



Le Mercien

La voix des Mercier d'Amérique

The voice of the Merciers of North America



Paris City Hall

located on the site of the Saint-Jean-en-Grève Church,
the place of origin de Pierre-Simon Mercier,
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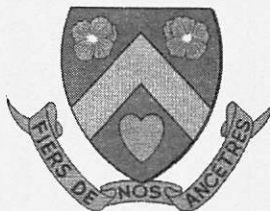
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EDITORIAL

In the last issue of Le Mercien, we introduced a number of innovative changes which have shown to be satisfactory to our readers, and the reaction has been most favorable.

The content was aimed at pleasing the largest possible number of members. The visual presentation has been greatly improved as a result of the close involvement and cooperation of the Federation of Source-Families which not only prints our bulletin but now also is the publisher. We owe these beneficial changes to Mr Yves Boisvert and his team.

It would seem appropriate at this time to feature in the bulletin, a section devoted to comments from our readers, in which they can express their concerns, ideas and suggestions about the way AMAN serves its members through its activities and its bulletin. The management of the AMAN would like to know what would be of interest to you in the bulletin.

Your comments allow us to measure our success in satisfying our membership and helps us focus on your interests. We appreciate all of your comments. Please do not hesitate to send us articles about your family and your ancestors. Merciers always love to hear about other Mercier families and their experiences as well as family pictures. In this way you can contribute to the enrichment of our Mercier history and the achievements of Merciers.

On the front page of this issue is a picture of the City Hall of the city of Paris, often referred to as the most beautiful city in the world. It serves as a fitting introduction to an article on Pierre-Simon Mercier who was one of the six Mercier ancestors who came to Canada from Paris France prior to 1800 and raised his family here in Canada.

Since the founding of our association and the first publication of our bulletin we have had several articles on Julien Mercier who had come from Tourouvre, France in the 1600s, and whose large family accounts for approximately 80% of the Merciers in North America.

We have had fewer articles on the other five Mercier ancestors and so this article on Pierre-Simon Mercier, long overdue, will be followed by articles on other Mercier ancestors in future issues. We encourage you to send us any information you might have on the other Mercier lines of ancestry, in order to help us produce a more complete picture of each ancestor.

It is in the same spirit that we draw our readers' attention to women bearing the name of Mercier who came from France to settle in America. Men have often been written about in the past, but women were often forgotten. The fact that their names changed after their marriage makes it more difficult to trace their descendants. However they are no less courageous and valiant and they deserve our respect appreciation and acknowledgement.

In our section "We Have Read For You", we feature an article written by Claudine of Sainte-Foy who presents the results of her research on those devoted women who came from France to settle in New-France and raise their families. If she has missed any or if you know of others that we should write about, please, make them known to us. We will honor them also.

Preparations are under way for the next annual general meeting to be held in Montreal on Saturday August 23, 2003. The program may spill into Sunday as well and cover two days. We will keep you informed and provide you with all of the details in the next issue of Le Mercien. Please plan to be with us on this occasion.

Montreal is now a major urban center, and was a major development site of New-France along with Quebec and Trois-Rivieres. Montreal was founded in 1642 by Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve, but owes its survival to an important event which took place in 1653 and which became known as "The Great Recruitment".

Since its early beginning, Montreal could not develop normally because of its limited number of



settlers and their constant harassment by Iroquois Indians. The settlement almost closed, as the inhabitants threatened to return to France.

Jeanne-Mance then convinced Mr. de Maisonneuve to return to France in order to recruit settlers to move to Montreal. He came back with more than one hundred men in 1653, and this new contingent saved the village from extinction and allowed it to survive and develop.

Different events will mark the 350th anniversary and they will take place throughout the year until December 2003.

Montreal is celebrating, so join us on August 23. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces and an exciting event.

Pierre-Paul Mercier,
President

GENEALOGY EXHIBITION PLACE LAURIER, QUEBEC

The Association was present at the Genealogy exhibition held at the Place Laurier Shopping Centre, in Quebec City from February 6 to 9, along with thirty other family associations. Jean-Guy of Quebec City has coordinated the activities on our behalf along with volunteers who assisted him. The event open to the public at large was a real success. We have recruited new members and sold books and other souvenirs.

