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This newsletter is named after the kingdom of Mercia which existed from the 7th to the 10th century. It was one of the seven original kingdoms constituting England. The inhabitants of that territory must have been called Mercians (or Mercien in French). We are proud to perpetuate that name today

Membership dues

Annually: \$25.

Life membership, 65 years and older: \$250.

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The editor's page

One does not reach twenty years everyday, as the French song goes; so we must mark the occasion properly.

André of Quebec City, the second president of AMAN and currently our corporate record librarian, has dug up in our treasure chest enough material to present a retrospective of what has happened during the last twenty years and especially bring forward all the volunteers who have founded our association and who have supported it during all those years. He deserves our deepest appreciation for his efforts.

When Ernest Mercier, our founding president, signed the incorporation documents on April 19th, 1985, he was already seventy-one years old and many of his associates were in the same age bracket. Many have deceased since and cannot share with us the pride and joy of this anniversary.

Even if many early volunteers are still active, they have grown older, but they are accompanied by a younger ones and we must maintain that trend. This a matter of survival, because, after all, we work at preserving the past for the benefit of future generations.

AMAN numbers 238 active members, seventy of which are governors and life members. This number has been relatively stable in recent years, although we once numbered 479 in July of 1989. It would be nice to reach that level again. The novelty of our association created an interest. Since then, some have passed away, and this is unavoidable. It is important that each member become a recruiter and invite parents and friends to join us.

We are fortunate that our group still exist, in spite of adverse conditions that we have overcome, and we are now amongst the oldest family associations in

Quebec. During the last twenty years, many associations were created, but a large number of them were dissolved because of a lack of interest and volunteers to maintain their activities.

Let us consolidate our position through recruiting new members and identifying new sponsors for Le Mercien.

In addition, we have created the Development Fund aimed at achieving future projects. One of those is of particular interest to many of our members and relates to the erection of a commemorative plaque at La Grandinière, the native hamlet of Julien Mercier, the first Mercier from France to settle in Quebec in 1621.

The fund has already reached over \$4,000. in less two years, and donations continue pouring in. Other projects will be identified as the years go on and it is important to continue contributing to the fund.

Recently, Le Mercien suggested that a bequest or legacy would be appreciated for those who wish to make their contributions at a later date. The list of donors to date is published on page 25 of the current issue.

Come and celebrate with other Merciers this twentieth anniversary during our next gathering to be held on **Saturday, August 27th, at Loew's Le Concorde in Quebec City.** Festivities will get under at 10:00 AM with the annual general meeting of the members, and activities have been planned for the entire day.

Bring your family and friends; they are all welcome, even if they are not all members.

Pierre-Paul Mercier,
president

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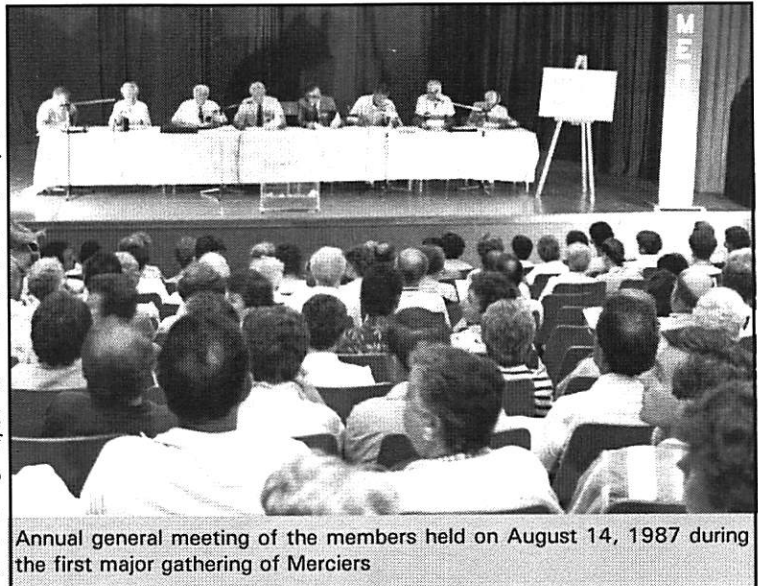


A.M.A.N., already twenty years old!

It was in 1985 that the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc. (Association of Merciers of North America) was founded, following a gathering of those bearing the name Mercier, held at the Pavillon Casault at Laval University. Ernest Mercier, the founder-president of A.M.A.N., was the principal promoter of that first gathering of the Merciers.

Reading this text, you will understand that the development and consolidation of A.M.A.N. happened over the twenty years through the efforts of a number of collaborators who worked their hearts out for the good of our association. By mentioning names in the history of our association, we want to praise and thank the numerous people who devoted so much time and energy to its success.

Year One, 1985-1986. Incorporation of A.M.A.N., undertaken by Claude, Ernest, Claude L., Jean, Paul-H., Noël and Louis, all of them Merciers; first meeting of the board held July 31st, 1985; allocation of the first Board of Directors' positions: Ernest, president, Paul-H., vice-president, Pyerre, treasurer, Colette Mercier-Dallaire, secretary, Claudine and Alain, directors; setting of the membership fee at \$10; first issue of *Le Mercien* quarterly on May 1st, 1985; contents: history of A.M.A.N., affiliation with the Fédération des Familles-souches du Québec (Federation of Original Families of Quebec), listing of the goals of A.M.A.N., devising the means of achieving A.M.A.N.'s goals, services offered to members, participation of the families, genealogy, choosing of the coat of arms and emblem for A.M.A.N., trip to Europe, regional meetings, appointment of Georges from Sept-Îles as the North Shore representative; first annual general meeting organized by Benoît, held August 31st, 1986 in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.



Annual general meeting of the members held on August 14, 1987 during the first major gathering of Merciers

Year Two, 1986-1987. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1986-87: Ernest, president, Paul-H. and Rachel, vice-presidents, Béatrice, secretary, Benoît, treasurer, André and Pierre, directors, Jacques, legal counsel; presentation of the book by Ernest Mercier, *Mercier depuis des siècles*, about the origin, the genealogy, the accomplishments and the history of the Merciers; the life membership fee is set at \$150, while the annual membership fee is set at \$12; as required by law, adoption of the first general by-law of the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc., written by Jacques Mercier, legal counsel for A.M.A.N.; this 14 page document was adopted at the annual general meeting held in Beaufré on August 15th, 1987 at the time of the first Great Gathering of the Merciers; more than 1000 people took part in that gathering, which was a huge success; the organizing committee for the gathering, the CORM, was made up of: André, president, Isabelle, 1st vice-president, Alain, 2nd vice-president, Be-



The ancestral Mercier couple during the major gathering of 1987 with André, the chairman of the organizing committee, held from August 14 to 16.



Part of the crowd attending the unveiling of a memorial plaque in honour of Julien Mercier, installed in front of a house located on his ancestral land in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, during the major gathering of 1987.



Celebration of mass in the Sainte-Anne-de-beaupré basilica, on Saturday August 15, 1987, during the major gathering of Merciers at that time.

noît, treasurer, Paul-Émile, secretary, Paul and Noël, directors, Ernest, Rachel and Paul-H., advisors; introduction of the theme song "À toi Mercier de l'Amérique" with words and music by Jacques Mercier from Saint-Georges de Beauce; events at the gathering: unveiling a plaque at the site of ancestor Julien Mercier's home in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré; bilingual Mass in the Sainte-Anne Basilica; introduction of the Cuvée des Mercier wine; exhibit about the Merciers; ceremony at the Honoré Mercier monument in front of the Quebec Parliament building; tour of the National Assembly; banquet on the Saturday evening.

Year Three, 1987-1988. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1987-88: Ernest, president, Paul-H. and Rachel, vice-presidents, Béatrice, secretary, Benoît, treasurer, Isabelle, advertising, André, Claudine, Paul-Émile and Pierre, directors. Contribution by A.M.A.N. to the Archives Nationales de France with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque at the church in Tourouvre; trip to France in July to Julien's birthplace at La Grandinière; Montreal Section of A.M.A.N.: Sylvain, president, Dolorès Mercier Lefebvre and Jean-Charles, vice-presidents, Thérèse, secretary, Lionel, membership development; as of March 1st, 1988 A.M.A.N. has



Part of the crowd attending the banquet on August 15, 1987, marking the end of the major gathering of Merciers that year.





Participants honouring Honoré Mercier in front of his monument on the grounds of the Québec National Assembly, on October 16th, 1988.

275 members; proposal for a Mercier Foundation; provision of genealogy services for members; gathering organized by the Montreal Section and A.M.A.N. annual general meeting held July 10th, 1988 in Sainte-Anne-de-Sabrevois.

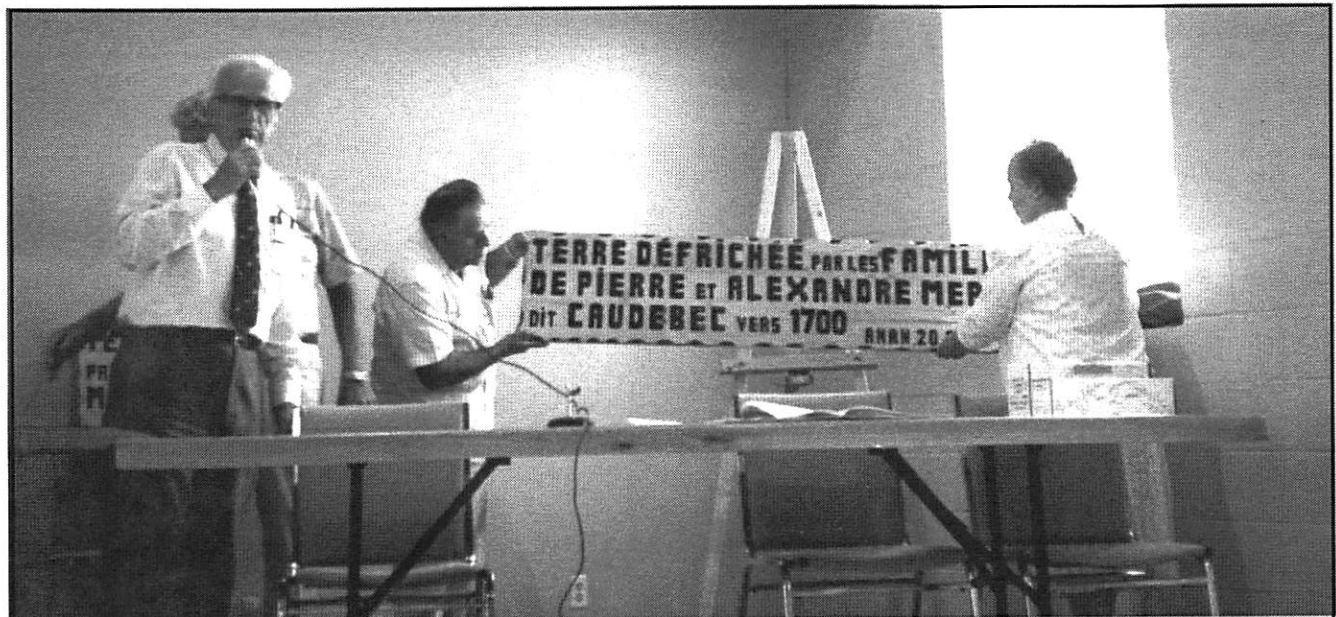
Year Four, 1988-1989. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1988-89: Ernest, president, Paul-H. and Rachel, vice-presidents, Béatrice, secretary, Benoît, treasurer, Alain, André, Isabelle, Jean and Léon, directors, Jacques, legal counsel, Lauréat, auditor; on October 16th, 1988 a tribute to Honoré Mercier, Premier of Quebec from 1887 to 1891, at the monument in his honour in front of the Quebec Parliament building; plans to create regional committees proposed by: Lucienne Mercier-Croteau, Bonnyville, Alberta, Madeleine LaPointe, Mississauga, Ontario, Maurice Mercier, Châteauguay, Quebec, Joseph Norbert Mercier,

Glendora, California, USA; at the end of May 1989, a gathering of 200 Western Canada Merciers, organized by Lucienne Mercier-Croteau, of Bonnyville, Alberta; in July 1989, A.M.A.N. has 479 paid-up members; on August 20th, 1989, a gathering of about a hundred Merciers and A.M.A.N.'s annual general meeting in Saint-François de Montmagny.



