



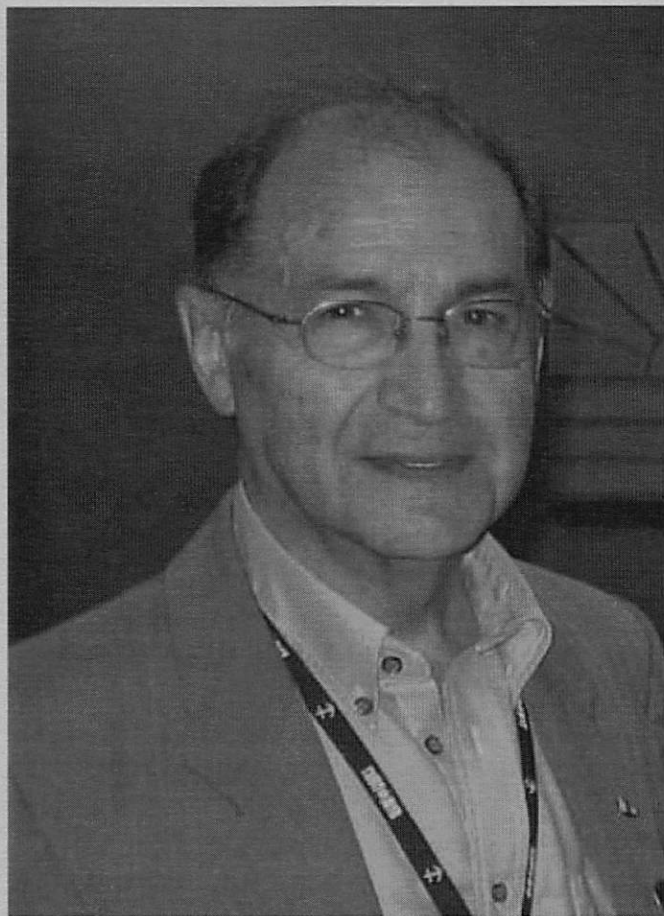
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Death of Pierre-Paul Mercier

A few days before the deposit of the text for publication of the present bulletin, we have learn about the death of Pierre-Paul Mercier, of one our pioneers in its development and its successes. In the next number we shall draw, in the best of our knowledge, a portrait of this passionate worker.

For the moment, let say that he was president from 1999 until 2008, the writer of our newsletter from 2002 until 2008, a person in charge of the gatherings from 1998 and 2003, named Commander in 2000 and author of Napoleon Mercier and Alphonsine Chartier, a story of his ancestors

Our most sincere condolences to his wife and to the family.

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Pierre Mercier	Engineering	Saint-Bruno, QC	2000
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This newsletter is named after the kingdom of Mercia which existed from the 7th to the 10th 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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Presentation

By Jean Mercier (1)

Since the annual assembly, the board of directors have met twice. Our president, Benoît, have not been able to attend the meeting of October 23rd, the election of the executive was put back and the members took advantage of it to assess the annual assembly and introduce both newcomers, Bernard and Jean, to the various subjects.

Benoît, in spite of numerous constraints was able to attend the meeting of February 8th and it was possible to add to the currents subjects, the election of the officers.

Not many surprises, a well deserve return of Benoît to is presidency, Germain Nappert as the vice-president, and Jean (1) as secretary-treasurer. Sincere thanks to these administrators accepting another term and congratulations to both newcomers, Bernard (179) and Jean (1524).

One of the projects on which a lot of energy was put is a dictionary of the marriages of the Merciers. It is a tool, a source of information, that the Mercier would like to give to their members. A big part of the Quebec material is now brought together. However there is a lot to make in the other provinces and in the United States. It cannot become reality without the collaboration of some of you. A little patience and a little more time is enough. For lack of collaboration there is strong probability that the project is abandoned. It would be regrettable, but so goes life. If you want to help and give us a hand, communicate with one of the administrators whose address and phone number are in page 3.

We question ourselves on the interest of holding an activity of a maple sugars shack party could have for the members of the Montreal region as well as their friends. The best way to know is to ask them. It it up to you to answer.

Thanks in advance.

We are now on 

Millions of Quebecers are connected to social networks and particularly to Facebook. The association of the Merciers of North America is following the wave and has, since near one year, a group on this site. We invite you to join us to receive regular communications of the association. While being in connection with us, you could maintain links with the relationship or the remote friends or still redraw long-time knowledge the track of friends which you have lost. We will be happy to welcome you in our group as well as your relatives (parents) and friends.

Gilmond (28)





**AN INVITATION OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER
OF NORTH AMERICA**



**HEY HO!
IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO LIKE THE TASTE OF MAPLE SYRUP
HUMMMMM...**

WHEN : SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2011, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM

**WHERE : ÉRABLIÈRE RÉAL BRUNEAU
830, ROUTE 277 IN SAINT-HENRI-DE-LÉVIS**

HOW TO GET THERE? : BY AUTOROUTE 20, EXIT 325 SOUTH,
DIRECTION PINTENDRE, ROUTE 277
(About 30 minutes Pierre-Laporte Bridge)
The maple shack can be seen from route 277

MENU :

- Diner, Canadian meals, all you can eat
- Bring you wine if you like
- Maple toffee on snow (all you can eat)
- Horse sleigh ride
- Canadian music and animation...

