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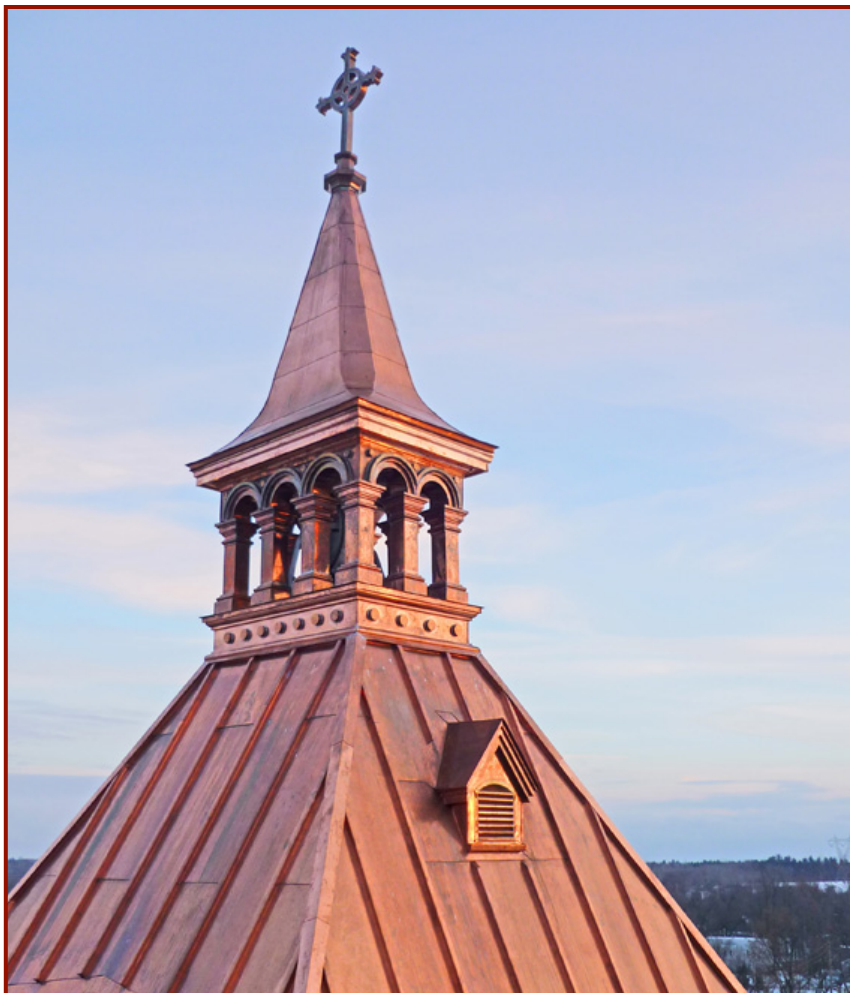
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OF THE
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OF THE
MERCIER
AT THE
«VIEUX-
COUVENT»
OF
SAINT-ROCH-DE-
L'ACHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 12
2015***

The steeple of the «Vieux-Couvent»

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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 \$
Givornor	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 Rally and the AGA of the Mercier: The Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan is happy to welcome in its midst the Association of the Mercier of North America, on next September 12. Two guided tours will be offered, and a Conference will be held in the chapel of the «Vieux-Couvent» in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan (see the daily schedule on page 4). You may wish to register now and return to us your Registration Form before August 20 2015. We also offer non-members the possibility of participating in this Rally (see suggested cost on page 18).

The Association of the Mercier celebrates 30 years old (1985-2015): Our colleague Gilmond Mercier has made an inventory of the most important moments of our Association over the last 30 years. This retrospective to present the events and the people who have contributed to keep our Association alive and well.

The Mercier have answered our call: We wish to thank all the members who have renewed their annual membership fees. The Association of the Mercier needs all its members since annual fees are the main source of revenue. For those who wish to do so, you have up to mid-September to renew your annual membership for the current year.

Updating our Membership Registry: If you wish to receive our Newsletter «Le Mercien», you must be a member in good standing. The list of our members will be updated in mid-September after the AGA, thus giving enough time, to those who have not yet done it, to renew their membership during our Rally on next September 12.



