



# Le Mercien

*Voice of the Mercier of North America*



**The Merciers  
at the  
Salon des  
familles souches  
of Laurier Québec...**





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d'Amérique du Nord.



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d'Angleterre au 15<sup>e</sup> siècle  
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Armoiries d'Ernest Mercier

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The Association was incorporated by letters patent April 19, 1985 and registered the same day in Volume 1194, folio 160, in accordance with Part III of the Quebec Companies Act (R.S.Q. Chap. C-38, s. 218).

The objects of the association are as follows :



1. To organize Mercier gatherings in North America and especially in the Province of Quebec.
2. To publish regularly in Quebec, in the form of a newsletter, information on Mercier families of North America and Europe.
3. To collect and disseminate information on the accomplishments of those who have brought recognition to the Mercier name throughout the world.
4. To promote the identification, restoration and preservation of buildings and objects of value that belonged to Merciers, who have left their mark in North America and in Europe.
5. To get the Merciers of the world to become concerned about the preservation of their heritage, to become interested in genealogical studies and in stories about those who will not make it into the history books.
6. To create and develop a non-profit foundation whose purpose would be to achieve the objects mentioned above.
7. The objects will not, however, permit donors or their beneficiaries to recover in any way the funds which will have been given to the corporation.



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This newsletter is named after the kingdom of Mercia which existed from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> centuries. It was one of the seven original kingdoms constituting England. The inhabitants of that territory must have been called Merciens (or Mercien in French).

We are proud to perpetuate that name today.

**A.M.A.N. is a member of  
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# Word of the President

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**A**t the reunion of November 28, the Board of directors have welcome Gilmond as a new member. Gilmond is a well-known face among us. He was presented and decorated has a honorary member in 2008. Gilmond is a retired teacher and his always active in his community. Working voluntarily in many philanthropic group. Welcome amongst the Board.

The present newsletter carries a report from Jean, our treasurer, saying that it is time to pay your annual subscription. You just have to look at the label to see the expiration date. There are some members who have already paid in advance. If you read **2010-05-31** its is the time to renew.

Last weekend of February, the “Salon des familles souches” was held at the Laurier Québec shopping mall. Many Merciers came and shared the most recent genealogical information and we thank them for that. André, Dolorès, Gilmond and Céline, Jean, Roger and myself have given some of our time to make it a success. Thanks to everyone of you. According to the *Fédération des familles souches du Québec*’s administrators, there will be another event this Fall in St-Hyacinthe, Quebec. Once more, the participation from our volunteers will be needed. Please consult our web site for this subject. The information will soon appear when a date is fixed.



The genealogical committee has started the verification of the genealogical data bank with in mind of publishing a dictionary of wedding of Merciers. It’s a long time effort and all complimentary information are welcomed. To the interested members who would have some information, please contact, preferably by Internet at [mercier.aman@hotmail.com](mailto:mercier.aman@hotmail.com) to verify if your

information is already there. There is also the possibility of doing it by phone or by mail, at the number and address shown on page 2 of this newsletter. Thank you for your collaboration.

Our next member reunion, will be held in the Québec City region, at the Huron-Wendat museum, more precisely on next August 28. You are invited to read under the title “the 26<sup>th</sup> annual assembly” some information on the project of the program of Dolorès, who has accepted the responsibility of organizing the event. Put this date in your agenda right now.

Your president

**Benoît**



# Presentation

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In our last newsletter we informed you of the decision of the Board to put a page available for the members who are interested to talk about their families or their careers. We had even imagined, in the event, of an avalanche of responses to this invitation, selection methods. But it seems that the avalanche will be for another time, but, at least, we have a text from Julie Mercier who wrote at the invitation of Gilmond (28) and that fits into this context. It was under Mercier's Family we take note of this interesting and informative live narration.

Another initiative, still from Gilmond, do not touch *Le Mercien* AMAN but by a rather unusual clientele. It was on Facebook it has entered our association and it is not a fish even if the registration date was April 1<sup>st</sup> (April Fools Day). Such an initiative can only be positive in this approach by offering us significant visibility and a communication site for everyone. Thank you and congratulations

Jean

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## Mercier Family : Jean-Louis Mercier

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*Julie Mercier, journalist at La Terre de chez-nous, presented her grandfather Jean-Louis who has transmitted beautiful values to its descendants and the passion for horse. Grandson of Louis Mercier dit Lajoie, he was in the 20's, 30's and 40's a horse dealer, a lumberjack and entrepreneur and a farmer in Sainte-Sabine-de-Bellechasse, a parish located near the United States border at 100 kilometres at the south-east of the Québec City. Today, his children and even his grandchildren are following the tradition of his love for horses. Four out of five children of Jean-Louis are now members of the AMAN.*

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### The love of work in heritage

Eldest son of Edmond and Élise Brochu, Jean-Louis had to take over the general store of the family. That was without counting on his passion for horses and great wide spaces, passion that was transmitted to his descendants.

