

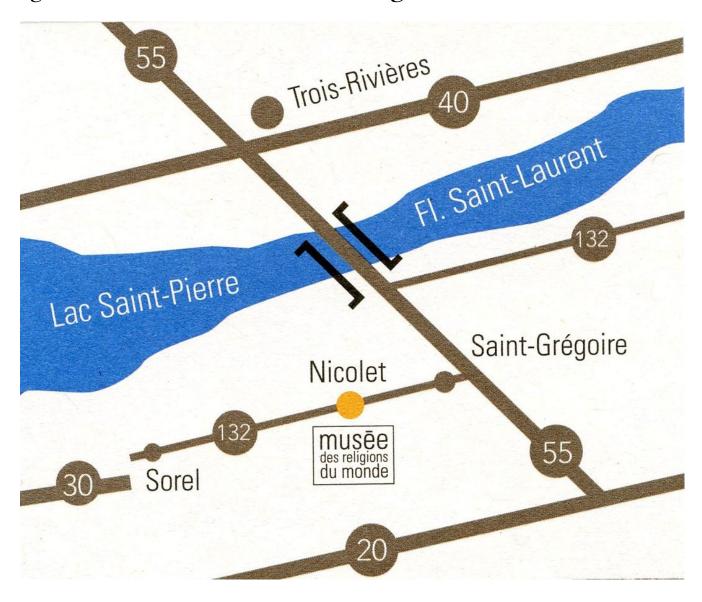
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Annual General Assembly

of the Association of the Mercier of North America Inc. August 24, 2013 at *Musée des Religions du monde* in Nicolet



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[•]his 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).

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

We are proud to perpetuate that name today.

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ello Dear Friends, Just one month and I will have the opportunity of meeting you on next August 24th at the Museum of Religions in Nicolet for our 2013 General Assembly. The members of your administrative council, assisted by Mrs. Céline Mercier and Mr. François Mercier of Nicolet have spared no effort to render this gathering most

interesting and I would like to thank them.

You will have the opportunity to visit the **Cathedral of Nicolet**, built between 1961 and 1963 in the form of a Latin cross. This fifth cathedral is a striking example of contemporary architecture using concrete and glass. You will also be able to admire a magnificent painting by Mrs. Monique Mercier. Another visit certain to be most interesting will be the visit of the old Seminary of Nicolet built in 1803, the third

oldest establishment of classical studies in Quebec. It was closed in 1969 then sold to the Government of Quebec to become a Police Institute.

In 1973, just as the building was declared a historical monument, it was partly destroyed by a fire. Presently

By Jean Mercier (1524), president

renovated, it has become the headquarters of the National School of Police of Quebec.

At the Museum of Religions, you will also be able to visit two exhibitions. One is called "**Apocalyste**" and was prepared by Sister Jeanne Vanasse and the other is called the "**Sainte Région**" the Holy Region, an exhibition which will

not leave you indifferent. All costs for these various visits are included in the fees paid for the General Assembly.

In our last 'Le Mercien' Newsletter, you will have noticed that we included the form to be filled for the renewal of your annual contribution to AMAN. Have you thought of asking a member of your family to become a member of AMAN in order to assure the future of our association? I hope you have and I wish to remind you that we accept all suggestions that

could bring some improvement to our AMAN association.

I hope to welcome a great number of you at the Museum of Religions in Nicolet. With the pleasure of meeting you...

Jean Mercier 1524 President 2012-2013

A Word from the Mayor of *Micolet*

am particularly proud to wish the most cordial welcome to the Mercier of North America. You have chosen our charming city to live these unique moments of yearly gathering and we hope that these moments of togetherness will mark history as have done your ancestors and your descendants.

Among its citizens, Nicolet counts many Mercier; I am convinced that they have set their hearts on preparing the best welcome for the 'family', the members of your association. You will be able to feel and experience for yourselves, wherever you go, the warmth of the people of Nicolet.

I wish you to benefit fully from your stay among us and to take the time to visit our various attractions such as the footbridges, in the bay near the port, leading to the Saint-Lawrence River and which have a reputation well known beyond our borders. I hope that the good moments you will pass in Nicolet will give you the desire to come back and taste other discoveries as agreeable as those you will have made.