COST: - 0 to 3 years: free - 4 to 10 years: \$10 - 11 year old and more :
\$22

You pay when you arrive at the maple shack.

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PRESENCE BEFORE APRIL 9, 2011 to:
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Among the subjects in the last issue, we mentioned some of the realizations of Marcel Mercier de Montmagny of and his hardwood floor company and his miniature villages. We however, forgot to add that Marcel is a life member of the Merciers's association and he is since the debut, in June, 1986). Furthermore on his web site we find suggestions of places, companies and persons of interests for the Association of Merciers of North America.

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In the short bibliographic notes concerning the departures and the arrivals, it is important to add that Dolorès Morin with her mother Marie-Reine Mercier inventoried and classified the various subjects handled in the Mercien for 1987's in 2000 in the perspective to realize an index.

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In the article *Life is not that short*, the ascendance of Noëlla Laliberté and Réal Mercier was amputated and some generations were compressed so it was not much understandable. Here it is in its integrity. A thousand excuses.

ASCENDANTS

de/of

Réal Mercier/Noëlla Laliberté

Père/Father	Date et lieu de mariage/Date and place of marriage En France / In France	Mère/Mother
<i>Jehan Mercier</i>		<i>Thiennette Le Blond</i>
	1557-06-20, Tourouvre (Perche) France	
<i>Marin Mercier</i>		<i>Jehanne Brisson</i>
	Grand'Pré (Perche) France	
<i>François Mercier</i>		<i>Roberde Cornillau</i>
	1605, Tourouvre (Perche) France	
En Amérique du Nord / In North America		
<i>Jullien Mercier</i>	I	<i>Marie Poulain</i>
	1654-01-18, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, (Québec) Canada	
<i>Pascal Mercier</i>	II	<i>Anne Cloutier</i>
	1681-11-11, Château-Richer (Montmorency) Québec	
<i>Jean Mercier</i>	III	<i>Geneviève Asselin</i>
	1715-11-04, Saint-François, I .O. (Montmorency) Québec	
<i>Pierre-Joseph Mercier</i>	IV	<i>Cécile Couture</i>
	1760-02-04, Saint-Charles (Bellechasse) Québec	
<i>Augustin Mercier</i>	V	<i>Marie-Anne Blais</i>
	1794-02-25, Berthier (Montmagny) Québec	
<i>Pierre Mercier</i>	VI	<i>Anastasie Picard</i>
	1822-07-29, Saint-Pierre-du-Sud (Montmagny) Québec	
<i>François Mercier</i>	VII	<i>Perpétue Roy</i>
	1850-07-30, Saint-Henri (Lévis) Québec	
<i>Joseph Mercier</i>	VIII	<i>Delvina Mercier</i>
	1886-07-19, Saint-Isidore (Dorchester) Québec	
<i>Alcide Mercier</i>	IX	<i>Diana Vallière</i>
	1918-10-18, Saint-Henri (Lévis) Québec	
<i>Réal Mercier</i>	X	<i>Noëlla Laliberté</i>
		Nathalie Mercier et Arthur Laliberté
	1945-09-17, Saint-Henri (Lévis) Québec	

Retracé par Benoît Mercier
Québec, 2010



Quiz on the Merciers

Test your knowledge on the great Mercier families. If you obtain 12 good answers or more, you surely like history and genealogy. Between 7 and 11 good answers, you would have advantage to read or read again «*Mercier depuis des siècles*» or to visit the web site : famillesmercier.org . Less than 7 good answers... Are you really a parent or a friend of a Mercier?

1. Who was the first Mercier to come in New France?
A. Jullien B. François-Joseph C. Jeanne
2. Who was the Prime Minister of Québec from 1887 to 1891?
A. Lomer B. Adolphe C. Honoré
3. Identify a paint artist of international reputation, born in Nicolet in 1934?
A. Michèle B. Monique C. Huguette
4. Where Jullien and Marie Poulain, first founding family of the the Mercier, established in 1654?
A. Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré B. Saint-Michel-de-Bellechasse C. Limoilou
5. Who was the founder of the Association of the Mercier of North America and author of «*Mercier depuis des siècles*» (Mercier for centuries)?
A. Ernest B. Jean C. Benoit
6. What was the career of Charles, ancestor of the Mercier dit Lajoie?
A. Soldier B. Farmer C. Wood worker
7. In what country 2/3 of the Merciers live?
A. Canada B. Belgium C. France
8. About 10 000 Merciers live in the United States. In which State are they the most numerous?
A. California B. Michigan C. Massachusetts
9. Identify the humorist from Quebec?
A. Martin B. Jean-François C. Mario
10. To which commercial product do you link the name Mercier?
A. Automobile B. Fur C. Champagne

11. Associate these founding families to its characteristic :

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|--|-----------------------------|
| A. Jullien and Marie Poulain | 1. Bedeau in Verchères |
| B. Pierre dit Caudebec and Andrée Martin | 2. War of the conquest |
| C. The miller Pierre and Marguerite Lemain | 3. Poitou |
| D. Pierre-Simon and Marie-Pierre Pineau | 4. The majority of Merciers |
| E. Charles and Marianne Lahaise | 5. Acadia |

12. Identify this professional poker player?

- A. Isabelle B. Claudine C. Hélène

13. Identify this reporter and correspondent in New York for Radio-Canada (CBC French)?

- A. Josée B. Catherine C. Céline

14. Which geographical identity NE can be associated with the toponym Mercier?

- A. A city B. A provincial county C. A regional municipality of county

15. Name the reporter of *L'actualité*, she has won many awards for the quality of her articles?

- A. Noémi B. Lucie C. Amélie (See the answers at the end of the page)

Thank you to the members who have renewed their contributions

The following list contain the numbers and the names of the members who have renewed their membership which we received between October 1st, 2010 and January 2011.