Jean-Louis, rapidly became a famous horse seller in the Bellechasse county. The horse trader was buying complete horse trailer from the west of Canada, that were arriving from Sainte-Sabine. Once the horses were there, they were sent to the barn, walking one behind another in order. At school, the nuns were giving the permission to the kids to see this procession of horses by the window. It was a great honour for us, the children of Jean-Louis! When school was over, "we did not have any time to waste, we were hurrying to see the new horses", remember Gilles. These new horses arrived during Spring. Jean-Louis was occupied to calm the horses down. Some of them were nervous. Jean-Louis's partners, Denis and Robert, were assisting him to the training. The first time dad let the horses out of the stable, he use to say to Denis and Robert: "Hey kids,

we don't give up" and "we never did. It has stayed with us ever since", is saying Bernard, who, as a kid, was following his father everywhere. Stunt on a slay, his shirt torn apart, the children have seen their father trained the horses for the farm works.



Jean-Louis Mercier, descendant de Charles Mercier dit Lajoie, et son épouse Yvonne Lemieux en 1926.

"When dad was training the horses, we could see sparks of fire cause by the metal blades under the sleigh" recalls Cecilia. "He had developed his own method of training". "I've been always impress to see him work", says Marius. In the Fall, the horses were ready to sell and the people from the other parishes around were coming to buy a new harness. Jean-Louis love to trade. "Sometime we had ten cows, sometimes we had just three", saying with a smile, Magella. "Dad could trade an old cow for a horse!" saying Bernard has a joke.

## Grit and determination

In addition to horses trading and the hard work on the farm with cows, sheep, chickens and pigs, Jean-Louis bought wood lots that he was chopping with some employees. Despite all this workload, once he was back home, the father was always displaying patience with his ten children. From time to time, he dropped a swear to calm his noisy bunch! “When we had a winter storm, Dad took us to school with in big red sleigh. He gathered all the children of the village on his way, recalls Cecilia. “He was a man always in a good mood, who loved to play tricks. I’ve never seen my father in a bad mood. Everyone loved him, but one of its major flaws was to work, work, work”, says Marius. It seems that we have the sane impression of him. “He was honest, frank, workaholic”, says Bernard. “He was a perfectionist. He worked quickly. He must not wander”, recalls the eldest, Maria de Lourdes. For the youngest, who is a second mother, she is affectionately called Lelou.

During the winter of 1948-49, Jean-Louis got sick. His eldest son, Magella was working with him in the woods in Stoneham, north of Quebec City. “He had a hard time even lifting a pail of water, but he never complained”, recalls Magella, nicknamed Bonhomme by his brothers and sisters. Back from the site, Jean-Louis was hospitalized. He spent many years in a sanatorium before he died at home with his family at the age of 49 years. “It's an experience that you do not forget. Dad always said: “do not let go”, remembers Magella. “What made us so admire my father was his unfailing will”, says Marius.

Jean-Louis Mercier has left a great legacy to Marie de Lourdes, Magella, Cécilia, Bernard, Marius, Jean -Paul, Gilles, Anne-Marie (Marie), and Yves Jacques. The constant drive to always go further of the family, but also the its love of nature. It is no surprise if Marie-de-Lourdes walk a mile almost every day at 81 years of age! The family has also musician and theatre lovers, a love of culture transmitted by Yvonne and Jean-Louis. This great man has also inherited his passion for horses. While Jean-Paul has turned to horses... power. Since his retirement, Jacques pursues a second career in the breeding of racehorses. As for Gilles (Pit), he raised Arabian horses before switching to the little iron horse, the Canadian horse. When she was a little kid, his daughter Dominique competed in the agricultural exhibitions. Today, “Dodo” still has her old Arabian horse and his son, Benjamin (7 months) will soon have his horse, says Grandpa Gilles! Steve, the son of Marie, also had the sting for horses because of Gilles. His passion led him to pursue long-term studies in veterinary medicine and to specialize in horses. He is now a world renowned veterinarian. Holder of the Canada Research Chair Marguerite Thomas Hodgson of the University of Georgia, Steve combines the titles and honour of his profession. It has also been named *Researcher of the Year* at the last Congress of the World Association of equine medicine. One thing is certain : Jean-Louis must be very proud of his family has raised its sleeve with all the will and strength of character which he bequeathed to them.