For those who would like to change to receiving the numerical version of our Newsletter, you may do so by leaving us a message using the AMAN email address: mercier.aman@hotmail.com and we will add your name to our list for electronic mailing.

The Pre-Sale of the Genealogical Repertory of the Mercier has been a true success: More than a hundred (100) people have purchased a Genealogical Repertory of the Mercier. The distribution of the Repertory, expected for the end of August, has been moved two months earlier in order to accommodate the people who had planned to visit our region during the month of June. We have thus minimized our handling and shipping costs. The distribution of the volumes was done by Board members and collaborators.

The people who would be interested in receiving the Repertory of the Mercier may fill in the form on page 8 and return it to us at the indicated address with their cheque to the amount of 90\$/Volume.

Website and Facebook:

All the above information is available on our page on Facebook and on our Association's website:

<http://www.famillesmercier.org>

Your suggestions are always very much appreciated. Pleasure meeting you in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.

Jean Mercier 1524, President

The Rally of the Mercier

Program of Activities for the Day – September 12 2015

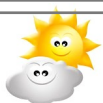
**The Historical Society of Saint-Roch-de-l’Achigan is happy to welcome in its midst
the Association of the Mercier of North America.**

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 6).

Plan A (nice weather)



- **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:

Vieux-Couvent	20 mi
Presbytère	20 mi
Maison J.Oswald Forest	20 mi

Plan B (In case of rain)



- **10hrs45 à 11hrs45 Slideshow:**
«À partir d’hier» : Rue Principale (Main Street) from Yesterday to Today.
Location: The Chapel of the Vieux-Couvent.

- **11h 45 à 12h**
Déplacement à pied vers le sous-sol de l’Église

- **12hrs à 13hrs30**
A short walk on foot to 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.

- **16hrs30** **Au revoir!**

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

Additional Information relative to the Rally of the Mercier

Endroit : Chapelle du Vieux-Couvent, 7 rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat, près de l'église à Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan

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 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.

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;

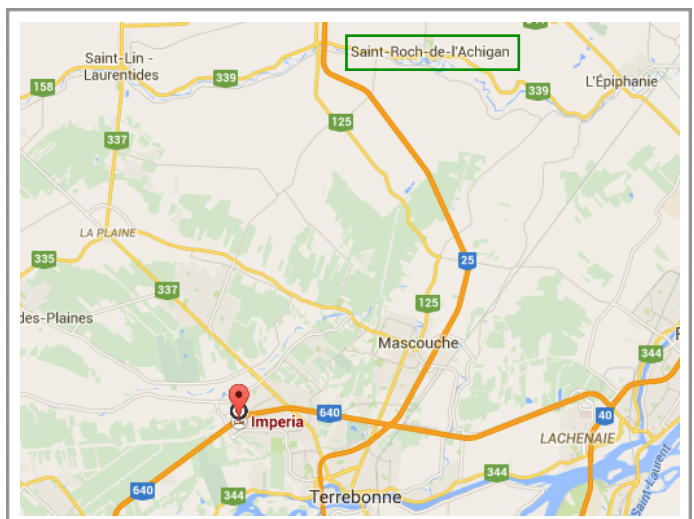
-Reservations will be possible depending on the availability of rooms at the moment you call.

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.



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, September 12 2015 at 9hrs 15.**
to be held at the Chapel of the Vieux-Couvent
7 rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat à Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.

