



Le Mercien

The Voice of the Merciers of North America



The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the association featured a presentation honoring Honoré Mercier at the base of his monument on parliament grounds. The document was read by Johanne and Raynald dressed in period costumes accompanied by the president



Coat of arms of the Merciers of North America registered by Mgr Jean-Paul Gelinus in 1986



Coat of arms of the Merciers of England in the 15th century published in the Burke Armorial of London



Coat of arms of Ernest Mercier registered by the Drouin Genealogical Institute in 1954

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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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Editor' page

On August 27, 2005, the association celebrated its twentieth anniversary of existence with a program fit for the occasion.

Jean-Guy of Ste-Foy and his committee had planned a full day of activities which will be remembered long after by all those present.

The day started with the annual members' meeting which took place at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel, on the Plains of Abraham.

Honour certificates were handed out to all those who served as members of the board of directors since the beginning of the association, in order to recognize their devotion and involvement throughout the years. The association also admitted new honorary life members: **Éric R. Mercier** of Charlesbourg, **Lauréat Mercier** of Sainte-Sabine and **Robert Mercier** of Valleyfield.

Certificates were also handed out to those who have qualified as life members in recent months, thus recognizing their new status in the association.

The guests were then invited to an outstanding lunch served in an adjoining room. It was by far the best reception in recent years, according to those who attend our meetings regularly.

The afternoon was spent in Quebec government buildings, starting with a guided tour of the observatory on top of the G Complex. We then visited the main parliament building.

The day ended with a tribute to Honoré Mercier at the base of his monument on parliament grounds. Johanne of Charlesbourg and Raynald of Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce wearing period costumes, read a short biography of this famous politician.

The weather cooperated fully and the crowd dispersed with the intention of participating in the next annual meeting scheduled for **August 26, 2006** at a place yet to be determined shortly.

Thank you to all those who worked at making this meeting a success and who attended the program.

Le Mercien

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Honorary Life Members

Éric R. Mercier

Member of the Québec National Assembly
for Charlesbourg

Éric R. Mercier was born on October 3, 1967. He is married with Caroline Arsenault.

After his primary and secondary education, he attended college at the Notre-de-Foy campus in Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, South of Québec City and then went on to study at Laval University in Québec City.

In 1991, he obtained a first Bachelor's degree in Communications and Public Relations, with a minor in Industrial Relations and a second Bachelor's degree in Political Sciences in 1996.

After completing his university education, Éric worked in the public communications area. He enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces and enlisted for a training and leadership course leading to an Officer's status. In 1998, he was commissioned as an Officer with the leadership and recruits school for the Armed Forces in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

During 1998 and 1999, he trained in surface and sub-marine operations at the Marine Officers' Training Centre in Victoria, B.C. He also underwent training in marine operations control at the Canadian Navy School in Halifax, N.S. and in Québec City in 2000-2001.

In 1998, he served as an Officer on the large sailing vessel NCSM Oriole and then on the frigate NCSM Ottawa as a second Officer in 1999-2000. He then returned to Québec City and worked in the public relations Department of Navy Reserve Headquarters in the old port of Québec. He acted at the same time as divisional Officer in the NCSM Montcalm naval training unit.

In 2002, Éric became assistant director of communications at the office of the opposition municipal party in Québec City. He retained that position until his election as a member of the Québec National Assembly for the constituency of Charlesbourg on April 14, 2003.

Following his election, Éric has been named a member of the Commission on Culture, a member of the Commission on Education, a member of the Commission on Labour and Trade and a member of the National Assembly Office, where he



Lauréat Mercier

Lauréat was born in May 1932.

After his primary education in Sainte-Sabine-de-Bellechasse, he obtained a college degree in accounting with distinction from Académie de Québec.

He entered Laval University in Québec City where he qualified as a Certified General Accountant and obtained the professional designation of C.G.A.

1953 and 1954 saw him in public practice for an accounting firm and then joined the office of the Auditor General to work in Québec City and Montréal.

