

# Le Mercien

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## BEAUCE

Annual General Meeting, August 25, 2012 For more information, see pages 4, 5 and 6



The members of the Board of Directors of AMAN and the organizing committee formed by Jacques, Céline and Guimond invite you, this coming August 25, to come and share with them in a relaxing atmosphere the pleasure of better knowing Saint-Georges and the Beauce region. They are here photographed in front of a stained-glass window, work of art realized by François Fréchette. See Page 7 for de-

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#### Membership dues

Annually: 25 \$
Life membership, 65 years and older: 250 \$
Life membership, less than 65 years of age: 400 \$
Governor: 1 000 \$

Those amounts are in U.S. currency for U.S. residents and in euros for European residents.

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).

A.M.A.N. is a member of the Fédération des familles souches du Québec

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## The Word of the President

By Jean Mercier (1524), president

Dear friends,

final word from our Newsletter
Le Mercien. Yes, more or less
20 days left only before our
general assembly which will be
held next August 25 in Saint-Georges de
Beauce. Enclosed in our Newsletter are all
the necessary documents for your
registration for the general assembly, the
name of hotels for those who wish to
prolong their trip to visit this magnificent
region, as well as the program for the day.

Do like me, it is the first time that I will be coming to this beautiful region. Yes, Gilmond, Céline and Jacques have put a tremendous effort into the organization of this assembly and their only salary will be your presence. Let us be proud of our association by showing our presence.



In our last Newsletter Le Mercien, the formula for the renewal of your membership fees was included as well as various requests for information such as: suggestions for the content you would like to see published in our Newsletter; on the various activities of our association and telling us if you are available for voluntary work when we participate in different exhibits. That will

help us greatly in rendering our Newsletter and our association much more interesting.

With the pleasure of meeting you in Saint-Georges de Beauce.

## A Word From the Mayor



By François Fecteau, mayor of Saint-Georges

It is most agreeable to me to invite the members of The Mercier Association of North America (AMAN) to their next annual assembly which will be held in August 2012 in the City of Saint-Georges.»

To all, I wish the pleasure of participating and of living this 'get together' as a personal adventure allowing each one to step into the past to share their common origin, briefly, a most enriching personal adventure.

Take advantage of your stay to discover the multiple facets of a City and a Region shaped by entrepreneurship stories, legends, unique attractions but mostly, to discover the people and the Mercier who live within this Region and give it life.

Most cordial salutations.





#### Welcome to new members

1573 Aurèle Mercier, Ste-Marie (Beauce), QC1574 Jean René Mercier, Gatineau, QC1575 Richard Mercier, Geraldton, ON

## Thank you to the following members who renewed their annual contribution

9 Madeleine M. Talbot	706 Yves Mercier	1443 Jacqueline Mercier
15 Alain Mercier	713 Chantal Mercier	1448 François Mercier
23 Yvon Mercier	843 Fernand Mercier	1463 Charles Mercier
29 Jean-Roch Mercier	844 Thérèse Mercier	1469 Raymond Mercier
87 Dorys Mercier	861 Robert Mercier	1472 Alain L. Mercier
93 Lionel Mercier	871 Jacques Mercier	1480 Germain Nappert
151 Gérard Mercier	894 Jean-Louis Mercier	1482 Madeline Ernest
177 Georgette Mercier	900 Lise Mercier	1506 Marielle Mercier
180 Guy Dubé	935 Joseph Norbert Mercier	1522 Doris Ferrara
208 Gaston Mercier	945 Georges-Clément Mercier	1523 André Mercier
231 Pauline St-Louis	1199 Noëlla Mercier	1525 Nicole Mercier
261 Rosélia Mercier Laliberté	1299 Normand R. Mercier	1545 Fernande Mercier
285 Jacques Mercier	1306 Anne Mercier	1549 Huguette Gingras
317 Jacques Mercier	1321 Huguette Desfossés	1551 Claude Mercier
321 Guy Mercier	1331 Germaine L. Lamothe	1557 Agnès Mercier
407 Jacqueline Mercier Moreau	1367 Sylvie Mercier	1563 Maurice Mercier
473 Maurice Mercier	1391 Jean-Charles Mercier & Réjeanne	2043 Laurent Bégin & Germain
495 Léo Mercier	Létourneau	Dumont
506 Marcel Mercier	1425 Rodrigue Mercier	2050 Réal Mercier
625 Dary Mercier	1432 Josette Mercier	
634 Armand Mercier	1433 Pierre Mercier	

## **General Meeting**

The members of the Mercier Association North America 28th are convened at be general meeting. It will held at the Centre culturel Marie-Fitzbach St. Georges in the Beauce region on August 25 2012 à 10 a.m.

