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The Voice of the Mercier of North America

The Annual General Assembly of the Association of the Mercier will be held on August 28 2016 at «Hôtel l'Oiselière» in Montmagny.

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The Canadian national historical site of the house of Sir Étienne-Paschal-Taché situated at 37, avenue Sainte-Marie in Montmagny.

«The Étienne-Paschal-Taché house is a mansion situated in Montmagny, Quebec (Canada). This neo-classical residence was built for Étienne-Paschal-Taché who had come to establish himself as a doctor in his native parish. The latter will have a brilliant political career and twice will act as Prime Minister of United Canada (1855-1857 and 1864-1865). He is considered as one of the Founding Fathers of the Canadian Confederation.»

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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.

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A Word from the new President

Greetings to all!

In the present Le Mercien Newsletter, you will find the formulae and the relevant information needed to make your reservations for our annual reunion on August 28 2016 in Montmagny. It is now the time to note this event in your agenda so that you may come and join us in supporting our Association. I wish to insist on our gathering which is much more than a compulsory general assembly according to the statutes of our Association. The special event of this year will be the visit of the three Mercier sites situated in the regions of Berthier-sur-Mer, Saint-Vallier and the «Anse-Mercier» in Saint-Michel-de-Bellechasse. There will be the unveiling of three commemorative plates: the first will be in honor of the Mercier dit Caudebec in Saint-Pierre-du-Sud, the second at «Anse Mercier» and the last at the house of Jean-Pascal Mercier in Berthier-sur-Mer. Group photos will be taken at each location. We will meet with the present owners of each site who are all very proud to receive us.

You will understand the importance of making your reservations as early as possible as much for the brunch at «l'Oiselière» as for the Sunday afternoon bus tour. For those who would like to spend a few more days in the Montmagny region, we will suggest to you optional activities in our next Le Mercien Newsletter. Please do not forget that May 31 is the deadline to renew your annual membership fees, a gesture which is essential for the survival of our association.

A 30 minute conference by Mr. André Gaulin of Berthier-sur-Mer will follow our General Assembly on Sunday August 28. He has resided in the house of Jean Paschal Mercier for some 27 years and has proceeded to make some renovations.



PERPETUATING THE MEMORY OF THE MERCIER

is a major preoccupation of your administrative council which questions itself, as it does every year, on the best means of pursuing our activities by arousing an active interest on the part of our members. We are attempting to press ahead with our technological changes by:

*Scanning the book «Mercier depuis des siècles» by our founding President Ernest Mercier to make it available on a CD.

*Scanning the Le Mercien Newsletters since the very beginning.

*Publishing Le Mercien Newsletter in colour on the Internet.

*Making available our Repertory on DVD or CD.

*Refreshing our Website.

*Producing at a low cost the Mercier lineage of our members. (See page 15 of our Newsletter)

We are going AHEAD and we ask you to accompany us! Looking forward to meeting you on August 28 2016 in Montmagny!

You can join us by email at :

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Jacques Mercier n° 341, Président

An Award for Pascal Mercier, co-owner of Ubéo

On the occasion of the 28th Gala of the Beauce region businesses, the Saint-Georges Chamber of Commerce unveiled the «Laureat des Jarrets» for 2016. The leaders of Ubéo Web Solutions received the prize for the category Innovation/Web Creation.

Congratulations to Pascal who is the volunteer manager of our Website for the Association of the Mercier of North America. As for Web solutions, Ubéo is there to offer original, innovative ideas , and in line with the latest technological trends. pmercier@ubéo.ca



From left to right : Pascal Mercier, Véronique Paquet and Claude Fortin, co-owners

THE UBÉO TEAM

*From left to right : Nicolas Bilodeau,
Kristelle Laflamme, Véronique Paquet,
Pascal Mercier, Claude Fortin,
Karl Boucher, Jason Lepage and
Audrey Jacques.*



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER OF NORTH AMERICA

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**THE ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO ITS 31ST REUNION ON SUNDAY
AUGUST 28 2016 IN MONTMAGNY, IN THE CHAUDIERE-APPALACHES REGION**

PROGRAM

- Welcome
- Annual General Assembly
- Brunch
- Conference by Mr. André Gaulin, Historian
- Visit of three Mercier ancestral sites in the region
- Friendship Toast
- Prizes for attendance and many more surprises !
- To come: suggested activities for August 27.