From 1975 to 1987, he worked for the Québec Port Authority as comptroller and then, Director of Finance.

He is married with Gisèle Turmel and they have two children who live in the Québec City area.

Upon his retirement, he returned to Sainte-Sabine, which is also the place of origin of his wife.

He volunteers for audit assignments for non-profit organisations such as A.M. A.N.

Robert Mercier

Robert has been honoured in 1999 in Montmagny, but his certificate was not available at that time.

Robert has worked more than 40 years to assemble a data bank on some 62,000 Mercier individuals or their relatives. His detailed history has been published in *Le Mercien* in the Winter issue of 1999 (vol. 15, no. 4).

Our soon to be published dictionary of Mercier Families will be largely inspired by his research.

Éric R. Mercier (continued)

acted as chairman. He is also a member of the delegation of the National Assembly for European Relations, a member of the Québec section of the Confederation of parliamentaries for the Americas of which he chaired, in 2004, the Commission on Culture, Education and Technology. He also chairs currently its Commission on Peace and Democracy.

Since 2003, Éric is a member of the Québec Section of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.





The Board of Directors for 2005-2006

It has been a very long time since all the members of the board were present at an annual general meeting. Le Mercien is proud to present them all to you:

Seated: Lucie of Plessisville, Johanne of Charlesbourg, Suzanne of Saint-Damien-de-Bellechasse, Thérèse of Monmagny, Diane of Anjou;

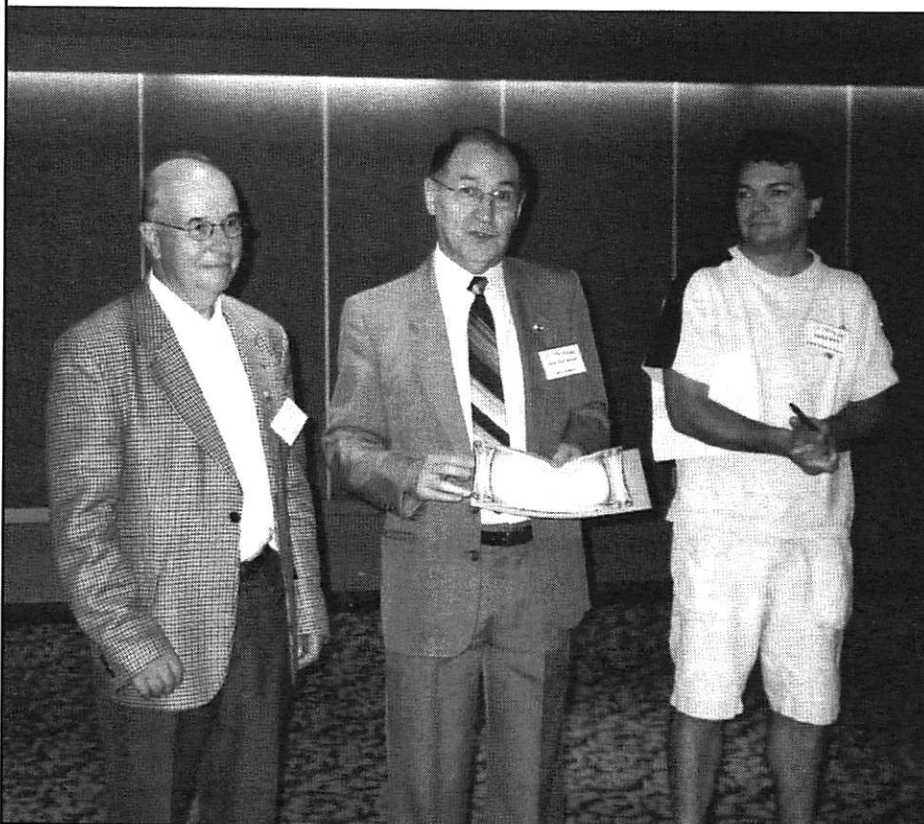
Standing: Benoît of Charlesbourg, Isabelle of Sainte-Foy, Jean-Louis of Lévis, Raynald of Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce, Jacques of Saint-Stanislas-de-Kostka, outgoing secretary, Pierre-Paul of Saint-Lambert and Jean-Guy of Sainte-Foy.