NO	NAME	CITY	DATE ISSUE
21	Laurent Mercier	St-Mathieu d'Harricana	2010
210	Denise Mercier	St-Lin-des-Laurentides	2016

New member

NO	NAME	CITY	DATE ISSUES
1543	Sandra Mercier	Sre-Sabine-de-Bellechasse	2012

Gilmond (28)

ANSWERS
1.B 2.C 3.B 4.A 5.A 6.A 7.C 8.C 9.B 10.C 11.A4, B5, C3, D1, E2 12.A 13.B 14.C 15.A



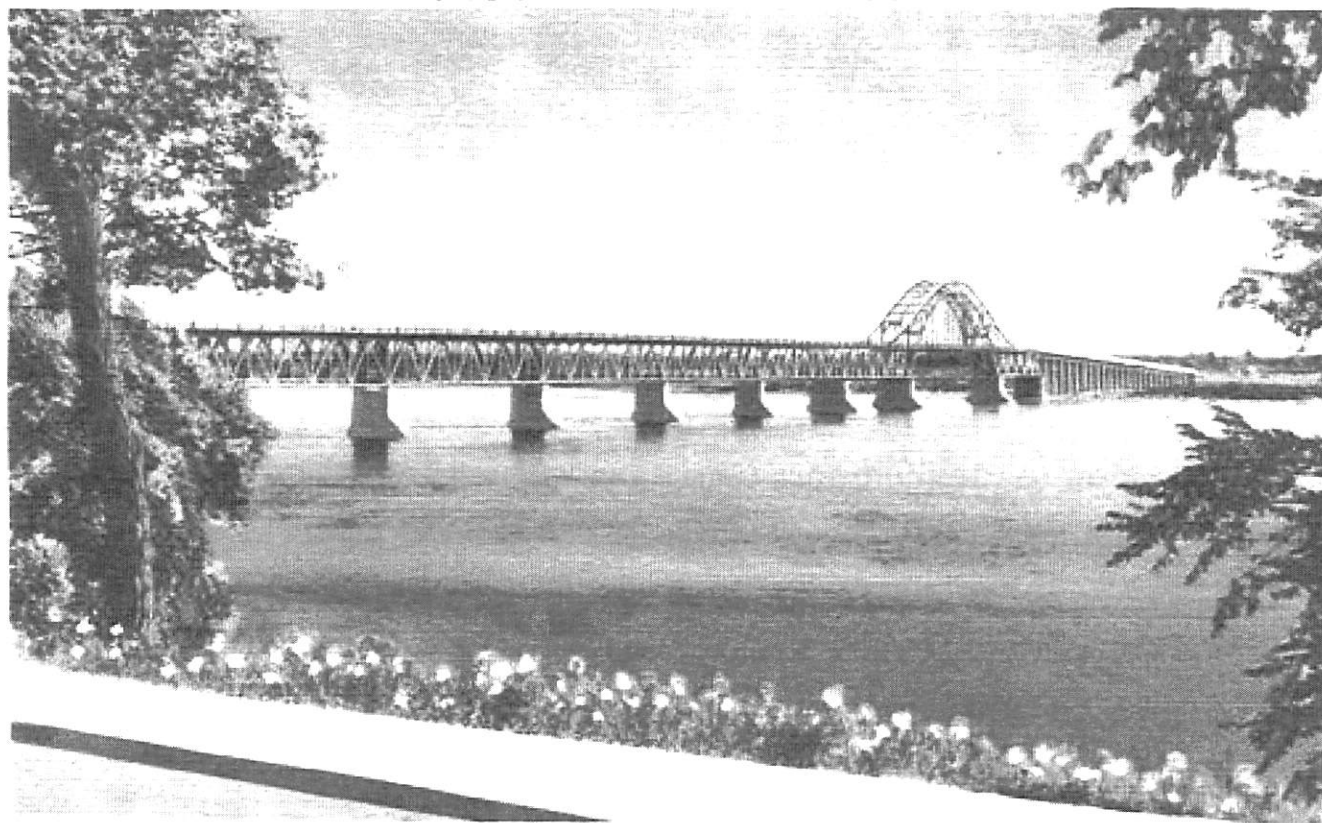
The Honoré-Mercier Bridge

The Honoré-Mercier Bridge was set up between 1932 and 1934 to favor the transport between Montreal and the southwest of Quebec. It crosses the Saint Lawrence connecting the district of LaSalle, on the island of Montreal and the mohawk territory of Kahnawake, located on the south bank of the Saint Lawrence river.