**Julie Mercier**

# 26<sup>th</sup> General Annual Assembly

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*The 26<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Merciers of America was held this year at the Hotel Museum of First Nations in Wendake on August 28, 2010.*

*The choice of this site, was chosen by the Board. It fit smoothly with our interest in genealogy and history. It adds to the appropriateness of this choice is the enhancement grown in recent years of culture and traditions of the Wendat nation as well as the recent opening of the Hotel Museum in Wendake First Nations.*

*The detailed program of our meeting will follow in the next issue of Le Mercien. We take this issue, however, to give you a taste of the cultural aspect that will be present in the second part of the day when we discovered the package offered. Before detailing the elements of this package, a short presentation of our hosts, the Huron-Wendat.*

## *Nation – An Ancestral Culture, a Fascinating History*

In the first half of the XVII<sup>th</sup> century, the Huron Wendat, who occupied the territory at the south of Georgian Bay, in the present province of Ontario, became important partners of the French pertaining to the fur trade. They then inhabited about thirty villages, which numbered 40,000 residents.

Sorely tried by famine, conflicts and contagious diseases transmitted by the Europeans, they had to quit their ancestral lands, Huronia, around 1660. Several among them were adopted by neighbouring peoples and some went towards Québec. In 1697, after numerous displacements, approximately 150 persons settled for good on the banks of the Akiawenrahk (Saint-Charles River), on the actual site of Wendake. Later on, others joined them.

The actual Wendake is located at the heart of the City of Québec. The Huron population originating from Wendake is approximately 3,000 individuals, of which 1,300 reside on the territory which covers approximately one hundred hectares.

## *Animated Village – Wendake Welcomes You!*

### The Huron-Wendat Museum

Inaugurated in 2008, the Huron-Wendat Museum is a

national institution of the Wendat people who ensure the conservation and enhancement of its heritage. Through its permanent exhibition Territories, memory, knowledge. His schedule of temporary exhibitions, activities and workshops, the Museum carries out its mandate of education and popularization of knowledge of history, culture and arts of the Wendat people and other First Nations. For visitors, the Museum is also the gateway providing access to the interpretation of many heritage sites Wendake, including Notre-Dame-de-Lorette, falling Kabir Kouba and home Tsawenhohi.

With its store exclusive artwork, the museum allows visitors to afford a little piece of history. You will also find our exhibition catalogs as well as goods in the image of the museum.

Nestled near the river Akiawenrahk, secured to the First Nations Hotel and restaurant Trafficking, the museum is lined with theme gardens complement this enchanting landscape. We expect you!

The heart of the Huron Wendat beats at the rhythm of the Kabir Kouba Waterfall, a natural site of rare beauty, which presents, as the seasons go by, an awe-inspiring scene, continually renewed. Why be astonished when, as soon as 1697, the Huron Wendat established, in this location, their village. A path, starting on the side of Place des Nations, gives access and allows to hear the roar of the gushing water and become captivated by the exceptional natural location of this canyon of 42 metres deep.

Old Wendake offers a different light on the planning and architecture: all the houses face towards the South-East, presenting their façade to the back of the neighbouring house. A patrimonial journey was created; it allows visitors to discover its oldest houses.

The Notre-Dame-de-Lorette church is certainly “the” gem of Old Wendake. Rebuilt a few years after the fire of 1862, according to the plans and architecture of the first chapel built in 1730, it contains treasures that recall the faith of the Wendake Christian community, actually still very alive.

The “Maison Arouanne” and the “Maison Tsawenhohi, by their architecture, testify, in their own way, of the





**Hotel museum Huron-Wendat**

adaptability of the Huron Wendat Nation to a way of life that is different from that of the first inhabitants.

Located in the centre of Old Wendake, the Maison Tsawenhohi, built in 1807 and 1820 for Grand Chief Nicolas “Tsawenhohi” Vincent, is classified a “patrimonial property” by the Council of the Huron Wendat Nation.