Here is the team who will manage the affairs of A.M.A.N. For the coming year. You can reach them if you look at page 2.

A.M.A.N. paid tribute to those who devoted themselves to its activities over the past twenty' years and handed them a certificate of honour in recognition for their valuable work.

The president greets a very special member, the one who was issued the no.1 membership card in 1985; he is Jean of Québec City who is our current treasurer.

Raynald, the M.C. of the day looks on.



Jean-Guy of Sainte-Foy is honoured for his commitment to A.M.A.N.

He chaired the committee for this year's annual meeting in Québec City.



Our (duty free) Boutique

During our meetings, we lay out the different promotional material and books that we have for sale to those who wish to buy souvenirs or articles with the name of Mercier on them to show or present to their family members or friends.

For the benefit of those who are unable to attend our meetings, we present a list of items or books which can be bought from the association.

Here is the list:

Key chains	\$2.
Note-books of the 20th	\$2.
Coat of arms	\$1.
Caps (beige)	\$5.
Association pins	\$4.
Corkscrew	5 for \$1.
Theme song	
on cassette	\$10.
Wine bottle label '87	\$0.50
Wine bottle label '97	\$0.50

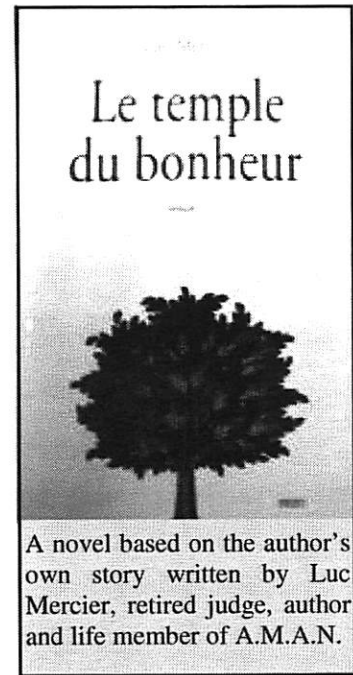
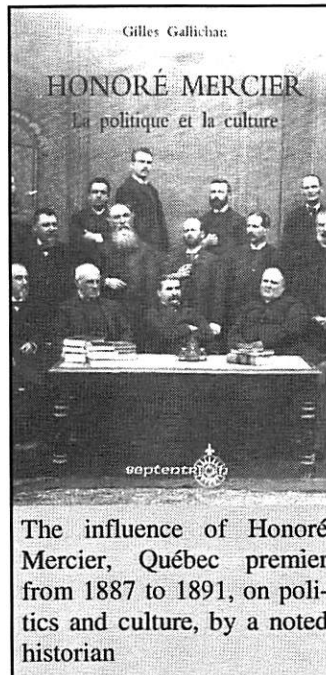
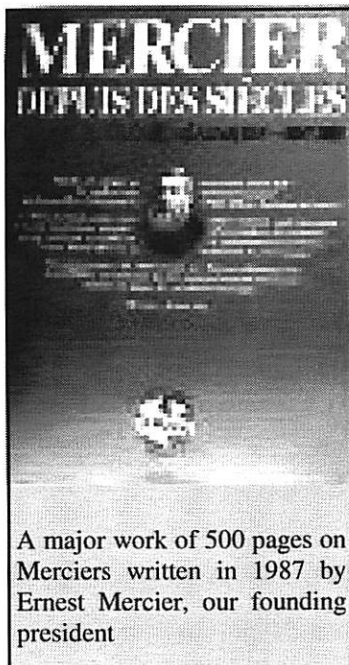
We also have an assortment of printed material:

Cumulative index of Le Mercien 1985-2004	\$10.
Same index with colour plastic cover	\$15
The Family Book	\$10.
Three books shown below	\$20. ea
Two laminated mosaics (opposite page)	\$25. ea


**Note: all reading material is available
In French only.**

Mail orders will be subject to a charge of approximately \$5. on books and mosaics for postage and handling.