Before the construction, there were two bridges which connected the metropolis to the south bank, that is the Jacques-Cartier Bridge (opened in 1930) and the Victoria Bridge (inaugurated in 1860).

The construction of the Honoré-Mercier bridge was realized within the framework of the works

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LE PONT MERCIER, CAUGHNAWAGA, QUE.

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organized by the authorities to counter the economic crisis, further to the collapse of November, 1929. In fact, the construction of the bridge allowed to reduce significantly the distance to cross between Montreal and the State of New York.

The bridge wears Honoré Mercier's name in honour of honorable Honoré Mercier, Prime

Minister of Quebec towards the end of the XIXth century.

During about ten years, the travelers had to pay to cross the Honoré-Mercier bridge and it is in 1962 when the system of toll was abolished (we speak about a possible restoration of the toll in the years to come).

During more than twenty years, the bridge contained two ways and it is in 1955 when the Honoré-Mercier bridge was widened, a way was added on each side. These works of release of the bridge coincided with the construction of the Sea route of the Saint Lawrence.

Today, the number of vehicles which take the

Honoré-Mercier Bridge a year, is about 30 millions.

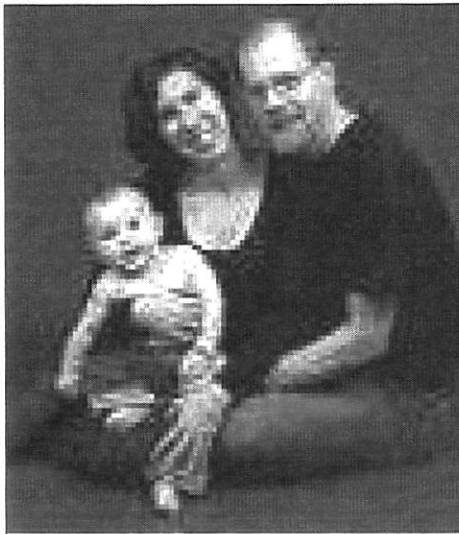
Illustration: Centre d'histoire de Montréal

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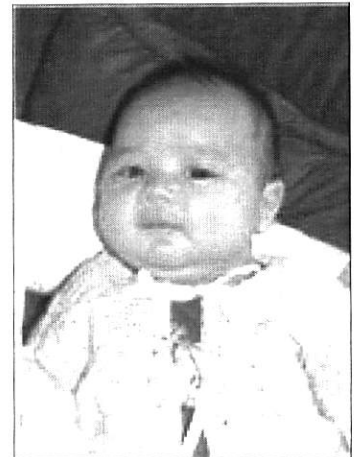
Good news... The arrival of future members in the family of our president, Benoît

I have the pleasure to announce you some new arrivals in my family

Marie-Neige, my grand-daughter, is been born on March 1st, 2010, child of Jean-François Mercier and Chantal Savoie



Danaé was born in Quebec on November 30th, 2010, son of François Mercier and Marie-Hélène Prémont. François is the son of Claude Mercier and Diane Martin. Claude is the son of Réal (my brother).



Let us hope that this will convince the others to publish the births in their family.

Benoît (222)



Julien is born in Quebec on June 30th, 2010, son of Catherine Cantin and Robert Ouellet. Catherine is the daughter of Doris Mercier and Robert Cantin. Doris Mercier is the girl of Réal Mercier and Noëlla Laliberté. Réal is my brother.



Les descendants de Joseph

Two sisters, members of the Merciers, Irène Croteau (1915-2010) and Lucienne Mercier-Croteau (1917-2009) died recently.

They lived in Bonnyville in Alberta, place where their grandfather Joseph Mercier of Ste-Julie (Laurierville) in Quebec eventually settled in 1948 and where he died in 1955.

The progress of Ste-Julie to Bonnyville was not free. It is the consequence of the fire in 1906 of the factory of doors and windows which he possessed. It was for him a disaster, he lost quite his assets.

It is in the suggestion of a missionary recruiter, father Ouellette that he took the train for Alberta in April, 1907 together with his wife Hélène Bérubé and four children stemming from his previous union with Émilie Mailhot: Armand, Anatole, Antonio and Anne-Marie. The journey for Calgary lasted seven days and from there the family went to Strathcona, today Edmonton where they were accommodated in a house of reception. He found his young brother Lucien who was working there.

The 40 years that followed were not easy for the Mercier couple, the work of Joseph, mostly in the construction, required numerous voyages and moving. It is during this period when were born five children of the second union: Gérard, Trefflé, Rose-Anna, Jeannette and Adrienne.

Lucienne and Irène are the children of Anne-Marie who married Omer Croteau in 1913 at the age of 16 and the couple established on the farm of Omer to Bonnyville. Of this marriage arise twelve children among whom eleven were always alive in 1996, year the death of Anne-Marie. They are: Irène, Jeannette, Lucienne, Lucien, Marcel, Thérèse, Raymond, Claire, André, Paul and Johanne.

Irène was born to Bonnyville on May 7th, 1915. At the age of 16, she emigrated in California (USA) where she pursued her studies and teach for 25 years. On returning

to Canada in 1968 she pursued her career in the education (teaching) in Calgary for 12 other years. In her retreat, she made numerous journeys in Europe, in the Middle East and in Asia and returned in her hometown to live her last years there. She died on October 18th, 2010 at the age of 95.



