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The Cry for Souls

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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 the
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The Word of the President

By Jean Mercier (1524), president

To all of you, members of AMAN, my first words are to wish you my warmest Greetings of good Health, Happiness and Prosperity for the year 2014.

In finishing the year 2013, the **MERCIER** families of Saint-Rock-de-l'Achigan have expressed their opposition, seconded by your Association and The Historic Society of Saint-Rock-de-l'Achigan, to a change in name of the **Ligne Mercier**. In your Newsletter Le Mercien, you will find a transcript of the letter of AMAN as well as that of The Historic Society of Saint-Rock-de-l'Achigan explaining in detail the unfortunate decision of the Municipality of Saint-Rock-de-l'Achigan.

Next February 21, 22 and 23, AMAN will be present at the Laurier Shopping Centre in Quebec City for the annual exposition of the Founding Families of Quebec. If some **Mercier** from the region of Quebec City were willing to give a hand, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact our secretary **Jean Mercier** at 418 688 3092.

The next sugar party for the region of Montreal will once again this year be held at Saint-Esprit-de-Montcalm on March 22 2014 and that of the region of Quebec City will be held on April 12 2014 at Saint-Henri-de-Levis.

The year 2014 will be a year of decision.

1. Questions to be reflected upon?
2. Decreasing number of members
3. Decreasing amount of revenues
4. Increase of membership fees to support your association to prevent a deficit at the end of the year



Need of new replacements for an efficient Board of Directors.

Your Administrators will pay special attention to all of these very important questions in order to find the best solutions. We are open to your

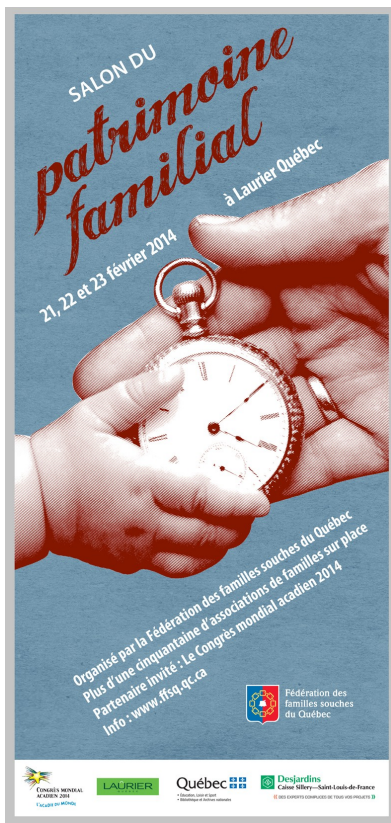
suggestions.

Our next General Assembly will be held in Levis, birthplace of my paternal grand-parents and also of my father. It will be held at Hotel l'Oiselière, situated at 165A President Kennedy Boulevard in Levis on September 13 2014. You will find all the necessary information in our next newsletter "Le Mercien". Highlight this date in your agenda.

Jean Mercier 1524
President

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SALON OF FAMILY HERITAGE

The Association of the Mercier of America (AMAN) will be present at this annual gathering. Come and meet us at Place Laurier in Quebec City on the 21, 22 and 23 of February 2014. Numerous associations representing Quebec families will equally be present. Take this opportunity to better appreciate the contribution of the Acadians to our Quebec heritage.

« The Acadian presence in Quebec is a little known reality, yet between a million and a million and a half people in Quebec would be of Acadian descent.