#### Order of the day

28,01	Opening of the meeting, welcoming words,
	Program of the day and presence.
28,02	reading and adoption of the order of the day.
28,03	reading and adoption of the minutes of the 27th meeting.
28,04	Report of the president.
28,05	Report of the treasurer.
28,06	Nomination of a verificator.
28,07	Ratification of the acts of the administrators.
28,08	Election of the administrators.
28,09	Other business: presentation of life membership certificate
28,10	End of meeting



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# Program of the activities of the day - August 25, 2012

**Location :** Saint-Georges, Beauce

Centre culturel Marie-Fitzbach

9 to 10 am: Welcome, registration, reunion, genealogy

and music. Promotional items available (juice,

coffee, pastries);

10 to 10:45 am: Annual assembly (order of the day in the next

issue);

**10:45 to 11 am :** Jacques Mercier, author, composer, present

the new version of the theme song of the

Merciers;

11 to 11:30 am : Discussion about Beauce and its people.

11:45 am to 1:15 pm: Diner at the restaurant La table du junior

(Père nature);

1:30 to 2:10 pm: Guided visit of the Saint-Georges church who is among the most beautiful religious

temple in Quebec. This patrimonial gem always charm the visitors with its architecture and its interior decoration made of sculptures, ornements and works of

art:

2:25 to 3:25 pm: Guided visit of the Musée de l'entrepreneurship beauceron in the Centre culturel

Marie-Fitzbach, l'histoire du royaume de la PME et de ses bâtisseurs : Lacroix,

Dutil, Pomerleau...« Une explication du miracle beauceron »;

**3:30 to 4 pm**: Wine of friendship, prize winning and drawing.

**Coût**: \$45/each, **everything included**: dener, guided visit and friendship wine.

#### How to get at Centre culturel Marie-Fitzbach

Take Highway 73 or 173 or 204 routes to the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue toward downtown St. George to 118<sup>th</sup> Street, turn right at first traffic light after crossing the bridge turn left up boiler to the next street. You are made on the parking lot of Marie-Fitzbach Cultural Center (250, 18<sup>th</sup> Street). View map.

The inscription form will be in the next issue of Le Mercien



### Come and Discover the Beauce and the Beaucerons

At the next general assembly to be held August 25 in Saint-Georges de Beauce at the 'Marie-Fitzbach Cultural Center', the participants will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge of this picturesque part of the province as well as its inhabitants. Together also, we will discover the answers to the following questions and much more:









- Which notorious American bootlegger, whose son became President, came on many occasions in the Beauce area to stock up on alcohol during the Prohibition Era in the United States?
- ➤ Why are the Beaucerons nicknamed 'Jarrets noirs' (Black ham)?
- For what reasons does the Chaudiere River regularly presents spectacular overflows?
- ➤ Which Beauceron was the first Cardinal to be born in Canada?
- What proportion of the world production of maple syrup is supplied by the Beauce region?
- Which French-Canadian Regiment participated in the invasion of Normandy at Juno Beach on June 6, 1944?
- Which Beauce Company has built #1000 De la Gauchetiere, the National Library in Montreal as well as many other renowned works such as the aluminum factory 'Alouette' in Sept-îles?
- The fictitious character in a Roger Lemelin novel considered being a coarse caricature of the Beaucerons?
- An American invader who was well received by the Beaucerons in 1775?
- ➤ Which grand New York Stadium is an achievement of Groupe Canam, a great enterprise from the Beauce?
- An athlete from Beauceville who won a gold medal with the Canadian Women's Hockey Team at the Vancouver Olympic Games in 2010?