A serigraphy by Monique Mercier presented to Béatrice Mercier and Bernard Lacroix, in appreciation of their services, on September 18th, 1989.

Year Five, 1989-1990. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1989-90: André, president, Alain and Isabelle, vice-presidents, Benoît, treasurer, Claudine, Ernest, Jacques, Jean, Léon and Paul-H., directors; Isabelle continues to offer condolences to the Mercier families who have lost a loved one; thanks to Ernest, Paul-H. and Roland; installation of commemorative plaques honouring J. Paschal in Berthier-en-Bas, and Alexandre, in Saint-Pierre-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud; as of May 11th, 1990 A.M.A.N. has 387 paid-up members; creation of a committee of regional delegates made up of Ernest, Paul-H. and André, who will encourage A.M.A.N. activities in the various regions of Quebec, the rest of Canada and the United States; congratulations go to Ernest, our founding president, for the high honour bestowed on him when he was made Officer of the Order of Canada in October 1989 by Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Jeanne



Unveiling of a commemorative plaque by Roland Mercier of La Pocatière, during the gathering of Merciers at Saint-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud on October 20th, 1989.



Above: members attending the annual general meeting on August 19th, 1990, in Arthabasca.
 Opposite: members of the board elected on that occasion.



Sauvé; motion of thanks to Béatrice and Bernard for their magnificent work at the A.M.A.N. Secretariat over the past three years; congratulations go to Céline Mercier-Rousseau, as well as to Cécile Mercier Nadeau and to the other members of the Bois-Francs regional committee, for their success in organizing a gathering of Merciers in Arthabaska on August 19th, 1990 attended by more than one hundred people; the A.M.A.N. annual general meeting was held at the same time.

Year Six, 1990-1991. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1990-91: André, president, Alain, 1st vice-president, Isabelle, 2nd vice-president, Benoît, secretary-treasurer, Jean,

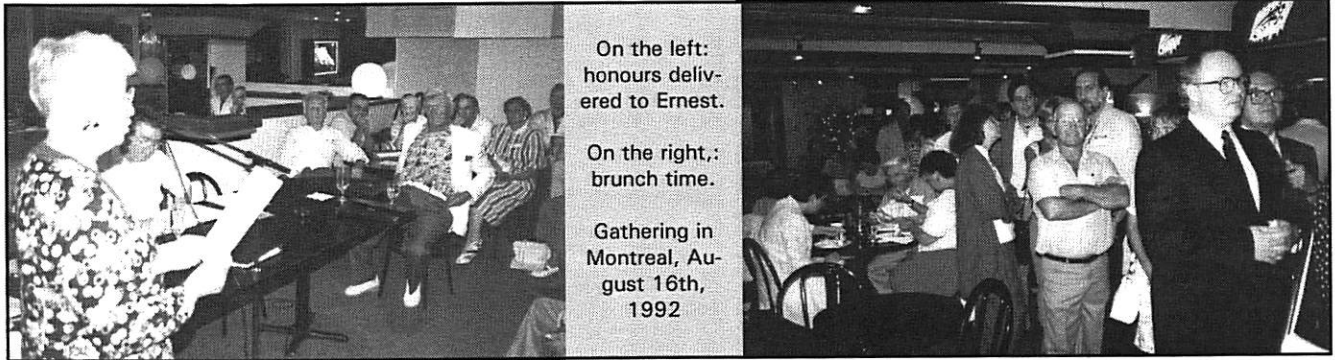


Léon, Paul-H., Claudine, Céline and Ernest, directors, and Jacques, legal counsel; in order to consolidate the genealogical research done on the Merciers by Benoît and Ernest, a computer is purchased, allowing the creation of a data bank on the Merciers; creation of a fund to promote the gathering of ancestral and family photographs; on September 24th, 1990 A.M.A.N. has 353 paid-up members; from June 21st to 23rd, 1991 Ernest attends a reunion of francophones at the Biddeford Fair in Maine, USA; in the Spring of 1991, Ernest is elected a member of the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame, a distinction that is also an honour for all the Merciers of North America and particularly for the members of A.M.A.N.; on August 17th and 18th, 1991 a gathering and A.M.A.N.'s annual general meeting held at the Old Port of Quebec City.

Above: workshop on genealogy and history chaired by Claudine. Opposite: Ernest addressing the participants. Below: Directors elected to the board for 1991-1992. These events occurred during the gathering in the old port of Québec City, August 17th and 18th 1991.



Year Seven, 1991-1992. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1991-92: André, president, Isabelle and Cécile, vice-presidents, Benoît, secretary-treasurer, Claudine, Hélène, Ernest, Jacques, Jean, Léon and Paul-H., directors; from September 11th to 25th, 1991 some Merciers from North America travel to France for a gathering with French Merciers in Fontenay-le-Compte and in Tourouvre; in March, introduction of the manual for A.M.A.N.'s regional delegates; on July



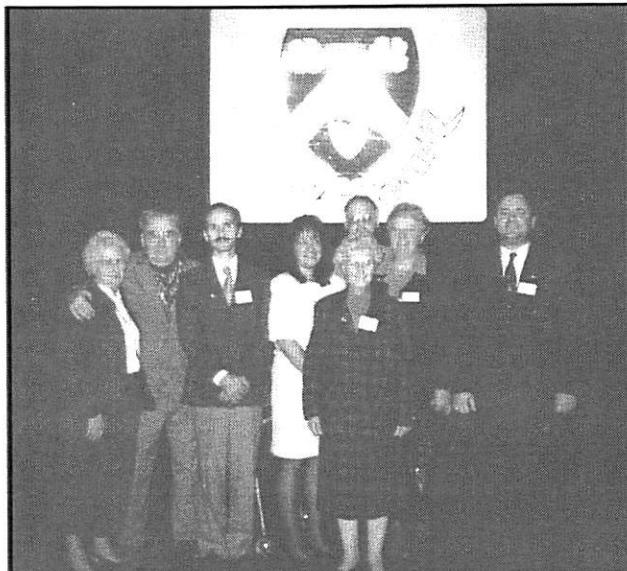
On the left: honours delivered to Ernest.

On the right.: brunch time.

Gathering in Montreal, August 16th, 1992

24th and 25th, 1992 meeting with the Chicoutimi regional committee leaders; survey of Mercier households in Florida done by Roger Mercier, a Quebec retiree, about the possibility of establishing an A.M.A.N. regional committee in that State; the A.M.A.N. certificate for life membership is now available and is given to the life members requesting one; on August 16th, 1992 a gathering and A.M.A.N.'s annual general meeting in Montreal during the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of Montreal; Guy was the main organizer in Montreal; the gathering was an opportunity to pay tribute to Ernest, our founding president, for what he has accomplished since he founded A.M.A.N. in 1985, in order to bring into prominence and distinction the name of Mercier; Ernest was named member for life during the meeting.

Year Eight, 1992-1993. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1992-93: Jean, president, Isabelle and Cécile, vice-presidents, Benoît, secretary-treasurer, Lucie, Marie, Hélène, André, Ernest, Paul-H. and Jacques, directors; Jacques also acts as legal counsel; Jean succeeds André as president; congratulations; as of August 31st last year, we had 337 paid-up members, including 15 life members; a sugar bush party in Plessisville on May 1st, 1993 organized by the Bois-Francs regional committee; thanks to Benoît's efforts, A.M.A.N. is now accredited with Loto-Quebec, the revenue of which represented almost \$2. Per member in 2004-2005; the regional committees of the North Shore (Georges), Saguenay (Alain) and Bois-Francs (Cécile) were very active throughout the year; at the board meeting in February, Ernest mentions that thanks to André, our association has the greatest number of documents and archives; on Septem-



Above organizing committee members. Opposite: members who came from the United States to the gathering of 1993.



ber 25th, 1993 in Sherbrooke, a gathering and annual meeting organized by Sister Marie and her working group led by André of Sherbrooke; result: almost 300 participants, 13 new members and a \$1000 surplus; on that occasion, a life membership certificate was given to Father Jean Mercier

Year Nine, 1993-1994. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1993-94: Jean, president, Lucie and Paul-H., vice-presidents, Benoît (Charlesbourg), secretary-treasurer, André, Benoît (Saint-Agapit), Ernest, Lionel and Marie, directors; on September 25th, 1993 Joseph Norbert from Glendora, in charge of the Western United States regional committee, sends an interesting annual report for 1993-94; as of February 7th, 1994 there are 381 paid-up members, including 24 new members and



A pleasant sugar bush outing at l'Érablière Pointe-à-Sainte-Croix de Lotbinière, April 9th, 1994.

103 renewals; on April 9th, 1994 a sugar bush party in Sainte-Croix de Lotbinière organized by the Bois-Francs regional committee; A.M.A.N. is present on May 15th, 1994 at the Quebec Seniors Show held on the Exhibition grounds; on September 13th, 1994 Ernest receives a Certificate of Merit from the Canadian Cattlemen's Association in recognition of his exceptional contribution to the artificial insemination industry and to the enhancement of the Canadian bovine; Benoît, Ernest and Robert from Valleyfield are still working together on the GÉNAMAN genealogy data bank; a gathering and annual general meeting in Quebec City on October 1st, 1994; in a tribute to Honoré Mercier, Premier of Quebec (1887-1891) on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of his death on October 30th, 1894 in Montreal, a lecture was given by Gilles Gallichan, followed by a tour of the National Assembly and a ceremony at the monument of Honoré Mercier, in front of the Parliament building.