In spite of a few minor changes in the course of many years, the Maison Tsawenhohi has kept its architectural integrity. The walls in masonry, 48 feet of façade and 36 feet on the sides, are covered of a four-sided roof with holes for dormers.

The Maison Tsawenhohi is a high-level institution on the plan of architectural interpretation as well as the history of its occupants, their culture and their expertise. It proposes commented visits, crafts demonstrations, an exhibition of objects from material culture, a display of archaeological pieces gathered on the site, a multimedia projection, etc.

*The Fresco of the Wendat people* is located at the Place de la Nation, on a wall near the river St. Charles, at the intersection of Boulevard Bastien.

Fresco presents animal skins, putting into context the history of the Huron-Wendat Nation. They symbolize the unity and survival in the worlds of women and men, through their activities and family relations, social, commercial, and traditional newspapers.

This work is a realization Mural Created and two Huron-Wendat, Manon Sioui and Francine Picard.

## New Members

1535	<b>Jean Tanguay</b>	Ste-Sabine, Bellechasse	2012	1538	<b>Annie Mercier</b>	Mont-Laurier	2015
1536	<b>France Mercier</b>	Longueuil	2011	1539	<b>Bruno Mercier</b>	Québec	2011
1537	<b>Guytaine Mercier</b>	Chambly	2015				

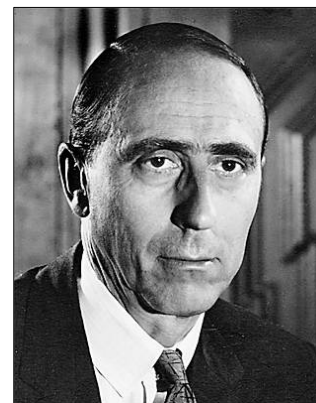
# We have spoke of them before

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## François Mercier, lawyer

*He was not one of us, but he was a famous Mercier in many ways has you will see in this obituaries. We can add that he is the father of the pianist Hélène Mercier, author of the autobiography "Au fil des notes...". Le Mercien has published a short article about this family in the no 3 of the volume 25.*

**François Mercier 1923-2010** In Montréal, on February 4, 2010 has peacefully past away François Mercier, husband of Lucile Rouleau Mercier. Born in Paris, he was the eldest son of the late Dr. Oscar Mercier and of the late Jeanne Bruneau. Other than his wife, he leave to mourn his children, Geneviève, Dr. Jean-François and Hélène, his grand-children : Florence, Patricia, Clara, Alexandre, Frédéric and Jean, his sons-in-laws Bernard Arnault and Dr. Emmanuel Mollet, his sister Francine, his brothers André and Paul, his step-brother Paul, his step-sister Madeleine and many nephews and nieces, parents and friends. He now join in beloved daughter Madeleine and his brothers and sisters. Graduated in Law from *Université de Montréal* en 1945, he was the Secretary of Bar of Montréal, holder of the Chair of Law of insurances of the *Université de Montréal* from 1951 to 1964 and Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers since 1975. Founding member of the lawyer cabinet Stikeman Elliott, he distinguished brilliantly as lawyer of litigious cases in every court of justice in Canada. He was named councillor for the Queen in 1961 and Officer of the Order of Canada in 1976. He presided many administrative council and worked actively at the *Place des Arts* of Montréal, at the National Arts Centre of Ottawa and at the *Hôtel-Dieu* (hospital) of Montréal



Except from the web site : Nécrologie de Cyberpresse <http://necrologie.cyberpresse.ca>

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## François Cauchon, priest

*Jeanne C. Rioux, daughter of Alphonse Cauchon and Alice Mercier is the sister of Jean Cauchon, priest. His decease was published in the last issue of Le Mercier. In response to the invitation, she has accept to send us these few notes about the life and career of her brother who was a member of the AMAN for more than twenty years.*

Jean, born on August 5, 1917 in Lac Mégantic, is the eldest children from the union of Alphonse Cauchon and Alice Mercier.

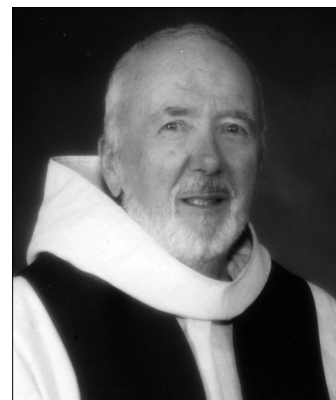
After primary school at Collège du Sacré-Coeur of Lac Mégantic, he goes to Sherbrooke at the Séminaire St-Charles-Borromée when he complete his classical formation (1931-1938) and theological (1938-1942).

