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***The Convent of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, built in 1883
Declared historical monument on April 7 2003.***

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Annual fees are due before May 31st of each year.

Annually :	35 \$
Annually + spouse(s) :	40 \$
Life membership, 65 years and older	350 \$
Life membership, less than 65 years of age	500 \$
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 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.

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The Word of the President

Hello everyone,

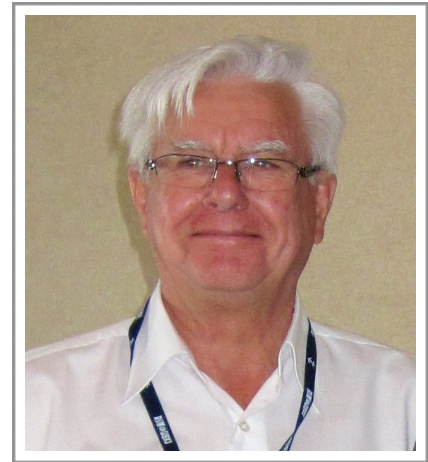
The Salon of Family Heritage : At this Salon, organised by the Federation of the Associations of the Families of Quebec, were present more than 50 family associations. The Salon of Family Heritage of Laurier-Quebec wished to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the arrival in New France of the Carignan-Salières Regiment to underline the heritage left by these military men. Let us recall that in 1665, some 1140 officers and soldiers of this regiment landed to defend the colony against attacks by the Iroquois and eventually to populate the territory.

Sugar Cabin Outing in St-Esprit: More than 40 people gathered at the «Au Toit Rouge» Sugar cabin. The descendants of Charles Mercier dit Lajoie were well represented.

Receiving 'Le Mercien' by email: For those who wish to receive the numerical version of our newsletter 'Le Mercien', we would be glad to put your name on our email list. All you need to do is to send a message to our email address at A.M.A.N.: mercier.aman@hotmail.com

Annual Fees are due on May 31st: The annual membership fee is the main source of financial revenue for the Association of the Mercier. This fee covers the period from June 1 to May 31. The renewal of your contribution should be made at the latest on May 31st, before the end of our fiscal year.

Memberships not renewed: Over a two year period, some 54 members have not renewed their membership; 24 members in 2013 and 30 members in 2014. All the Associations of Families are faced with this situation. The Association of the Mercier needs all its members. A renewal campaign will be launched to ask these previous members to reconsider their decision.



<u>Statistics</u>	
	Members
Life membership :	75
Regular members :	96
Regular members & spouses :	19
Sponsors :	4
Total membership :	194

Genealogical Repertory of the Mercier: It is expected that the Repertory will be available by the end of August. In order to lessen the shipping and handling costs, we will distribute the volumes during our Annual General Assembly on September 12 2015 in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan. If you are interested in purchasing the Mercier Repertory, you will find an Order Form to fill out on page 9. Please return it with your cheque to the indicated address.

AGA and the meeting of the Mercier: It is presently possible to sign up for the Annual General Assembly by filling in the form on page 11 and forwarding it to AMAN.

Our Website and Facebook page: All the information you need is available on our Facebook page and on our association's website: <http://www.famillesmercier.org>

Your suggestions are always very much appreciated. It will be a pleasure to meet you in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.

Jean Mercier 1524, Président

The Rally of the Mercier
Program of Activities for the Day – September 12 2015

**The Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l’Achigan is happy to welcome in its midst
the Association of the Mercier of North America.**

Location: The Chapel of the Vieux-Couvent (Old-Convent)

• **8hrs30 to 9hrs30**

Reception, registration, meeting new friends, genealogical research.
Promotional articles for sale.

• **9hrs30 to 10hrs45**

Word of Welcome by the President of the Association of the Mercier of North America.
31st Annual General Assembly. (See the Order of the Day, page 14).

Plan A (belle température)

• **10hrs45 à 11hrs45**

Guided tour of heritage points of interest on rue Principale (on foot).

Guides:

Clément Locat for the architectural description of the various buildings;
Laurier Dugas for the history of these same buildings.