Irène



Lucienne

Lucienne died on December 9th, 2009 at the age of 91. During 40 years, her life was dedicated to education in her native province the Alberta. Her social implication, particularly with the French - albertains and of the Mercier family was considerable.

She was named Citizen of the year in Bonnyville by the Chamber of Commerce.

She was the instigator of the grouping the Merciers of Alberta who held its first meeting on June 3rd and 4th, 1989 and established the Mercier club of Alberta.

She participated with two of her sisters and two of her brothers in the second journey of the Merciers in France in 1991.

She(It) received for her(its) very big contribution commander's title accompanied with a plate(patch) to remember of the MERCY in the gathering 97.

She published Merciers, yesterday and today, a genealogy of 14 generations of the lineage of Jullien.

We can only bow before the courage and the tenacity of these fellow patriots who in the event knew how to keep robust links with their place of origin while adapting themselves to their new environment.

Jean (1)

The Mercien has published repeatedly articles concerning the descendants of Joseph, in particularly in the following numbers: Vol 5 no 3; Vol 5 no 4; Vol 6 no 3; Vol 10 no1; Vol 12 no 4; Vol 13 no2.

We do not choose our family, but sometimes, we have pleasant surprise

It is what happen in the case of Claudine Mercier, who was a member of the board of the Mercien during several years and who was always in the universe of the genealogy.

This pleasant surprise name is SIMON DURIVAGE, a well-known television presenter, born on December 10th, 1944. Here are the main line of is career presented by Radio-Canada (CBC French).

B i o g r a p h y

Simon Durivage

Simon Durivage began his career in Radio-Canada in 1968 as a journalist then animator of the radio show *Présent*. From 1974 to 1978, he host the popular TV show *Consommateurs avertis* at Radio-Canada.



From 1978 to 1981, he works at Radio-Québec as animator of *L'Objectif*, principal magazine of public affairs of that channel. Back to Radio-Canada in 1982, he host *Télémonde*, then, for ten years, the TV show *Le Point*. He become news anchorman of *Montréal ce soir* from 1992-1993 to 1995-1996, then *Enjeux* in 1996-1997. At the same time, he host *Sans détour* at RDI and *Rédacteurs en chef* TV-5 station. From Fall 1997 to Spring 2002, he works at TVA where he is news anchorman of the *TVA, Édition Réseau*, he also works in coproductions such as *Les Grandes peurs de l'an 2000*, *Dans la peau* and *Un an plus tard*. In 2002-2003, he host the radio show *Montréal-express* at the first station of Radio-Canada, and the weekly magazine *Justice* at Radio-Canada television. He is also the anchorman of *Aujourd'hui* from 2003-2004, then animator of the interactive tribune *simondurivage.com* from 2004 to 2006. Since Fall 2005, he is one the principal anchormen of RDI. At the same time *Le Club des ex*, launch during the Quebec electoral campaign of March 2007, had so much success that it took a regular spot, on RDI. Il Since September 2007, he also offer the weekly program *Le Match des élus*, gathering many elected persons from the four federal parties and he also host the presentation of *Grands reportages* that air from Monday to Friday at 8:00 pm. Simon Durivage has won three MétroStar award for best news anchorman (2000 and 2002) and

personality of the year (2001) and five Géméaux awards : three for *Le Point*, two for *Montréal ce soir* and one for *Enjeux*.

(Source : Radio-Canada)

SIMON DURIVAGE

Julien Mercier	1^{er} génération 18-01-1654 Notre-Dame, Québec	Marie Poulin
Jean Mercier	2^e génération 25-02-1691 Ste-Anne de Beaupré	Barbe Montmagnier
Julien Mercier	3^e génération 30-05-1718 Ste-Anne de Beaupré	Agnès Meunier
Julien Mercier	4^e génération 11-01-1755 St-Vallier, Bellechasse	Marthe Roy
Guillaume Mercier	5^e génération 17-11-1793 St-Henri, Lévis	Angélique Fortier
Frédéric Mercier	6^e génération 15-09-1840 Ste-Marie, Beauce	Julie Baillargeon
Sophonie Mercier (1)	7^e génération 11-02-1862 Ste-Julie, Laurièreville	Edmond Demers
Marie-Anne Demers	8^e génération 11-08-1914 Immaculée-Conception, Montréal	Alphonse Durivage
Paul Durivage	9^e génération 14-07-1940 St-Germain, Outremont	Reine Ménard
Simon Durivage	10^e génération 01-06-1968 Notre-Dame de Grâce, Montréal	Louise Borne

(1) Sophronie Mercier était la sœur d'Adjudant, grand-père de Claudine.

L'Anse des Mères, l'Anse Mercier

Here is the first one of some texts to appear on the place where all our Théo. family, Annette and their nine children as well as the family of the cousin Bernard spent for 50 years the summer season. Some beautiful memories to be remembered.

This Anse is a small place of Quebec which has its history. If you leave Lévis and you move towards Bas-St-Laurent on the 132, in the limits is of St-Michel, turn and take this small end of this old road. It will lead you to this place. Two stony posts indicate the entrance: " L'Anse Mercier ".