Year Ten, 1994-1995. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1994-95: Jean, president, Benoît (Charlesbourg), secretary-treasurer, André, Benoît (Saint-Agapit), David H., Ernest, Françoise, M. Bélanger, Lionel, Lucie, Marie and Paul-H., directors; a sugar bush party on April 22nd, 1995 at Sainte-Clothilde-de-Beauce, was organized by Annie, a local resident, and Cécile, from Plessisville; meeting of the Eastern Townships Merciers on May 6th, 1995 which Jean and Paul-H. attended as representatives of A.M.A.N.; in the Summer 1995 issue of *Le Mercien*, there is a new column, *Les Mercier dans l'actualité* (Merciers in the news), written by André with the help of some members, especially Marie from Sherbrooke, and the aim is to report the names of Merciers who were involved in notable events or made the news; a corn roast was organized in Victoriaville by Lucie and



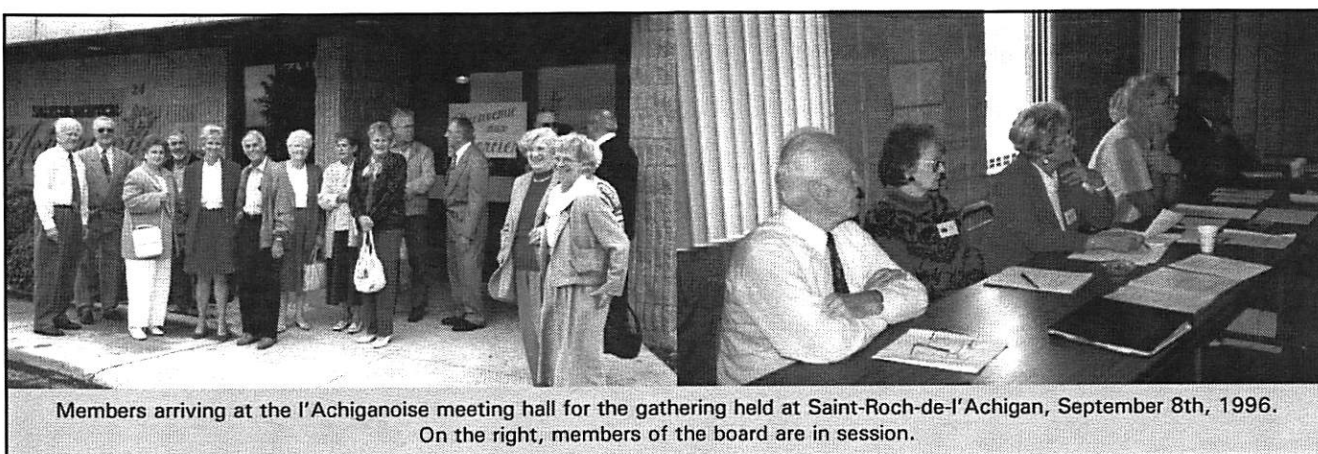
The members of the 1994-1995 board of directors meeting in Sainte-Eulélie

Lionel to raise funds for A.M.A.N.; as of August 30th, 1995 A.M.A.N. has 376 members, including 26 life members; on September 9th, 1995 a gathering and annual general meeting are held at Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, with Robert in charge of the organization for A.M.A.N.; at that meeting, president Jean thanks Paul, Cécile and Odette for the work they have done



over the years, because they had to retire for various reasons; also during that meeting, Jean presents Ralph Mercier, mayor of Charlesbourg, with an A.M.A.N. life membership certificate for his excellent civic work.

Year Eleven, 1995-1996. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1995-96: Lucie, president, David H. and Lionel, vice-presidents, Benoît, secretary-treasurer, Benoît (Saint-Agapit), Ernest, Françoise, M. Bélanger, Huguette, Jean and Vincent, directors; Lucie succeeds Jean as president; congratulations; thanks to Isabelle, A.M.A.N., through Le Mercien, continues to offer condolences to Mercier families who have lost a loved one; during the meeting of the Board of Directors held on March 26th, 1996 it was decided to organize the Mercier gathering for 1997; in August 1996, A.M.A.N. could count on the services of the following regional committees: North Shore (Sept-Îles), Georges Mercier, coordinator, Beauce, Jacques Mercier, coordinator, Estrie, Marie Mercier, coordinator, Bois-Francs-Lotbinière, Lionel, coordinator, Lucie, secretary, Quebec City area, Louise, coordinator, Françoise, secretary, Lanaudière-Laurentides, Michel, coordinator, Lower-St. Lawrence-Gaspé Peninsula, Vincent, coordinator, Alberta, Lucienne M. Croteau, coordinator; the gathering and A.M.A.N.'s annual general meeting are held on September 8th, 1996 at Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan; at the meeting, the annual membership fee is set at \$20; a team led by Michel organized the gathering, which included a sightseeing tour of Île des Moulins in Terrebonne; there were about 165 participants.



Members arriving at the l'Achiganoise meeting hall for the gathering held at Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, September 8th, 1996. On the right, members of the board are in session.

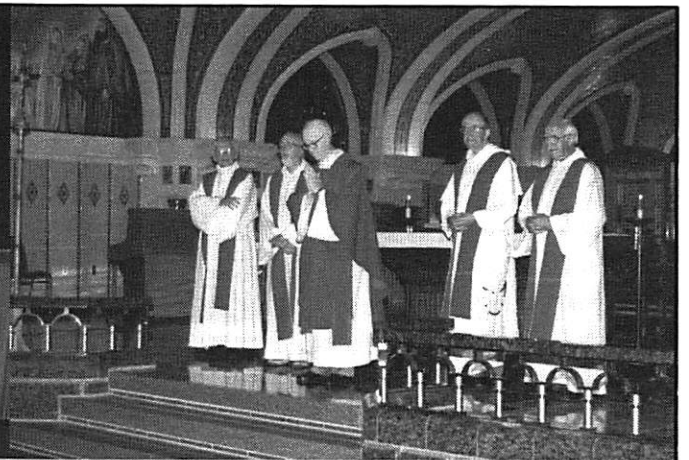
Year Twelve, 1996-1997. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1996-97: Lucie, president, Lionel, vice-president and secretary, Michel, vice-president, Benoît, treasurer, André (Sainte-Foy), André (Mascouche), Benoît (Saint-Agapit), Ernest, Françoise, Marie, Michel and Pierre, directors; a sugar bush party organized by the Bois-Francs-Lotbinière regional committee is held at Saint-Sylvestre de Lotbinière on April 12th, 1997; from September 17th to October 5th, 1997 Mercier and Trudel(le) families and friends travel to France; Lucie and Marie are sent as delegates to the convention of Original Families of Quebec in Sherbrooke from May 2nd to 4th, 1997; a gathering in Beaupré from August 1st to 3rd, 1997.

Organizing Committee: Pierre, president, Isabelle, vice-president, André, coordination, secretariat and treasury, Anne, Claudine, Ernest, Charles, Françoise and Claude, directors; Committees for the Gathering: Genealogy: Claudine, Ernest, Benoît and Robert; Mercier Exhibit: Françoise, André and Ernest; The Merciers on Stage: Anne and Claude; The Ceremony at the Basilica: Isabelle and Yvon; Sélection Mercier: Alain, André and Claude Dufour; A.M.A.N.'s Annual General Meeting: Lucie, Lionel and Charles; Registration: Lucille, Anne, Louis and André; The Merciadès: Anne, Julie, Louis, Charles and Carl; The Passport Booklet: Anne and Pierre; Ceremony at the Honoré Mercier Monument: Isabelle and François Gendron; Physical Organization: Lorrain; Playing the role of Honoré Mercier: Isabelle and Les Productions Épisode;.

The June issue of *Le Mercien*: Isabelle, Claudine, André, Ernest and Pierre; The Protocol Committee: Isabelle and Pierre; Activities at the Gathering: Friday evening August 1st, welcome and registration, opening night of the gathering and reunion under the patronage of Honoré Mercier and Mrs. Lucie Mercier, president of A.M.A.N.; Saturday August 2nd, opening of Expo-Mercier '97, A.M.A.N.'s general meeting, visit to the Former Premiers of Quebec Walk, ceremony at the Honoré Mercier monument in front of the Parliament building, guided tour of the National Assembly and discussion about Honoré Mercier; Mass at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in the basement of the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica, with Father Jules Mercier of Beauport officiating; presentation of the Sélection Mercier wines, banquet and tributes to three hard-working Merciers: Mrs. Lucienne Mercier-Croteau, Ernest and Benoît; Sunday August 3rd: the Merciadès, corn roast, Merciers on Stage; at the Saturday evening banquet, A.M.A.N. chose to recognize the exceptional contribution of three of



The organizing committee: Pierre, Lucie and André



Mercier priests officiating at the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré basilica

Second major gathering of Merciers
from August 1st to 3rd, 1997
in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré

Reception at the Québec National Assembly hall



Part of the crowd attending the Mercier talent show



its members to the advancement of the history of the Merciers, and its promotion and development; those members are: Ernest, Quebec City, Lucienne Mercier-Croteau, Bonnyville, Alberta, and Benoît, Charlesbourg; the award of a life membership certificate to André and Benoît at the gathering allows A.M.A.N. to recognize and express the exceptional contribution of those two Merciers to our association; the Fédération des Familles-souches du Québec appointed Paul-Armand Morin to represent them at the gathering; the banquet gave the Merciers from other Canadian provinces and from the US the opportunity to introduce themselves and say where they were from, which was appreciated by everyone present; once again, Monique Mercier showed her generosity to our organization by donating one of her paintings; the portrayal of Honoré Mercier helped to give the evening an air of relaxation, warmth and friendliness; the members of the organizing committee, as well as the special committees led by Pierre and coordinated by André, achieved another very successful Mercier gathering which was appreciated by all.

Year Thirteen, 1997-1998. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1997-98: Michel, president, Claude and Cécilia, vice-presidents, Lionel, secretary, Benoît, treasurer, Marie, Françoise, Ernest, André (Mascouche) and Pierre-Paul, directors; Michel succeeds Lucie as president; congratulations; sugar bush party organized by the Bois-Francis-Lotbinière regional committee is held on April



18th, 1998 at the Invernois Sugar Shack located at Inverness; the Summer '98 issue of *Le Mercien* contains an application form for the title of Governor of A.M.A.N., showing how benefactors of A.M.A.N. as well as Mercier businessmen and women or their relatives can use the payment of a life membership fee of \$1000 (one thousand dollars) to contribute once and for all to the consolidation of the financial situation of A.M.A.N.; it is the co-chairmen of the Vision 2000 A.M.A.N. membership renewal campaign,

Above: members are hosted by officials of the city of Mercier on September 26th, 1998, on the occasion of the annual gathering on the historical site of the battle of Châteauguay, held at Allen's, Corner.
Opposite: members of the board of directors for the year 1998-1999.