Many activities will allow you to better situate the Acadian influence on our demography, the development of regions and the culture of Quebec. »

Organized by the Federation of the Founding Families of Quebec
 21, 22 and 23 February 2014 at Laurier Mall, Quebec City
 Invited Partner: The World Congress of Acadians 2014

Thanks to these members who have renewed their contribution

625	Dany Mercier	2014
1523	André Mercier	2014
93	Lionel Mercier	2014
106	Carl D. Mercier	à vie
1260	Jacques Mercier and Estelle	2014
1576	Jocelyne Huét	2014
1524	Jean Mercier	2014
1460	Gisèle Mercier	2014
1207	Dolorès Morin	2014
177	Georgette Mercier	2014
15	Alain Mercier and Andrée Guertin	2014
1556	Augustine Mercier	2014
1517	Francine Mercier	2014
894	Jean-Louis Mercier	2014
871	Jacques Mercier	2014
1572	Lise St-André	2015
387	Jeannine Mercier	à vie
1579	Roger Racine	2014
1552	Louise Beaudry	2014

Welcome to new members

1598	Théodore Murphy, New York City, USA
1599	Raymond Vigneux, Windsor, QC
1600	Lily Mercier, St-Ephrem, QC
1601	Pierre Mercier, Outremont, QC



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER OF NORTH AMERICA (AMAN) INVITES ALL ITS MEMBERS OF THE REGION OF MONTREAL AND OF THE SURROUNDING AREAS, INCLUDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS, TO THE SUGAR CABIN "AU TOIT ROUGE"

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 22 2014 from 11hrs. to 15hrs.

WHERE: Sugar Cabin "Au Toit Rouge"
201 A, route 158, Saint-Ésprit, J0K 2L0

INTERNET LINK: erablierautoitrouge.com (google)

HOW TO GET THERE:

- 1- **From Saint-Jerome:** Take route 158 towards Sainte-Sophie, Saint-Lin, Saint-Ésprit. The sugar cabin is situated on the left side at 201A route 158.
- 2- **From Montreal-East:** Take AutoRoute 40 East, at Exit 96 West, take 640 West up to Exit 42 North for Mascouche Rawdon on 25 North. On AutoRoute 25 North take Exit 46, (town of Saint-Lin, Saint-Jerome). The sugar cabin is 5 km on your right hand.
- 3- **From Montreal:** Take the Pie-IX Bridge towards AutoRoute 25 North. On 25 North, take Exit 46 (town of Saint-Lin, Saint-Jerome), drive 5 km on route 158, the sugar cabin will be on your right hand, # 201A.

COST: Children: from 3 to 5 years: \$7; from 6 to 11 years: \$12.
Adults: 12 years and +: \$18 (taxes included)

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PRESENCE BEFORE MARCH 15 TO:

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N.B. Bring your drinks / sleigh rides and maple syrup (toffee) on the snow offered / payment in cash only.

With the pleasure of meeting you on March 22

The Carnival of Quebec

The Return of the Duchesses

By Gilmond Mercier #28

The origin of the Carnival of Quebec dates back to the times of New France. At that period, the custom of celebrating before the privations of Lent was part of the mores and was already called carnival.

In Quebec City, the first grand winter carnival was inaugurated in 1894. A popular tradition was reanimated and a 'Fête des Neiges' was set up. Sporadically, the Carnival would pop up until the second half of the XXth century. The first edition of the Winter Carnival of Quebec was held in 1955. It becomes an inevitable event for the population of Quebec.

From one winter to the next, the Carnival program of activities is enriched. To the popular activities of winter sports are added «sculptures on ice» and other events taken from the Quebec folklore such as the canoe and the dog-sled races.

Today, the Carnival of Quebec is the greatest winter carnival in the world and places third on the list of grand carnivals, following closely the carnivals of Rio and New Orleans.

Each year seven Duchesses are chosen to represent each a sector of the great region of the Quebec Capital. These must follow an improvement program, visit the sick in hospitals and the elderly in homes for older citizens. They must also participate in various conferences, give TV or radio interviews and be present at many social activities.

The Duchesses are before all things Ambassadors for the Carnival. They participate in different activities and events during all of the festivities. They are an integral part of the grand winter celebration.

At the beginning of the carnival, one of the Duchesses had a chance to become Queen. She was chosen by a draw, made with the help of capsules, the number of which was proportionate to the amount of candles sold in each sector of the city. The crowning of the Queen was a much expected moment.