Receive our cordial greetings,

The Mayor

Alain Drouin





Special Annual General Assembly of the Association of the Mercier of North America Inc.

The members of the Association of the Mercier of North America Inc. are convened at the 29th annual general assembly. It will be held at the Museum of World Religions, 900 Louis-Fréchette Boulevard, Nicolet at 10 a.m.

Agenda

29.01	Opening of the assembly, a word of welcome, presentation of the day's program and making a list of those present.
29.02	Presentation and approval of the Order of the day.
29.03	Presentation and approval of the minutes of the 28 th general assembly (2012).
29.04	The President's Report
29.05	The Treasurer's Report
29.06	Nomination of an Auditor.
29.07	Amendments to 'General Regulation No.1'
29.08	Approval of the Acts of the Administrative Council.
29.09	Election of the new Administrative Council.
29.10	Other business: presentation of life membership certificates.
29.11	End of the assembly.
	Ioan Marciar

Jean Mercier, Secretary



Annual General Assembly of the Association of the Mercier of North America Inc.

Program of the Activities of the Day: August 24, 2013

Religions du Monde Museum in Nicolet

9 to 10 am:	Welcome, registration, reunion, genealogical research and music. Promotional items available (juice, coffee, pastries);
10 to 11 am:	General Assembly (see agenda, previous page);
11 to 11:45 am:	Guided visit with Mrs. Monique Mercier of the Nicolet Cathedral. This church is particularly notable for its scale and counting. No rood screen, no column, a huge vessel and light generated where all can see and hear. And found within the works of artists from Nicolet.
12 pm to 1:30 pm:	Back to the Religions du Monde Museum for the diner
1:30 to 3:30 pm:	Visit of the literary park next to the Museum of Religions du Monde
3:30 to 4 pm:	Friendship wine, Prizes and draw.
	Cost: \$55/person, all included diner, guided visit and friendship wine

How to get at *Musée des Religions du Monde*, 900 boul. Louis-Fréchette, Nicolet J3T1V5 See the plan on the front page.

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Amendments proposed to our General Rules (2013)

The modifications to General Rule number 1 are proposed in the same spirit as the amendments made in the years 2000 and 2008. They wish to answer the need for adaptation to the normal evolution of our society and to the arrival of new communication technologies.

We propose this short self-explaining text for the English version of our Newsletter 'Le Mercien' in the hope that it will help our members to better understand the amendments that will be proposed at our Annual Assembly to be held on August 24th 2013 in Nicolet.

<u>Article 1</u>: to the list of our existing members, we propose to add a category to be called <u>'Commander'</u>.(Any person who subscribes the amount fixed by the Administrative Council to support the regular activities of AMAN shall be called <u>Commander</u>.)

<u>Article 3,01:</u> Add to the list of 'descendants' the term <u>'companion'</u> and include '<u>benefactors</u>'. (See 9,03)

Articles 6,01; 6,06; 6,07; 7,04; 10,04; 10,06: introduce the term "<u>electronic means such as</u> <u>the Internet"</u> to communicate with our members: convocation notice, participation in the administrative council, cancellation or change in date of convocation, a change in the notice for a meeting or assembly, as well as a resignation or a destitution.

Article 9,02: add 'regular family members' (ex. companion of a regular member).

<u>Article 9,03</u>: the statute of '<u>Benefactor</u>' is available to any person who will add to his annual fees a contribution that is equal or more than the annual fees established.

<u>Article 9,11:</u> add the following: 'A member who does not pay his annual fees will be considered as having submitted his resignation <u>60 days</u> after having received an expiry notice, which will have been forwarded to his last postal or electronic address, inviting him to pay his annual dues.

<u>Articles 10,01; 10,02; 10,03; 10,05:</u> Extend to '<u>North America'</u> the place where an Annual Assembly can be held; replace the term 'Special Assembly' by <u>'Extraordinary Assembly'.</u>

<u>Article 10,09:</u> the quorum of an assembly of members passes from 25 members or 10% to <u>25 members or 5%</u>.

<u>Article 11,02:</u> the term <u>Expert-Accountant</u> will be added to that of Auditor for the auditing of our financial statements.