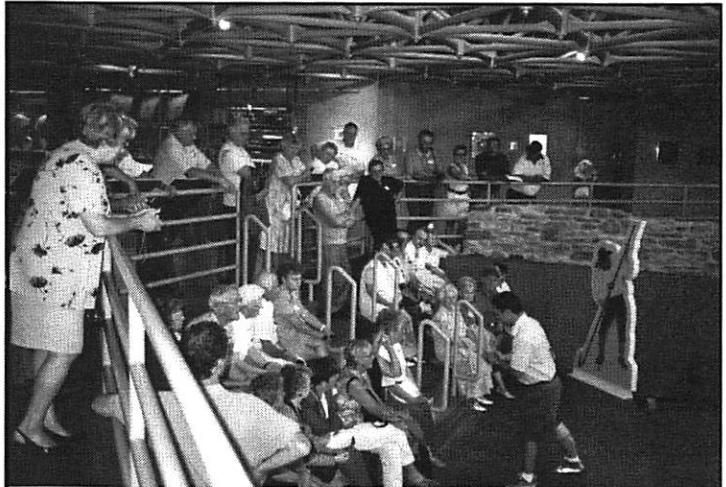
Léonce Mercier, member of the Senate of Canada and Ernest Mercier, founder and first president of A.M.A.N., who extend this invitation to become a Governor of A.M.A.N.; on Saturday September 26th, 1998 an annual gathering of the Merciers and A.M.A.N.'s annual general meeting at Allan's Corner, Howick, took place on the exact location of the Battle of Châteauguay National Historic Site; Pierre-Paul, in charge of the organization of the meeting, had the cooperation of several Merciers to make his event a success.



Year Fourteen, 1998-1999. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1998-99: Michel, president, Cécilia and Pierre-Paul, vice-presidents, Lionel, secretary, Jean, treasurer, Marie, Françoise, Dolorès Morin, Ernest and André (Mascouche), directors; at its meeting of November 9th, 1998 following the death of Paul-H. Mercier, the board passed a resolution extending condolences to his family and to Jean; as of December 31st, 1998 A.M.A.N. has 277 paid-up members, including 49 life members; on April 17th, 1999 our president Michel, presented Ernest, our founding president, with the very first A.M.A.N. Governor certificate, marking his 85th birthday; the 1999 annual gathering and A.M.A.N.'s annual meeting were held on September 25th in Montmagny and were organized by Pierre-Paul and Cécilia, with the help of Thérèse from Montmagny, as well as that of Ernest and Benoît from Quebec City; at the meeting, a life honorary membership certificate was presented

to Robert Mercier from Valleyfield, in recognition of all his genealogical work for the Merciers and his devotion to the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc.; one of the events of the gathering was a tour of the high counties of Montmagny and Bellechasse, which brought a lot of good memories and unveiled a part of Mercier family heritage in a rural area.

Year Fifteen, 1999-2000. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 1999-00: Pierre-Paul, president, Marie-Reine, 1st vice-president, Michel, 2nd vice-president, Jean, treasurer, Lionel, secretary, Ernest, Benoît, André (Mascouche), Françoise, Dolorès Morin and Thérèse, directors; Pierre-Paul succeeds Michel as president; congratulations; at its November 20th, 1999 meeting, the board decided that, as of July 1st, 2000, the fee for new members and the renewal fee will be set at \$25 a year or \$40 for two years; the gathering and annual meeting were held on August 26th in Trois-Rivières; in his annual president's report, Pierre-Paul mentions that A.M.A.N. has 268 active members, including 62 life members and 8 Governors; he also mentions that our association's internet site is gradually taking shape; the gathering included a visit to the Musée de Trois-Rivières and to the Forges du Saint-Maurice.



During the August 26th, 2000 gathering at Trois-Rivières, the participants visited the Forges du Saint-Maurice

Year Sixteen, 2000-2001. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 2000-01: Pierre-Paul, president, Lionel, vice-president and secretary, Jean, treasurer, Françoise, Thérèse, Ernest, Gérald and Jean-Guy, directors; at the June 9th, 2001 board meeting,



In 2001, the annual gathering was held on August 25th and 26th in Sainte-Foy, Quebec. Above Ernest, our founding-president, is made an Honorary Governor and receives his certificate from Pierre-Paul, the President. Opposite, a religious service was held at the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré basilica.

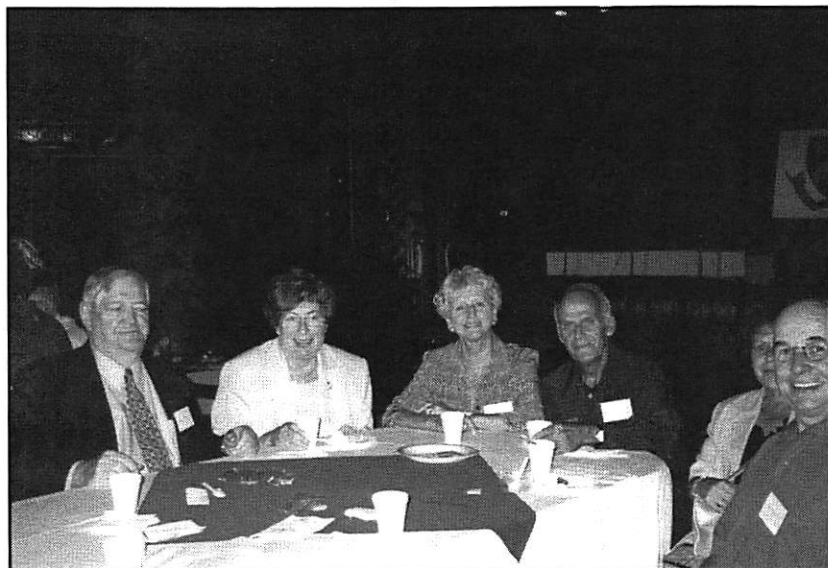
Pierre-Paul announces that Lionel has been hospitalized for a while and wishes him a speedy recovery; he also mentions that in May he visited the facilities where A.M.A.N.'s archives are stored and that he was happy to see that the association's documents are kept in very appropriate conditions; also on June 9th, 2001 a memorandum of understanding was concluded by A.M.A.N. and Ernest concerning the transfer of his various books and documents of an historical nature, as well as his genealogy data bank with attending copyrights; proposal for a trip to France in September 2002; on August 25th and 26th, the gathering and A.M.A.N.'s annual meeting in Sainte-Foy; the members of the organizing committee for the event

were: Jean-Guy, in charge, and Isabelle, Benoît and Jean, and they offered an interesting program of activities, including a sightseeing tour of Quebec City and the Citadelle, a mass at the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica, as well as a tour of historical Saint-Joachim-de-Beaupré.



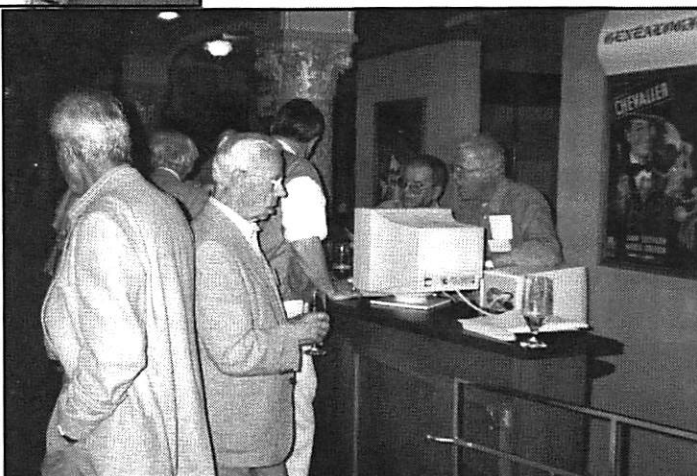
Year Seventeen, 2001-2002. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 2001-02: Pierre-Paul, president, Claudine, vice-president, Jacques, secretary, Jean, treasurer, Lucie, Sister Marie, Thérèse, Gérald and Jean-Guy, directors; at the board meeting on March 23rd, 2002 Pierre-Paul, the president, announces the sad news of Ernest Mercier's passing; A.M.A.N.'s founding

president passed away on March 4th, 2002 in Quebec City; in February, our association takes part in the Original Families Fair at Place Laurier; Benoît was in charge of that activity, assisted by Jean-Guy, Thérèse, Jean, Marcelle, André, Claudine and Roger; on April 16th, a sugar bush party held in Saint-Henri de Lévis and organized by Jean-Guy, is a huge success; the 2002 annual gathering



On the occasion of the 2002 gathering held on September 7th, retired senator Léonce Mercier favoured us with his presence. Below: the genealogy counter was very popular. Robert and Benoît were very busy answering queries.

of the Merciers is held in Sherbrooke on September 7th; the program includes the annual general meeting, a walking tour of Sherbrooke, and during the banquet there is a presentation on the 200-year history of Sherbrooke, with an account of the role played by Mercier families throughout those years; on that occasion, A.M.A.N. is happy to welcome a valuable collaborator in the person of Senator Léonce Mercier; in his president's report, Pierre-Paul pays tribute to Ernest, who passed away last March; he reminds everyone of the important role he played within A.M.A.N. and suggests a minute of silence in his memory; also during that meeting, an honorary life membership certificate is presented to Sister Marie Mercier, from Sherbrooke, in recognition of the valuable services she has offered A.M.A.N. for a number of years.



Year Eighteen, 2002-2003. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 2002-03: Pierre-Paul, president, Claudine, vice-president, Jacques, secretary, Jean, treasurer, Thérèse, Lucie, Jean-Guy, Jean-Louis and Benoît, directors; again this year, Jean-Guy organizes a sugar bush party at Érablière Bruneau in Saint-Henri de Lévis on April 12th, 2003; the Winter 2003 issue of *Le Mercien* mentions that Mrs. Céline Mercier Rousseau from Bécancour has qualified as a life member of our association; she has been active in A.M.A.N. for several years; following a suggestion from Georges Mercier of Sept-Îles, Pierre-Paul presents Mrs. Marcelle Normand, widow of the late Ernest Mercier, with a laminated copy of the front page of the issue of *Le Mercien* devoted to him; the gathering of the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc. is held on August 23rd and 24th, at the Stewart Museum inside the Fort de l'île Sainte-Hélène, in Montreal; the activities include, on Saturday, A.M.A.N.'s annual meeting, presentation of the mosaics on the places of origin of the Merciers, a visit to the two exhibitions at the museum, and the Governor's Feast in the former barracks; the next day, a visit to the Musée de la Pointe à Callières and to the International Mosaïcures in Montreal.