REGISTRATION FEES

Adult : 55\$ CAN

Children 5-15 years : 27\$ CAN

Parents and friends benefit of the same tariff as members. Registration fees include the brunch at l'Oiselière (taxes & services incl.), the guided tour by bus, the conference by Mr. Gaulin and the Friendship Toast

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE* SUNDAY AUGUST 28 2016

7hrs30 Breakfast (included in room fees)
8hrs30 Welcome and registration
9hrs30 Annual General Assembly
10hrs45 Conference by Mr. Gaulin, historian
11hrs30 Brunch
13hrs30 Visit of the three Mercier ancestral sites
16hrs00 Friendship Toast and Attendance prizes
17hrs00 The end, and hoping to see you soon!

* *This schedule may have to be changed depending on the number of registered participants and the availability of the sites involved.*

* *any change will be communicated by email, on the Association's website and in our Newsletter – Le Mercien.*

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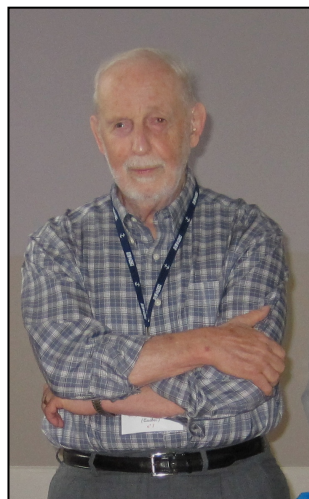
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The Chronicle of Jean 1

LIFE AT «ANSE SAINT-VALLIER»



Source : Claude-Marie Duval

Jean n°1

This text is strongly inspired by the period during which I used to spend my summers at «Anse Saint-Vallier», i.e. from 1934 to about 1947, period after which we were obliged, us, the boys of the Theo family, to find ourselves paying jobs, which in my case was the Quebec-Ontario Interprovincial Student Exchange Program.

I talk to you of the «Anse Saint-Vallier» because it was the name under which this area was known at the time when Théo. and Joseph, the two brothers of Napoléon, the owner of the land, accepted his invitation to come and settle there for the summer season of 1934. The property had just been divided into lots and the occupation of one of these lots was subject to an annual fee. Little by little, other lots found renters and toward the 50's, one could count some 20 summer chalets. It must be understood that the term « anse » cannot be rigorously applied in the case that concerns us, for if on the east side, the first chalet is really in in the «anse» (cove), the road continues continues to reach the fishing premises of the Labrecque family, and a little further, at the intersection of Route 132, the house of the owner. On the west side, the road goes beyond the cove and the chalets installed there face the Saint-Lawrence River and the Île d'Orléans.

For most of the residents who had school-age children, the active season would start on the Saint-Jean-Baptiste Feast day and would end on Labour Day. Those who were not limited by this constraint were of course not prevented from arriving earlier and waiting for a sign from the weather before leaving. Three consecutive days of high tides accompanied by a Northeast wind and torrential rains was a sure incentive to get ready.

In a general way, we can affirm that during the whole summer this location was very calm. The passing of a car was noticed by all and the visits among the residents were very rare. Almost two-thirds of the residents were retired and the remaining third would travel morning and evening to go to work.

Prior to our summer move, two or three volunteers from the family would consecrate a few Saturdays for special chores. First, clean the property of the debris left by the high autumn tides that had also benefitted from the stream that separates us from the neighbours, to flood the totality of the land, leaving upon its withdrawal much undesirable material. Second, clean the shores of all dead wood and third, stock up on firewood, etc.... After the outside, it was time to clean the interior of the chalet: the mice, the field mice and I don't know what, who had nested on the mattresses laid on the rafters above. It was really necessary to clean everything before the arrival of the family.

The day of the move, after having dropped the fairer sex and the youngest at the chalet, we would go to the farm where we were graciously offered the necessary straw to fill up as much as we could huge cotton bags, thus making our mattresses, entirely round in shape, on which the boys, laying in bunk beds, would attempt to sleep.