Orders can be placed directly with A.M.A.N. by mail, e-mail or telephone through Benoît: (418) 623-0833



 <p>Arrivée Des Mercier En Amérique</p>	1647 Julien		
	1665 Pierre dit Caudebec		
	1665 Pierre		
	1725 Pierre-Simon		
	1756 Charles dit Lajoie		
	1793 Jean-Baptiste		

 <p>Lieu D'Origine De Julien Mercier</p>		Vers 1991		
				
	Né à La Grandinière (Perche) en 1621 Baptisé à Tourouvre le 27 février 1621 Arrivé à Québec le 6 août 1647 Marié à Marie Poulin à Beupré le 18 janvier 1654 Décédé à Beupré le 18 octobre 1676			
				
				

Genealogical Dictionary

In 2003, we enlisted your help in updating our genealogical database. In the summer of 2004, we published a special thank you note for the people who had sent us information. Since then, we have received more updates.

Thank you once again to the following persons:

Alfred Mercier, Delphine Goodwin, Jean Turgeon, Cécile Mercier Nadeau, Michel Mercier, Jean-Marc Mercier, Jacqueline Mercier, Suzanne Mercier, Ellis Elmer Mercier, Jean-Charles Mercier, Nicole Mercier, Marguerite Mercier Famula, Suzanne McGavin, Christine Famula, Yvette Mercier, Jeannine Deblois et Ulric Mercier, Jeannine Boucher et Majella Mercier, Paul Mercier, Louis-André Dorval, Guy Mercier, Réjean Mercier, Denise Mercier, Francine Mercier, Marie-Line Mercier, Paul-Emile Mercier, Eric Mercier, Jasmin Mercier, J.Emile Mercier, Chantal Mercier, Olivier Mercier, Charles Mercier, Jean Mercier, Denis Mercier, Charles Mercier, Paul Cauchon-Mercier, Gérard Mercier, Jules Mercier, Lucie Mercier Daigle, J. André Mercier, Roger Mercier, Céline Bilodeau, Jacques Mercier, Clement J. Mercier, Anne Mercier, David H. Mercier, Hélène Mercier, Laurette C. Mayo, Robert Mercier, Claude Mercier, Huguette McGrath, Linda Mercier, Lucien Larose, Lise Mercier Soucy,

and let's not forget all the people who collaborated with the above-mentioned and others we may have unwittingly omitted in the process.

The task of compiling the information and verifying that each entry is related to an ancestor from France is so enormous that we were not able to make the publication of the dictionary coincide with the twentieth anniversary of the founding of our association.

If you have not yet sent us information on your family, there is still time. You can also send us updates of the most recent births, weddings and deaths. Thank you once again.

Benoît Mercier

Lotomatique

Loto-Québec has a special offer for Lotomatique participants and members.

The AMAN is a member accredited by Loto-Québec. To be eligible for the draw you need only be a participant. Furthermore, the AMAN can also win a prize.

For a period of 6 months starting September 26, 2005, Lotomatique will draw each month 18 prizes of \$250 among its participants. The AMAN can win \$100 each time one of the 18 prizes is awarded. In other words, if you win \$250, the AMAN wins automatically \$100, and you can win more than once. **Participants need an address in the province of Quebec.**

Although we are soliciting our members directly, no one is obligated to participate. The Board has decided to send its members a participation form for Lotomatique. The advantage for AMAN is a 14% commission on all subscriptions, which represented more than 10% of our income for the year ending June 30, 2005. This is not a trivial amount.