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- A singer and winner of Star Académie, a native of Saint-Gédéon?
- The 'Rebellious Beaucerons' distinguish themselves at election time. Which colorful Beauceron was Head of the Credit Party?
- A Mobile Circus which tours Quebec for the grand pleasure of the young and not so young?
- The daughter of a soldier from Luxembourg who founded the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; the Saint-Georges Cultural Center bears her name?
- A Beauceron solidarity movement which helps families in search of workers?
- A food product created by Rose-Anna Giroux and Arcade Vachon?
- The first French-Canadian Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada?
- An ethnologist of great reputation; a museum in Saint-Joseph bears his name?

Enjoy the legendary hospitality of the Beaucerons and become a 'jarret noir' for the day. Be at the 'rendezvous' next August 25.

## **Stained glass**

A photo of this window is on the cover.

"The knight is dressed in blue to remind us of the noble origins of the Patron Saint of the City. The face and the hands are transparent to symbolize the timeless aspect of this legendary figure who holds a luminous sword representing Strength, Protection and Justice. The white horse with the rein pictured in blue, red and gold symbolizes the economic, social and cultural dynamism of the City. The shield carrying a white cross on a blue background represents the French origins while the Cross of Saint-Georges, red in color on a white background reminds us of the Anglo-Saxon influence. The blue irons remind us of the industriousness and the red flames refer to the energy, the ardour and the warmness of the citizens. The red trill, floral emblem of the city, confirms its preoccupation for the quality of life of its citizens while the empty spaces enclosed within the stained-glass frame wish to represent windows open on the outside world allowing all to look towards the future."



## Tourouvre, birthplace of Julien Mercier

Tourouvre, situated some 150 km. west of Paris, in Perche, is the birthplace of Julien Mercier, ancestor of the great majority of the Mercier in America.

"Major cradle of immigration for New France, **Tourouvre** presents itself as an unavoidable stop for all passionate lovers of genealogy in Quebec.



Tourouvre (Credits : Xavier Debreuille, Le Québec une histoire de famille)

Convinced by Doctor Robert Giffard and the Juchereau brothers, numerous Normans of the region of Perche will dare embark for the New World and will contribute to the birth of many of our great families. The majority of these settlers will initially sign a 3 year employment contract before Notary Choiseau of Tourouvre and will later choose to remain here for the rest of their lives.

Arrived in the first hours of the Colony, the Tremblay, Bouchard, **MERCIER**, Pelletier and Gagnon, just to mention a few, will leave behind a very important number of descendants in Québec." <sup>1</sup>

A museum, **The House of French Emigration to Canada**, devoted to the history of our roots will interest all Québécois on the trail of their ancestors in France. Besides various exhibits, "we propose to our visitors to plunge into their family history through the consultation of our data banks born out of two scientific programs." These computerized data banks constitute an excellent research tools for the knowledge of French emigration to Canada during the XVIIth century, including information on the socio-economical, historical, demographical and genealogical aspects of this emigration.

"You follow the footsteps of your ancestors and you apprehend the period of their departure, the voyage and their settlement in New France which will become Canada. The course of their adventure is rendered more vivid thanks to the support of multimedia instruments." <sup>2</sup>

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The House of French Emigration to Canada (Credits : Xavier Debreuille, Le Québec une histoire de famille)

Inside the Church of Saint-Aubin de Tourouvre, two glass-stained windows and many memorial ex-votos recall the emigration period to Canada. On the ex-voto placed by The Perche-Canada Association in memory of the emigrants of the XVIIth century, one can read, amongst others, the name of Jean Guyon, ancestor of the singer Céline Dion, and that of **JULIEN MERCIER** whose descendant **Honoré Mercier** will become Prime Minister of the province of Québec. A glass-stained window in the Church of Saint-Aubin evokes the visit of this famous descendant in May 1891 to the land of his ancestors." <sup>3</sup>

#### **Bibliography**

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- <sup>2</sup> Musée de l'émigration française au Canada <u>www.musealesdetourouvre.com</u>
- <sup>3</sup> Wikipedia

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### **Notice**

The Fédération des familles souches du Québec will held a exhibition at Centre commercial Les Rivières (Trois-Rivières) on September 21, 22 and 23, 2012.

Our presence at this exhibition is conditional to the disponibility of our volunteers. If you want to be part of it, please, let us know.