This kind of activity requires the participation of many members and we were fortunate to obtain the cooperation of Claudine of Ste-Foy, Benoît of Charlesbourg, Therese and her sister Marcelle of Montmagny, Roger of Quebec City and Jean-Louis of Levis.

AMAN is grateful to all those volunteers and wishes to acknowledge their contribution to the success of the event.



The picture shows Jean-Louis (to the left) and Jean-Guy (to the right) as they tended our booth.

Pierre-Paul Mercier,
President

THE READER'S CORNER

In this new section, we will reproduce comments and observations received from our readers. Here is the translation of an e-mail received on February 28, 2003:

Hello to you! I wished to congratulate you for the magnificent work done in the Winter 2003 issue of Le Mercien. I loved it! In fact, I consumed my Mercien from the beginning to the end! Bravo for the good work! I am looking forward to reading you again!

Anne Mercier,
Brampton, Ontario

Please, send us your reactions, ideas, suggestions and comments by mail or e-mail, in order to guide us in serving you better.

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A WORLD TOUR WITH CHILDREN'S EYES

In the summer of 2002 issue of the Mercien bulletin my Aunt Cecilia Mercier wrote about our family trip around the world. Our family of six was gone for a year, from July 2001 until June 2002 with our children ages 7,9,11,and 13.

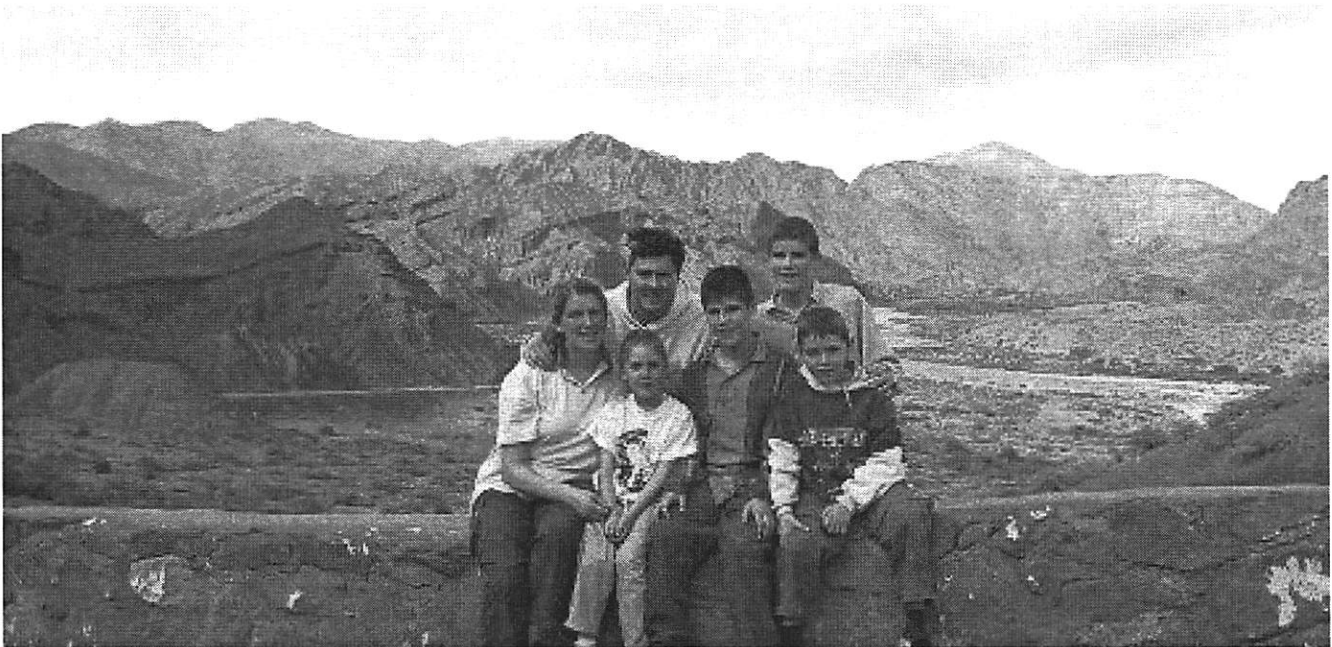
How can I, in just a few lines, relate to you ,our experiences of an amazing 360 days of fantastic scenic countries and warm welcomes.