Lotomatique offers many advantages for people who regularly play 6/49, Quebec 49, Super 7 and Extra. As its name suggests, participation in the draw, verification of winning numbers and payment to winners is done automatically. When a group is the subscriber, like the AMAN is, Lotomatique divides up the payment between the participants and mails them a cheque.

The form is easy to fill up when you follow the instructions.

Thank you to all participants. Good luck to all.

Benoît Mercier



President's Report

Dear Friends,

Over the course of the past year, the embers of the Board have thought about the work completed in the last twenty years with gratefulness to our predecessors for their accomplishments and what they bequeath to us today.

In doing so, we cannot forget the name of Ernest, our Founder and President, as well as the first volunteers who worked side by side with him, and others who have since furthered the endeavor undertaken twenty years ago.

The Association is well and alive today with its 238 active members, and we must continue to recruit within our families. It is up to each one of us to pass along information on our association to our friends and family.

The Board you are about to elect will face a year with many projects. One of the important endeavors is the publication of a dictionary of Mercier families, a project that we have been laboring over for a long time. I hope that it will finally become a reality in the near future. Other challenges will also arise as the new team gets to work. There will be no shortage of challenges in the coming months.

For the twentieth anniversary of the Association, we have decided to pay tribute to those who served on the Board of Directors since the very beginning by honoring them with a certificate. This is what we will do following the present assembly.

I thank the members of the Board for their support during the past year, and they join me in thanking you for your trust in us.

Your President,
Pierre-Paul Mercier

Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord Inc. (AMAN)

Financial Statements

	June 30 2005	June 30 2004
INCOME		
Membership fees	3 819 \$	4 153 \$
Grants and gifts	105	44
Exchange on foreign currency	103	218
Lotomatic (Loto-Québec)	604	311
Advertising	200	50
Genealogical income	50	-
Annual meeting	535	265
Bank interest	67	79
Profit from the sale of souvenirs	192	471
Total of income	5 675 \$	5 591 \$
EXPENSES		
Liability insurance	385 \$	410 \$
Convention and meetings	-	105
F.F.S.Q. - Services fees	269	359
Genealogical service	58	61
Internet	4 5	45
Le Mercien	3 466	3 244
Advertising - promotion	175	574
Rent	154	127
Office expenses	754	605
Total of expenses	5 306 \$	5 529 \$
Surplus (deficit) for the period	369 \$	62 \$
BALANCE SHEET		
ASSETS		
Cash on hand	3 099 \$	1 470 \$
Inventory of souvenirs (at cost)	311	468
Deferred financing costs	200	-
Term deposit	13 079	12 142
Furniture	404	404
Total of assets	17 093 \$	14 484 \$
LIABILITIES		
Payables	130 \$	130 \$
Reserve - Expanding funds	4 535	2 545
Advance by the directors	2 019	2 019
Total of liabilities	6 684 \$	4 694 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
At the beginning	(5 735) \$	(5 797) \$
Surplus (deficit) for the period	369	62
At the end of the period	(5 366) \$	(5 735) \$
Reserve- Life membership	7 975 \$	7 725 \$
Reserve- Commandor membership	7 800	7 800
Surplus (deficit) at the end	10 409 \$	9 790 \$
Total liabilities and accumulated funds	17 093 \$	14 484 \$

For the Board of directors

..... president . treasurer
Pierre-Paul Mercier **Jean Mercier**

I have examined the statements of revenues and expenses as well as the balance sheet as at June 30th 2005. In my opinion these statements represent accurately the financial position of AMAN according to accounting procedures generally recognized and applied in the same ways as they were in the previous years.

Lauréat Mercier c.g.a.



New membership fee structure

The board of directors has adopted a new method for paying annual membership fees, in order to reduce the amount of clerical work.

After due consideration, it was agreed that all annual membership fees would be due on the same date of June 1st for all regular members. This date seemed most appropriate, since a large number of memberships mature on May 31. Therefore, fewer members will be affected by the transition measures.