And here we are, on the domain that was part of the *Seigneurie of Ladurantaye* owned by Mgr of St-Vallier and given to the *Hospitalières of l'Hôpital Général*. Here began its little history.

At the beginning of the 17th century, France is interested in the New World. It sends to 1603, two explorers: Champlain and Poutrincourt. Port-Royal on the Coast of the Atlantic Ocean that will be the part of Poutrincourt and Quebec, in the Valley of the St-Laurent, that of Champlain who will settle down there in 1608. These two founders develop a friendship with the Indians: Montagnais in Quebec the Micmacs with Port-Royal. These last one were Algonquian; Malécites and Abenakis being two others (1).

In Port-Royal, Jesuits accompanied these first colonists, in particular the father Le Mercier.

This good complicity did not last a long time. In 1628, the brother Kirke seizes Quebec and terminate the French presence. Fortunately, further to the wars in Europe, the treaty of St-Germain-en-Laye restores in France these territories in colonization in the New World. Champlain returns to Quebec, and the French people in the valley of St-Laurent. This presence does not leave indifferent the Indians of Port-Royal. A tradition becomes established. The Micmacs come to visit the French people of Quebec. They go back up to the New Brunswick by the river St-Jean, join the lake Baker and the others to end in Rivière-du-Loup. There, they make a portage which became Notre-Dame-du-Portage and reaches the St-Laurent river. A first stage ends in Anse-aux-Sauvages of St-Jean-Port-Joli. The second ends in Pointe-à-l'Ardoise which closes the Anse des Mères.

It is there that they settled down for a stay of 2 months. To harvest their corn. Of this place, they could go and

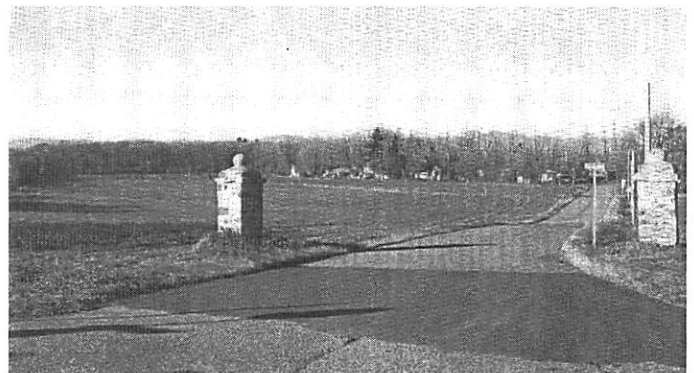
return with the tides. The Mothers took advantage of their presence to offer the religious services in a chapel. Doubtless that these coincidences were planned and suggested by the father Le Mercier who had evangelized them in Port-Royal.

During this stay, the Indians who died were buried to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré. They by-passed the Island of Orléans on the point. This cemetery contained the parishioners and was near the first church. (2) The Mothers had to sell their domain because of the debts accumulated after the battle of the Plains of 1759. They had looked after the French and English soldiers, after victims of this battle. And so the Mercier family acquired it and lived during 3 generations, those of Alfred, Joseph and Napoleon.

Today, the Anse has about 60 owners who will begin to live there from the beginning of the 30's of the XXth century. They have a extraordinary view.

Bernard (179)

- (1) The Algonquins families has 3 tribes, the Micmacs, the Etchemins or Malécites et and the Algonquins. They lived in the actual New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the American East Coast. Long time friends of the French, they were useful to help them against the Iroquois who were helping the English.
- (2) The Micmacs were always respected for their tradition to come to Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré for the Sunday of the First Nation in june, and for Ste-Anne celebration on July 26.



The missed rendez-vous

*I*t is the title of the new collection of ten short stories that Esther Mercier Croft published recently and whose launch took place at *Lévesque éditeur of Quebec*.

We reproduce an assembly of Anne - Marie Voisard's article, that appeared in *Le Soleil* of November 12th, 2010.

Esther Croft publishes a new collection of short stories, *The missed rendez vous*. We have to say it to ourselves, because there is in this book of which to captivate all those who love, not only the well chiselled texts, but what they tell and feel him behind the story. Whoever reads it will certainly be touched.

This title, which she found even before beginning to write, applies to each of 10 short stories. Originally, the author speaks about a malaise with regard to the poverty of our human relations ". Spouse, children, friends. Carelessness, freedom from care. Lack of time. " Our days are occupied as if there were dwarfs that were filling our agendas during the night. "

Reflexion and emotion

Without ever lecturing whom it is, it is not her style, Esther Croft provokes the reflection. Imagine two couples in their thirties. The women are friendly, badmouth against their husband, the hairs of beard which are lying in the washbasin, the contribution to the good care of the children below the expectations, etc. Until one dies, without notice, from a heart attack. It is what we read *Avant qu'il ne soit trop tard*. The end is in no way what we would have been able to imagine.

Every time, it is a surprise. Still the unexpected has to justify itself, it has to be "organic". Esther Croft gives for example *Le boisé de l'université* (*The park of the university*), where she shows in full action an intellectual deficient who become a serial killer. His fetishist side reminds us of the notorious Russell William, although the text is previous to this horror. Everything takes place in the order of the fantasy, including the fall.



