



# Le Mercien

*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.**

Source: Site Internet Montmagny et Les Îles



**THE HEART OF THE CITY OF MONTMAGNY WITH SURROUNDING ISLANDS**

*Montmagny is a city in Quebec situated in the MRC of Montmagny in the Chaudière-Appalaches region some 56 kilometers east of Lévis. Situated along the Saint Lawrence River, the town offers a breathtaking view on the archipelago of l'Isle-aux-Grues. It has a rich history dating back to more than 360 years.*

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*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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## A Word from the new President

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Hello everyone!

Summer has finally arrived and I hope that you are fully enjoying it. In a few weeks we will meet for our annual gathering. I invite you to fill up your registration form on page 9 of the present Newsletter. Since the beginning of the year, we have centered our information on Côte-du-Sud, cradle of the greatest number of the Mercier descendants of the lineage of Julien and Marie Poulain and also of the lineage of the Caudebec, Pierre Mercier and Andrée Martin.

In the chronicle of Jean 1, the latter relates his souvenirs at Anse-Saint-Vallier or Saint-Michel which has become Anse-Mercier. You will find some articles on the battle of 1776 which took place on the land of Michel Blais, a land which had belonged to the Mercier ancestor dit Caudebec. These are true historical facts confirmed by a commemorative plaque erected by the Government of Canada. On page 11, we give you information on Paschal Mercier of the second generation who in 1673 had acquired the land in Berthier-sur-Mer, a land which was cleared by Jean-Paschal of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation. This year, by the erection of a plaque, we will honour this land.

I am placing much hope in our group visit by bus, on the afternoon of August 28, to our three historical sites. I hope that Mother Nature will be on board with us. The administrative council will be at «L'Oiselière» on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> and as you will notice on pages 4 and 5, numerous sites are available to those who wish to further explore the region. Finally, I just wish to remind you of our Sunday morning General Assembly to be followed by the conference of Mr. André Gaulin.



We invite as many people as possible from the region of Montmagny to come and join us for the «brunch». I also invite you to diffuse the present Newsletter «Le Mercien» amongst your family, brothers, sisters and cousins. Thank you for helping to spread this information.

Pleasant reading and see you on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August in Montmagny!

Pleasure meeting you all!

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Jacques Mercier n° 341, President

### THE AGA AND THE REUNION OF THE MERCIER

It is now possible to register by using the formula on page 9.

### THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE IS DUE MAY 31:

The annual membership fee is our main source of revenue to finance the Association of the Mercier. The annual fee covers the period from June 1 2016 to May 31 2017. The Association of the Mercier needs all its members. Thank you for your support! (Formula on page 10).

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## UNIQUE SITES TO EXPLORE IN THE REGION OF MONTMAGNY

### GROSSE-ILE AND THE MEMORIAL TO THE IRISH

A unique destination in the heart of the Saint Lawrence River where history and nature meet to create a memorable experience. Quarantine station from 1832 to 1937, Grosse-Ile will have been witness to major waves of immigration to Canada, but also witness of human drama and exceptional devotion. Welcome to Grosse-Ile, land of sensations!

Source: Site Internet Montmagny et les Îles



### THE JEAN-PAUL RIOPELLE NATURE RESERVE

Situated on l'Isle-aux-Grues, this protected ecological zone is a treasure of inestimable price. The reserve contains a precious biodiversity. Its exceptional flora and forest ecosystem constitutes a paradise for hundreds of species of birds. And that is without counting the sublime island panorama! To have access to l'Isle-aux-Grues, the visitor must board the Grues-des-Iles, a free ferry service made available in Montmagny.



### THE BERTHIER-SUR-MER BEACH

This little known site of Berthier-sur-Mer is a real corner of paradise for the fans of various water sports, be it canoe, kayak, watercraft or kitesurfing. The sandy beach which extends for more than one kilometer is an ideal peaceful area where you can relax and enjoy the maritime panorama.



### THE CENTRAL PUBLIC MARKET OF MONTMAGNY

Discover the local wealth at the one and same spot! Purchase fresh fruits and vegetables as well as delicious transformed products in surroundings typical of an open public market. A visit to the central public market of Montmagny is the ideal occasion to savour local products!



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## THE CITY CENTRE OF MONTMAGNY

The architectural style of the City Centre of Montmagny offers to visitors an original shopping experience. The narrow streets, remains of the XVIIIth century, welcome a great selection of shops which offer a range of surprising discoveries. One can find many excellent restaurants, from the small coffee shop to the fine gastronomy restaurants.



## THE HOUSE OF SIR ÉTIENNE-PASCHAL-TACHÉ

Built in the XIXth century, the Sir Étienne-Paschal-Taché House is witness to the life of one of the Fathers of the Canadian Confederation: Sir Étienne Paschal Taché. Its unique heritage value and the notoriety of its owner in our Canadian history have contributed to have it designed as a National Historical Site of Canada.