Thanks to these members who have renewed their annual contribution FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN, THERE STILL IS TIME TO...

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Harriet has written us

NOT SO GREAT NEWS

HI All,

Went to Vermont Sat. for a quick trip and to have a family cookout with my brother Mike's family. My mother, Dolores MERCIER, married Everett Ainsworth at St Norbert's church Hardwick, Vermont in 1950 and had two sons by him, Michael and Dennis.

ON April 18 Michael was operated on for a lump in his left chin throat area. The biopsy showed it is cancer and now they say that this type of cancer does not usually start in the lymph node of the throat and so they are on a search for original site. They think maybe the throat, lungs or stomach. I went with him to Norris Cotton Cancer center last Thursday and so we have ssome hope of finding and destroying before it spreads to bone. Please pray for Michael.

His daughter Kimberly came from the Netherlands with her husband and son Martin for the next three weeks. His oldest son mathew was there as was his daughter, Ursula.

Then this morning on my Quebec website I find they have a Facebook that all may be interested in. https://www.facebook.com/groups/QRlist/

For some reason the family has had a lot of cancer and it just may be the work they did in Granite over the years.

God Bless

MEMORIES

When I was about 7, I used to always play with cousins at

my uncle's house. Uncle Robert was the eternal fisherman and hunter. At his home he had a barrel with minnow in it for his fishing trips (loved to play in that barrel of fish and water) to Lake Memphremagog at Newport and Caspien Lake in Greensboro, VT. He would hook his small boat and motor up and head for the lakes fishing whenever he could. When I was about twelve he caught what was the largest trout ever to come from Caspien a record held until approximately 15 years ago. It was over 25 pounds and 42 inches long as I remember. He had it mounted and then hung in his restaurant. His wife Beatrice also caught an 11 pounder that day. How I loved to see his fish an even in the winter when he went ice fishing and would bring home a bucket, mostly perch from Lake Memphreagog they tasted so good fried up crispy. My cousins and I went with him a couple of times ice fishing, don't ever remember going fishing at Caspien. Great Uncle Wilfred Mercier had his farm at Greensboro on the hazen Baily Road.Saw this site and thought since I know there were some Mercier's in Coaticook and Magog that you might like to see also.

http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec//waterq/planning/htm/ pl_memphremagog.htm

Uncle Robert was a prisoner of war in World War II but rarely spoke of the War to the chldren. Certainly my grandfather worried about his sons as I sat by his over stuffed living room chair listening to radio news with edward Murrow.

Best wishes and lets have some short stories from other members of the family.

Welcome to new members

1596 **Julien Mercier**, Saint-Jacques-de-Leeds, QC 1597 **Claude Mercier & Pauline Bergeron**, Nicolet, QC



The Government of Honoré Mercier Grants Free Land to Families with More Than 12 Living Children

By Gilmond Mercier(28)

elevision viewers who have followed the novel "Les belles histoires des pays d'en Haut" by Claude-HentiGrignon will remember an episode where the family of BasileFourchu receives a piece of free land following the birth of his twelfth child. This piece of fiction is based on reality. Indeed, the government of Honoré Mercier, desiring to encourage colonization and "to show a sign of consideration in favor of the fecundity of the sacred link of marriage", had a law passed through Parliament in 1890 entitled: "An Act Privileging Fathers and Mothers of Families Having More Than 12 Living Children."

31 Mercier families fulfilled the government requirements and received a land of 100 acres. The first steps to be takenby an applicant was to submit a request and forward it accompanied by one's Marriage Certificate, a birth certificate for each of the 12 children and a certificate signed by the Justice of Peace. Later on, the proceedings were simplified. The parish priest, where the applicant requesting a free lot resides, could forward a certificate confirming the facts mentioned in the request.

Starting in 1892, the land chosen must be part of public lands, suitable for culture, non-mining, not under license for wood-cutting and situated in the county where the applicant resides or as close as possible to his residence.

During the 15 years during which the law was in application, almost 5000 families received a free lot or a subsidy of \$50. thanks to an amendment added to the Act. All documents related to this subsidy are available on the National Archives of Quebec website.

Here is a list of the Mercier who availed themselves of this right:

The families whose father is a Mercier:

Adolphe, husband of AngélineParé of Saint-Féréol, Montmorency County.