Buildings to be visited:

Old-Convent	20min.
Rectory	20min.
J.Oswald Forest House	20min.

Plan B (In case of rain)

• **10hrs45 à 11hrs45**

Slideshow:

Rue Principale (Main Street) from Yesterday to Today.

Location: The Chapel of the Old-Convent.

• **11hrs45 à 12hrs**

A short walk on foot to the basement of the church.

• **12hrs à 13hrs30**

Lunch in the basement of the church

• **13hrs30 à 14hrs30**

The Chapel of the Vieux-Couvent (Old-Convent)

Conference on the arrival of the Mercier in the region and at Saint-Roch-de-l’Achigan.

Speaker: Laurier Dugas, Secretary of the Historical Society.

• **14hrs30 à 15hrs**

Honorary Members - Life Members

• **15 h à 15 h 20**

Everyone goes to «Au Moulin Bleu» at 410, Route 341.
Parking close by.

• **15hrs20 à 16hrs20**

Guided tour of «Au Moulin Bleu»,
Our Hosts: Lucie Lebeau and Sylvain Lafortune
Possibility of purchases:
www.aumoulinbleu.com/fra/moulin.html
Friendship Toast, Prize of Presence and Draw.

***The cost of 55\$/person includes:
Lunch,
Souvenir Bulletin, Conference,
Guided tours
and
the Friendship Toast.***

• **16hrs30 Au revoir!**

Additional Information relative to the Rally of the Mercier

How to get there: coming from Montreal or Quebec City?

Coming from MONTREAL?

- Take **Autoroute 40 East** towards Trois-Rivières.
- Take **Exit 96 West for Autoroute 640** towards Mascouche.
- Take Exit 42 North for Autoroute 25 towards Rawdon.
- Take Exit 38 Armand-Majeau and **Chemin de la Ligne Mercier** towards Rue du Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat South in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.
- The Vieux-Couvent is situated at 7 rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat North, near the church in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.

or

Coming from MONTREAL?

- Take **Autoroute 25 North** towards Rawdon.
- Take Exit 38 Armand-Majeau and **Chemin de la Ligne-Mercier**
- Towards Rue du Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.
- The Vieux-Couvent is situated at 7 Rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat, near the church in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.

Coming from QUEBEC CITY?

- Take **Autoroute 40 West** towards Montreal.
- Take Exit 106 L'Épiphanie/l'Assomption towards Route 341 North (Montée de l'Épiphanie).
- Turn left on Route 339 North (Rang de l'Achigan Sud)
- The Vieux-Couvent is situated at 7 Rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat, near the church in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.

Hotel - Motel

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2935 Boul. De La Pinière, Terrebonne,
Québec J6X 0A3
Telephone: 514.554.6468
No cost 1.888.472.3336

-Steps to follow in making your reservation:

-Dial 1-888-472-3336, dial 2 for the hotel in Terrebonne;

-Mention that you belong to the group of the Association of the Mercier of North America, reservation dates from September 11 to September 13;

-Make your reservation according to your personal needs; a credit card will be required to guarantee your reservation;

-Reservations will be possible depending on the availability of rooms at the moment you call.

Rates:

- Room with 1 Queen-Size bed: 114\$ + taxes/nuit
- Room with 1 Queen-Size bed and Sofa-Bed: 124\$ + taxes/nuit
- Room with 2 Queen-Size beds: 134\$ + taxes/nuit
- Loft-Suite with 1 King-Size bed & Sofa-Bed : 204\$ + taxes/nuit

*While making your reservation, you may wish to include breakfast at the restaurant (Hot and Cold Buffet) for the special price of 8.50\$ + taxes per person/night.

Swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, gym, wireless Internet and parking included.