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

Renewal of Membership Fees and Donations on July, 2 2015

N° Member	Name	City	Fee	Don	Maturity May 31
93	Lionel Mercier & Alice Béland	Victoriaville	40 \$		2016
210	Denise Mercier	Saint-Lin-Laurentides	65 \$		2017
284	Louissette Mercier & Jacques Dumas	Québec	40 \$		2017
317	Jacques Mercier	Nicolet	35 \$		2016
419	Armandine Mercier	St-Henri-de-Lévis	65 \$		2017
530	Jacinthe Mercier	Québec	35 \$		2016
587	Lorraine Mercier	Ste-Sabine	65 \$		2017
945	Georges E. Mercier	Ste-Marie-de-Beauce	65 \$	15 \$	2017
1126	Suzanne Mercier	Saint-Damien	65 \$		2017
1421	Delphine P. Mercier-Goodwin	Michigan USA	65 \$		2017
1482	Doris Ferrara	Rhode Island USA	25 \$		2016
1490	Renée Laurent Mercier	Montréal	35 \$	15 \$	2016
1498	Paul J. Mercier	New Hampshire USA	65 \$		2017
1522	Madeline Ernest	Rhode Island USA	25 \$		2016
1523	André F. Mercier	Québec	65 \$		2017
1525	Nicole Mercier (Réal Lemyre)	Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac	65 \$		2017
1553	Jocelyn Mercier	Longueuil	35 \$	40 \$	2016
1562	Suzanne Mercier (Alfred)	Laval	35 \$		2016
1590	Anita Mercier	Lachine	25 \$		2016
1611	Dyane Mercier	Buckland	65 \$		2017
1615	Robert A. Lavalle	Oklahoma USA	35 \$		2016
1623	Roger Mercier	Lévis	65 \$		2017

THE ANCESTRAL COUPLE

PIERRE MERCIER ET MARGUERITE LAMAIN



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In the daily menu of the settlers of New France, bread is the main staple. Miller Pierre Mercier occupies a primary function in the seigneurie.

Pierre Mercier, born in the parish of Saint-Denis-de-la-Chevasse in Poitou, in the current Department of Vendée in Pays de la Loire, would have been only 12 years old upon his arrival in Quebec City in 1665. At that time, he enlists for three years to the merchant Pierre Gaigneur. The Act makes no mention of his age. Ernest Mercier, the author of *Mercier depuis des siècles*, doubts of the validity of this information. He believes that there has been some confusion with another Pierre Mercier of Normandy who arrived that same year.

On January 8 1685, miller Pierre Mercier is married to Marguerite Lamain, Fille du Roy, in Neuville, situated in the current County of Portneuf, which at that time was known as Pointe-aux-Trembles. His spouse is the widow of Michel Rognon dit Laroche and the daughter of

Jacques Lamain and Marguerite Deshais of the parish of Saint-Vivien of Rouen in Normandy. She is already the mother of six children aged from one and a half to 11 years of age when she unites her destiny to Pierre. From their union are born 8 other children: six boys and two girls. Only two children survived more than two years: Antoine who marries Angélique Millet and Pierre who marries Louise Ledoux. The two couples will establish their families on land in Neuville. Pierre, one of the sons of Antoine and Angélique, born in 1719, became a surgeon. He is probably the first doctor under the name Mercier to practice this profession in the region of Quebec.

Shortly after their marriage, the ancestral couple exploit a piece of land that probably belonged to Marguerite in the seigneurie of Demaure, dite Saint-Augustin, a few kilometers from the city of Quebec. This land is situated on lot 16 along the St-Lawrence River on the first Rang of the seigneurie. A few years later, in 1691, Pierre loans, for a period of five years, the property of the seigniorial manor as well as the mill. At the end of this lease, he abandons the mill, for he wishes to work as a farmer and no more as a miller.

In May 1710, Pierre and his spouse donate half of their property to Marguerite Rognon and Charles de Sévigny on the condition that they will be cared for, lodged and nourished until their death. Less than two years later, their daughter and son-in-law renounce this donation to the benefit of Charles Rognon. Shortly after, on November 17 1712, Pierre dies at the age of 60 and is buried in Neuville. Marguerite will retire at the Quebec General Hospital to which institute her son Charles will be obliged to deliver annually some 18 bushels of wheat. She dies in 1714 at the age of 58.

The couple's lineage counts few descendants, approximately 2% of the Mercier of North America. They can be found in Quebec City, in the Lac Saint-Jean area and in Ontario.

suite ...

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Death of Mrs. ISABELLE MERCIER at the Centre d'hébergement St-Jean-Eudes (Charlesbourg) on May 7 2015 at the age of 82 and six months, wife of Claude Dufour; daughter of the late Zélia Therrien and the late Edouard Mercier. She lived in Quebec City.

Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn: her brother Gaétan (Pierrette Bouthiller); her sisters: Georgette (the late Gaspard Roy), Pauline (Roger Roy), Frédérique (the late Claude Denault), Desneiges (Gilbert Lambert) and Marie (Roger Vallières) as well as Danielle Roy; her brothers and sisters-in-law from the Dufour family: Françoise Geoffrion (the late Marcel Dufour) and Solange Trudel (the late Jacques Dufour); as well as many nephews and nieces, cousins, other family and friends, in particular Thérèse Ouellet.

Member of the Board of administrators of AMAN, of the committee for the Grand Reunion of the Mercier in 1987, and responsible for the organisation of the Buffet attended by some 1100 guests as well as the Mass celebrated at the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.

Isabelle is a descendant of Pierre Mercier and Madeleine Gagné, of Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier, and of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin.

TRIBUTE TO ISABELLE MERCIER

BY THÉRÈSE OUELLET AT THE FUNERAL ON MAY 23 2015

1932-2015

Source: Benoît Mercier

GOODBYE ISABELLE

Today, my soul rests in sadness and my heart in tenderness in rendering a last tribute to Isabelle.

Isabelle is present in my life for more than 50 years, 33 of which as a colleague in the Commission des Écoles Catholique de Québec (CECQ).

At that time, we were many girls from the family institutions, coming from our villages and our countryside, who would find ourselves in Quebec City trying to build a career.

«I was even the mother-in-law, witness at the marriage of Isabelle to the 'beau' Claude. »

But above all, a wonderful friendship united us to celebrate the happy moments, to console each other in the difficult moments, and that, to the very end.

Today, I make myself the spokesperson of her friends to share with you our pride and our gratitude towards Isabelle, this professional of a different breed.

Proud are we of the Diversity of her Achievements

Isabelle impresses us by being one of the first women elected Vice-President of the Syndicate of the Teachers of Metropolitan Quebec. She is appreciated by its members, but she is also respected by its employer ... which is exceptional.

Isabelle, a fighter for equity

With persistence and perseverance, Isabelle, at the head of a committee, leads and wins a merciless battle with Laval University which will finally open the doors to obtaining a BA for the girls who have followed the course of the family institutions.

Our gratitude to Isabelle!

Another big challenge for Isabelle

She is the founding President of the Home Economics Association of Quebec. She is one of the powerbrokers of this association which still carries her signature.

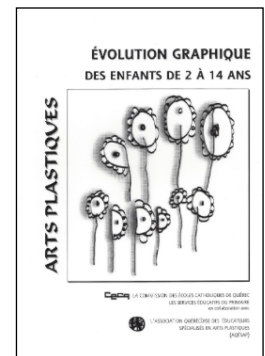
Her love for children

It is no doubt this passion that inspired her the greatest pride of her profession:

In 1985 is published the book:

«**Evolution Graphique des Enfants de 2 à 14 ans** »

(Graphic Evolution of Children from 2 to 14 years of age)



The book is distributed under the responsibility of The Association of Specialised Teachers in Plastic Arts and becomes a Best-seller in all the primary schools of Quebec. BRAVO!

Grateful are we for her unconditional welcoming of people

The home of Isabelle and Claude ...serves as the general-quarters for major Congresses, for our preparatory working sessions, for our strategic meetings with, as a bonus, delicious snacks. Thank you Claude for your patience.

Grateful are we for her unfailing reliability. Referring a case to Isabelle is to be assured of its success and besides, of its excellence...

For Isabelle, time has no importance, «the sky is the limit».

Of our friend we cherish

- The image of an elegant woman, proud, with a unique style in searching for harmony and beauty in the ordinary daily gestures;
- The image of a persevering woman, authentic, loyal and inspiring, searching always for perfection;
- The image of a bubbly woman, with the taste to please, to laugh and to dance.

Isabelle, daughter of sun and light, your friends offer you a bouquet of flowers to the colors of friendship and to the aroma of the imprint that will remain of you in each of us.

Notes of Thérèse Ouellet
Saturday May 23 2015

TRIBUTE TO ISABELLE MERCIER

BY MARIE-JOSÉE DUFOUR AT THE FUNERAL ON MAY 23 2015

Source: Benoît Mercier

HELLO ...