I could tell you about the Andes and their snow topped volcanos, the deserts of salt, the Inca ruins or of Europe and its vineyards its Alps and of Venice. In Africa it would be of the safaris in the bush or a trip in the desert on the back of a camel. The Christmas holidays on the paradise island of Maurice, of Asia where we were com-

pletely out of our element. Australia with its large open spaces and its kangaroos or of the beaches of Fiji. Rather I will tell you about a few of the families who welcomed us into their homes.

During the year a number of families (thirty) offered to have us come to their home just so they could interact with a family from so far away. Some offered to have us eat with them and many offered to have us all stay for the night. To meet different peoples and to see how they lived was one of the reasons for our long journey.

Dannet and James Watson in Australia welcomed us for four days on their farm of 1500 sheep and 500 cows. They are members of WWOOF (willing workers on organic farms) an association of farmers who invite travelers to their farms and where the visitors earn their lodging and meals by working several hours each day. Most of the visitors do this to break up the isolation in this country where the neighbors are miles apart.



John Palmer is the director of the school in Makikihi on the south island in New Zealand. Our children spent two days in two classes of around twenty students while we visited dairy and sheep farms where John met with us. At recess the children played either rugby or soccer.

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On the Island of Fiji the Samunu welcomed us in their home for three days. We would have believed that we were back in the days of our great grandfathers. No furnishings in the house but a matting made of palms where we ate, slept and celebrated. We lived off the land and laboured with oxen. The cooking was done on a wood fire. The average family used three dozen coconuts per week in their meal preparation. They used coconut milk in everything and the chickens ate coconut pulp in the yard. They have electricity



two hours a day only if enough people have paid for diesel fuel for the generators. The men wore a "Sulu."

A kind of skirt wrapped around the waist and tied in the back with a cord.

We borrowed one for Nicolas to wear to school.

At the Perraults' in the Beaujolais region of France we toured the vineyards with the two older children while the two younger ones attended school in the village of Julié. In the vineyards we worked alongside the migrant workers and we were able to see each stage of wine production and to appreciate its qualities.

The Adams' are people of color who live on the outskirts of Capetown South Africa. Aunt Lily, the neighbor across the street and where the two older children stayed was a little lady of 73 years old who knew the country during and after apart-

heid. She had many very interesting stories to tell us.

On l'île Maurice we were invited to all the year end holiday festivities by different families. The flamboyant florals the green sugar cane fields as far as you could see, the sea, the multicolored fish and welcome of the people so charmed us. The tables were set with food so succulent yet new to us. The spices were abundant. If one needs a particular spice, one must simply go out in the garden and harvest it.

At the Hendersons' in Australia, we spent a week in their family tent which was erected in their garden area and we ate in their kitchen and shared the grocery bills. They have four children the same age as ours and they got along well with one another. Creg is a professor of geography at the equivalent of our high school where Sebastien attended while the others went to school in Murami where there were only twenty-six students. During that time helped a farmer cultivate rice in an irrigated plot of land .

The internet has changed the way we travel. We can get news from home each day rather than have to wait for regular mail. The Levesque originally from Montreal contacted us by e-mail and offered to have us spend a week end with them in Cochabamba, Bolivia where they were working for an International Cooperative Corps and we accepted their offer.

We returned home in June and resumed or normal lives. The children, having made up two years of schooling before we left on our trip , picked up their studies just as though they had not left. Sebastien is working on a book about our trip. We have many fond memories of our voyage and are already dreaming of our next escapades. You can read about our adventures on our internet site at <http://tdmfamille.multimania.com>.