CITATION
REGARDING HERITAGE BUILDINGS

In virtue of the powers conferred by the law on the Cultural Heritage of Quebec, the Municipality of Saint-Roch-de-l’Achigan has taken the joyous initiative in 2003 and in 2013 of citing as heritage buildings nine sites situated on its territory which merit to be protected because of their great historical and architectural value. As a consequence of this declaration, the Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l’Achigan has forwarded to the authorities of the Cultural Heritage of Quebec the result of its research on the historical and cultural aspects of these buildings.

***The invitation is therefore made
to you to take the time to admire these sites***



VIEUX-COUVENT - OLD CONVENT
1224, rue Principale

The convent built in 1883, according to the plans prepared by the architects Roy and Poitras, was occupied by the Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary until 1969. The Municipality of Saint-Roch-de-l’Achigan acquired it in 2009 and it became the City Hall in 2011. It is an elegant four storey stone building which fits perfectly in the Victorian ambiance of the time. Its style clearly demonstrates the influence of the Second Empire with its mansard roof, its central tower and its perfectly symmetric ensemble.



PRESBYTÈRE – RECTORY
1188, rue Principale

The actual rectory was built in 1905 by Ludger Venne of Saint-Lin according to the plans furnished by architect Alphonse Durand of Joliette. Acquired by the municipality in 2009, it presently serves for community groups. Being an eclectic Victorian style building, it is composed of a main building with a slightly withdrawn annex. The architecture of this building reflects the influence of the American cubic house. The numerous decorative features added give it much elegance.



MAISON ARCHAMBAULT HOUSE
1520, rang de la Rivière Nord

This house was built around 1815-1820 for Pierre-Jacques Archambault and his son Louis. The house is also known as the Vézina house according to the name of the family that owned it from 1904 to the early 1980's. The house represents an early adaptation of the French house to the Quebec milieu with its ground floor slightly elevated above the ground level, a gable roof with a steep slope and its two chimneys built into the gable wall.



MAISON MALO HOUSE
110, route 341

The Malo house is a typical rural dwelling of Quebec style. Its year of construction appears to date back to the 1850's as far as the main living quarters are concerned with its briquetted stud structure, and to the 1825's for the secondary part built parts on parts. The first mention of the Malo family as being owners of the lot where the house was built appears on the burrow land plan of 1858. This house was moved from Ruisseau Saint-Jean Sud to its actual location in 1975.



AU MOULIN BLEU-THE BLUE MILL
410, route 341

The Moulin Bleu would have been built around the 1860's, but the name of the builder remains unknown. This mill consists of a long wooden structure covered with a gable roof and sits on a high stone foundation along the Saint-Esprit River. This building, the dam and the other hydraulic equipment witness always to the long milling activity that exists there since more than 150 years.

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THE GENEALOGICAL REPERTORY OF THE MERCIER AND ITS CONTENT

VOLUME 1
1266 pages

VOLUME 2
1017 pages

Formulaire
page 9.

Julien Mercier (1621) and Marie Poulin
- Lignée de Paschal
(1656)

Charles Mercier dit Lajoie and Marie-Anne Lahaise
Jean Mercier and Françoise Radegonde De Mayeuse
Pierre Mercier and Marguerite Lamain
Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec and Andrée Martin
Pierre-Simon Mercier and Marie-Renée Pineau

Julien Mercier (1621) - *Lineage* de Charles (1658)
et Marie Poulin - *Lineage* de Louis (1662)
- *Lineage* de Jean (1667)
- *Lineage* de Pierre (1671)

Marie Mercier : Fille du Roy

Jean Mercier - Louisiane

«Orphan» lineages :
- Mercier Families in France
- Mercier Families in Belgique
- Mercier Families United States
Each line is separated. - Mercier Québec families

ON RETROUVE DANS LES DEUX TOMES :

- *- 1. Une biographie des 6 premiers ancêtres arrivés en Amérique.
- *- 2. Une chronologie historique de l'arrivée de chaque ancêtre entre 1492-1765.
- *- 3. Un index alphabétique général.
- *- 4. Une fiche explicative pour effectuer une recherche efficace dans le répertoire.