He was ordain priest in July 1942. He worked with devotion in the different position that were attributed to him by the bishopric.

a) professor at the seminary, (1942-1945).

b) vicary at the cathedral of Sherbrooke.

c) Priest in the parishes of St-Simon d'Albercon (1944-49), of St-Gérard (1949-54), of St-Clément de Bishopton (1954-62) and of Ste-Édwidge (1962-77)



In all these charges, he revealed to be a good administrator. He know how change his cassock for working clothes, because he is gifted to do carpenter, plumber and electrician work. He works at the construction at the construction of the Bishopton's church. In St-Gérard, he build the votives of wax for the sanctuary. On the land of the parish of Ste-Edwidge, there is a maple sugar shack. Jean is piercing the maple trees and collect the maple water to make syrup to the pleasure of his neighborhood.

The distance to travel during the winter when you're a priest of a village need sometimes the use of a snowmobile and Father Jean is one of them. He create a snowmobile club. I remember during a memorable "snow storm of the century", when the family wanted to be together in Ste-Edwidge for Christmas, that my brother must have help a few one with his skiddo.

In 1799, Jean leave the region of Sherbrooke for five years to be priest in California. He is attached to the diocese of San Diego, a city where is brother Eugène has established his family. During that period he is chaplain in the hospitals of Alvarado, Grossmont and Kaiser. In his free times, he and his brother are discovering the natural beauty of this corner of the United States on a sail boat.

Back to Canada at an age where you usually think retirement, he keep himself very active, and still available as vicar to both parishes of Lac Mégantic. He learn computer's basics, which give him the possibility to collaborate to the computing of the archives of the parish of St-Agnès and of the cemetery lots. It was a monk's work told me his collaborators.

His keen intelligence, his passions for languages, his passion for little details make of him a cryptic crosswords, which is confirmed by the nickname he was given by his student's peers as "Mr. Dictionary". He studied Spanish, English, German and Esperanto. His knowledge facilitate the opening to others.

A long time subscriber to the National Geographic Magazine, he has already travel around the world which he will rediscover at his retirement he get sting by the "travelling disease".

He goes twice visit Japan where his godmother Rose Cauchon, missionary of the CND has worked for years. This is also the "Land of the Rising Sun" that the ashes of the aunt rest. With other members of the family, he went to Chile where our brother Paul, missionary of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart is assigned for forty years. These two people traveling together in Europe, traveling in France, Italy, Germany. They redo the course of our grandfather lingering in Lyon, Dieppe. Ancestor worship has prompted John and Paul who have done extensive genealogical research on families Cauchon and Mercier. They left pages of interesting notes about our origins and early history of our families. Their tremendous work allows generations to forge strong links with their lineage.

In the early 2000's, illness strikes Jean Cauchon, he must abandon his pastoral activities, several small "stroke" affect his memory over the years that follows. He remembers the lyrics however he likes singing with his visitors; Let the sea is beautiful; Up on the mountain, Our Lady of Canada, etc.. The many mountain trips he made his with nephews, nieces, friends vertices. On October 31, 2009, he set sail for other heights, other shores.

John was a generous man all his life, devoted, friendly, very attached to his extended family (Cauchon-Mercier). He was compassionate to all his neighbors, as his parishioners. I liked your awareness a part of this humble man, sensitive, devoted, whose memory remains alive for those who knew him, darling.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity by writing in the newsletter LE MERCIEN