This piece of short story, on the linguistic plan, appeared as a present. " The words came alone ", says the author, while admitting to have felt "very uncomfortable". Why this theme, if far from her a priori, was it imperative? Maybe because she has two girls (Marie-Chantal, architect, Édith, sculpture) and because, similar to many mothers, she was afraid of the rape. Be that as it may, it is necessary in her opinion " to be tuned in to what wants to say ".

It is the message delivered to her students who, for 30 years, take part to her lesson of writing. Dare to let speak about the unconscious. Esther Croft quotes Marguerite Duras, in motto in *You will not die*, who has just been republished: " *if we knew something of it we are going to write, before making it, before writing, we would not write.* " It is also of what she thinks. Contrary to Mélissa in *The success of the others*, she does not give up dedicating " hours and working hours to the good will of the public.

Fortunately! That allows us to read this collection, of which The national holiday, which closes it. An old lady roams street Cartier, in Quebec. This day, June 23rd, which had nevertheless begun well, her life is going to fall over. " We speak about solidarity; somebody falls on the pavement; nobody takes care of it. " It is not so much the news item which interests Esther Croft, that the felt emotion, that she has the art to communicate.

Obituaries

Our deepest condolences to the families

Adrienne Mercier Larochelle de Saint Georges, died on September 8th at the age of 91. She was the wife of Maurice Larochelle.

Albertine Mercier of the region of Trois-Rivières, died on January 12th, 2011 at the age of 100. She was the wife of Maltese Lucien and the daughter of Alcide Mercier and Aurore Gagnon.

Alice Mercier of Sorel-Tracy and formerly of Yamaska died on January 14th, 2011 at the age of 89. She was the wife of Isidore Bibeau.

Alice Tardif of Weedon, died on September 8th, 2010 at the age of 83. She was the wife in 1st wedding of Rolland Mercier and in 2nd Jules Giguère's wedding.

Anselme Mercier of Hebron N.H. (USA), died recently at the age of 88 after a long disease. He was the husband of Kilda Haberdasher and the son of Mr. and Mrs Nazaire Mercier.

Annoncia Mercier of St-Magloire, died on January 4th, 2011 at the age of 83. She was the wife of Gaston Laverdière.

Blanche Mercier-Gauthier of Laval, died on September 6th at the age of 94. She was the wife of Lucien Mercier.

Cécile Lessard of Lévis, died on December 23rd, 2010 at the age of 78 years. She was the wife of *Gabriel Mercier*.

Christian Mercier of Grande Rivière, died on January 7th, 2011 at the age of 53. He was the spouse of Denise Cloutier and the son of Lucien Mercier and Jeannette Moreau.

Denise Mercier de St Aubert of L' Islet, died on January 4th, 2011 at the age of 65. She was the wife of Robert Lizotte.

Eleanor Mika Mercier of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, died on January 20th, 2011 at the age of 76. She was the wife of Gérard Haberdasher.

Émile Mercier, of St-Charles of Bellechasse, died on October 16th, 2010 at the age of 88. He was the husband of Gervaise Vermette.

Florence Déry of Baie-Comeau, died on December 10th, 2010 at the age of 87. She was the wife of Jean-Paul Mercier.

Florent Mercier of Sorel died on October 9th, 2010 at the age of 84. He was the husband of Jeannine Cournoyer.

Francine Picard of Claire died on December 26th, 2010 at the age of 83. She was the wife of Raymond Guy Mercier.

Françoise Mercier of Beauport died on December 7th, 2010 at the age of 87. She was the wife of Louis Giroux.

Françoise Mercier of saint-Marie, died on January 19th, 2011 at the age of 82. She was the wife of René Bisson.

Georgette Brochu Mercier, of St-Fabien de Panet, died on November 11th at the age of 92. She was the wife of Adélarde Haberdasher.

Georgette Beaulé Mercier of Québec, died on November 4th, 2010 at the age of 88. She was the wife of Roger Beaulé.

Germaine Mercier of Québec died on January 7th, 2011 at the age of 75. She was the girl of Alfred Mercier and Flavie Verreault.

Gertrude Mercier Bussières of Breakeyville died on October 10th, 2010 at the age of 98. She was the wife of Georges Bussières.

Guylaine Mercier of Quebec died on October 18th, 2010 at the age of 47. She was the girl of Benoît Mercier and Estelle Cochrane.

Hélène Roy of Saint-Rédempteur, died on November 12th, 2010 at the age of 88. She was the wife of Rosary.

Hubert Demers of Magog, died on September 8th, 2010 at the age of 81. He was the husband of Jeannine Haberdasher.

Irène Mercier of Lévis and native of Notre-Dame of the Rosary, of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Charity of Saint Louis (Sister Émilienne-du-Sacré-Cœur. She died on September 24th, 2010 at the age of 86. She was the girl of Siméon Mercier and Alphonsine Gaudreau.

Irène Mercier been born Cart, of Notre-Dame-de-la-Salette, died on October 29th, 2010 at the age of 93. She was the wife of Josaphat Haberdasher and the girl of Servent Cart and Rose-Délina Mondoux.

Irène Croteau: biography in this number.