The first nights, it would happen that one or the other would tumble from the top bed, awaking the whole chalet, hurting himself slightly, causing a certain worry for the parents and much laughter for the rest of the family. After a few nights, everything would fall into order.

In the days that will follow, we will have to bring out the boat which passed the winter in the garage in company of the lawn chairs, the picnic table, the «cabacha¹», etc.



Céline, Michel et Guy

***Wooden horse, recuperated from a carousel operating at the Chute-Montmorency Park
Céline, Michel and Guy, sister and brothers of Jean 1***

Then it will be rolled on logs up to the shore where it will be firmly anchored. During the season, it will serve mostly for boat rides inside the cove and excepti-onally on the Boyer River. In such a case, the boat will have to go around the fishing premises of the Labrecque family and not adventure itself too far down the river for with the lowering of the waters, the water level will be insufficient for the return trip. If such a situation occurred, sometimes voluntarily provoked, it would involve a long walk through the fields and a return to the site at the following high tide. A trip to Saint-Jean of Île d'Orléans is occasionally done, but crossing the channel, more pleasant with two rowers (four oars), must be done at a slack otherwise the boat will land at Saint-Laurent or at Saint-François.

The chalet owners find a solution to the needs for communication and for activities of their children by installing a tennis court at the entry of the cove. It was a collective accomplishment, strongly animated by the cousins Charles, René, Claude, all sons of our uncle Joseph. This site was of all times the meeting grounds of the summer residents.

The properties were well integrated with their environment, the vegetation was always welcome and many residents cultivated a garden.

The tides would regularly leave behind all kinds of detritus and all that was wood, small or big, was welcomed to serve as kindling, firewood or for the next campfire on the shore which, visible by a majority of the residents, was an invitation to come and fraternize.

The gradual appearance of small fruits: strawberries, raspberries, blueberries and brambles, would incite the mothers to pass some orders for picking to their offspring who, to test the quality of the product, tasted it all along the road in a good enough proportion.

When the time for picking hay arrived, every afternoon I would go to the family farm to accompany the farm employee, Désiré Goupil, to transport the hay that had been mowed and raked in windrows the very morning. He would load it in the wagon with a pitchfork (a three teeth fork) and I would spread it and tread it underfoot. Once the wagon was full, the hay was driven towards the hayloft.

The peak moment of the season for our family has always been the Sunday closest to the 1rst of August, birthday of Annette, our mother. Not only were we due to mow the lawn and pull out the weeds, but we had to lime the rocks that indicated the various borders (the road, the lawn etc.) as well as the fence posts that separated our property from the surrounding pasture. At the beginning of the afternoon, numerous relatives and friends would arrive. Very often, the garage would be converted into a theater in which the cousins René and Claude, cousin Gilberte and other members of the family of Uncle Joseph would remind us, in the funniest way possible, the main events of the past year.

So passed the summer at «Anse Mercier».

1-CABACHA everyone knows that. It is the name of a gift that the brother and sisters of Anette, our mother, gave her on one of her anniversaries (August 1rst). It is a wooden horse recuperated from a carousel that was in operation at Chute-Montmorency, near Quebec City. Purchased by the owner of a publicity enterprise, P.É. POITRAS, a friend of the family, each horse was dismounted, repaired, repainted and remounted on rockers. The name comes from the initials of Annette and the donators (sisters and brother) Claire, Aline, Blanche, Alexandre, Colette and Hermance.

Renewal of membership fees - Gift - New member [on May 15, 2016]