**Jeanne C. Rioux**

# Nécrologies

*Nous offrons nos sincères condoléances aux familles éprouvées*

- **Alice Mercier** de Montréal, décédée le 21 mars 2010 à l'âge de 81 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Claude Vaillancourt.
- **Aimé Mercier** de Laval, décédé le 12 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 96 ans. Il était l'époux de Imelda Vallières.
- **André Labadie** de Ste-Julie, décédé le 6 décembre 2009 à l'âge de 68 ans. Il était le conjoint en seconde noce de *Carolle Mercier*.
- **Antoinette Mercier** de Sudbury, décédée le 17 février 2010 à l'âge de 92 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Horace Mercier et la fille d'Adélarde Pelchat et Marie-Anne Boucher.
- **Caroline Mercier** de Saint-Augustin-de-Desmaures, décédée le 22 février 2010 à l'âge de 34 ans. Elle était la fille de Gervais Mercier et Gaétane Lagueux.
- **Céline Mathieu** de St-Georges et anciennement de St-Ludger, décédée le 7 décembre 2009 à l'âge de 61 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Marc Mercier et la fille de Florian Mathieu et Jeanne-Mance Nadeau.
- **Claire Gosselin** de Laval, décédée le 28 février 2010 à l'âge de 91 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Joseph Mercier*.
- **Claire Mercier** de St-Jean sur Richelieu, décédée le 14 mars 2010 à l'âge de 84 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Henri Massé.
- **Claude Mercier** d'Outremont, décédé le 19 mars 2010 à l'âge de 77 ans. Il a été l'époux de Véronique Beaugrand et le compagnon de Suzanne Simard.
- **Claude F. Mercier** de Trois-Rivières, décédé le 20 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 73 ans. Il était l'époux en seconde noce de Fernande Grenier.
- **Claudette Bolduc** de Sherbrooke, décédée le 11 mars 2010 à l'âge de 68 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Gaëtan Mercier*.
- **Daniel Mercier** de Ste-Marie de Beauce, décédé le 31 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 87 ans. Il était l'époux de Laura Couture.
- **Émeline Cyr** de Baie-des-sables, décédée le 28 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 88 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Henri Mercier* et fille de Stanislas Cyr et Alberte Gariépy.
- **Eugène Coté** de St-Charles et anciennement de Beaumont, décédé le 14 janvier 2010. Il était l'époux de *Hélène Mercier*.
- **Fernando Mercier** de Greenfield Park, décédé le 19 février 2010 à l'âge de 87 ans. Il était l'époux de Réjeanne Drouin.
- **Françine Mercier** de East Hereford (Connecticut É.U.), décédée le 4 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 58 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Normand Poulin et la fille de Josaphat Mercier et Yvonne Boutin. Elle était native de St-Honoré-de-Shenley.
- **François Mercier**, avocat de Montréal, époux de Lucile Rouleau, décédé le 4 février 2010 à l'âge de 87 ans. Il était le père d'Hélène Mercier, pianiste épouse de Bernard Arnaud (Le Mercien vol 24 no 3). Il était le fils de Oscar Mercier, médecin et Jeanne Bruneau.
- **Frank Lachance** de LaSalle, décédé le 15 novembre 2009 à l'âge de 82 ans. Il était l'époux de *Laurette Mercier*.
- **Gaston Gingras** de Gatineau, décédé le 20 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 75 ans. Il était l'époux de *Pierrette Mercier* et le fils de Eusèbe Gingras et de Yvette Lizotte.

- **Georges Mercier** de Chambly, décédé le 26 mars 2010 à l'âge de 77 ans. Il était l'époux de Denise Contant.
- **Georgette Mercier** de Montréal, décédé le 14 novembre 2009 à l'âge de 84 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Bernard Giguère.
- **Guy Mercier** de Longueuil, décédé le 23 décembre 2009 à l'âge de 76 ans. Il était l'époux de Lise Loisel et le fils de Pauline et Rolland Mercier.
- **Guy Parent** de St-Isidore décédé le 30 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 84 ans. Il était l'époux en première noce de Thérèse Gourde et en seconde noce de *Émilienne Mercier*.
- **Hélène l'Heureux** de Québec décédée le 90 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Fernand Mercier* et la fille de Jules L'Heureux et Ethel O'Neal.
- **Huguette Mercier Gouin** de Montréal, décédée le 23 novembre 2009 à l'âge de 65 ans. Elle était la conjointe de Pierre Mallette.
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- **Lucienne Olivier** de St-Flavien, décédée le 16 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 100 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Gabriel Mercier.
- **Lucie Plante** de St-Ignace-de-Loyola, décédée le 24 décembre 2009 à l'âge de 60 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Marc Mercier* et la fille de Théodore Plante et Jeannine Guèvremont.
- **Lucille Mercier** de Châteauguay, décédée le 19 mars 2010 à l'âge de 98 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Earl Bishop.
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- **Michèle Hervieux** de la région de Montréal, décédée le 24 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 69 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Gilles Mercier.
- **Michelle Mercier** de St-Georges de Beauce, décédée le 21 mars 2010 à l'âge de 56 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Adonia Poulin et la fille de Raymond Mercier et Jeanne d'Arc Rodrigue
- **Paul Mercier** de Québec, décédé le 24 mars à l'âge de 90 ans. Il était l'époux de Louise Beaudoin et le fils de Georges Mercier et Zérila Quirion
- **Pauline Auger** de Trois-Rivières, décédée le 16 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 96 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Guy Mercier*.
- **Pierrette Mercier** de Laval, décédée le 2 novembre 2009 à l'âge de 73 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Gilles Demers.
- **Raymond Mercier** de Sainte-Marie (Beauce), décédé le 18 février 2010 à l'âge de 81 ans. Il était l'époux de Jeannine Giroux.