Year Nineteen, 2003-2004. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 2003-04: Pierre-Paul, president, Lucie (Saint-Lambert) and Benoît, vice-presidents, Jacques, secretary, Jean, treasurer, Jean-Guy, Thérèse, Lucie (Plessisville), Johanne, Raynald and Claude, directors; A.M.A.N. takes part in the genealogy fair organized by the Fédération des Familles-souches du Québec at Montreal's Complexe Desjardins, on October 18th and 19th, 2003; at the board meeting on November 15th, 2003 Pierre-Paul, the president, thanks the volunteers who helped him on that occasion; they are: Robert from Valleyfield, Lucie from Saint-Lambert, and Jacques from Saint-Stanislas de Kostka; at that same meeting, it is decided to bring down from



\$40 to \$25 the sale price for the book entitled *Mercier depuis des siècles*, since Ernest's family agreed last July 11th to reduce its royalty from \$25 to \$10 per book sold; also at the November 15th meeting, the president presents a document outlining various projects to be realized and suggests the creation of a Development Fund in order to raise the money necessary for those projects; the five projects are as follows: a video presentation on the arrival of the Merciers in America, a genealogy dictionary, a cumulative index of all the articles published in *Le Mercien*, a retrospective of the first 20 years of A.M.A.N. and perhaps a monument at La Grandinière; Jean-Guy is charged with looking after A.M.A.N.'s participation in the next Genealogy Fair at Place Laurier in Sainte-Foy from February 19th to 22nd, 2004; on April 17th, 2004 the Merciers gather at the Sucrerie d'Antan, in Plessisville; Lucie and Cécile organized this event; at the board meeting on February 14th, 2004 a letter was tabled from Éric R. Mercier, member of the Quebec National Assembly for Charlesbourg, containing a financial contribution given following a request for help in funding various projects, and a letter from Lucie Mercier and Ian Campbell from Ottawa containing a \$75 donation to be applied against the costs related to the acquisition of an exclusive domain name for A.M.A.N.'s web site; these donations were

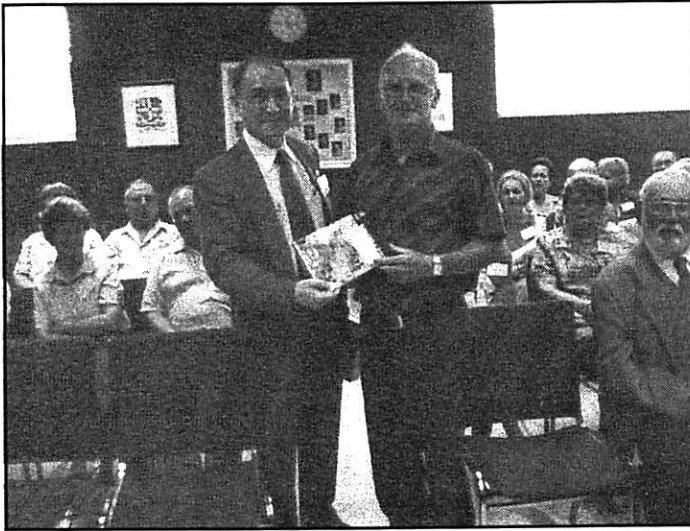
The 2003 annual gathering took place in Montréal on August 23rd and 24th. « Le Festin des Gouverneurs » (The Governor's Feast) took place within the confines of the fort on St-Helen's island, in the middle of the St-Lawrence River. Benoît of Mississauga, Ont. acted as the governor and Claire of Terrebonne, Qué., as his companion. Retired judge Luc Mercier and his wife seemed to have enjoyed the evening performance.

deposited in the newly created A.M.A.N. Development Fund and will be added to the first donation made by retired Senator Léonce Mercier; in the Summer 2004 issue of *Le Mercien*, the president invites Mercier members to make a bequest to A.M.A.N. in their will, when possible; the annual gathering and A.M.A.N.'s annual meeting are held on August 28th, 2004 in Sainte-Marie de Beauce; Raynald from Sainte-Marie, Johanne from Quebec City, Thérèse from Montmagny, Jean-Louis from Lévis and Jean-Guy from Sainte-Foy make a substantial contribution to the success of these two events; among the day's activities: a magnificent painting made by Thérèse Bouffard, wife of Robert from Valleyfield is raffled off and won by Allen



Lagassé, husband of Monique Mercier from Bécancour, who is also well known within A.M.A.N.; the train ride in the Chaudière-Appalaches région; a visit to the Sainte-Marie city hall, where Mr. Rosaire Simonneau, acting mayor, welcomes the visitors, including a few members and guests from outside Quebec - Olga Majewski and her husband Casimir from Milford, Ct., Lucie and her husband Ian Campbell from Ottawa, Élise Reese from Brampton, Ont. and Germaine Cartier from Vancouver; the presence of Georges from Sept-Îles is also noted.

Year Twenty, 2004-2005. A.M.A.N.'s Board of Directors for 2004-05: Pierre-Paul, président, Benoît and Raynald, vice-presidents, Jean, treasurer, Jacques, secretary, Jean-Guy, Jean-Louis, Johanne, Lucie (Plessisville), Lucie (Saint-Lambert), Raynald, Suzanne and Thérèse, directors; at the board meeting on October 23rd, 2004 the sale price of Ernest's book *Mercier depuis des siècles* is set at \$20 and the president reports that the Development Fund is \$210 richer, thanks to donations from friends of Father Antoine Mercier of Montreal and from Thérèse Bouffard, wife of Robert from Valleyfield; as a matter of fact, in his annual report the president said that as of June 30th, 2004 the fund contains \$2545; according to the



During the 2004 annual gathering held on August 28th in Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce, the participants were hosted at city hall by the mayor's representative and souvenirs were exchanged between the city and AMAN.'s president, Pierre-Paul. Below: the 2004-2005 members of the board of directors met at Sainte-Eulalie.



minutes of the board meeting held on January 29th, 2005 it is resolved to send a letter of thanks to Claudine Mercier for her excellent work on the cumulative index for *Le Mercien*, and to name honorary life member Éric Mercier, member of the Quebec National Assembly, as well as to hold the annual sugar bush party on April 2nd next; in 2005, Isabelle continues her column in *Le Mercien*, thus allowing A.M.A.N. to continue to offer our condolences to the Mercier families who have lost a loved one; Benoît reports that as of mid-March 2005, A.M.A.N. has some 260 members, including the life members and the Governors; the gathering and annual general meeting will be held on August 27th in Quebec City and an interesting program of festivities will mark the twenty years of existence of the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc..

Conclusion.

It is said that archives are the memory of an organization and it is this source of information that the author of these lines used to recount the activities and accomplishments of A.M.A.N. over the last twenty years, while connecting these with the names of the Mercier members who have worked hard in order to make our association a progressive, living and well-structured one.

This historical overview is also based on numerous testimonies, interviews, special mentions of several Merciers at our meetings and gatherings, and articles and photographs in *Le Mercien*. So that you have an idea of the work accomplished over the past twenty years, let us mention that the boards of directors held more than 85 meetings and that the executive committees held about twenty of them, that numerous activities were organized by the regional committees and that *Le Mercien* was published more than 80 times, first under Ernest's direction from 1985 to March 2002, and from then on under Pierre-Paul's direction. Many people have contributed articles - among them Claudine and Isabelle, members of *Le Mercien* committee, Benoît, Jean, Lionel, Sister Marie, André and numerous others. This summary of our achievements was made possible through the collection and conservation of numerous newspaper and magazine articles, and documents showing Merciers in the news, as well as mementos in the form of photographs, brochures and texts documenting all the gatherings and annual meetings held over the last twenty years.

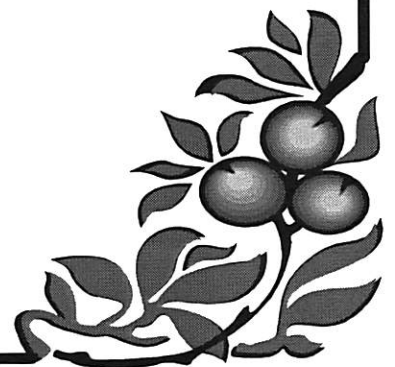
The Merciers can be proud of being part of an organization called the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc., because there are a lot of Merciers from Quebec, from other Canadian provinces and from the United States who are members.

André Mercier
from Québec City,
Corporate Record Librarian

Translated and adapted from French by Lucie Mercier and Ian Campbell of Ottawa



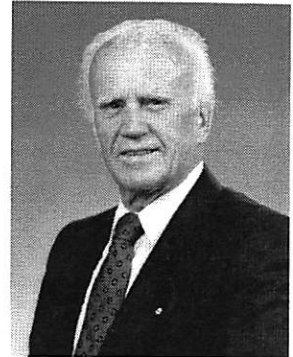
And now,
those outstanding
volunteers
who made
our association
as it is today



Those responsible for the development of our association

The presidents

Ernest Mercier, Founding-President, from Quebec City (#32);
President, from 1985 to 1989, died on March 4, 2002;
Editor of the publication "Le Mercien" from 1985 to March 2002;
Author of "Mercier depuis des siècles", a 500-page book published in 1987 on Merciers in Europe and America;
Author of many articles, reports and testimonies in "Le Mercien";
Initiator of several projects and undertakings;
Pioneer in genealogical research on the Mercier family;
Responsible for organizing the annual meeting in 1986 at Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré and in 1989 at Saint-François-de-Montmagny;
Named Honorary Governor of A.M.A.N. in 1999.
Looking back over the last twenty years, it is evident that Ernest Mercier was constantly involved personally and sometimes financially in the existence and development of AMAN and we honor him for what he has accomplished.



André Mercier, President, from Quebec City (#189);
President from 1989 to 1992;
Contributor to the newsletter "Le Mercier";
President and coordinator of the major gathering of 1987;
Coordinator and treasurer of the major gathering of 1997;
A.M.A.N.'s corporate record librarian from 1986 to this day;
Responsible for the 1991 annual meeting in the Old Port of Quebec City.



Jean Mercier, President, from Beauport (#12);
President from 1992 to 1995;
Contributor to the association's newsletter "Le Mercien";
Responsible for the 1994 annual meeting in Quebec City;
Involved in several important projects.



Lucie Mercier, President, from Plessisville (#126);
President from 1995 to 1997;
Contributor to "Le Mercien", the AMAN newsletter;
Regional committee member for the Bois-Francs area;
Organizer of A.M.A.N. activities in her region for many years.



Michel Mercier, President, from Terrebonne (#485);
President from 1997 to 1999;
Contributor to "Le Mercien";
Responsible for the 1996 annual meeting in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.



Pierre-Paul Mercier, President, from Saint-Lambert (#19);
President, from 1999 to this day;
Named A.M.A.N. Governor in 2000;
Author of many articles, reports and testimonies in "Le Mercien";
Editor of the newsletter "Le Mercien" from 2002 to this day;
Initiator of several projects and undertakings;
Responsible for the 1998 annual meeting at Allan's Corner, Howick, and at Saint-Helen's Island in 2003;
Author of a 420-page book on his family published in 1998.



The worthy collaborators

Alain Mercier, collaborator from Charny (#15).

Member of the Board of Directors in 1985, 1988, 1989 and 1990.

Second Vice-President of the 1987 major gathering organizing committee.

Active in various A.M.A.N. committees.

In 1989, responsible for a survey on the newsletter "Le Mercien", to evaluate the degree of satisfaction of members with their newsletter and suggested improvements to be made.

One of the first A.M.A.N. members in 1985.

André Mercier, collaborator from Sherbrooke (#1214).