**Jean Tanguay, Francine Bond and
Sebastien, Francis, Nicolas and Jolyanne**

Translated by **Eugene A.N. Mercier**, Somers Ct.

AT LAST, I FOUND IT

During my last visit in France, in September, I had planned to visit the sites of origin of the six Mercier ancestors having emigrated to America and leave descendents.

I was planning to visit the church in each village where they were baptized and bring back pictures of the places where they lived.

For five of them it was relatively easy but for Pierre-Simon who arrived in Quebec in 1725, all that I knew was that he was from the parish of Saint-Jean-en-Grève, in Paris.

After unsuccessful attempts, I contacted the archbishop's office in Paris which gave me precious information. I am pleased to share with you interesting information published in the 'Dictionnaire Historique des Rues de Paris' written by Jacques Hillairet, edited by 'Les Éditions Minuit' in 1963 and re-edited in 1996.

The Eastern wall of the present Paris City Hall building and also the one on the De Lobau Street are built on the site of the Church of Saint-Jean-en-Grève. During the XIth century, it was just a chapel used for christenings as part of the parish of Saint-Gervais just nearby.

The number of its parishioners had increased sizably after the construction of the wall by Philippe Auguste and it was decided to convert the chapel into the parish of Saint-Jean-en-Grève, in spite of protests by the curate of Saint-

Gervais who would lose part of his parishioners and the matching revenue.

In 1290, the new church was given the "Miraculous Host" desecrated by a Jew from "Des Jardins" Street, later known as "Des Billettes" and this resulted in attracting faithfuls in large numbers. In 1326, it became necessary to build a larger church, using adjacent land and even part of the cemetery next to the chapel.

The new church was bounded to the North by Tourniquet-Saint-Jean. The front portion had two square steeples, one of which had an arrow, was facing the City Hall building and separated from it by a lane connecting with "Cloître-Saint-Jean" Square.

The church was renovated and further developed in 1724 and in 1735, was finally sold in 1790 and demolished in 1800.

When it had become a parish, in 1212, it had two cemeteries.

The first one was bounded by the church itself and by "Vieilles Garnisons" and "du Cloître-Saint-Jean" streets. It was located on the "Place du Bonhomme" Square, so named in 1322. The expanded church and its Communion Chapel were erected right on the sites of the cemetery and the square.

The other cemetery was located in the Southern portion of the present Place Baudoyer, between the Napoléon Armoury and the IVth ward town-hall.

Amongst the personalities buried at the Saint-Jean-en-Grève church, there are Simon Vouet, a painter who died in 1649, at the age of 59, et François Chansiergues of Ornano, deacon of Uzès, one of the most prominent propagandists of the creation of seminaries in the XVIIth century and founder of the Providence Seminary.

There is also a lady by the name of Marguerite Malartin, who died in the XVIth century, and whose two sons and three daughters gave her 110 grandchildren.



In order to prevent the Paris City Hall from becoming a revolutionary focal point, Napoléon the IIIrd continued demolishing the lanes surrounding the building, as it had been started in 1843. In addition he had two large armouries



daughter of Louis and of Marguerite Tétreau, in Verchères on February 6, 1747.

Joseph was born and baptised on February 1st 1728 in Verchères and married Annabelle Giard, daughter of Gabriel and of Suzanne Ménard, in Contrecoeur, in October 1754

Charles, the grand son of Pierre-Simon, married Marie-Anne Lalande in Saint-Louis, Missouri, on February 9th, 1789. Pierre-Simon was buried in that town,. However, the date could not be ascertained.

The descendants of that ancestral couple settled along the Yamaska River valley, namely in the areas of Granby and Farnham.

Pierre-Paul Mercier

built on De Lobau Street, between City Hall and Saint-Gervais Street. Those buildings still stand today.

De Lobau Street runs along the City Hall building, all the way from the Seine River to Rivoli Street, a distance of some two hundred meters. It has been named when City Hall was renovated in 1838 after General Mouton, Count of Lobau, who lived from 1770 to 1838.

