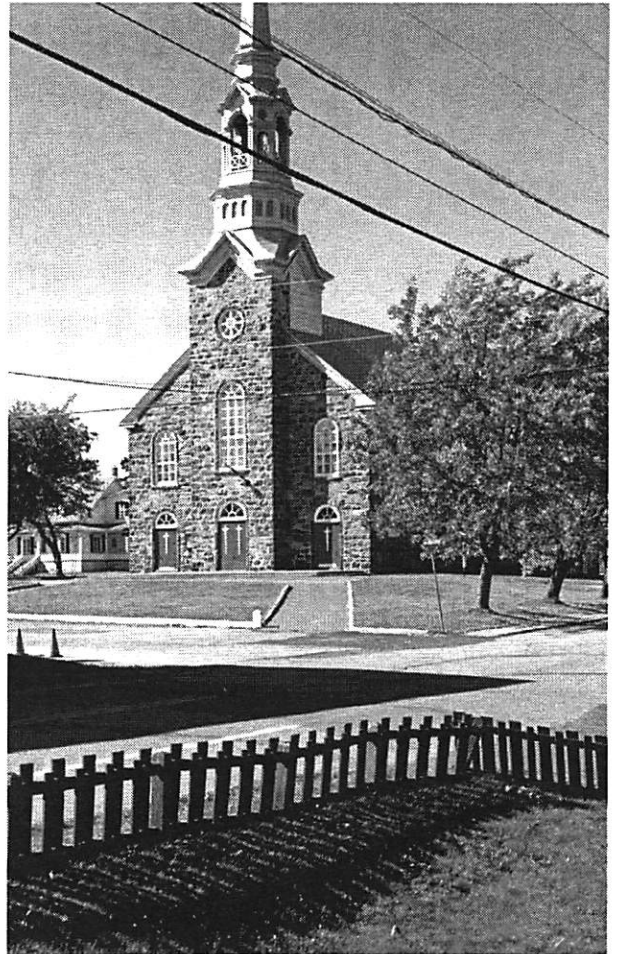
16. *Family activities*

Marié depuis 1945 avec Marcelle Normand de Saint-Pascal de Kamouraska et père de six enfants : Pierre, Alain, Suzanne, Louis, Christine et Charles.

17. *Recent recognition*

2001 - Commander of the University of Laval Dounation on October 19, 2001

Ernest Mercier, oc. Ph.D., agronome
Québec, 15 mai 1983
Révisé, 15 janvier 1998
Ajout, avril 2002



Here is the church of *Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire* where Ernest was baptized on march the 1st 1914. He also made his first communion there.

Ernest had a very strong attachment to his birthplace. He always wanted to share his enthusiasm for his place of origin with his children and grandchildren. He took them all on an excursion on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in 1999, and described to them all how he had lived in this area.

AscENDANTs

de/of

Ernest Mercier, agronome

Père / Father

Date et lieu de mariage / Date and place of marriage

Mère / Mother

en France / In France

Jehan Mercier

I

Thiennette Le Blond

1557-06-20 - Tourouvre, Perche, France

Marin Mercier

II

Jehanne Brisson

1571-12-09 - Tourouvre, Perche, France

François Mercier

III

Roberde Cornillau

1605- ?- ? - Tourouvre Perche, France

en Amérique du Nord / In North America

Jullien Mercier

I

Marie Poulin

1654-01-18 - Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec, Canada

Paschal Mercier

II

Anne Cloutier

1681-11-11 - Château Richer, QC

J. Pascal Mercier

III

Madeleine Boucher

1705-02-16 - Saint-Joachim-de-Beaupré, Québec

Joseph Mercier

IV

Élisabeth Carrier dit Lebrun

1729-01-31 - Saint-Vallier, Bellechasse, Québec

Jean-Baptiste Mercier

V

Élisabeth Blais

1757-11-07 - Berthier-en-grève, Montmagny, QC

Jean-Baptiste Mercier

VI

Cécile Turgeon

1778-11-24 - Saint-Charles, Bellechasse, QCc

Alexandre Mercier

VII

Archange Audet

18839-02-11 - Saint-Gervais, Bellechasse, QC

Jean Mercier

VIII

Agnès Durbois

1863-11-24 - Saint-Lazare, Bellechasse, QC

Georges Mercier

IX

Williamine Dion

1895-08-28 - Saint-Damien, Bellechasse, QC

Ernest Mercier

X

Marcelle Normand

1945-10-06 - Saint-Pascal, Kamouraska,, QC

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ERNEST MERCIER'S FAMILY IN 1924



Ernest is shown here at the age of ten, with ten of his brothers and sisters.