#### A Word From Chantal Mercier

Mr Benoît Mercier,

It is with great pleasure that I send my membership fees for the year 2011-2012. I am sorry for being so late. During the month of May (from May 8 to June 3) my husband and I were on a trip to France and on our return, I completely forgot to pay my dues.

I insist on remaining a member of the great family of AMAN. Your Newsletter is always interesting. I read it with pleasure and I am happy to learn more about the 'MERCIER' and their wonderful achievements.

Our stay in France could not end without a visit to the country of our ancestors (La Perche). We went to Tourouvre for a visit at the 'Grandinière' (ancestral home of Jullien MERCIER) where the actual owners warmly welcomed us. The house is beautiful and very well kept. What a wonderful moment it was!

The following day we took the direction of 'Randonnai', 7 km. from Tourouvre, to discover a beautiful little village and on one of the side roads close-by, the ancestral home of Pierre TREMBLAY, the ancestor of all the TREMBLAY of America (my husband is a Tremblay). Unfortunately, the owners being absent, we were unable to pay a visit but we were able to notice that the house was in good shape and well kept.

This visit in the Perche area made us discover the beautiful greenery of the Basse-Normandie and brought a good ending to our trip.

In ending my letter, I wish to congratulate you as well as your team for your devotion to AMAN and for all the achievements of the past years: Internet site, Facebook, Marriage Data Bank, etc.

Thank you for your consideration and long life to AMAN,

Chantal Mercier

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## Georges Mercier

My uncle Georges died on May 11 2012 at his residence at the CHSLD of Sept-îles after a long life for he had reached 97 years on April 22.

He was born in Saint-Henri de Lévis, son of Onésiphore Mercier and Adéla Dussault. He is the fifth in a family of 13 children of which one is still living, an 88 year old religious nun. He married Anita Boisvert in August 1945 in Taschereau, Abitibi.

My mother Ida was born in 1908 and so, having 7 years more than him, was an older sister. She used to tell us that she would bring him to school in the Rang Saint-Henri but that uncle hated school. She used to help him with his homework. He was a rather solitary person and would try to build little things with nothing. He would have built, it seems, a little wagon that he used to pull behind him.

Physically he was a tall man and, in my eyes, tall on the journey of a full life. I will enumerate here a few of the events in which he was involved in his field of work as well as in his social life.

The family leaves for Rouyn in 1927. He works at the construction of the Hospital of Noranda; becomes baker in Rouyn, baker in Senneterre. Upon his return to Rouyn, where he works in the mines, he becomes a founding member of the Caisse populaire de Rouyn.

A little anecdote: My mother had had an accident on the farm in Palmarolle. She was waiting for a fifth child and had been ordered to rest. My uncle and my aunt came down to settle with us. I can still see my uncle cutting the hay for it was the hay season. What great hearts and beautiful generosity on their

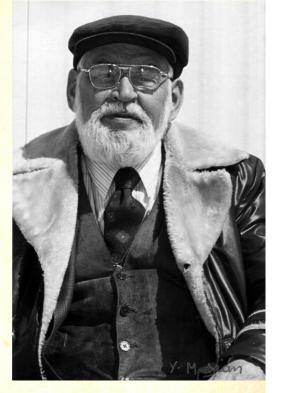
In 1960, uncle's family leaves for Sept-îles, a family of 10 children with numerous grand-children. He works in construction and is socially involved as: churchwarden in the parish of Saint-Joseph de Sept-îles for 3 years; founding member of l'Âge d'Or and a Knight of Columbus for more than 69 years, since 1943. Retired since 1978, he was always involved in voluntary work.

My uncle is a person who preserved his Catholic faith, an important value for him. The family was also very important to him and he would show his presence at the many family reunions or at the funerals. His greatest sorrow was the accidental death of his daughter Georgiane.

I could continue for many more pages but we will keep our souvenirs in our hearts.

In 1995, following a long conversation I had had in his den on Humphrey street where he recalled all his souvenirs, it was on the occasion of the Golden jubilee of uncle and aunty, I received in the mail a parcel and a letter from my cousin Reine. My uncle, who had a life membership in AMAN, #219 had registered my name in The Association of the Mercier. Since then, I am #1321. What a beautiful gift for me who adores genealogy and history.

Rest in Peace, dear uncle!