For the first time, in 1963, the crowning of the Queen of the Carnival is held outside on the grounds of the Exposition. More than 40 000 partygoers sing carnival songs, in a cold temperature of 10°F. (-12°C.), while waiting for the draw. Never before has the Carnival attracted so many people in Quebec City. Lise MERCIER, 23 years old, resident of Sillery and representing the Duchy of Laval is favored by the draw. She becomes the ninth Queen of the Carnival of Quebec. (See above picture.)



Lise Mercier, Queen of the 1963 Carnival, with "Bonhomme Carnaval".

In 1997, the organizers of the Carnival, in a spirit of modernisation, abandon the tradition of the contest of the Duchesses and the crowning of the Queen. This year, in 2014, to underline the 60th celebration of the Carnival, it will be a return to the contest of the Duchesses with a renovated election formula.



Photo Jean-François Desgagnés, Journal de Québec

The young ladies who wish to become Duchesses must submit a festive, community project linked to the Carnival or a project whose aim is to mobilize the population. The projects will be realized in January in the Duchies corresponding to the various agglomerations of the cities of Quebec and Levis.

The Queen and the Duchesses of the 1963 Carnival of Quebec met 50 years later, on June 4 2013, for a reunion lunch at the Café de la Terrasse of Château Frontenac. From left to right: Louise Lachance, Huguette Latouche, Ghislaine Deauville, Marielle Arsenault, Lise Mercier, Rosanne Bergeron and Nicole Gagnon (sitting).

For the Quebecois or the visitors who have attended one or more of the 60 presentations of the Carnival of Quebec, this grand winter festival recalls souvenirs that are symbolized by the Queen, the Duchesses, the Ice Palace of Bonhomme, the sculptures on ice on rue Sainte-Therese, the canoe races, the Carnival Candle, the night processions, the snow baths, the grand tour, the Bonhomme Ball, dance in the Carré d'Youville, the «ceintures fléchées», the Carnival trumpets, the Caribou, an alcoholised beverage from Ti-Père... The 2014 Carnival will be held from January 31 to February 16 in the «World Capital of Snow».

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OUR LADY OF QUEBEC THE MOTHER OF ALL PARISHES



The celebrations of the 350th anniversary of the Parish of Our Lady of Quebec have been officially opened on the 8th of December of last year when the Holy Door was opened at the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of Quebec.

This Holy Door, pierced through the wall of the north wing of the Cathedral-Basilica has received the approval from Rome. It is the first Holy Door built outside of Europe. There are six other Holy Doors that exist in the world. By this exceptional gesture, the Pope recognizes the important role played by the Church of Quebec and assures her of some radiance in America and in the world.

The Holy Door will remain open at the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady, Mother of all the parishes of North America, for a little more than one year, until December 28 2014. After, one will have to wait patiently for another quarter of a century before passing anew its threshold.

The parish of Our Lady of Quebec is rich in history, being the first catholic parish in America, north of the Spanish colonies. But much before the foundation of the parish in 1664, the inhabitants of the colony had started to write down their religious engagements in registers that are still preserved to our days. Our Lady of Quebec possesses the oldest registers in North America. They date from 1621.



The Holy Door. Photo le Journal *Le soleil*

In 1633, Samuel de Champlain had the first chapel built on the actual site of the present Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady. It is a humble chapel dedicated to the Virgin. Three times destroyed by fire, it tirelessly resurrects from its ashes. The history of our Lady of Quebec is strewn with heroic, pathetic, sad and joyous moments.