This is the short (and long) story of the parochial church of one of the Mercier ancestors, Pierre-Simon, who arrived in Québec in 1725.

Pierre-Simon was the son of Pierre Mercier and of Catherine Daudo; historians granted him the occupation of beadle. Thus, he was one of few settlers who did not farm a piece of land.

On July 30 of the same year, he married in Verchères Marie-Renée Pineau, daughter of Michel and of Simone Beaudet.

On March 20 1727, he acquired a modest plot of land from the parish priest and sold it some twenty years later to another priest.

The couple had three children: Pierre-Simon II, Joseph and Marie.

Pierre Simon II was born and baptized on May 12, 1726 and he married Marguerite Guillet,



CULTURAL ALLIANCE BETWEEN ORNE AND CANADA

Tourouvre, France twins to l'Île d'Orléans, P.Q.

The ties between the organization of 'Regional Communities of Haut-Perche, known as (CDC) and Canada have been ratified. The twinning was officially signed at l'Île d'Orléans between the Regional Municipality of l'Île d'Orléans County and a delegation from Orne, France.

A more fitting town than Sainte-Famille, which is situated on the Saint Lawrence River could not be found, to conclude the relationship, which dates back twenty years. The site, THE PARK of ANCESTERS, is truly the cradle of the French Culture in America and Sainte-Famille having been founded in 1661 is the oldest town in the county of l'Île d'Orléans. It is here, in the Drouin Building that the county commissioner of l'Île d'Orléans, two deputy commissioners and Jean-Francois Simard, Quebec Provincial Commissioner for the Environment warmly welcomed the French delegation.

Among the delegates were Mr. Guy Monhee, President of the Regional Community of Haut-Perche, Mr. Claude Vitre, President of Perche-Canada and five mayors of the CDC. Mr. Louis de Lorimier represented the Canadian Government.

"This is the culmination of a long held dream" stated Mr. Monhee who conjured up the project for the construction of a French Immigration

Museum in Tourouvre, France which is due to open in 2004. For the mayor of Tourouvre, the town of Saint-Famille represents a 'site which is significant and legendary for the organization of 'Regional Communities which had been hoping to join with Canada.'

All of the French personnel involved have indicated that this twinning of a Canadian and a French county and the construction of a museum dedicated to the immigration from France could not have taken place without the work of PRE-FEN (Research Program for the Emigration of French the New France) The research was financed by the Canadian Government.

The question now is 'Who were these Immigrants, their names and story.

Monica Begin

This article is extracted from the website:
"http://racinespercheronnes.free.fr/of08_07_02.html"

and has been translated to English by **Eugene A.N. Mercier.**

Explanatory notes:

The town of Tourouvre is located approximately 125Km West of Paris, France in the Department (State) of Orne and in the county of Perche. Sainte-Famille is located in the county of l'Île d'Orléans in the Canadian Province of Quebec.





WE HAVE READ FOR YOU

This time, we devote our column to the French women who came to settle in New-France during the 17th and 18th centuries and who became difficult to follow after their marriages.

We wish to honour them, and Claudine Mercier of Ste-Foy has researched different documentary sources in order to present those courageous women who came from France to settle, raise a family and develop our country.

Her sources of inspiration have been :

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Le Mercien

Mercier Women Who Came to New France

we know relatively well the men who immigrated to Canada in the early years of the colony, but the women are rapidly difficult to trace in genealogy, because they take their husbands' names after marriage.

Even before the arrival of Julien, the first Mercier who came from France, there were two Mercier sisters who came to settle and raise a family. Others followed them later.

Mercier Denise (..... - 1661)

She came from Les Sables d'Olonne in Eastern France and is the sister of Jeanne, the wife of Claude Poulin. Around 1637, she married François Bougis also from Les Sables d'Olonne. Their first child, Michel, was born in Les Sables d'Olonne around 1638-40.

She came to New-France with her husband and their son, as a result of a work contract signed in Mortagne (France), in 1641, whereby François had agreed to work as a servant for Robert Giffard. She settled in Beauport. She drowned there on September 3, 1661 in the Beauport River near Quebec City and was buried the following day.