Votre niece Huguette daughter of Ida and grand-daughter of Onésiphore Mercier



part!

## **Robert Mercier**

Robert Mercier of Valleyfield died May 8, 2012 at the age of 87 years. He was the beloved husband of Thérèse Bouffard. He leaves to mourn him his children: Estelle (Jacques), Pierre (Micheline), Ginette (Christian), Claude (Manon) and Alain (Ginette), 12 grand-children and 23 great grand-children; his sisters Henriette and Mariette (Harmel), his brother Albert (Antonia) as well as his brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, family and friends.

Robert was an honorary member for life of our association. This recognition was granted him at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of AMAN held in Montmagny on September 25, 1999.

Here are some of the main points made during the presentation by Benoît on that occasion.

Robert was born in Montréal on December 1, 1924. He was baptised in

Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire Parish. He is the son of Adélard and Blanche Delisle, the 10<sup>th</sup> of a family of 13 children. He belongs to the 9<sup>th</sup> generation of the Mercier of America, descendant of Jullien and Marie Poulin of the lineage of Pierre and Marie Chamberlain.

The parents of Robert were originally from the parish of Saint-Jean-Baptiste-de-Québec. Robert married Thérèse Bouffard in Valleyfield on September 4, 1948 in the parish of Saint-Eugène. They have five (5) children, 12 grand-children, 2 great grand-children and a third on his way. The Parents of his spouse lived in St-Paul-de-Montmagny.

For more than 40 years he exercised his career as a builder-carpenter. He spent one year in the Armed Forces followed by 8 years in a cotton factory. He retired in 1990.

His pastimes: Robert loves very much folk music, especially Ovila Légaré. He occasionally plays the mandolin. He does voluntary work at the 'Centre des Loisirs' in his parish. Besides, he does wooden crafts, being a good wood worker. To put a final touch to his many activities, you will understand that he spent a good part of his time working at his genealogy. It is in the early 50's that he showed some interest by gathering data on his immediate family: his brothers, his sisters, his uncles, his aunts, the grand-parents and the rest. Today, he has more than 20 000 marriage files and collaborates closely with AMAN in matters of genealogy and ancestors' titles.

In 1995, he organised the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of AMAN in Valleyfield where more than 100 people attended.

The Data Bank which he initiated now numbers more then 70 000 inscriptions to be made available shortly to the members of AMAN.

Robert's spouse deceased on December 5, 2009. During many years she would give one of her creative works, very often a painting, which would be offered as an attendance prize at the annual assembly. In order to complete the picture of this great collaborator we reproduce the spontaneous testimony of his grand-children presented at his final religious ceremony.

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## In memory of my grandfather

"In the name of all of us, let us go back in time in memory of our grand-father. 1924, beginning of winter, a boy is born. He will be a member of the 10<sup>th</sup> generation of the descendants of Julien Mercier.

Already at school, your gift for mocking people just like your aptitudes for woodworking manifests itself. It is a talent you will have developed up to the end. You found pleasure in transmitting to the youngest ideas of various games to play at no cost. Wood worker... you wore out the floor by puttering in your workshop.

Perhaps you did not run fast enough to go to war... but at Montreal Cotton, you caught up with the one through whom your family name will continue. In the course of your love history, 5 children were born. In their turn, your name was honored with your 12 grandchildren who also offered you 22 great grandchildren and two on the way. We will all have had the privilege of sitting on your knees and listening to your stories. You're saying 'Chac à la papouille' or your trick 'turning one hand on our bellies and hitting us on the head with the other' will remain happy souvenirs for all of us.

One must not forget your passion for our ancestors and your pride in being a Mercier... Co-founder and number which... #4 of The Society of History and Genealogy of Salaberry. Besides, you were an active member of the Mercier Association of North America.

Grandpa, your life was full... Between 'wrestling' and 'Les Belles Histoires des Pays d'En-Haut' (a TV Series) you were always ready for a good evening, a game of cards or a visit to the church or the cemetery. All that while taking good care of your SÉPARURE (hairstyle). The simple and authentic man that you were offered more than 50 years of voluntary service to the 'Cercle des Loisirs St-Eugène'. Your time did not count. Even when you retired you did not find enough time to putter around in your workshop. Melon, you would not hesitate to scratch your mandolin for a little tune or to play a song that others could sing with you.