President of the organizing committee of the 1993 and 2002 annual meetings in Sherbrooke.

Participation in the organization of activities of the Eastern Townships regional committee.

Close collaborator to the work of Sister Marie in the A.M.A.N., in the Sherbrooke region and in the province.

Béatrice Mercier-Lacroix, Sainte-Foy collaborator (#458).

Secretary of the Board of Directors from 1987 to 1990.

During those years, Beatrice and her partner Bernard Lacroix were also involved in membership activities such as recruitment and renewals, especially at annual meetings.

Benoît Mercier, Charlesbourg collaborator (#222).

Has occupied several positions on the Board of Directors and various committees, including that of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President, from 1986 to this day.

Organized the presence of A.M.A.N. at the genealogy fair in Quebec City in 2002

Involved in genealogical research on the Mercier surname, he is one of the people responsible for the GENAMAN genealogical data bank and has shared his personal findings with the bank.

Cécile Mercier-Nadeau, collaborator from Plessisville (#385).

Vice-President of the Board of Directors in 1991 and 1992.

Involved in organizing the 1990 annual meeting at Arthabaska.

Responsible for the regional committee for the Bois-Francs area, organizer of various activities including several sugaring-off parties around Plessisville.

Cécilia Mercier, collaborator from Lac-Beauport (#1342).

Vice-President of the Board of Directors in 1997 and 1998.

Contributed to the organization of the 1999 Montmagny annual meeting.

Involved in several projects and activities.

Céline Rousseau, collaborator from Bécancour (#64)

Member of A.M.A.N. since the beginning;

Qualified as a life member;

Member of the organizing committee for the gatherings in Arthabasca in August 1990 and in Trois-Rivières in August 2000; very active in the Bécancour area activities.

Claudine Mercier, collaborator from Quebec City (#35).

Another A.M.A.N. pioneer who has occupied several positions on the Board of Directors and various committees from

1985 to this day.

Involved in genealogical research on the Mercier surname.

Produced the 1985-2004 cumulative index of "Le Mercien" which charts our association's evolution. Contributor to the newsletter as well.

Collette Mercier-Dallaire, collaborator from Quebec City (#65)

Assisted Ernest with the founding of A.M.A.N.;

Was the first elected secretary of the board of directors;

Knowledgeable in genealogy and history;

Passed away in 1990.

Françoise Mercier-Bélanger, Charlesbourg collaborator (#737).

Member of the Board of Directors from 1994 to 2001.

Member of the organizing committee for the 1997 major gathering and responsible for Expo-Mercier which largely presented paintings by Mercier artists.

Quebec regional committee member.

Active in the recruiting of new A.M.A.N. members.

Georges Mercier, collaborator from Sept-Îles (#219).

Responsible for the Cote-Nord regional committee.

Promoter of various activities in his region.

In spite of great distances, travels to annual meetings.

Contributes to the newsletter "Le Mercien".

Isabelle Mercier-Dufour, collaborator from Sainte-Foy (#269).

Active with her partner Claude Dufour in A.M.A.N. activities as early as 1986.

Member of Boards of Directors and committees to this day.

Vice-President of the organizing committees of the 1987 and 1997 major gatherings. Claude has also been actively involved in several activities.

From 1989 onwards, responsible for the column in "Le Mercien" through which the AMAN offers its condolences to Mercier families in mourning.

Jacques Mercier, Quebec City collaborator (#181)

Member of the Board of Directors from 1986 to 1992.

As legal counsel, Jacques Mercier wrote the first statutes of the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc., which was adopted at the annual meeting in Beauré on August 15, 1987, during the first major gathering.

Jacques Mercier, collaborator from Saint-Georges-de-Beauce (#341)

Author of the words and music to the song "A toi Mercier de l'Amérique" which was premiered at the major gathering in Beauré in 1987.

Involved in the Saint-Georges regional committee.

Jean Mercier, collaborator from Quebec City (#1)

One of A.M.A.N.'s pioneers through his involvement with the early boards of directors;

His membership card bearing no.1 says it all;

He has been acting as treasurer for many years, and is currently responsible for membership renewals and cards.

Jean-Guy Mercier, collaborator from Sainte-Foy (# 1417).



Member of the Board of Directors since 2000.

Responsible for the organizing committee of the 2001 and 2005 annual meetings in Sainte-Foy and Québec City.

Participated in the organization of the Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce annual meeting in 2004.

Organized A.M.A.N.'s participation in the genealogy exhibition of the Federation des Familles-souches Quebecoises at Place Laurier in Sainte-Foy, from 2003 to 2005.

Joseph Norbert Mercier, collaborator from Glendora, California (U.S.) (#935).

Translated from French to English chapter 5 of Ernest's book.

Responsible for the regional committee of the Western United States.

Interesting activities were organized for Merciers living in the region.

Laureat Mercier, collaborator from Sainte-Sabine (#164)

As a C.G.A. accountant, Laureat audits A.M.A.N.'s books and prepares the annual financial statements free of charge every year since 1986.

Leonce Mercier, from Orford, collaborator (#1385)

Retired Canadian Senator, he devotes part of his time to the A.M.A.N.

In 1998, he was co-chairman, with the late Ernest, of the renewal campaign Vision 2000 which invited members to become Governors of the association.

He has also been involved in the Development Fund which collects money to finance upcoming projects.

Lionel Mercier, Victoriaville collaborator (#93)

Vice-President and Secretary to the Board of Directors from 1995 to 2001.

Participates in regional committee activities in the Bois-Francis-Lotbinière region.

Contributor to the newsletter "Le Mercien".

Lucienne E. Mercier-Croteau, collaborator from Bonnyville, Alberta (#988)

A Governor of A.M.A.N.

Organizer, at the end of May 1989, of a reunion of two hundred Merciers from Western Canada in Bonnyville.

Responsible for various activities of the Alberta regional committee.

Contributor to "Le Mercien", the association newsletter.

Participates in annual meetings in Quebec, in spite of living far away.

Marie Mercier (Sister), Sherbrooke collaborator (#107).

Member of several Boards of Directors and A.M.A.N. committees since 1992.

Actively participated in the organization of the 1993 and 2002 annual meetings in Sherbrooke.

Organized many activities of the Eastern Townships regional committee.

Diligent contributor to "Le Mercien".

Monique Mercier, from Bécancour, collaborator (#49)

Participated in the organization of the gathering in Trois-Rivières.

Has always supported A.M.A.N. activities and has promoted the association on her many travels.

The renowned painter has given an important number of her paintings as prizes to be given away at annual meetings.

Paul-Henri Mercier, collaborator from Sainte-Foy (#31).

Ernest's loyal companion during the founding of the association and the promotion of its activities.

Occupied many positions on the Board of Directors and on various committees from 1985 until his death in 1999.

Selfless supporter of the association and also financial contributor.

Pierre Mercier, Sainte-Foy collaborator (#8).
Member of Boards of Directors and A.M.A.N. committees since 1986.
President of the organizing committee for the 1997 major gathering.
This event was very successful under his very active presidency.

Rachel Mercier-Doyer, collaborator from Quebec City (#45).
Involved since 1985 in the existence and development of the association as a member of the Board of Directors and various committees; died in February 1995.
Led intense recruiting efforts.
Member of the organizing committee for the 1987 major gathering. Gave A.M.A.N. videos and pictures of the event.

Robert Mercier, Valleyfield collaborator (#1190)
Organizer for the 1995 annual meeting in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield.
Genealogical research on the Mercier surname, one of the people responsible for the genealogical data bank GENAMAN and contributor to the project of his personal findings over the years.

Roland J. Mercier, collaborator from La Pocatière (#61)
Member since the beginning and active participant at annual gatherings;
In cooperation with Ernest and Paul H., was instrumental in the installation of commemorative plates in honor of J. Pascal Mercier in Berthier and Alexandre Mercier at Saint-Pierre-du-Sud;
Has actively researched his ancestors in Normandy and produced interesting papers on his family.

Thérèse Mercier, collaborator from Montmagny (#455)
Member of the Board of Directors from 1999 to this day.
Involved in the organizing of the 1999 annual meeting in Montmagny and several others where she often works at the reception desk.

Many other Merciers and their families, over the last twenty years, have contributed to the existence and development of the

Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc.

André Mercier
of Quebec City
Corporate record librarian

June 2005

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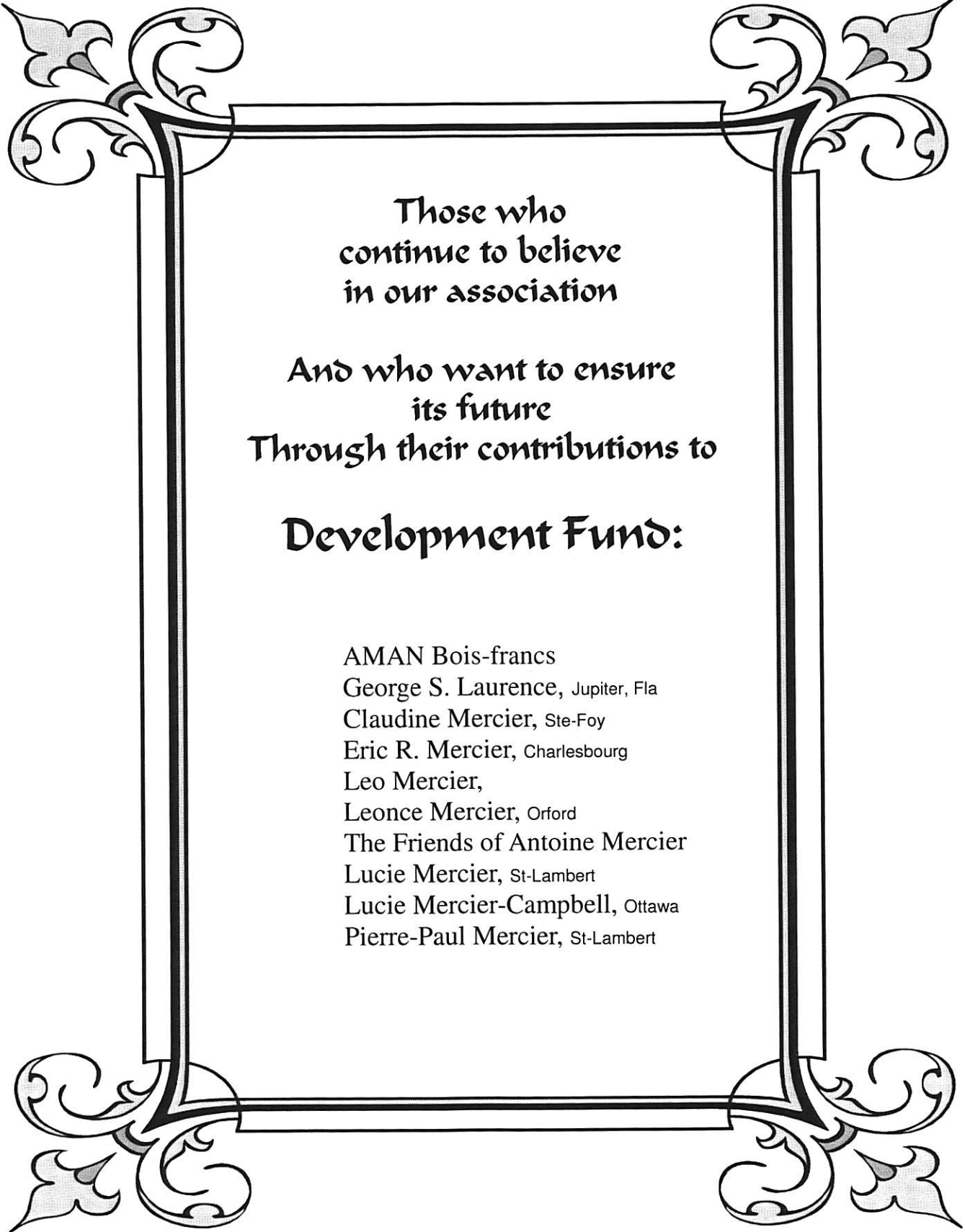