On October 19, 1661, in Quebec City, her son Michel Bougis, married Madeleine Dubois, daughter of Isaac, wool master comber, and of Anne Richer, of Saint-Sauveur, near La Rochelle.

This couple gave birth to two sons and four daughters and two grandsons, one of whom had seven sons and eight daughters. By the end of 1729, there were 150 offsprings from François and Denise.

Mercier Jeanne (1626-1687)

She came from Les Sables d'Olonne and is the sister of Denise, sister in law of François Bougis, and later became mother-in-law of Julien Mercier. On Monday August 8, 1639, she married in Quebec City Claude Poulin, who had been baptized on Wednesday January 26, 1616, in the church of St-Maclou in Rouen, Normandie, issued from Pascal Poulin and Marie Levert. The couple gave birth to nine children.

She originally lived in Trois-Rivières, then spent a few years in St-Maclou de Rouen,

before coming back to settle for good in Ste-Anne de Beauport. Records indicate that she



witnessed the marriage contract of her nephew Michel Baugis in the presence of notary Vachon on September 8, 1661.

She gave birth to five sons and four daughters. Pascal, the second son and Rene, the youngest, became lost in the woods and were caught by Iroquois Indians or eaten by wild animals shortly before June 8, 1661.

Demographs estimate that by 1729, the couple of Claude Poulin and Jeanne Mercier numbered 312 siblings, ranking Claude Poulin in 82th position among 1955 pioneers and Jeanne Mercier in the 81st position among 1,425 women.

Jeanne died in Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré on December 14, 1687 and was buried the day after. Claude, her husband, died two days later.

Mercier Jeanne

(1640 - before September 03, 1702)

She was baptized on Sunday March 18, 1640, in the church of St-Pierre de Brie-sous-Matha, in the diocese of Saintes in Saintonge. She was the daughter of Louis Mercier and of Anne Bastard. On Sunday February 9, 1659, she married in Brie-sous-Matha, Michel Mailloux, who had been baptized on Sunday December 1st, 1641 in the same church. He was the son of Jacques Mailloux and of Suzanne Arnaud and brother of Pierre, the wife of Anne Delaunay. The couple gave birth to seven children

When she arrived in New-France, she accompanied her husband and they already had two children. She lived in La Durantaye. The date of her death is not very well known, but it occurred between November 16, 1699, when her daughter Marie-Anne was married, and September 3, 1702, when her husband married again.

Mercier Marie (1656-1725)

The parents nor the place of origin of this Marie Mercier could be determined. Around 1675, she married in Sorel Julien Allard dit Labarre, whose parents and place of origin are not known. The couple gave birth to six children; the first five were baptized in Sorel and the last one, Marie-Thérèse, was born in l'Île Grosbois and baptized in Boucherville.

She lived in Sorel, then across the St-Lawrence River in Berthier-en-Haut, Lavaltrie and most likely in Île Grosbois as well. On July 12, 1716, along with her children, she sold, a plot of land



measuring 4 acres upfront by 20 acres deep in Lavaltrie to François Cotu. The sale price was 325 pounds, which was shared in half with the heirs. She died and was buried on December 1st, 1725 in Rivière-des-Prairies.

Mercier Marie (c. 1657-1687)

She was the daughter of Nicolas Mercier et de Marie Bourot, of La Ferté-sous-Jouarre, diocese of Meaux en Brie, she signed a marriage contract before notary Becquet, on Sunday October 18, 1671, with Jean Chevaudier, the son of Jacques Chevaudier and of Catherine Barilot, of Saint-Julien, diocese of Limoges in Limousin.

The wedding was celebrated in Quebec City on October 19, 1671. The couple gave birth to eight children.

She arrived with a contingent of the king's daughters in 1671 and brought a dowry estimated at 300 pounds, plus 50 pounds received from the king. She settled in Nicolet. She died in Champlain, on December 6, 1687 and was buried the day after.