Among the first marriages recorded in the registers, we find that of **Jeanne Mercier**, without doubt the first woman carrying the name **MERCIER** to come and establish herself in America. She celebrated her marriage to Claude Poulain (Poulain) on August 8 1639. After a return to France, the couple established itself definitively in 1647 on the Côte de Beaupré in the actual Parish of Sainte-Anne. Claude Poulain is then working as a farmer for the Seigneur de Beaupré. The couple will have 9 children, born between 1641 and 1664. Their daughter Marie will wed **Julien Mercier**, the ancestor of almost 80% of the Mercier of America. Jeanne died on December 14 1687 and was buried in Sainte-Anne. The names of **Jeanne** and Claude Poulain are engraved as being the first inhabitants, along with 45 others, on the pedestal of the monument dedicated to Louis-Hébert and situated in the Old City of Quebec, at the entry to the Montmorency Park near Porte-Dauphine road.

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In Danger: A Toponyme Honoring A Mercier Pioneer

In Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, the municipal council has decided to abolish the name of Ligne Mercier as the name of one of its roads. The administrators of the Historical Society of that municipality and those of the Association of the Mercier of North America have manifested their opposition to such a change. (See the letters that follow.) Mrs. Lise St-André and Mr. Michel Mercier are the spokespersons of the Mercier families to defend this file at the municipal and at the provincial levels.

Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan

Monday, December 9 2013
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan

Municipality of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan
Mr. Georges Locas, Mayor
7, rue Dr-Wilfrid-Locat Nord
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan (QC) J0K 3H0
Object: The Ligne Mercier Road

Mr. Mayor,

The administrators of the Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan have particularly appreciated the decision of the Municipality of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan to restore the Vieux-Couvent and to give it a community vocation. They have equally appreciated its recent decisions to undertake the restoration of the old presbytery and to add to the list of six historical buildings published in 2003, three more groups of buildings. Taking into account these decisions, the Municipality could validly be considered as being the one who had preoccupied itself the most of the respect of its history and the protection of its heritage amongst all the municipalities of the MRC of Montcalm.

Consequently, it is with enormous regret and deception that the administrators of the Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan have recently learnt of the municipal council decision to eliminate the name Ligne Mercier from its municipal roads. This road- we feel the need to insist exists at least since the foundation of the parish in 1787. Furthermore, it is identified under the name Ligne Mercier since at least 1864. It brings to mind the souvenir of a pioneer family who, up to this day, still counts a great number of members on our territory. In the minds of the administrators of the Historical Society, with this decision, it is another element of the heritage of our municipality which has disappeared under the pretext of uniformity or modernity. However, the name Ligne Mercier is part of the heritage of the municipality as much as Chemin du Ruisseau Saint-Jean or Rang du Ruisseau-des-Anges.

For all these reasons, the administrators of the Historical Society demand that the Municipality of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan annul the decision that it took relative to the road «Chemin de la Ligne Mercier».

Kindly accept, Mr. Mayor, the expression of our consideration

Lise Gauthier, president
Cc. Mr. Philippe Riopelle



ASSOCIATION DES MERCIER
DE L'AMÉRIQUE DU NORD
~Fiers de nos Ancêtres~

Saint-Jérôme, December 11 2013

Municipality of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan
7, rue Dr Wilfrid-Locat Nord
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan (QC)
J0K 3H0
OBJECT: LIGNE MERCIER

Mister Mayor, Madam Councillor, Mister Councillors,

The administrators of the Association of the Mercier of North America join their voices to that of the Historic Society of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan in their request that the decision to abolish the name of **Ligne Mercier** be annulled.

The motto of our association: «Proud of our ancestors» reminds us of our duty to preserve the memory of all pioneers who have established the foundations of our present society. In his research entitled: «The Ligne Mercier in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan: in memory of Joseph Mercier dit Lajoie», Mr Jean-René Thuot highlights the course followed by a remarkable man who symbolises the achievements of a whole pioneer family in your municipality, being that of the Mercier family.

« From Jean-Louis to Joseph, then to Josaphat, the Mercier have certainly been at the forefront of public service in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan in the XIXth century. This tradition of public service has continued through the cousin lineage of Louis Mercier and his descendants during the XXth and XXIst centuries, thus bringing honor to the builders of yesteryears. In this sense, the Ligne Mercier road is much more than a simple trace in the Achigan skyline. »

We hope that the toponyme **Ligne Mercier**, synonym of the accomplishments of a pioneer family in your municipality will be restored in order to be present in the memories of the actual and future generations.