**Those
Who believed
In the**

**Association of Merciers
in 1997**

and who allowed it to survive:

AMAN Bois-Francs
AMAN Eastern Townships
Andre Mercier, Quebec City
Benoît Mercier, Charlesbourg
Cecilia Mercier, Lac Beauport
Claude Mercier, St-Roch-l' Achigan
Ernest Mercier, Quebec City
Grace Mercier,
Lionel Mercier, Victoriaville
Lucie Mercier, Plessisville
Marie Mercier, Sherbrooke
Pierre Mercier, Québec



**Those who
continue to believe
in our association**

**And who want to ensure
its future
Through their contributions to**

Development Fund:

AMAN Bois-francs
George S. Laurence, Jupiter, Fla
Claudine Mercier, Ste-Foy
Eric R. Mercier, Charlesbourg
Leo Mercier,
Leonce Mercier, Orford
The Friends of Antoine Mercier
Lucie Mercier, St-Lambert
Lucie Mercier-Campbell, Ottawa
Pierre-Paul Mercier, St-Lambert

The Governors

Name	Occupation	Residence	Admission
Ernest Mercier (#32)			1999
Pierre-Paul Mercier (#19)	Management	Saint-Lambert, Que.	2000
Alain Mercier (#77)	Communication	Sillery, Que.	2000
Charles Mercier (#76)	Engineering	Quebec City, Que.	2000
Christine Mercier (#75)	Education	Quebec City, Que.	2000
Louis Mercier (#52)	Actuary	Saint-Bruno, Que.	2000
Pierre Mercier (#73)	Engineering	Saint-Bruno, Que.	2000
Suzanne Mercier (#74)	Commerce	Montreal, Que.	2000
Lucienne M-Croteau (#988)	Education	Bonnyville, Alta.	2001

The honorary Life Members

André Mercier (#189), Quebec City, QC

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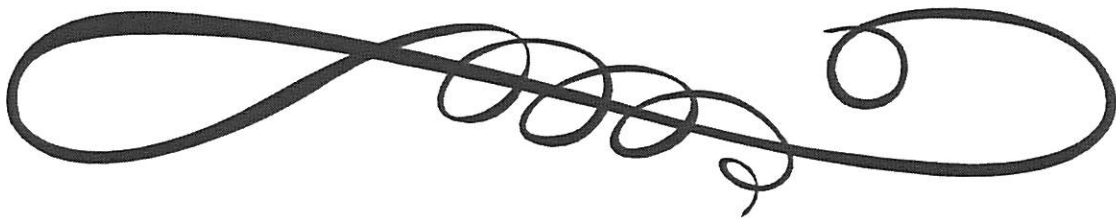
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The story of many Mercier ancestors
has been immortalized in the words of the theme song

A TOI MERCIER DE L'AMÉRIQUE

Jacques Mercier of Saint-Georges-de-Beauce is the author of the words and music of the Mercier theme song launched on the occasion of the first major Mercier gathering in 1987. It brings to light moments in the history of our name. Pleasant memories come to our minds when we hear the words that follow (in French).

**À toi ! Mercier de l'Amérique
À toi ! Je veux te dire
L'amour que tu m'inspires
Pour toi je deviens romantique
Chante loin tes souvenirs**

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En 1664, sur la côte de Beauré
Julien et Marie ont consenti.
Ils se sont aimés
Et dans leurs foulées,
Ont engendré tout un pays

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1725, une promenade à Verchères,
Pierre Simon, Marie-Renée Pineau.
Un Mercier bedeau
Y'en a qu'pour les dévôts
Heureuses racines humanitaires.

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1679, dans un coin d'Acadie
Pierre et Andrée Martin ont dit Oui.
Loin de Beaubassin,
Les Caud'bec vont plus loin;
Finiront leurs vies à Montmagny.

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1761, lendemain de conquête,
A vu Charles et Marianne Lahaise,
Finies les défaites:
L'Assomption est en fête;
Charles et Marianne viennent de promettre.

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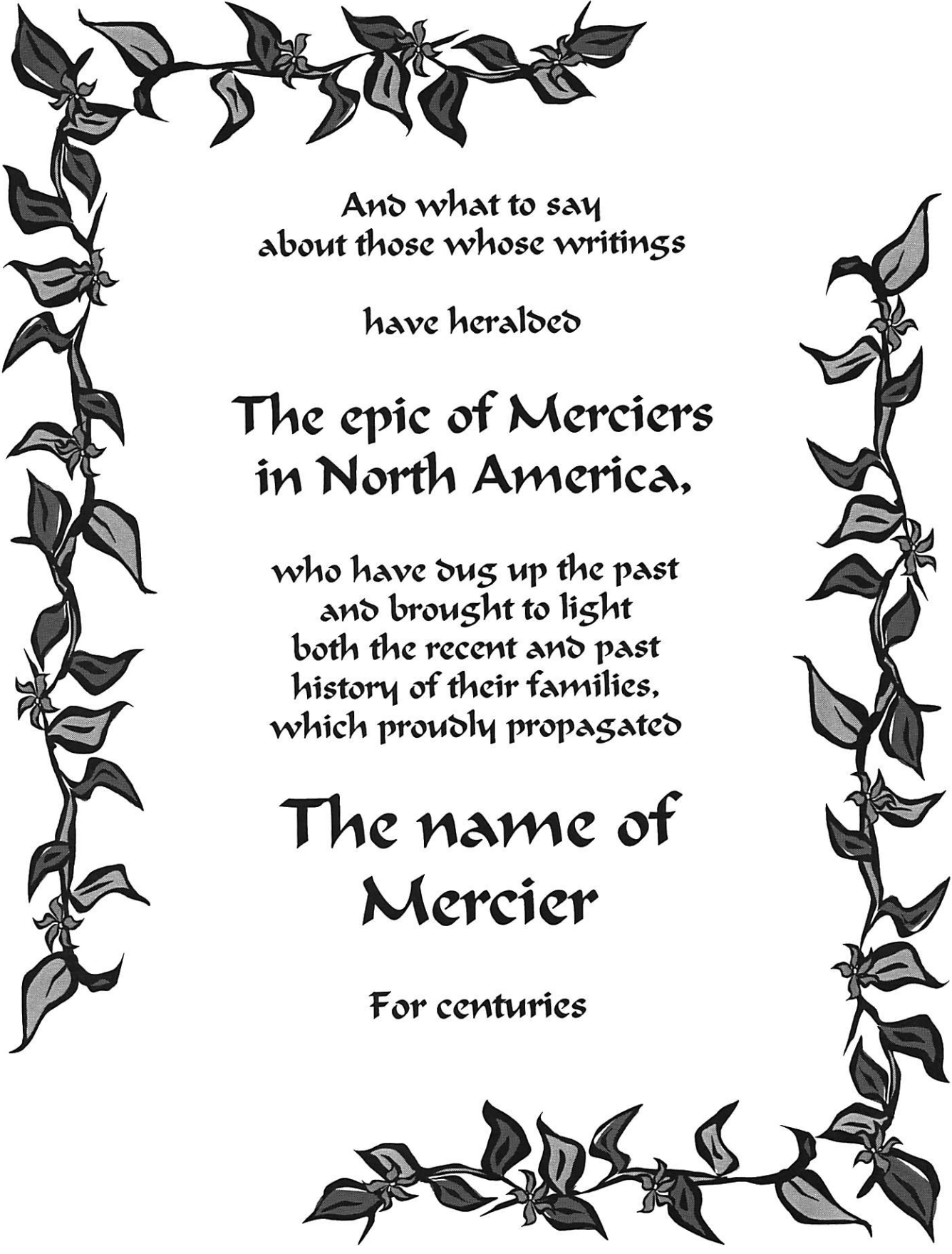
1685, on se rend à Neuville.
Pierre Mercier et Marguerite Lemain,
Meunier très utile
Et, comme du bon vin,
Plusieurs ont suivi leurs chemins

Thank you Jacques for this pleasant historical perspective

André Mercier
Quebec City

Corporate records librarian

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And what to say
about those whose writings