Notice of Renewal of Annual Fees

- **Regular :** 35 \$/1 year or 65 \$/2 years
- **Regular + spouse :** 40 \$/1 year or 75 \$/2 years

Fees are due on the 31st of May of each year, before the end of the fiscal year.

We take the present opportunity (with the shipment of this Newsletter) to invite you to proceed to the renewal of your membership as soon as possible. You will find an appropriate formula on the following page.

Double your contribution and your membership will be valid until June 1 2017.

Thank you for your support.

**To reserve your copy before June 15 2015
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Date of birth : year _____ month _____ day _____

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE RALLY OF THE MERCIER

and the 31st General Assembly of the Association of the Mercier of North America

Saturday, September 12 2015 from 9hrs to 16hrs30

*For those who need to find accomodation for the next Annual General Assembly
in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan
will find suggestions in this Newsletter on page 5.*

**LOCATION: The Vieux-Couvent Chapel
7 rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan (Québec) J0K 3H0**

**If you're coming from Montreal : Take Autoroute 25 or 40 / Exit 38
than procede on Chemin de la Ligne Mercier
heading towards Rue du Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat Sud à Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan**

Cost : 55 \$/person

Includes:

Lunch, souvenir bulletin, conference, guided tours, a Friendship toast at the end of the day.

PLEASE forward before August 20 2015 this completed registration form with
your cheque addressed to:

**Association des Mercier de l'Amérique du Nord
C.P. 10090, Succursale Sainte-Foy, Québec (QC) G1V 4C6**

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MAISON JOSÉPHAT-GAREAU HOUSE
1484, rue Principale

We owe this magnificent house to the talents of Joséphat Gareau, horticulturist and rich tobacco merchant, who built it in 1904 and was its first owner. The house is also known under the name of *Château Lamarche* in honor of the family of Hermas Lamarche senior who was its owner from 1924 to 1963. It is of a neo-Queen-Anne inspiration, a style born in England in the last quarter of the XIXth century. The exceptional gallery richly ornate and the circular tower at an angle are its main characteristics.



MAISON J. OSWALD FOREST HOUSE
1235, rue Principale

J. Oswald Forest, owner of a tobacco factory which carried his name, had this house built in 1910 by Ludger Venne of Saint-Lin. The architectural style of the house, eclectic, is mostly associated to the neo-Queen-Anne influence. We find moreover many elements specific to this current such as the circular tower with roof in an angle.



MAISON MARIEN HOUSE
1154, rue Principale

This house was built in 1919 by Wilfrid Marien, a carpenter from Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan who was its first owner. The important volume of the house and its ornamentation, witness to the ease of its owner. Irregular in plan, the building presents various influences, mainly the American influence of the cubic house plus different eclectic elements.



MAISON ALLARD-LABRÈCHE HOUSE
528, rang du Ruisseau-des-Anges Sud

This house, built around 1865 by Constant Allard, was sold to his son in 1914 and then, following his death, it was resold the same year to Siméon Labrèche. Inspired by the Second Empire style, this rural dwelling presents a rectangular stone structure, a mansard gable roof and a covered gallery in front. It is one of the rare stone structures that still exist in the municipality and a quite unique example in the regional architectural landscape where very few stone houses have a mansard roof.

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Annual General Assembly of A.M.A.N.

The members of the Association of the Mercier of North America Inc.
are invited to the **31st Annual General Assembly**
to be held at **the Chapel of the Old Convent of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan**
September 12 2015 at 9hrs 30.

Order of the Day

- 31.01 Opening of the assembly, word of welcome,;
Program for the day, attendance;
- 31.02 Reading and adoption of the agenda for the day;
- 31.03 Reading and adoption of the minutes of the 30th assembly;
- 31.04 Report of the President;
- 31.05 Report of the Treasurer;
- 31.06 Consultation on the initiatives to improve the financial health of AMAN;
- 31.07 Ratification of the Acts of the Directors;
- 31.10 Election of the Directors;
- 31.11 Various matters
- 31.12 Adjournment of the assembly.;