From 1920 to 1925, Ernest attended grade school in the « Rang du Sud », and continued until January 1929, when, at the age of 15, he decided to quit school and took a paying job as a gravel hauler for the local town.

For a brief period, he worked as a lumberjack, in the footsteps of his uncles who had established their reputations. However, he was not fit for the job. The economic crisis of 1930, the drop in prices, wages and employment forced him to reconsider his future. In 1933, he entered college toward a Bachelor of Arts degree.

He completed the program in various colleges and entered Laval University's faculty of agriculture. Post-graduate studies at Cornell University led him to Master's and Ph.D degrees in 1946. The rest is history.

TESTIMONIES

Mr Ernest Mercier has left us! Thanks to his inventive labour, his tenacity, his extensive research, we owe him the Association of Merciers of North America, a quarterly bulletin « *Le Mercien* » and a family history « *Mercier depuis des siècles* ».

He leaves us with imperishable memories of his faith, his generosity, his dynamism.

We also owe his family for their considered contribution.

Isabelle Mercier Dufour

It is a great privilege to have known Mr Ernest Mercier. He qualifies as an exceptional human being. He was always knowledgeable on so many subjects.

Having founded the Association of Merciers of North America, he gave us an incentive to discover our roots and to become familiar with our history. His work « *Mercier depuis des siècles* » is a major research project.

To repeat his Son's Pierre warning to Saint-Peter at the funeral, he should be prepared to greet someone who takes a lot of space.

He will always remain in my fond memories.

Cécilia Mercier

Famille d'Ernest Mercier et de Marcelle Normand en 1986



Standing : Louis, Alain, Pierre and Charles
Seated : Suzanne. Ernest. Marcelle and Christine

Ernest has always been proud of his children, with good reason. They all have a university education and are involved to day in areas such as engineering, actuarial work, communications, commerce and teaching.

He must have remembered having left school for a time at an early age and he probably wanted to avoid having his children face the same dilemma. He surely had enough experience to discuss the matter with them and guide them properly.

TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDER ERNEST MERCIER

Ernest Mercier has left us. He died on March 4th after a brief illness. He has left us in body but his spirit will always be with us. Through his writings and certainly by our memories of him, he will be with us for a very long time.

I was first acquainted with Ernest in the spring of 1985 when a short announcement appeared in a Quebec City newspaper. He was inviting any Mercier to join him in forming a Mercier Association and soliciting help for various tasks such as recruitment new members, and other tasks. Also on his agenda was the preparations for a large Mercier reunion which was to take place in 1987. At the time I felt that joining the association would allow me to learn more about my genealogy and more history about my ancestors.

This is how I came to know Ernest.

It is how I began to understand his qualities, his tireless work habits. He considered himself an organizer/researcher. No doubt that it was these qualities which lead to his success in so many research projects in the areas of agriculture and good nutrition. He often told me that finding new Mercier ties kindled a persons' interest in genealogy and the history of ones ancestors and added that he was not a good example because he had not begun his own research until the age of

65. We can't help but wonder if this may be the reason he was so relentless in his pursuit of good data, questioning his own assumptions and his own work.

He has told us he would continue to be part of the administration of AMAN if we could find no one to replace him. In reality I believe he wished to keep his post as administrator because AMAN always occupied his mind and helped him to stay alert.

After reading his biography one would think that with all his diplomas, his record of professional service, his discoveries in the areas of agriculture and nutrition, the many honors for exceptional service, and medals received that after his retirement he would have preferred to rest on his laurels and to lead a totally different life style. He preferred instead to make use of his experience, his research and cataloging of data and his general knowledge, particularly of Mercier families. Thus he has greatly demonstrated his humility.

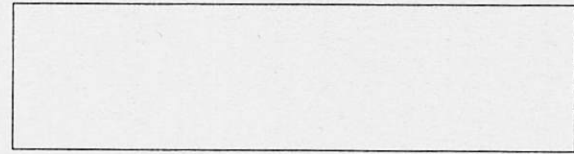
His genealogy research has brought together Merciers from several branches. Let us hope that all his good work has not been in vain.

*Benoit Mercier
April 2002*

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