Like Grandma was saying: 'You have gone to join your dead'. Thus, you will be able to know each one's personal history.

During your next coffee break, we invite you to have a little thought about our grandfather who never hesitated to share moments of happiness with his friends.

Like the birds you so readily observed and fed, take your flight... Your 'crow' is waiting for you.

Bon voyage, Grandpa."





### Better late than never

We regularly receive texts concerning events and activities all to the honor of their authors, and the latter are always, you will rightly guess, some Mercier.

Here are a few:

# Committee of experts to advise the City of Québec on the development of the religious patrimony

This committee is chaired by Mario Dufour, president of the Commission on the Cultural Heritage of Québec and formerly Pastor of the parish of St-Roch from 1995 to 2000. The members are: Luc Noppen, specialist of religious heritage, Odile Roy ex-counsellor responsible for Heritage Affairs, Louise Mercier CEO of the Council for Monuments and Heritage Sites of Québec, George Coulombe real estate manager and owner, Reverend Jacques Roberge bursar at the Archbishop of Québec's Residence, Armand Saint-Laurent vice-president of Habitation-Québec and Claude Tessier vice president of Real Estate Investments for Industrial Alliance.

Source: Journal de Québec, Régys Caron, 4/09/11

## Masters of the Slopes

On the 7th of June 2011, Marie Danais and **Christian Mercier** climbed the podium's highest step during the 26<sup>th</sup> Royale-Desjardins Downhill Event. Two weeks earlier, in Ottawa, both had achieved some success: Marie Danais finished first at the semi-marathon and **Christian** finished 15<sup>th</sup> for the 10 km. competition but with the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest speed for the Canadians.

Source: Le Soleil, Jean-François Tardif, 8/06/11

## Karianne Mercier qualifies for the Canadian championships

The Sports/Study program at the Esther-Blondin College of Saint-Jacques is only in its second year of implementation but some students are already showing some interesting results. So it is for **Karianne Mercier**, a fourth year Secondary student enrolled in the Sports/Study Swimming Program. She has just qualified for the Canadian Championships to be held in Calgary in July. The 'Lanaudaise' is supervised by the swimming club 'Les Torpilles'.

Source: Journal régional

This good news was transmitted to us by Mrs. Nathalie Sauvé, her mother and spouse of Laurent Jr. Mercier. Karianne, 16 years old, is the grand-daughter of



Cécile Brouillette and Laurent Mercier, administrator for AMAN.

## A Very First Book

Chantale Mercier has just published her very first book and was present at Renaud-Bray in Laurier, Québec for an autograph session. The hero of the book vows an unlimited passion for literature and words but his infatuation for SCRABBLE will lead him to a very particular activity: serial killer. Chantale now lives in Montréal but is a native of Quebec City where she resided for some 28 years.

Source: Le Soleil, Pierre Champagne, 18/09/11

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#### Our deepest condolences to the families

**Aline Mercier Larouche** of Ste-Foy (Quebec), died March 30, 2012 at the age of 84. She was the wife of Maurice Mercier.

**Allen Lagacé** of Bécancour, died April 21, 2012 at the age of 83. He was the husband of Monique Mercier.

**Antonio Mercier** of Longueuil, died April 27, 2012 at the age of 92 years. He was the husband of lady Odette Lapointe.

**Armand Mercier** of Loretteville, died April 4, 2012 at the age of 93. He was married to Marcella Mainguy and son of Alphonse Mercier and Lady Laura Lachance.

Christine Brault of Ste-Béatrix, died May 29, 2012 at the age of 44 years. She was the daughter of André Brault and lady Reina Mercier.

**Eudère Mercier** of St-Marcel de L'Islet, died April 29, 2012 at the age of 86. He was the husband of lady Anita Morin

**France Dorval Mercier** of Asbestos, died May 24, 2012 at the age of 61. She was the wife of Alain Mercier.

Germaine Mercier Maheux of Rosemère died March 29, 2012 at the age of 89 years. She was the wife of Jean -Louis Maheux.

**George Mercier** of Sept-Îles, died May 11, 2012 at the age of 97 years. He was the husband of Anita Boisvert. A text of his niece Huguette Desfosses honoring him is on page 13.