- **Reine Mercier** de Buckingham, décédée le 5 février 2010 à l'âge de 82 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Horace Tremblay et la fille de Antonio Mercier et Anna Plouffe.
- **Richard Verreault** de Trois-Rivières, décédé le 23 février 2010 à l'âge de 64 ans. Il était l'époux de *Diane Mercier*.
- **Rita Grenier** de Brossard, décédée le 30 janvier à l'âge de 86 ans. Elle était l'épouse de *Roger Mercier*.
- **Robert Mercier** de Montréal, décédé le 22 février 2010 à l'âge de 63 ans. Il était le conjoint de Madeleine Brulé.
- **Roland Mercier** de Ste-Marie, décédé le 8 janvier 2010 à l'âge de 72 ans. Il était l'époux de Réjeanne Gilbert.
- **Roland Mercier** de Notre-Dame de Lorette, décédé le 22 mars 2010 à l'âge de 84 ans. Il était l'époux de Yvette Boilard et le fils de Mizaël Mercier et Edmondine Boulianne.
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- **Yvette Mercier Dancause** de Saint-Marcel (l'Islet), décédée le 7 mars 2010 à l'âge de 89 ans. Elle était l'épouse de Léopold Dancause. Elle était la fille de Edgar Mercier et Marie-Louise Morin.

## Renewed Membership

Thanks you to all our members who have renewed their subscription

Renewals received between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 6, 2010

N <sup>o</sup>	NAME	DATE DUE
1481	Martin Noël	2010
1276	Charlotte Mercier	2010
578	Émilia Mercier	2010
1377	Marie-Claude Mercier	2012
704	Josette Mercier	2011
1529	Claude Jacques	2011



# Mercier of every kind

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*The present article was except from Wikipedia (french). It's a presentation of a longtime defender of the Creole culture and of the French language in Louisiana.*

## **Alfred Mercier, medical doctor and writer 1816-1894**

Charles Alfred Mercier, was born in McDonoghville (New Orleans, Louisiana) on June 1816 and died in New Orleans in May 1894. He his an American poet, novelist and a drama author of French language. He came from an old lineage of Creole and Girondine family.

*He lived all his childhood in Louisiana, then, at the age of 14, he is sent to Paris, where he goes to the Louis-le-Grand college, then, after, he goes to a law faculty even he loves literature. In 1838, he return to New Orleans and travel between Louisiana and Boston to learn English. In 1842, he goes back to Europe and stay a while in Italy. In Paris, his frequentations are the progressist and romantic circles. He tell about these things in 1848 by sending articles to Louisiana. He get married, became a medical doctor in 1855, and bring all his family to New Orleans where he practice his new profession.*

During the Secession War, he returns to Paris and try to convince France to join the Confederates. He return to Louisiana in 1868, poor, he decide to try the French-Louisiana literary scene. He found, with others in 1875, the *Athénée louisianais*, an association create to promote the French culture and language. *The Athénée* begin to publish reports in 1876.

Great defender of the French culture against the domination of the English, he is named Officer of the Legion of Honour in 1885. He wrote in 1883 :

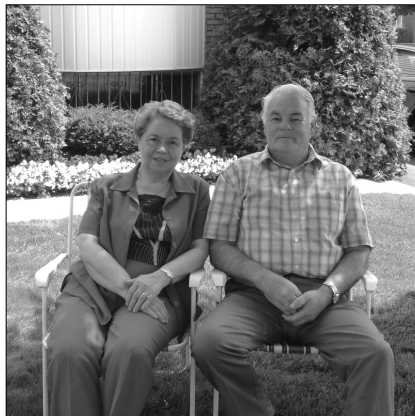
“The day when we will cease to speak in French in Louisiana, if that happen one day — Even if we don’t believe will happen — There will be no more Creoles; the mighty original group that formed of the great national family of the United States will have vanished, and its taste and its color, the wine that we drown in the river that flows”