Mercier, Catherine

She was the daughter of Jean Mercier and of Mathurine Boussand of Saint-Denis-la-Chevasse, borough of La Roche-sur-Yon, diocese of Luçon, in Poitou (Vendée).

She married Jean Boudard, the son of François and of Francine Jonquet of Ruelle-sur-Touvre, borough and diocese of Angoulême, Angoumois (Charente), on November 2, 1642 in Notre-Dame de La Rochelle. Jean Boudard was the widower of Marie Cossoie, daughter of Robert and of Catherine de la Mare of Calais, Picardie.

The couple had two children: Julien was born and baptized on October 28, 1643, and buried in the same place on October 12, 1645, and Marie was born in Montreal on August 19, 1649 and died three days later.

Catherine arrived in New-France in 1644 or 1645. She was kidnapped by Iroquois Indians on May 6, 1651, the same day that her husband was killed.

Claudine Mercier,
Québec.

ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS



The sugaring off party held on April 12 was another success due to the involvement of Jean-Guy et his cousin Jean-Louis and many others who assisted them.

All those present enjoyed the good cuisine and the children (young and older) took advantage of the maple taffy and enjoyed the ride in a horse-drawn carriage.

This event is the occasion of a great gather-

ing for our members and for the last two years, the attendance was larger than at our annual meeting. It seems that a tradition is in the making and we must keep the momentum.

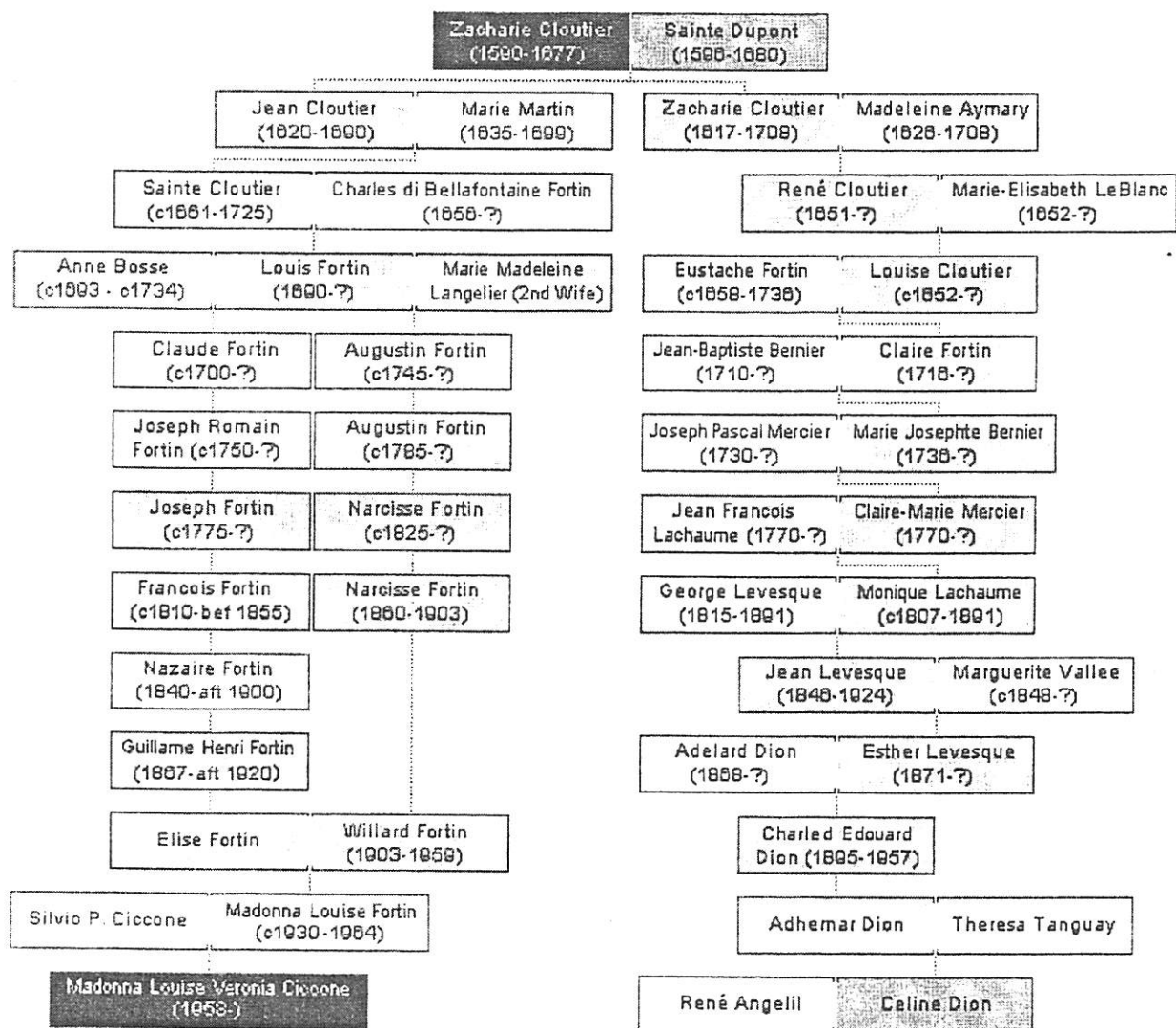
The Association thanks the happy crowd and invite them again for next year.