David, husband of Nathalie Giroux of Saint-François, Beauce County.

Frédéric, husband of Julie Baillargeon of Sainte-Julie-de-Somerset, Mégantic County.

Eugène, husband ofZéliaLétourneau of Saint-François, Beauce County.

François-Xavier, husband of Malthide Blanchet of Saint-Hyacinthe, Saint-Hyacinthe County.



Picking hay on a colonization plot in Bellechasse. Photo from the heritage collection of Sainte-Sabine-de-Bellechasse. Source : the Solange Mercier and Fernand Boutin Fund.

François-Xavier, husband of Philomène Gendreau of Saint-Hippolyte-de-Wotton, Wolfe County.

Gaudiose, husband of Hèloïse Lamontagne of Saint-Michel, Bellechasse County.

Gilbert, husband of Henriette Hudon of Rivière-Ouelle, Kamouraska County.

Jean-Baptiste, husband of Nathalie Dion of Saint-Joseph, Beauce County.

Joseph M., husband of Mathilde Plante of Saint-Valérien, Shefford County.

Louis, husband of Marie-Anne Dumas of Saint-Georges, Beauce County.

Louis, husband of Célina Labrecque of Saint-Narcisse-de-Beaurivage, Lotbinière County.

Louis, husband of Marie-Anne Demers of Saint-Georges, Beauce County.

Paul, husband of Phébée Beauchesne of Saint-Edouard-de-Gentilly, Nicolet County.

Paul, husband of Célina Nadeau of Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke County.

Théophile, husband of Anne Cloutier of Cap-Saint-Ignace, Montmagny County.

Xavier, husband of Philomène Tanguay of Saint-Prosper, Dorchester County.

Zéphirin, husband of Delphine St-Hilaire of Sainte-Agathe, Lotbinière County.

The families whose mother is a Mercier:

Adéline, wife of François Dion of Notre-Dame-Auxiliatrice-de-Buckland, Bellechasse County.



County. Célestine, wife of Louis Boulet of Montmagny, Montmagny County. Delienne, wife of Célestin Clément of Saint-Georges-de- Winsord, Richmond County. Delvina, wife of Théophile Bilodeau of Saint-Honoré-de-	Rose-de-Lima, wife of Antoine Viau of Sainte-Barbe, Hunting- don County. Sara, wife of Jean Chapados of Saint-Godefroi, Bonaventure County. References: The site of The Library & National Archives of Quebec, Ar- chives Center of Quebec. Tanguay, Dany; Une terre gratuite aux familles de 12 enfants vivants, Le Tanguy, volume 15, number 1, winter 2009. Lachance, René & Lessard, Rénald, Un encouragement aux familles de douze enfants, Cap-aux-Diamants, La revue d'his- toire de Québec, number 53, 1998, page 58. Gilmond #28 gilmond@sogetel.net
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& Réjeanne Létourneau 1563 Maurice Mercier 1490 Renée Laurent Mercier 407 Jacqueline Moreau 1553 Jocelyn Mercier

Message to all

A demand was formulated by http://www.famillesmercier.org/ from: Carole Gagnon <u>caro-le.gagnon6@sympatico.ca</u>

I would like that if you could pass this add., there are only 2 photos in my genealogical lineage

Hello,

I'm looking for on or two photos of Edmond Mercier, son of Alexandre Mercier and Pétronille Audet; he was married to Démérise Lachance; remarried to Marie Hedwige (called Élise) (born March 5, 1875 in Armagh, widow of Joseph Breton (David and Marie Labbé) on June 23, 1923 in Ste-Appoline. Thank you.

Carole Gagnon

1339 rue des Cèdres, Dolbeau-Mistassini, G8L 1N7, 418-276-9684



Necrologies

Our deepest condolences to the families

ArmandePerron of La Sarre, died April 24 2013 at the age of 95. She was the wife of *Gérard Mercier*.

Chantal Mercier of Sherbrooke, died April 26 2013 at the age of 42. She was the companion of Stéphane Fortin and daughter of *Armand Mercier* and LauretteDanault.