The period after 1873 is particularly propitious for Alfred Mercier, literary man. He publish many novels : *Le Fou de Palerme* in 1873, *La Fille du prêtre* in 1877, his *Étude sur la langue créole* in Louisiana in 1880, his masterpiece *L’Habitation Saint-Ybars* in 1881, *Émile des Ormiers*, published daily in the *Le Franco-louisianais* in 1886, *Fortunia*, a drama, in 1888, and *Johnelle* in 1891. All this without mentioning the poetries and his many scientific, literary and social articles. He use his last years to safeguard the creole culture in Louisiana. He is against the single English culturalism that put in danger the French culture since the civil war. He died on May 12, 1894.

“Soleil couchant” was published in the *Comptes Rendus de l’Athénée Louisianais*. This poem represent a synthesis of romantic elements that left their mark on Mercier and ideas that he had taught his medical training. This bifurcation provides a duality of poetic images and ideas that came from it. These two streams eventually became the pillars supporting the structure the entire poem. Finally, we see in the last stanza that the reality of natural law prevails: human enterprises, despite their relatively impressive scale, leave “not the slightest trace”.

# A Interesting Initiative

Following the call by our president Benoît inviting the members, to participate in their own way to the implementation of the dictionary of Mercier marriages, currently under development, some people have shown interest such as Laurent Mercier (1520) of St. Hubert, who after a few exchanges to understand the nature of collaboration desired, sent to the executive an impressive amount of material (baptism certificates, marriage contracts, family pictures, family tree, narrative memories of ancestors, etc..) which covers most of the period from the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century to yesterday morning.



*Laurent et son épouse Réjeanne.*

This lineage of Mercier established in the Quebec region particularly on the south shore, Julien, Quebec m: 1654 / Jean Ste-Anne de Beaupre, m: 1691 / Julien, Ste-Anne de Beaupre, m: 1718 / Julien, St-Vallier, m: 1755 / William Prospero, St. Henry, m: 1793 / Henry, St. Henry, m: 1831 / Anselm Prospero, Ste-Agathe, m: 1862 / Joseph. Ste-Agathe, m: 1893 / Antoine, Ste-Agathe, m: 1929 / Laurent, St-Jacques of Leeds, 1966.

The few photos accompanying this text give an idea of this important collaboration.

*Sincere thanks*



HENRY MERCIER ET JULIE LEBRUN

**Henry Mercier and Julie Lebrun are our great great-grandparents in Ste-Agathe. Henry is born on July 1808 in St-Henri-de-Lévis and Julie on August 18, 1812 in St-Henri-de-Lévis.**



Our great-great-great-grandparents got married on October 10, 1831 in St-Henri de Lévis. They stayed for 20 years in St. Anselme-de-Dorchester. On December 24, 1851, they exchanged their farm for lot # 104 in Ste-Agathe.

The contract was on signed March 6, 1852, before the registrar at Ste-Croix de Lotbinière. The contract number is the act # 3589.

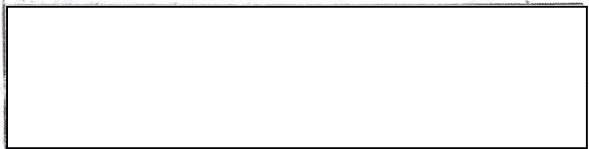
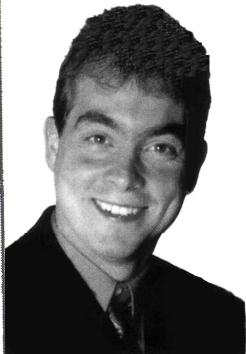

Our great-great-great-grandparents sold the lot # 104 to their son, Anselm. They stayed with their son Anselme and Rose Bolduc until their deaths.

Our great-great-grandmother Julia died November 27, 1885 and our great-great-great-grandfather Henry on September 17, 1886. They rest in the cemetery of Ste-Agathe.

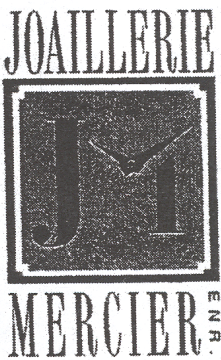
**This picture was taken in 1875 in Ste-Agathe. Our ancestors were working with these animals. These bulls were slow but they were strong. Our ancestors Henry Mercier and Julie Lebrun have worked with what they could at that time. Their children have also known the pain of hard work.**

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