Aurèle Mercier, Secretary

Stéphanie Mercier : Practicing Pharmacy In Another Way

Le Soleil : July 6 2014

by Pierre Pelchat

Presentation

Lauréate : Laureate : Stéphanie Mercier, pharmacist

Occasion : She received the Merit Award from the Interprofessionnal Council of Quebec (CIQ) (Quebec)

«For souls nobly born, valor does not await the number of years». This saying from Don Rodrigo in the play *The Cid* by author and drama writer Pierre Corneille, could very well apply to the pharmacist **Stéphanie Mercier**. At 37 years of age, she has received lately the Merit Award from the Interprofessional Council of Quebec for « her remarkable contribution to the development and radiance of her profession».

During the past years, Mrs. Mercier has been greatly involved in the administrative council of the Order of Pharmacists. She has participated actively in the revision of the functioning of the Order, its regulations, the code of conduct of pharmacists, the processing of public complaints. For her, these updates were necessary to preserve the trust of the population in the system of the professional orders that we have in Quebec.

«I wanted to exercise pharmacy in another way. But before being able to do that, we must change the laws, the regulations. It's a very complex and long process» she said.

She fought for an ethical approach to the work of pharmacists in order to counterbalance the pressures exercised by pharmaceutical companies, insurance groups and wholesalers. Mrs. Mercier is responsible for the teaching of ethics in the Faculty of Pharmacy of Laval University. Previously, she worked in a pharmacy.

«Ethics was not always part of the culture transmitted in the past. It wasn't something that was taught or insisted upon when I was a student. Today, ethical questions are very much present» stated our laureate of the week.

She believes that the teaching of the laws, the regulations and the code of conduct will allow future graduates in pharmacy to better compose with the pressures that are exercised every day.

«I liked being a community pharmacist, but I saw that we were all somewhat isolated as workers. We don't have any weight to change things in our milieu. This is what motivated me to go into teaching. At the university, I teach



Stéphanie Mercier, pharmacienne

some 800 students a year with the present existence of the four year study program», underlined Mrs. Mercier.

Besides a more ethical approach, she holds dearly to other subjects such as the entry into force – we don't know when – of new services to be exercised by pharmacists in virtue of law 41 such as the extension of a drug prescription, the prescription of drugs when a diagnosis is not necessary, the adjustment of a prescription.

«When it will be in force, we will have to be vigilant. In the law, there is an obligation to train pharmacists. It is up to the Order to see to this training program. After one or two years, we will have to see if we can open up on other things», affirmed Mrs. Mercier.

Other subjects concerning the protection of the public preoccupy her such as the new wave of fidelity cards of pharmaceutical companies. «It is not actually regulated. It did not exist before and we didn't see them coming. »

She believes that it is possible to bring the producers of drugs to prevent ruptures in stock. «The regulations still have to be made. There are examples that exist elsewhere in the world. There are ways of doing which have prevented these things from happening. If our public is trapped by a lack of drugs, we have to exercise pressure. In my view, it is the work of the Order», she affirmed.

«When someone takes a drug over a long period of time and has a serious health problem, when one is told by his pharmacist that the drug is no more available and that we cannot get any because of a rupture in stock, patients are trapped», she deplored.

VOLUME I

Paschal Mercier B.K. # 14783, son of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin, married to Anne Cloutier : 1264 pages.

VOLUME II

Jean Mercier B.K. n 2102, son of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin, married to Barbe Monmaignier : 344 pages

Pierre Mercier B.K. n 12819, son of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin, married to Marie-Catherine Chamberland : 236 pages

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The Mercier «Orphan» Families

The Genealogical Repertory of the Mercier of North America is based on six main founding families who arrived on this continent before 1765. Since that time, other Mercier, either from France or Belgium, have immigrated to Canada or the United States. In all evidence, we are unable to create the link between these newcomers and the six founding families.

In other cases, we could be faced with persons or families who are probably linked to the six initial families. Despite the intensive research of volunteer genealogists, they have been unable to regroup these individuals or families to their respective ancestors. The data concerning these «orphaned» individuals or families is made available on the next 108 pages.