Denis Mercier of Saint-Hyacinthe, died April 7 2013 at the age of 78. He w a s t h e h u s b a n d o f GhislaineLamontagne.

Denise St-Cyr Mercier of Boucherville, died April 2 2013 at the age of 73. She was the wife of *RobertMercier*.

Desneiges Langlois Mercier of Sherbrooke, died April 20 2013 at the age of 96. She was the wife of *Gérard Mercier* and daughter of Alphonse Langlois and Amanda Arguin.

ÉmilienLaprise of St-Joseph-de-Coleraine, died Mai 26 2013 at the age of 88.He was the husband of Marguerite Grégoire and the companion of *Édith Mercier*.

GinetteMainville Mercier of Ste-Adèle, died April 7 2013 at the age of 63. She was the wife of *Luc Mercier*.

Jacqueline Bourgeois-Mercier of Drummondville, died April 5 2013 at the age of 65. She was the wife of *Yves Mercier*.

Jacqueline Lebel of Rouyn-Noranda, died May 14 2013 at the age of 83. She was the wife of *Pierre Mercier*.

Jean Mercier, doctor, died April 13 2013 at the age of 89. He was the husband of Denyse Blais and the son of *Raoul Mercier* and Jeanne Gauthier. **Jeannine Mercier-Laflamme** of Coaticook (formerly of Sherbrooke), died May 26 2013 at the age of 82. She was the wife of Léonard Laflamme.

Josée Blanchetteof Richmond, died April 3 2013 at the age of 43. She was the daughter of JéromeBlanchette and *Doris Mercier*.

Léo Mercier of Montréal, died May 10 2013 at the age of 70. He was the son of *Luc Mercier* and Juliette Patenaude.

Léon Blanchet of St-Édouard-de-Lotbinière, died June 9 2013 at the age of 81. He was the husband of *Jacqueline Mercier* and the son of Désiré Blanchet and Julie Lemay.

Léona Mercier Vallée of Sherbrooke, died April 19 2013 at the age of 97. She was the wife of Pierre Vallée and daughter of *Joseph Mercier* and LéonieGagné.

Lise Mercier Beaudouin of Deschaillons, died March 25 2013 at the age of 79. She was the wife of Léopold Beaudouin and daughter of *Henri Mercier* and Marie-Louise Boulay.

Louise Lévesque of Shawinigan, died March 27 2013 at the age of 67. She was the companion of André Gouin and daughter of Léopold Lévesque and *Mérina Mercier*.

Louise Plante of Gatineau, died April 5 2013 at the age of 68. She was the wife of *Michel Mercier* and daughter of Ernest Plante and Rachel Descarreaux. She was the sister-in-law of Jean Mercier (1), member of AMAN.

Luce Mercier-Grenier of Saint-Constant, died June 8 2013 at the age of 65. She was the wife of Edmond Grenier.

Lucien Mercier of Sept-îles, died March 28 2013 at the age of 92. He was the husband of Raymonde Perrault.

Lynn Mercier of Québec, died June 1 2013 at the age of 55. She was the companion of Alain Potvin and daughter of *Jacques Mercier* and Anita Gignac.

Marguerite Breton-Mercier of Saint-Romuald, died May 4 2013 at the age of 92. She was the wife of *Antonio Mercier*.

Marie Caron Mercier of Cap-Saint-Ignace (formerly of Saint-Cyrille-del'Islet), died March 21 2013 at the age of 98. She was the wife of *Edgard Mercier*.

Marie-Reine Poulin Mercier of Sherbrooke, died April 14 2013 at the age of 98. She was the wife of *Fernand Mercier* and daughter of Charles Poulin and Armoza Toulouse.

Martin Mercier of Les Cèdres, died April 21 2013 at the age of 38. He was the husband of JohanneTaillefer and the son of *Claude Mercier* and Ginette.

Paul Marcil of Charny, died May 16 2013 at the age of 62. He was the companion of *Louise Mercier* and the son of Gérard Marcil and Simone Quessy.

Pauline Roy Mercier of Drummondville, died April 15 2013 at the age of 80. She was the wife of *Eddy Mercier*.

Thérèse Beaudouin Mercier of Drummondville, died March 23 2013 at the age of 87. She was the wife of *Roger Mercier*.





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