N° member	Name	City	Cotisation	Maturity May 31	Note
29	Jean-Rock Mercier	Lac-Mégantic	65 \$	2019	
35	Claudine Mercier	Québec	35 \$	2017	
341	Jacques Mercier	Saint-Georges	5 \$	2017	Draw
341	Carole Morin	Saint-Georges		2017	AGA-2015
861	Robert Mercier	Îles de la Madeleine	40 \$	2017	
861	Anne-Marie Boudreau	Îles de la Madeleine		2017	
900	Lise Mercier-Soucy	Québec	35 \$	2017	
935	Joseph Norbert Mercier	Californie, US	35 \$	2017	
1465	Diane Mercier-Lécuyer	Anjou	35 \$	15 \$	2017
1490	Renée Laurent-Mercier	Montréal	65 \$	35 \$	2018
1529	Claude Jacques	Sainte-Marie	65 \$	2018	
1540	Napoléon (Nap.) Mercier	Kentucky, US	40 \$	2017	
1540	Sylvia A. Mercier	Kentucky, US		2017	
1563	Maurice Mercier	New Hampshire, US	35 \$	2017	
1588	Yolande Mercier	Windsor	65 \$	2018	
1596	Julien Mercier	St-Jacques-de-Leeds	65 \$	2018	
1607	Sylvie Mercier	Saint-Basile-le-Grand	65 \$	2018	
1608	Chantal Mercier	Chambly	65 \$	2018	
1628	Shelly Battram	Toronto	35 \$	2017	New
1629	Camille Mercier	Lorrainville	35 \$	2017	New

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REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 28 2016 FROM 9 AM. TO 5 PM.

31ST REUNION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER

For those who need accommodation for the next annual general assembly in Montmagny, a bloc of 20 rooms has been reserved at Hôtel l'Oiselière (mention that you are part of the group of the Association of the Mercier of North America) from August 27 to 29 2016. (Group 1608BLOC2)

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COST : \$ 55/ADULT
\$ 27/CHILDREN 15 YEARS AND UNDER

REGISTRATION COSTS INCLUDE :

- *Guided tour
- *Conference
- *Friendship Toast
- *Draws
- *Brunch +taxes and services

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For all members, annual fees are due on May 31 of each year.

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35 \$/1 year

ou

65 \$/2 years

Regular Fee for a couple

40 \$/1 year

ou

75 \$/2 years

Life Membership Fee:

- 65 years and above : 350 \$
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**N.B.: Members for Life, Honorary members and Commanders have no annual fees to disburse.*



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We Fought in Saint-Pierre-du-Sud¹

This land will pass into history for many reasons, amongst others, for the fact that there was a squirmish in 1776 in the context of the hostilities between the American congressmen and the Canadian royalists.

Moreover, the headline of this section is the title of a book of 128 pages published in 1987 under the pen of L.P. Bonneau, by the Society for the Preservation of the Heritage of Saint-Francois-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud from which we were largely inspired. Our readers are invited to consult this book for more information (3).

«On October 30 1775, General Benedict Arnold came out of the woods of Sartigan and, on December 3, in Neuville, his army joined with that of Montgomery. It was the signal of the increasing efforts of the agents of the Congress for recruitment (3). In fact, Arnold's and Montgomery's troops had considerably diminished in number since their departure from Boston. » «Each stronghold that had been conquered required a certain amount of soldiers to assure the American presence; Montreal alone demanded a good number. Thus, at the beginning of December, the two armies counted approximately 1000 soldiers. »

Faced with the lack of reinforcement coming from the American side, it became evident that it was necessary to recruit local settlers who were sympathetic to the American cause. Meanwhile, parish priests were preaching loyalty to the Royal Government of England and were exhorting the population to not respond to the invitation of the Americans. This was not without creating cruel divisions in the parishes and even among family members between those who supported participation in the American rebellion and those who favored loyalty to the Crown of England.

On December 9, from the Plains of Abraham and from the St-Roch suburb, the American canons started bombarding the City of Quebec. At the same time, preparations were done to install a battery at Pointe-Lévy for the purpose of shelling Quebec City as the English had done with much success in 1759.

However, as the 148 canons installed inside the walls of Quebec City were of greater caliber and could send their cannonballs further than those of the Americans, this battery, badly protected at the beginning, never had much effect.

«It is only a few days later that we learned that in Beauce, on the Côte-du-Sud, on the Côte-de-Beaupré and at Ile d'Orleans, the Bostonians had suffered a major defeat in the night of December 31.

Source: Collection Association des Mercier



Memorial plaque erected by the Mercier Association of North America on the land of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec in Saint-Pierre-du-Sud. Roland J. Mercier² of the 9th generation of the ancestral couple Pierre Mercier and Andrée Martin.