Jean Mercier de Trois-Rivières, died on August 27th, 2010 at the age of 85. He was the first husband of Angèle Pelletier and in Gisèle Gill's second wedding.

Jean Mercier of l'Ange-Gardien, died on September 20th, 2010 at the age of 80. He was the husband of Louise Connors Mercier.

Jeanne d'Arc Gaudin of Québec, died on September 15th, 2010 at the age of 90.

Jeanne d'Arc Mercier of Québec, of the Congregation Notre-Dame (S.S.-Gérard-de-Pragues) died on September 8th, 2010 at the age of 90. She was the daughter of Alcide Mercier and Amanda Bélanger.



Johanne Bigras Calvé of Sainte-Scholastique, of Mirabel, died on November 16th, 2010 at the age of 55. She was the wife of Robert Bigras and the girl of Omer Calvé and Angéline Mercier.

Léo Mercier of Newport (Gaspésie), died on October 11th, 2010 at the age of 77. He was the husband of Giselaine Montmigny.

Léon Mercier of St-Roch-de-L'Achigan, died on October 13th, 2010 at the age of 85. He was the husband of Denise St-André.

Léopold Lefebvre of Asbestos, died on October 12th, 2010 at the age of 84.. He was the husband of Louiselle Haberdasher.

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Lionel Mercier of Sherbrooke, died at the age of 94. He was the husband of Léonide Side and the son of Georges Mercier and Délia Comeau.

Lucienne Mercier-Croteau: biography in this number.

Lucille Mercier of Boucherville died on December 29th, 2010 at the age of 79. She was the wife of Gérard Bélanger.

Madeleine Mercier died at the Hospital Charles-Lemoyne at the age of 85. She was the wife of Laurent Corriveau.

Marcel Mercier of Lévis, died on January 1st, 2011 at the age of 89. He was a war veteran of the war 39-45. He was the son of Alfred Mercier and Adrienne Gagné.

Marguerite Mercier of Sainte-Marie de Beauce, died on November 24th, 2010 at the age of 96. She was the girl of Joseph Mercier and Agéline Blais.

Marguerite Mercier Pouliot of Québec and formerly of St-Michel-de-Bellechasse, died on October 28th, 2010 at the age of 98. She was the wife of Antoine Pouliot.

Marie-Paule Mercier of Candiac and formerly of Montmagny, died on January 2nd, 2011 at the age of 85. She was the wife of Paul-André Lacroix and the girl of Maxime Mercier and Géraldine Coulombe.

Mariette Mercier of Saint Charles de Bellechasse, died on October 2nd, 2010 at the age of 79. She was the daughter of Eugène Mercier and Marguerite Picard

Michel Mercier of Laval died on October 21st, 2010 at the age of 82. He was the husband of Madeleine Doyon.

Michel Vachon died on August 26th, 2010 at the age of 55. He was the companion of Renelle Lévesque and Sylvie Mercier's former husband.

Paul-Émile Mercier of Quebec died on November 5th, 2010 at the age of 92. He was the husband of Blanche Couture.

Pierre-Paul Mercier 1934 - on 2011 - February 13th, 2011, at the age of 76, died Mr. Pierre-Paul Mercier, of St-Lambert, husband(couple) of Mrs Carmen Dupont. Besides his wife, he leaves in the mourning his son Benoît, his daughter Marie-Claude (Jean-François), his grandchildren Daniel and Sophie as well as numerous relatives and friends.

Raymonde Mercier-Blais de Saint-Benoit-Labre, died on December 19th, 2010 at the age of 70. She was the wife of Ghislain Blais and the girl of Alfred Mercier and Lucie Fortin

Réjanne Mercier de Claire died on December 7th, 2010. She was the wife of Jacques Rousseau.

Robert Mercier de Sorel-Tracy, died on October 22nd, 2010 at the age of 77. He was the husband of Marcelle Boily and the son of Dominique Évano Mercier and Flora Auger.

Robert Mercier of La Sarre, died on January 7th, 2011 at the age of 85. He was the companion(journeyman) of Jacqueline.

Roger Mercier of Grand-Mère, died on January 18th, 2011 at the age of 81. He was the husband of Monique Mercier.

Roger Mercier of the region of Montreal, died on January 13th, 2011 at the age of 69. He was the husband of Louise Alarie.

Simon Dion of Victoriaville died on December 8th, 2010 at the age of 70. He was the husband of Pierrette Mercier.

Solange Pilon of St-Jovite died on December 22nd, 2010 at the age of 77. She was the wife of Charles David Mercier.

Stella Lebel of Berthierville and formerly of St-Ignace-de-Loyola, died on January 1st, 2011 at the age of 77 She was the wife of Robert Mercier.



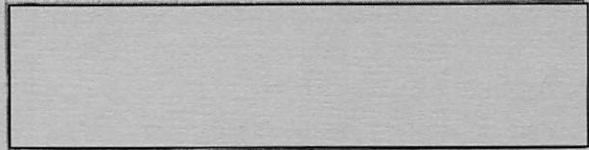
Suzanne Mercier of Laval died on November 29th, 2010 at the age of 81. She was the wife of Fernand Groleau.

Yves Mercier of St-Hubert, died on October 12th, 2010 at the age of 87. He was the husband of Yvette Martel.




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