Please accept our distinguished salutations.

Jean Mercier, president
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Quebec, QC
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BIOGRAPHY

Marie Gélinas

Marie Gélinas Mercier is a naïve painter who started her career passed the age of 70. She was the mother of Céline and Monique who have brought an important contribution to our last general assembly. One of her works entitled «The Cry for Souls» was generously offered by Céline as a prize of presence at our assembly.

Since one of the participants had to win the above-mentioned prize, Jean (1) dedicated himself and left with this marvellous souvenir.

In a publication simply entitled **Marie Gélinas Mercier**, one can find the list of her works, of her numerous exhibitions as well as a list of articles which were published in magazines and newspapers. All this is preceded by an autobiography of great simplicity and deep sincerity that I cannot but offer you.

I was born on a farm in the countryside, the eighth of a family of 16 children; eight boys and eight girls. Two sisters were born the first and the other sisters after me. Do you imagine the place that was reserved for me?

Almost in the middle of an army!... Five boys before me and the three others after... Even though I loved them much, I swear that they were not the wisest and the least turbulent... But especially, the most teasing.

I rapidly learnt how to fight, to take my place. With time, I became combative and I defended myself well enough, thanks!

Deep down, I must say that it is thanks to the close-knit contacts with my brothers that I became so courageous and voluntary in my life, to the point of undertaking at the age of 74 a career as painter. Today, to please them, I would

maybe tell them that it is because of them that I have this tenacity.

My mother died of typhoid fever at the age of 49 leaving behind many young children, the youngest being only 4 years of age. We remained still 11 children and our father. I was 16 years old. I was obliged to abandon my studies to help my older sister manage the home. It was my first family.

The eldest of the family, **ÉMILIA** was a religious nun (Sister Madeleine-of-the-Calvary). She studied arts at the Beaux-Arts of Montreal and always taught plastic arts in her religious community of the Sisters of the Assumption-of-the-Virgin-Mary in Nicolet. All the students who passed through that institution have known her and appreciated her very greatly. She was a pioneer in the teaching of plastic arts. Well recognized as a grand pedagogue, she always favored creativity and authentic im-

aging in her students. She died at the age of 95.

I was married in 1932 to **Napoléon Mercier**, agronomist in the County of Nicolet. We have had 5 children, one boy and 4 girls: **Raymond, Monique, Céline, Liliane** and **Louise**.

I loved the country very much. When the children were young, I would go with my husband and the small family to hike and picnic in the beautiful nature. These were privileged moments, what a beautiful school to develop all the senses.

Very early, following the recommendations of my sister **Émilie**, I encouraged my children to draw according to their emotions, their sensitivities, their intuitions, spontaneously.

I never bought coloring books but I offered them gouache in abun-

dance, coloring paper and wax crayons. The small cupboard in the kitchen reserved for the material for plastic arts was the preferred corner. And the most frequented... how many times I cleaned up after working sessions, place in order, exhibit works... and preserve works in crayon, in gouache and also models... in clay, in wood cuttings... and that during many years!...

Today, each of my children has received his precious souvenirs.

In addition to their regular studies, all of my children frequented daily, during the school year, the studio of my sister **Émilie**. During the long summer holidays, I would stimulate them to make sketches, and to do drawings using their memory and imagination. They were all gifted for plastic arts and always found much pleasure in drawing. When one possesses art, one never gets bored.

My husband and I always paid great attention to the studies of our children. All, in total freedom, have taken different roads.

Raymond is an electrical engineer, **Monique**, **Céline** and **Liliane** have taken a B.A. in Plastic Arts, **Louise** is doctor.

My husband and I had a project dear to our hearts, that of writing

our memories. But... even before we could start, my husband died of a heart attack in 1981 at the age of 73.