In the minds of many, this news had great importance. It confirmed the rumours that had circulated, but that few admitted, that the invaders were few in number, badly armed and that many were sick (2). »

«The rumour that circulated most on the Côte-du-Sud was that the American camp in Lévis was poorly defended by soldiers few in numbers and sick. » From there came the order transmitted on March 15 1776 by Governor Carleton to Mr. Louis Liénard de Beaujeu to raise troops, to attack and to neutralize the American camp of Lévis. De Beaujeu was 60 years old, but he had undertaken a military career at the age of 16. He had served in many places in New France, as much in Acadia as in the West. He had retired at Ile-aux-Grues.

Once the decision was taken, a grand movement started: the captains of the militia started recruiting; emissaries were sent to all neighboring parishes to inform that Mr. de Beaujeu had received the order to find recruits and to march upon Pointe-Lévy; the Royal standard was raised on all public buildings. »

«The first platoon left Sainte-Anne on March 23, in the early hours, and as the weather was very bad, some reached Saint-Thomas, but others only reached Saint-Jean-Port-Joli or L'Islet. On the evening of March 24, all had reached the second general quarters in Saint-Thomas. » The vanguard detachment was to reach the land of Michel Blais, then considered as co-seigneur of the area. His land corresponded to cadastral lot no. 47 of Saint-Pierre-du-Sud.

It is at his place that the vanguard detachment found itself on March 25 when, from the top of the surrounding hills, shots rang out and numerous Canadians as well as some 80 American soldiers manifested their presence. »

«Some 48 militiamen sheltered inside the Blais house, against 234 Americans and Canadians. Upon the arrival of Mr. de Beaujeu's vanguards, Michel Blais had deployed the British flag which flew on top of his house. »

We do not possess any document which describes the unfolding of the skirmish but we can suppose that because of the disadvantage that presented the topography for the men of de Beaujeu, because of the restricted number of men compared to the Americans in a ratio of nearly three to one, and because of the advantage that a canon can deliver in a situation where a stone house shelters the militiamen, the fight did not last long. A few minutes and everything was over! Three militiamen were lying dead. Ten others were wounded and twenty-two others were made prisoners. The prisoners were led to Pointe-Lévy then, eventually, to Berthier-en-Haut, and it is only during the summer that they were freed, when the last Bostonian troops departed. »

The Blais residence was situated very near the Rivière-du-Sud, some 200 feet on the north shore. For those curious about history who would like to go to this battlefield, we must recall that the front road, in 1776, followed along the Rivière-du-Sud. Some sections of this road are still visible. The house of Michel Blais was very close to the road, on the north side. «To the west and north of the house, the hills reached an elevation of some 100 feet and formed a kind of semi-bowl at the bottom of which the detachment found itself as in a mouse trap.

The Commission for the National Battlefields of Canada unveiled, in 1992, an historical monument on the actual cadastral lot 47 of the Municipality of Saint-Pierre-du-Sud. This land had been cleared by Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec and his son Alexandre. The Association of the Mercier of North America erected, on August 20 1989, a commemorative plate on lot 47, in the presence of Rolland Mercier, a descendant of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec.

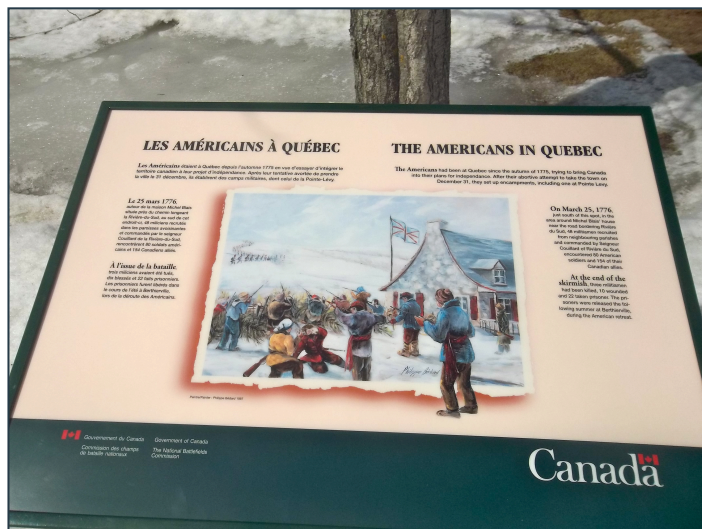
The land was then owned by René Blais.