Congratulations to Jean-Guy of Quebec and his organizing committee!

CÉLINE DION AND HER ANCESTORS

In the last issue of Le Mercien we talked about the ancestors of Céline Dion and of Madonna. We now reproduced the line of ancestry of those two international stars.

There are Merciers among the ancestors of Céline and her ancestral couple of Zacharie Cloutier and Sainte Dupont is the same for Madonna as well. Here is what we found on the Internet.



http://msn.ancestry.com/landing/msn/strange/madonna/images/madonn_celin_tree.gif



SISTER MARGUERITE MERCIER

Marguerite Mercier was born on October 22, 1922, in Saint-Isidore d'Auckland, where she started her life of love, goodness and devotion to others.

Her father owned and operated a sawmill business in Saint-Isidore d'Auckland, and her mother, Rosalie Talbot, was a woman of good judgment, courageously devoted to all her endeavours. The couple had twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Marguerite was the tenth child. Her sister Marie would say: "During her first years, we always saw her as a delicate flower, shy, and prone to cry easily."

The road to school and to church became the centre of her life. Her father was involved in every activities related to the parish. He even built the local church a second time after it burned down.

This christian family will gave four sisters and one priest to the catholic church. Three of the sisters joined the congregation of the "Filles de la Charité du Sacré Coeur de Jésus: Marie, Jeannette and Marguerite and the fourth, Lucienne, joined the Sisters of Saint-Joseph in Sainte-Hyacinthe. The son, Bruno, became a missionary with the Redemptorists.

At the age of seventeen, she answered the call and joined her two other sisters, Jeannette and Marie in the community of Les Filles de la Charité du Sacré-Coeur de Jésus.

She answered many calls of service in her early career. In 1941, she started devoting her talents and gave herself to her duties by teaching the first year of grade school at the Sainte-Marguerite-Marie school in Magog.

In 1942, she studied nursing at the Hôtel-Dieu hospital in Sherbrooke to become a registered nurse. She subsequently spent nearly sixty years of her nursing career with Hôtel-Dieu Hospital in Sherbrooke, La Providence Hospital in Magog and in Lebel-sur-Quevillon.

Sister Marguerite was a competent nurse and she devoted her talents to those she cared for in her different assignments.

AMAN offers deep condolences to the religious family, the parents and friends of sister Marguerite Mercier who passed away on December 22, 2002.

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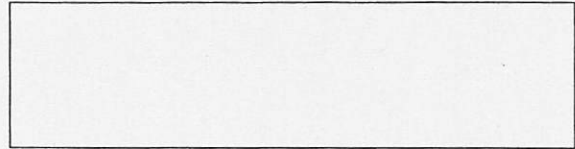
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