Niece of Aunt Isabelle, I represent my family to share with you a little word...

A putting in common of our respective souvenirs has allowed us to discover, Oh! Surprise! that the arrival of Aunt Isabelle in our lives rests on the «Story of a car»...

The story is as follows:

- *A demonstration of Ford vehicles where Uncle Claude is present as the company representative.*
- *Isabelle is captured by an ANGLIA.*
- *Claude returns the following week to stimulate her interest, and that very same night in her apartment rue Pierre-Maufray, a sales contract is signed.*
- *The surprising point? – Isabelle did not know how to drive and as a consequence, the car slept peacefully in the parking lot for three months.*
- *The time for Claude to get to know Isabelle by offering her «personalized» driving courses which took place on the grounds of Laval University.*

We know the rest, you will tell us... not yet!

He found her very beautiful and very smart, his Isabelle... there was some dating, but also the necessity to check on some of Claude's habits.

Profoundly motivated by a promise made to his mother and for the love of Isabelle... what had to be done was done.

This way of doing allowed Claude to accompany Isabelle to her sister Marie and Roger's wedding and to be proud today of 50 years of abstinence... we don't include in all domains!

This wonderful and sympathetic couple has since become part of our lives:

- *There were many gatherings where they arrived at the house on the sly, at Morin Lake, or in a more statutory way on Sundays.*
- *One of those striking moments was their wedding reception at 1306 James LeMoine.*

But our memories converge unavoidably on the family reunions of the Holiday Season:

- There was a time when Claude and Isabelle would arrive well-tanned from a trip down south..., dressed in fur coats with assorted hats. For our children's eyes, they appeared as «stars».
- They also took a sure pleasure in the famous «parties de cartes» (card games) with the «uncles», games which would start earlier and earlier from year to year.

Many of our «New Year's Day» celebrations were held at their house where no effort was spared hospitality wise:

- The idea of reuniting the two branches of the family by the presence of the Vallières family: Marie, Roger, Anne and François... appeared to us to be genial. It almost gave us the impression that we were «cousins».
- In fact, nieces and nephews, we even had the feeling somehow that we were a little bit their children...
- Being the good Balance that she was, well shouldered by Claude, these «New Year» celebrations were for Isabelle the opportunity to manifest her Venusian side in all its splendor:
 - A concern for the most outstanding presentations;
 - A culinary talent worthy of mention (little meatballs with sweet and sour sauce has seduced more than one!)
 - An orchestration of games more ingenious one than the other;
 - And, as a bonus, access to her «craft cupboard» allowing us to discover a gold mine of objects to awaken our imagination and creativity.

Aunt Isabelle remains in our memories a woman fully of her Time... independent, elegant, autonomous and rigorous as is required of her teaching profession, with an incisive brand of daily humour, and with multiple artistic talents...

... but especially «loving» for her own, something of which we have greatly benefitted!

We have the conviction that Aunt Isabelle has left with the assurance that we would keep a «benevolent» eye on Claude for what happens next...

Thank you

Marie-Josée Dufour

May 23 2015

TRIBUTE TO ISABELLE MERCIER

BY ANNE AND FRANÇOIS AT THE FUNERAL ON MAY 23 2015

Source: Benoît Mercier

ISABELLE, DEAR AUNT

The last years of your life have left many shadows over your nature and your way of being in the world. The challenging course that sickness has imposed upon you has, little by little, masked the great vitality that characterized you so well.

Since your departure, many happy memories surface in our minds and we recognize the importance of your presence in our lives.

Anne and I have had the pleasure of knowing you, not only as an aunt, but rather as a «super» aunt. We have been close to you almost every day of our childhood and you will have been one of the key figures next to whom we have grown up.

When we were in primary school, you would come to our house every day of the week to share with us the midday meal. This daily contact has allowed us to establish connections between our separate universes: we could perceive to what degree you appreciated your work and the projects that you would put forward, while at the same time you were learning to know our games, our friends and our desires.