As a result, members whose maturity date is already May 31st, there is no change. Those with a different maturity date will pay only an amount proportional to the numbers of months from their due date to May 31, 2006.

Subsequently, all annual renewals will become due on May 31 of each year. This will be easier for all members and for the association. There will be no reminders sent by mail to every member and Le Mercien will carry a notice that the annual membership fee is due for everyone.

To find out when your annual fee expires, look at the first line of the mailing label on your copy of Le Mercien. For instance, if it reads "Member no. 0000 a 2005/09/30", it means that your membership expires on September 30 of this year. Therefore, the amount that will be billed to you from that date until May 31, 2006 is \$16.67.

Here are the amounts due during the transition period until May 31, 2006:

Maturity date currently	Amount to be paid	New maturity May 31, 2006
May 31, 2005	\$ 25.	May 31, 2006
June 30, 2005	\$ 22.92	May 31, 2006
July 31, 2005	\$ 20.83	May 31, 2006
August 31, 2005	\$ 18.76	May 31, 2006
September 30, 2005	\$ 16.67	May 31, 2006
October 31, 2005	\$ 14.58	May 31, 2006
November 30, 2005	\$ 12.50	May 31, 2006
December 31, 2005	\$ 10.42	May 31, 2006
January 31, 2006	\$ 8.34	May 31, 2006
February 28, 2006	\$ 6.26	May 31, 2006
March 31, 2006	\$ 4.17	May 31, 2006
April 30, 2006	\$ 2.08	May 31, 2006

We hope that you will understand that this change in procedure is aimed at helping your association in saving on postage and stationery costs and will result in better services to the members.

Off course, governors and life members are not concerned with this change.

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at "aman@videotron.ca" or by phone at the treasurer' office (418) 688-3092.

Thank you for you cooperation.

The management

On September 17, 2005, **Réal Mercier and his wife Noëlla** celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Le Journal de Québec heralded the event and published the adjoining picture.

The couple has four children, ten grand-children and one great-grand-child.

A.M.A.N. join their family and friends in offering them their best wishes of happiness.



New members

- # 1474 Michelle Lee, Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A.
- # 1475 Linda Mercier, Saint-Charles, Bellechasse, Québec
- # 1476 Léo Mercier, Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, Québec

We are proud to welcome them!

One of our life member passed away

We were informed that Vincent Mercier #500 of Mont-Joli passed away recently. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

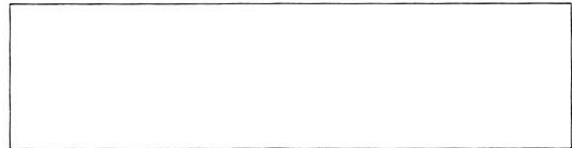
Sincere condolences to their families

Angélique Mercier Drouin	February 27, Québec City
Cécile Desrochers Mercier	March 6, Lévis
Noël Mercier	March 4, Sainte-Foy
André Mercier	March 9, Lévis
Rita Mercier	April 2, Île Bizard
Léon Mercier	April 6, Québec City
Monique Paquet Mercier	April 19, Pont-Rouge
Gérard Mercier	April 22, Saint-Lambert
Lucille Bernier Mercier	April 24, Montmagny
Rose-Hélène Mercier Ruel	April 28, Sainte Hérédine
Charles-Eugène Mercier	May 5, Saint-Charles
Irène Mercier Paradis	May 24, Lévis
Adéla Mercier Guillemette	May 31, Saint-Damien
Martine Mercier	July 1st, Beauport
Réjane Bastien Mercier	July 2, Knowlton
Gilles Mercier	July 8, Pont-Rouge
Robert Mercier	July 13, Saint-Marsil
Roger Mercier	July 19, Saint-Joseph
Marion Mercier	August 29, Québec City
Francine Mercier Picard	September 8, Québec City
Edgar Mercier	October 1st, Sainte-Justine



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