The descendants of Pierre Mercier have not been abundant in numbers for there was only his son Alexandre who could perpetuate the lineage of the Mercier.

We attribute to him around 1% of the Mercier families living on Quebec soil.

Source:

- 1- Mercier Pierre-Paul, *Le Mercien Vol.20 n°3, pp3-5, 2003.*
- 2- Mercier, Roland, *Généalogie de Roland Mercier, Filiation paternelle.*
- 3- Bonneau, L.P., *On s'est battu à Saint-Pierre-du-Sud, publication no.12, Société de Conservation du Patrimoine de Saint-François-de-la-Rivière-du-Sud, Saint-François, Cté de Montmagny, Québec, 1987.*



Mrs Emma Rabellino, owner

THE AMERICANS IN QUEBEC

The Americans were in Quebec since the fall of 1775 in an effort to try and integrate the Canadian territory into their Independence project. After their failed attempt to take the city on December 31, they established military camps of which the one in Pointe-Lévy.

On March 25 1776, around the house of Michel Blais situated near the road along the Rivière-du-Sud, south of this area, 48 militiamen, recruited in the surrounding parishes and under the orders of seigneur Couillard of Rivière-du-Sud, met some 80 American soldiers and some 154 Canadian allies.

At the end of the battle, three militiamen had died, ten were wounded and 22 were made prisoners. The prisoners were freed during the summer in Berthierville, when the Americans were defeated.

Source : *The Commission for the National Battlefields of Canada, in 1992.*

**« ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER OF NORTH AMERICA »
A 30 YEAR ADVENTURE
1985-2015 (CONTINUED)**

1997

- ☒ April: Sugar party in Saint-Sylvestre-de-Lotbinière.
- ☒ August: Pierre Mercier #8, deputy of Montmagny-Bellechasse, presides at the International Reunion of the Mercier in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré.
- ☒ September: Michel Mercier #485 of Saint-Roch-de-l'Achigan is elected President of the Association of the Mercier.
- ☒ Voyage to France of the Mercier/Trudel families.



Source : Collection de l'Association des Mercier

At the Salon Rouge of the National Assembly, with the personage of Honoré Mercier, some Mercier participating in a tour of the Parliament of Quebec on the occasion of a Reunion held in Beaupré from August 1-3 1997.

From left to right: Pierre Mercier (président du rassemblement), Lucie Mercier (présidente de l'Association des Mercier de l'Amérique du Nord), François Gendron (député d'Abitibi-Ouest fils de Marguerite Mercier), M. Lavoie, Ernest Mercier, Gilles Callichan (auteur du livre Honoré Mercier-La politique et la culture, 1994) and Léonce Mercier (sénateur).

1998

- ☒ April: Sugar party in Inverness.
- ☒ Campaign VISION 2000 - Reinforcement of the Association of the Mercier.
- ☒ Invitation to join AMAN as a Commander: 1000\$.
- ☒ September: Annual General Assembly at Allen's Corner in Howick, at the park of the National Historical Site of the Bataille-de-la-Châteauguay.



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Annual General Assembly at Allen's Corner in Howick, at the park of the National Historical Site of the Bataille-de-la-Châteauguay

From left to right: Pierre-Paul Mercier, Ernest Mercier, Cécilia Mercier, Michel Mercier, Marie-Reine Mercier, Dolorès Morin, Françoise Mercier, André Mercier and Lionel Mercier.

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CHECKLIST

- ★ May 31 2016 - Renewal of Membership Fees.
- ★ July 10 2016 - Le Mercien - Summer Vol. 32 n° 2.
- ★ August 10 2016 - Registration deadline for the AGA 2016 in Montmagny.
- ★ August 28 2016 - AGA 2016 in Montmagny.

See you soon!



Le printemps est bien là !

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