**Gerard Mercier** of Quebec, died at the age of 90 years May 15, 2012. He was the husband of Lady Liliane Laroche.

**Gilles Mercier** of Montreal, died May 7, 2012 at the age of 85. He was the husband of Lady Monique Archambault.

**Henri Mercier** of Rimouski, died May 21, 2012 at the age of 85. He was the husband of Lady Emeline Cyr and the son of Seraphin Mercier and Obéline De Repentigny.

**Huguette Mercier** of Longueuil, died May 13, 2012 at the age of 67. She was

first married to Vincent Wade and spouse of Louis Hatto.

**Jean-Claude Mercier** of Asbestos, died April 6 at the age of 85. He was the husband of Lady Noella Morissette.

**Jeannette Mercier** from Sherbrooke and resident in Massachusetts, died May 6, 2012 at the age of 97 years. She was the wife of Oscar Moffett and aunt of Paul J. Mercier Jr.

**Jocelyne Ward Mercier** of Lac-Drolet, who died the e April 17, 2012 at the age of 74 years. She was the wife of Jean-Paul Mercier.

**Laurier Mercier** of La Tuque, died May 6, 2012 at the age of 93. He was the husband of Gaëtane Courteau.

**Léo Robert Mercier** of Valleyfield, died May 8, 2012 at the age of 87. He was the husband of Therese Bouffard. A tribute to his subject appears in this issue.

**Lima Mercier Corriveau** of Quebec, died April 28, 2012 at the age of 87. She was the wife of Armand Borriveau.

**Lucien Mercier** of Sherbrooke, died May 7, 2012 at the age of 76. He was the husband of Claudette Bourgault and the son of Gerard and Yvette Mercier Thérriault.

Marie-Jeanne Faucher Mercier of St-Gedeon (Beauce), died June 2, 2012 at the age of 97 years. She was married to Oram Mercier.

**Noella Mercier Cameron** of Sherbrooke, died March 31, 2012 at the age of 81 she was the wife of Delourdes Cameron and daughter of Napoleon Mercier and lady Olivine Breton.

Normand Mercier of Asbestos, died March 25, 2012 at the age of 92 years. He was married in first wedding Jeannine Montmigny and the second wedding of Lady Madeleine Gagnon.

Odette Lapointe Mercier of Longueuil, died May 15, 2012 at the age of 88. She was the wife of Antonio Mercier.

Paul-Denis Martin died May 22, 2012

at the age of 70 years. He was the husband of Liliane Mercier.

**Paul-Emile Mercier** of Dunham, died March 30, 2012. He was the husband of Lady Therese Champoux.

**Pauline Roy-Mercier** of Quebec, died June 3, 2012 at the age of 88. She was the wife of Jean-Marc Roy and daughter of Omer Mercier and lady Marianna Normand.

**Rollande Mercier Bisson** of Quebec, died March 27, 2012 at the age of 90 years. She was the wife of Fernand Bisson.

Rolande Mercier Boutin of Asbestos, died April 26, 2012 at the age of 93 ans. She was the wife of Alfred Boutin and the daughter of Albert Mercier and Belle L'Heureux.

Teresa Mercier Harton of St-Désiré du Lac-Noir and formerly of Thetford Mines, died March 27, 2012 at the age of 86. She was the wife of Daniel Harton and the daughter of Louis Mercier and Lady Blanche-Délina Gagnon.

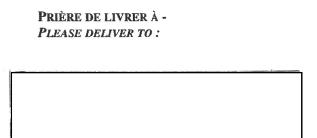
Yolande Plante Mercier of St-Lazare (Bellechasse), died May 29, 2012 at the age of 66 years. She was the wife of Lauréat Plante and the daughter of Omer Mercier and Lady Alfreda Labbé.

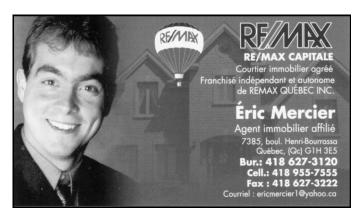
Yves Mercier of Montréal, died May 15, 2012 at the age of 55. He was the son of Rosaire Mercier and lady Lucia Thériault.





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