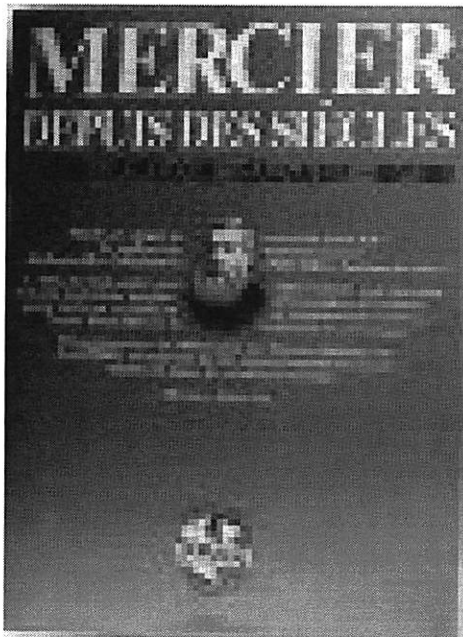
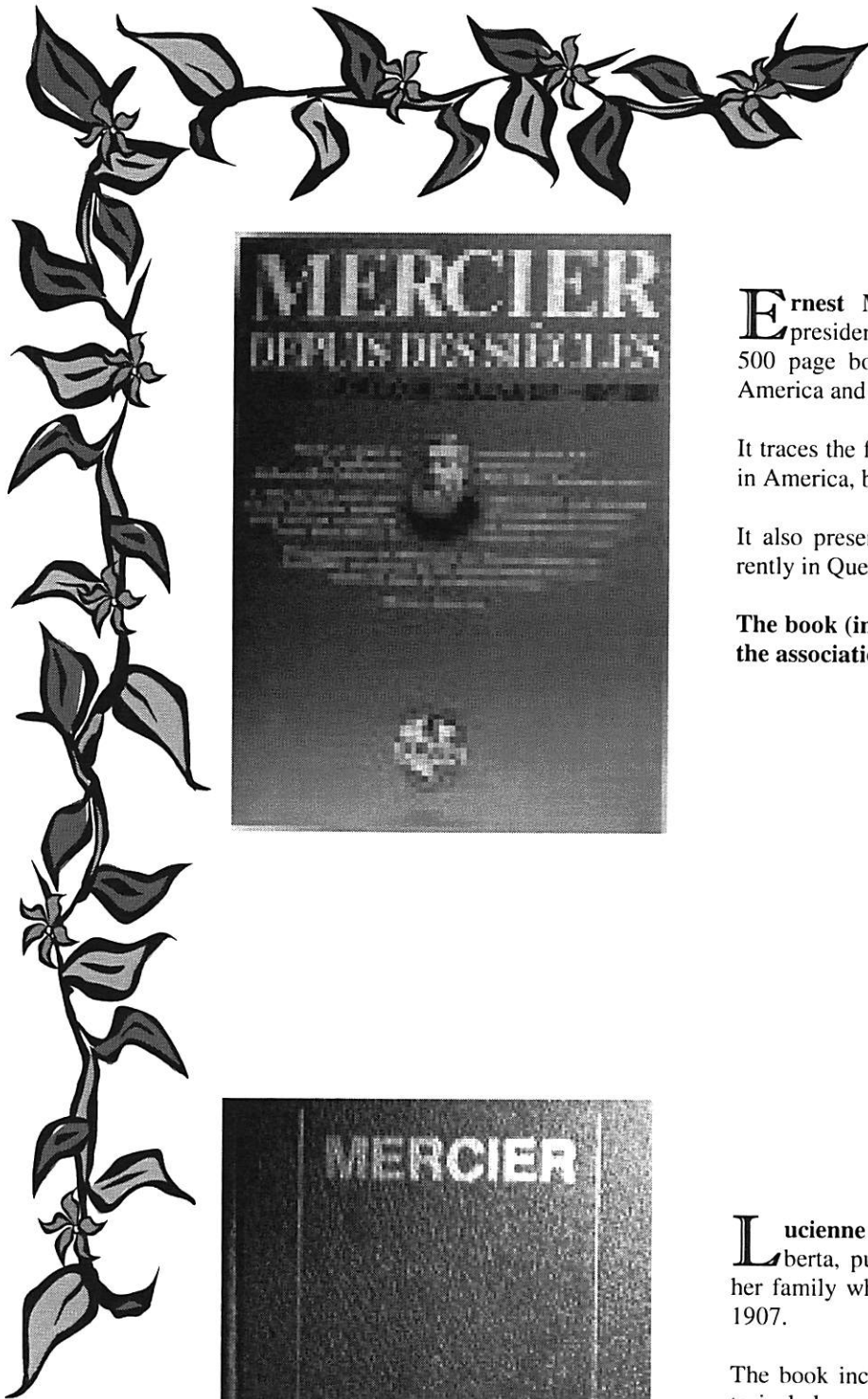
have heralded

The epic of Merciers in North America,

who have dug up the past
and brought to light
both the recent and past
history of their families,
which proudly propagated

The name of Mercier

For centuries

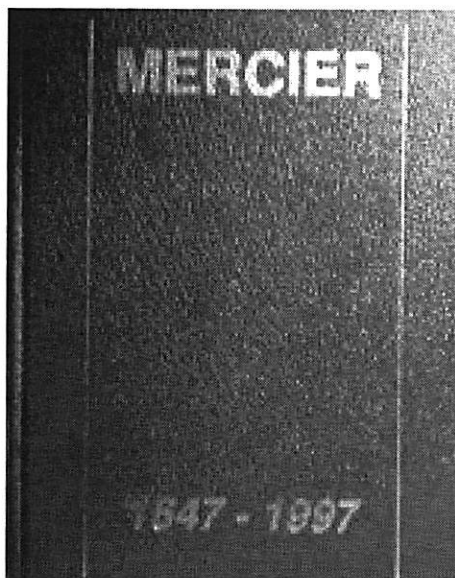


Ernest Mercier, of Quebec City, founding-president of A.M.A.N. published in 1987 a 500 page book on the origin of the Merciers in America and Europe.

It traces the footpaths of the first Merciers not only in America, but also in France and England.

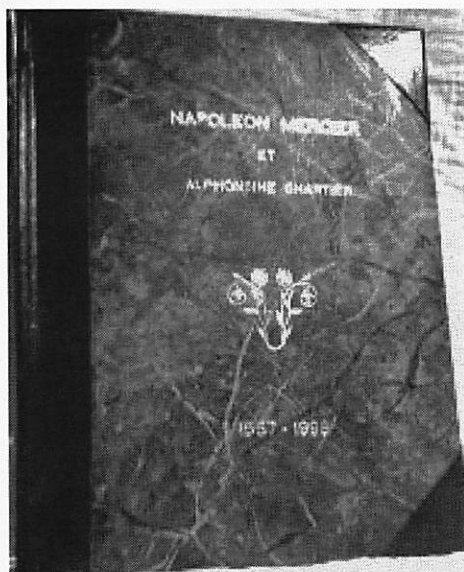
It also presents many Mercier families living currently in Quebec.

The book (in French only) is still on sale through the association at a cost of \$20.



Lucienne Mercier-Croteau of Bonnyville, Alberta, published in 1988 a 600 page book on her family which settled in western Canada around 1907.

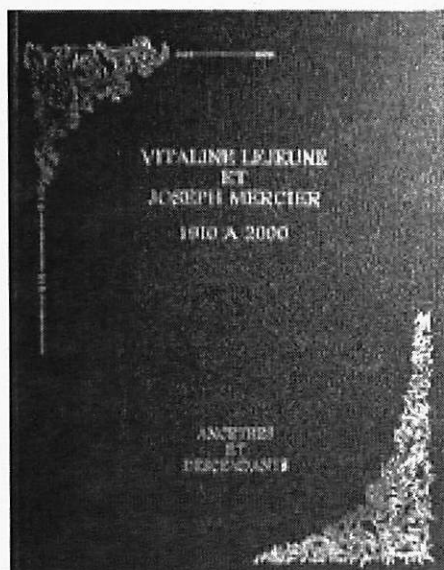
The book includes an impressive collection of historical documents, photographs and extracts from different sources, making it a real reference work about her family.



Pierre-Paul Mercier of Saint-Lambert, Quebec, published in 1998 a 420 page book tracing the history of his family starting from the early ancestors in France as far back as 1557.

His grand-parents, Napoléon Mercier and Alphonsine Chartier, provided the title of this book which traces their lives from notarial deeds and official registers until 1997.

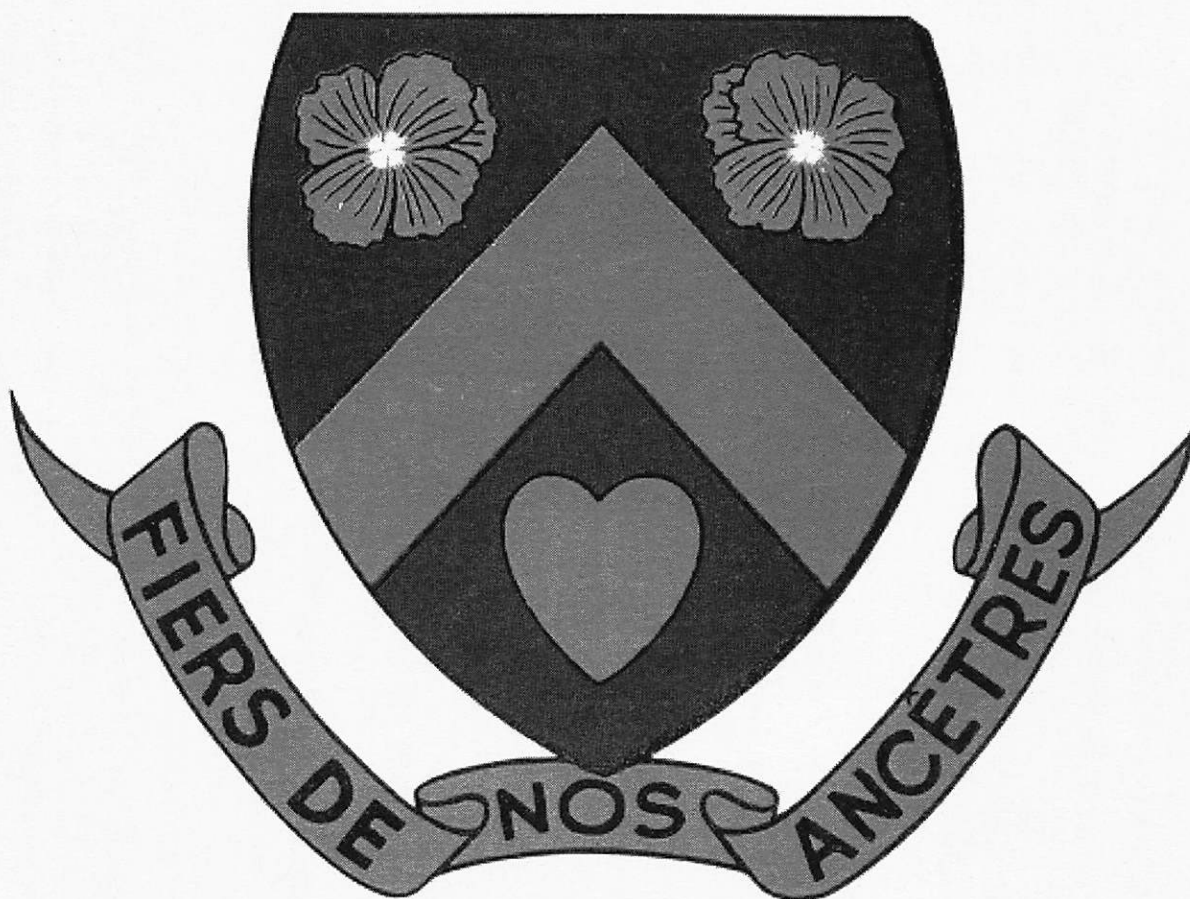
The last edition (in French only) is out of print, but the book can be found at the National Library of Canada, the National Library of Quebec, at the Montréal City Library and in certain genealogical or historical societies around Montreal.



Jean-Marc Mercier of Laval has published in 2000 a 145 page book about his ancestors.

The work is largely based on the family of his grand-parents: Vitaline Lejeune and Joseph Mercier and their descendants.





The coat of arms

A silver chevron on blue background with two golden pansies in the upper part and a golden heart under.

The meaning

The blue background recalls the sky where the Merciers lived.

The two pansies are a link to the fleur de lys, the emblem of Quebec and its moto: "Je me souviens" (I remember) the place where the Merciers settled in North America.

The golden heart and the two pansies unite to express gratefulness, the most important thought from the heart.

The slogan

"FIERS DE NOS ANCÊTRES" (Proud of our ancestors) honours all the Merciers, especially the six original couples who settled in Quebec prior to 1770.