The sincere interest and the affection that you showed towards your loved ones would translate itself by a remarkable generosity and hospitality. How many celebrations and meals, of reunion and of events of all kinds, have you organised for the greatest pleasure of relatives and friends who were invited? All the details were organized to perfection... and when one event was passed, another project would appear in the horizon. We have often seen you: seated at the table, a pad of squared paper sheets in front of you and with a pencil in hand, in the process of thinking and of giving form to an idea...

You had the sensitivity of an archivist who, carried by your love for the family, has generated works that are still with us: on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of your mother Zelia, you produced a publication presenting all her descendants through various texts and pictures. When we realize that this colossal work of data collection, edition, layout and printing was done almost without the help of a computer (it was in 1986!...), our admiration and our gratitude are even greater!

Finally, your curiosity for the world that surrounded you incited you to make many trips, sometimes to areas rarely frequented. In 1977, you visited Japan and we still remember the stories and the «exotic» objects that you brought back.

A person who, like you, buys her first car and bicycle many years before knowing how to use it, shows, by her actions, that she has a great trust in the future... Your vision, your curiosity and your will power will remain for us of great inspiration. Thank you for this generous legacy... and watch over us...

Have a good rest Aunty!

Anne and François Vallières
May 23 2015

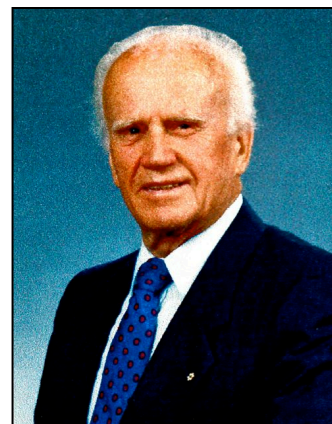
«THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER OF NORTH AMERICA»

A 30 YEAR JOURNEY

1985-2015

1985

- ☒ April : Incorporation of the Association of the Mercier of North America (AMAN)
- ☒ May : First number of the Newsletter «Le Mercien».
- ☒ July : First official meeting of the Administrative Council under the Presidency of Ernest Mercier.
- ☒ The Association counts some 40 members.
- ☒ The membership annual fees are fixed at 10\$.



Ernest Mercier



Benoît Mercier

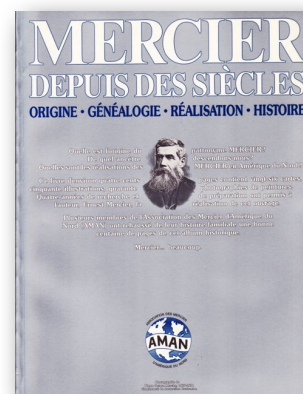
1986

- ☒ May : Adoption of the Coat of Arms of AMAN as designed by Monsignor Jean-Paul Gélinas and of the Emblem as designed by Céline Mercier Rouleau.
- ☒ August : Benoît #22 organizes the first Annual Assembly in the chapel of Saint-Louis in the Saint-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica.



1987

- ☒ February : Jacques Mercier #341 composes the theme song for the Mercier Rallies : «À toi Mercier de l'Amérique».
- ☒ June : The Association counts some 1051 members.
- ☒ August : First Grand Rally of the Mercier in Beupré: 1029 registrations.
- ☒ André Mercier #189 is the President and Coordinator of the Rally.
- ☒ Unveiling of a plaque near the ancestral home of Julien Mercier in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.
- ☒ Ernest Mercier, author, presents his book: «*Mercier depuis des siècles*» (Mercier since centuries).

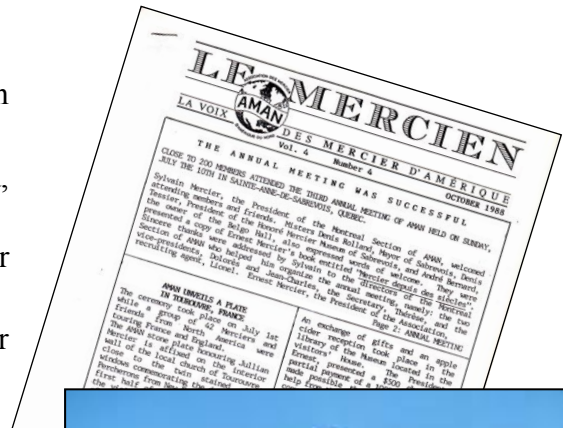




The ancestral couple, Gérard and Lucienne, with the President Ernest Mercier at the 1987 Rally.