My children had all left the home and I thus found myself alone. I was determined to write my memories. I wanted to reach deep down into my earliest childhood dreams to climb the path to my 73 years. I was juggling all these things in my head and was finding great pleasure in memorizing all these souvenirs, all more delicious one then the other, while waiting to lay them down on a piece of paper.

My daughter **Monique**, who was a teacher in plastic arts at the **U.Q.T.R.**, informed me that a drawing course for adults was starting at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières in February 1982. As I had never been as free as that year, I therefore decided to follow that course once a week.

I would go at **Céline's** to do my homework in wax crayons. I was so enthused by that course!... Encouraged by my daughters, I worked very hard. It is at that moment that I took the decision to continue writing my memories in pictures. Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I am assured of saying everything without forgetting anything.

After a few courses at the **U.Q.T.R.**, I was worrying about the little attention that was paid me during the courses and I would hear some tell me: "Naïve painters, we don't touch that, they make their way alone."

Following my intuition, I abandoned the courses and decided to continue my career alone. Since..., I have not stopped painting.

It is vital for me! I am so happy in front of my easel; I dip the paint brushes in my memory to give a color to these souvenirs. I hope to live in good health for a long time, for I have many things to say.

Marie Gélinas

«The Cry for Souls»

By Marie Gélina Mercier

«Sunday, after mass, the parishioners would assemble beside the church for the 'cry for souls'. The money gathered was given to 'Monsieur le curé' to say masses to save the souls in purgatory.

The whole parish was represented: the farmers, many with their spouses, the property owners, the notary, the old doctor etc...

The farmers would bring different things, be it vegetables, chicken, but very often a little piglet.

The announcer would climb on a little platform and the auction would start: a piglet for 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, once, twice, three times, sold! For those times, it was sold at a high price. The farmer was happy because often he would have had to get rid of his piglet because the sow had had too many and could not feed them all.

The other farmer, who had bought the pig, besides giving alms for the souls, had a great need of it because his sow had lost all her piglets.

This was paid «CASH», the farmer holds high his big 50c at the tip of his fingers.»



The story as told by Marie Gélina Mercier.

Mercier who died in the field of honor

Further to the article on the War of 1812 in the Issue 3, Volume 29, *Michel Mercier participated in the Battle of Châteauguay on October 25 and 26, 1813*, you can add these three American veterans with the family name Mercier:

*John Charles Mercier, from Racine Wisconsin, 19 years of age, died on December 8, 1966 in Vietnam.

*Léopold A. Mercier, from Fall River Massachusetts, son of Léonard Mercier, 27 years of age, died on May 12, 1944 in Italy.

*Patrick Timothy Mercier, from Saint Paul Minnesota, USA, son of Patrick Bernard Mercier and Rosella Nadine Carrington, 20 years of age, died on March 31, 1967 in Vietnam.

If you know other Mercier, who died in the field of honor, please send their name to gilmomn@sogetel.net

A Column for Our Deceased

The tradition of publishing a column offering the Mercier families of whom a Mercier or a spouse (close friend) has died the possibility of informing AMAN members goes back to our No.1, Vol.5 Newsletter Le Mercien, which brings us to January 1989.

This initiative was presented in these terms: *The Association of the Mercier of North America offers its most sincere condolences to the Mercier families whom the media have reported the death of a member.* It meant essentially the name of the dead person, the date of burial and the place of residence.

With the No.1 of Volume 25 (Spring 2009) the information transmitted takes the form that you have known until our last Newsletter.

With the present Newsletter, you will notice that only the deceased persons who have had or of whom a member of the family has had links to AMAN are mentioned. The presentation is more elaborate and can be completed with additional biographical notes or information that the family or close friends forward to us.

Olivier Mercier 1920-2012

La Sarre: died at CSSS of Aurores Boréales of La Sarre on Octobre 19, 2012, at the age 92, Mr. Olivier Mercier, of La Sarre.