N.B. If you find an error or a link for a person that we have classified as «orphan» because of our incapacity to make a connection to one of the founding families, we invite you to send us the information so we can update our data base.

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350th anniversary of the Arrival of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec

When Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec arrived in Quebec in 1665, New-France was in a state of profound transformation. The King of France, Louis XIV, had projected to establish in Canada a colony of settlers based on the development of agriculture. A royal government replaced the established companies to administer the colony. A governor and an intendant assume this task. The Sovereign Council administers justice. The arrival of the Carignan-Salière Regiment puts an end to the reign of terror imposed by the Iroquois. The arrival of the «Filles du Roy», the natalist policies of Intendant Talon, the expansion of the seigneurial regime, the arrival of the pledged settlers and the soldiers who decide to remain in the Saint-Lawrence Valley double the population in seven years. The population of New-France passes from 3215 to 6700 inhabitants.

The Sovereign Council of New-France

The highest Court of Justice of the colony.

The Intendant sits as President assisted by the bishop, the governor and some five to twelve



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Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec was born in Normandy in 1644 at Barneville-sur-Seine, some thirty kilometers west of Rouen. He is the son of Nicholas and of Jacqueline Tienneau Picard. His surname of Caudebec probably comes from the fact that he lived in the town of Caudebec-en-Caux. At the age of 21, he signed a contract as employee to go to New-France. He worked first as an agricultural laborer and later as a domestic.

In 1669, Pierre signs a marriage contract with Jeanne Labbé of Ile-d'Orléans, a marriage that will not take place. The promised spouse will marry in the same year a widow established on a partially cleared land. A few years later, Pierre leaves for Acadia where he will start a family with Andrée Martin.

The marriage is celebrated on April 24 1679. Pierre is 33 years of age and Andrée is 30. Mother of six children, all very young, she is the widow of Francois Pellerin, pioneer of Beaubassin. This village was situated near the actual border of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. At that time, the inhabitants of the region

are disturbed by the high mortality rate of men and domestic animals. Jean Campagna is accused of their death by sorcery. At his trial, Andrée makes him responsible for the death of her late husband. Her testimony is corroborated by many witnesses amongst whom her husband Pierre. The accused was acquitted.

In the census of 1686, Pierre aged 40 and his wife aged 37, are the parents of 10 children of two months to 16 years of age. Four of them bear the family name Mercier: there is Joseph, Magdeleine, Alexandre and Marie-Joseph. They possess a gun, a few acres of land, six cows and four pigs. Later, two more children will join this already numerous family, Guillaume and Agnès. All the children of both beds will inherit the surname of Caudebec, Codbec or Cod'bec.

Subsequent censuses will demonstrate that the economic situation of the family has improved. However, around 1700, a story of bad morals involving his brother in law will put pressure on the family to leave Beaubassin. After an attempt to settle in Gaspésia, they leave to cultivate excellent agricultural land on the Côte-du-sud. Joseph, the eldest son, who was undoubtedly required to defend the region against the English, did not follow the family to Saint-Pierre-du-Sud. One hypothesis is that he settled in Gaspésia.

«The land of Pierre, lots 47 and 48, is the second east of the line of division between the seigneuries of Bellechasse-Berthier and Rivière-du-Sud» an area claimed by the Seigneurs of Rigauville and Couillard de l'Espinay.

Alexandre and Agnès, the youngest, will inherit their parent's lots. Alexandre and his spouse Josephite Godin-Saindon take possession of the family land in 1716 with the obligation to keep, feed and care for the parents until their death. The fire at the rectory of Saint-Pierre-du-Sud in September 1748 has destroyed the death certificates of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec and his spouse Andrée Martin.

Their descendants are few. Only Alexander and maybe Joseph have had sons to perpetuate this lineage of the Mercier dit Caudebec or Codbec that we find in the Lower Saint-Laurent region, in Gaspésie and on the North Shore. They represent approximately 1% of the Mercier of North America.

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