1988

- ☒ January : The Newsletter «Le Mercien» is available in the English version.
- ☒ June : A voyage organised by AMAN to England, France and the place of origin of Julien Mercier.
- ☒ July : Rally of the Mercier at the Honoré-Mercier Museum in Sainte-Anne-de-Sabrevois.
- ☒ October : Gathering in front of the Honoré-Mercier Monument on the grounds of the National Assembly.



Honoré-Mercier Museum in Sainte-Anne-de-Sabrevois



Honoré-Mercier Monument
On the grounds of the
National Assembly

1989

- ☒ Paul-Henri # 31 forms regional committees. A model followed by other Founding Family Associations.
- ☒ Annual General Assembly in Saint-François-de-Montmagny. Unveiling of two commemorative plaques in tribute to the Mercier settlers of Côte-du-Sud.
- ☒ AMAN counts some 479 members in good standing.



Roland J. Mercier of the 8th generation of the descendants of the ancestral couple Pierre Mercier and Andrée Martin.

1990

- ☒ Purchase of a computer to allow Benoît Mercier #222 to establish a Mercier Data Bank.
- ☒ Annual General Assembly in Arthabaska.



1st row: Alain, Ernest, André and Benoît
2nd row: Isabelle, Paul H., Claudine, Jean and Céline
Annual General Assembly in Arthabaska

1991

- ☒ August : The Annual General Assembly is held in the Vieux-Port of Quebec, organised by André # 189.
- ☒ The Annual membership fee is increased to 15\$.
- ☒ September : AMAN organises a second voyage to France.



1st row: Cécile M. Nadeau, André, Hélène and
Isabelle M. Dufour.
2nd row : Claudine, Paul H., Benoît, Ernest and Jacques.
Administrative Council of AMAN in 1991.

Second voyage of AMAN to France
The Mercier of America travellers are received by the
Délégation du Québec in Paris on September 12 1991.
In the usual order: Mrs. Liliane Laroche Mercier,
(spouse of Gérard Mercier, Notary), Mrs. Dufour, the
delegate André Dufour and Ernest Mercier.



To be followed in the next Newsletter «Le Mercien»
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31st General Assembly of the Association of the Mercier of North America

«Proud of our Ancestors»

**LOCATION: The Vieux-Couvent Chapel
7 rue Docteur-Wilfrid-Locat
Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan (Québec) J0K 3H0
Saturday, September 12 2015 from 8hrs 30 to 16hrs 30**

REGISTRATION FORM

For those who are in need of accommodation for the upcoming Rally in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan, you will find some suggestions in this Newsletter on page 5.

Please forward the completed Form with your payment by cheque to the following address:

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

Package Cost for the day per Person

Includes: Lunch, Tours, Conference, Souvenir leaflet and a Friendship Toast.

	Before August 20	After August 20
• Member of A.M.A.N.	55\$ _____	60\$ _____
• No member of A.M.A.N.	60\$ _____	65\$ _____

Registration forms must be received at the latest on September 1 2015.

Nom: _____

•Family member, indicate on the right the name of spouse or friend. •

Address: _____ Membership number : _____

City or town: _____ Province/Etat: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email address : _____ Téléphone : _____

Number of people _____

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Life Membership Fee:

Date of birth : year _____ month _____ day _____

Member aged 65 plus 350 \$*

Member less than age 65 500 \$*

Governor fee 1 000 \$*

**N.B.: Members for life, honorary members and governors have no annual fee to disburse.*

I enclose my annual fees for the year : 2015-2016 - 2016-2017 _____ \$

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

Other contributions or donations to the Association _____ \$

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Checklist

- ★ **August 20 2015**, the deadline to receive your Registration from for the rally in Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.
- ★ **Saturday, September 12 2015**, AGA and 31rst Rally of the Mercier à Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan.
- ★ **Mid-September 2015**, updating of our list of members.
- ★ **Mid-November 2015**, our next Newsletter Le Mercien, Fall 2015.

Until next time!

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