M. Olivier Mercier leave his wife: Mrs. Marguerite Bédard; his children: late Jean-Marc (Cécile Larochelle), Chantal (Henri-Paul Tremblay), Jacinthe, François (Pierrette Dubois) and Jacques; his grandchildren: Marc-Olivier, Jean-Philippe, Marie-Hélène, Alexandre, Geneviève, Patrick, Manon, late Pierre-Luc, Claudia and Salomé; his great-grandchildren: Océane, Zacharie and Gabriel; he was the brother of the late Paul-Émile (late Lucienne Aubin) and of the late André (Violette Jacques); his step-brothers, step-sisters, his nephews and nieces and numerous parents and friends.



The family would like to thanks Dr. Sherif and Dr. Champagne and all the staff of the first floor of the St-François d'Assise Hospital in La Sarre, for their professionalism, their constant presence and their compassion.

Olivier Mercier was a member of AMAN since the beginning. Our deepest condolence the family.

Mary Louise Mercier

Harriet E. Cady, one of our most faithful cross-border members, informs us of the death of her aunt Mary Louise MERCIER who recently passed away, and also takes this opportunity to trace the main events of her life. Sincere condolences and many thanks.

On June 23, 1951, she married Earl Joseph Mercier Sr. in Hardwick.

In earlier years, she worked as a chambermaid at the Eagle Hotel in Hardwick. She later baked and waitressed at the Center Mountain Lodge in Stowe, and for more than 33 years she owned and operated the Village Restaurant in Hardwick. After the sale of her business in the late 1990s, she baked for the Greensboro Inn for several years.

She was a member of St. Norbert Church and the American Legion Post 7 Auxiliary, both in Hardwick.

She enjoyed knitting, baking, gardening, traveling and her winter home in Florida.

Survivors include two children, Elaine Gendron, of Hardwick, and Earl "Bingham" Mercier, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; her longtime companion, Lee Harvey, of Hardwick; two brothers, Austin Isham, of Waterbury, and John Isham, of Hardwick; five sisters, Rose Richardson, of Woodbury, Shirley Hall, of Bradenton, Fla., Bertha Johnson, of Woodbury, Evelyn Perry, of Hardwick, and Sally Gonyaw, of Greensboro Bend; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1995; a daughter, Patricia Renaud; and six siblings, Eleanor Papineau, Rupert L. "Bill" Isham Jr. and four infant brothers.

M. Fernand Nadeau

At the Hôtel-Dieu of Arthabaska, on November 5 2013, died Fernand NADEAU at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife Cécile MERCIER and was a resident of Plessisville. Besides his spouse, he is mourned by his son Denis (Jacinthe Nadeau); his two grand-daughters: Marie-Ève Nadeau (Paul-André Masson) and Geneviève (Yves Alliman).

He was the brother of: the late Joseph (late Lydia Chadonnet), the late Adélie (late Wilfrid Bergeron), the late Émile (late Antoinette Roy), the late Noël (late Ida Drolet) and (late Blanche Gagnon), the late Wilfrid, (late Yvonne Olivier), the late Lucina (late Thomas Dion), the late Lauréat (Rita Bergeron), the late Alcide (late Lucienne Boissonneault), the late Agathe (late Wilfrid Goudreau), the late Aurélien (late Rose Paradis)



and the late Florence (late Daniel Martel).

He was the brother-in-law of: the late Gervaise (Jules Mercier), Ubald (Émilienne Nadeau), Roger (late Marie-Claire Tardif), Laurette (late Raymond Roy), Georgette (late Zoël Labrie), Lucienne (James Manzoroll), Noëlla (late Pierre Parent), Laurent (Thérèse Demers), Denis (Yvette Lepage), the late Rosaire, the late Dolorès, Henri-Louis (Renate Manpyhe), Micheline (Jean Breault) and Ginette (Jim Lachance).

He also leaves to mourn him numerous other parents and friends. *Cécile Mercier is a life member of AMAN and that since the very early beginnings. We offer her, as well as to all the family, our sincere condolences.*



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