## THE ACCORDEON MUSEUM

It is situated in the Couillard-Dupuis Manor, a building classified as an historical monument. It holds a collection of some 130 instruments coming from various countries. Of this number, approximately one third is exposed to the public. It is the only museum in Canada dedicated to a musical instrument. One can find archives regrouping hundreds of photographs. The museum is an important factor in the preservation of the immaterial heritage of Quebec.



## THE HERITAGE RUINS OF CAP-SAINT-IGNACE

Established on the site of five ancient seigneuries, Cap-Saint-Ignace comprises numerous heritage treasures of which the Vincelotte Mill (1690), the Gamache Manor (1745) and the Ouellet Mill (1823). The architecture of the church of Saint-Ignace-de-Loyola is totally remarkable. Characterized by an impressive central vault, one finds in the interior a magnificent Casavant organ dating to 1918.



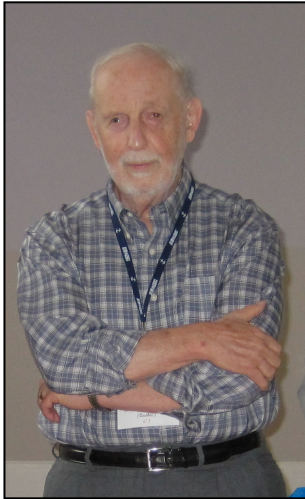
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# The Chronicle of Jean 1

## ***A BICYCLE RIDE***

Source : Claude-Marie Duval



***Jean n°1***

At Anse Saint-Vallier, all displacements were made on foot and the territory that was accessible to us - water, road, beach and forest, were convenient for this means of travel.

However, with age, the horizons open up and the idea of a trip, most often as a group, requires an economical means of travel and, in our case, of little cost. Thus, it is a used and reconditioned bicycle that I purchased at a cost of 15 dollars.

It was a good purchase.

A few years later, having reached the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at École Supérieure Montcalm, searching for a job for the following summer, I asked my brother Jacques, the eldest of the family who was working for an Ontario company « Erie and Wood Products Corporation », if he could find me something for the next summer in that region.

After a few days, he reached me with the good news that there were two openings at their manufacture of West Lorne some 60 miles north of Toronto. I shared this with my friends and one of them, André Leboeuf, accepted. Our reply reached the company and following the transmission of some additional information, everything is concluded and the date of the first workday is set.

A few weeks before leaving, while we were discussing about the means of transport, bus or train, André suggests that we should go there by bicycle. After a deeper reflection on the matter: which road to follow, how long it would take, costs for boarding and food, etc., but a very summary reflection, to me the idea sounds good. However, we still have to talk to the « paternal ». He receives my explanation and requires a little time for reflection. It's normal; there is no fireman in the family. After a few days, he suggests to me that we go by bus or by train and that we discuss it over at the time of our return trip, probably hoping for some evolution on our part.

At home, it was the tradition to never question the decisions of our « paternal » (we could not say as much for those of our mother). Thus, the trip Quebec-West Lorne is made by train. From the train station, after having asked for the direction to reach the Askew family where the company had organised our board and room, we arrive at the home of some very friendly folks who already offer some lodging to another company employee. Travelling to work can easily be done on foot.

The following day, work starts. The factory buys various selections of tree trunks for the manufacture of planks for wood floors. Our work starts at the end of the transformation process when the tree trunks have taken the form of planks of different lengths and widths, ready to put on the market. With the help of a piece of equipment, the planks are tied in packages of 12 and are brought to the warehouse. It was our job for the summer season.



Source : Jean 1 Mercier

***Jean 1 and André Leboeuf while boarding at the Askew family – West Lorne, summer 1948***

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Most often, on the week-ends, André and I would go around for bicycle rides. This bicycle is different from the one I previously mentioned. I now pedal with a three-speed bike, bought brand new. One day, he proposes that we leave for a week-end (Saturday and Sunday) to go to Detroit... why not? Of course the trip means an overnight stop somewhere on the road.

The weekend in question arrives; we leave early in the morning on a trip that is approximately 90 miles which means an average of 13m/hr if we wish to sleep near the border. Everything unravels as planned and the following morning we take the bridge linking Windsor to Detroit. Once we arrive at the toll booth on the American side, after having answered the usual questions, we are told that we cannot enter on American soil and that we must turn around. Protesting against this decision and demanding a reimbursement of the toll fee, the attendant responds that he cannot do that « because we used the bridge ». The disgusting one, see if I have used his bridge! Faced with my misunderstanding, to calm me, André explained that the attendant had not said that we had « used the bridge, but utilised ». Following that explanation, I calmed myself and we returned peacefully to our lodging. The rest of the trip went well and we can truly affirm that this experience was still pleasant.

Now we have to face the return trip which implies obtaining a favorable decision from the «paternal» and evaluate the time necessary to pedal some 500-600 miles. So I posted a request in good and due form to Mr. Théo Mercier asking if his son Jean could return to Quebec by bicycle. After six days, on the eve of our departure, still no news. I said to myself: « Who says nothing, consents ». and we prepared our baggage for the departure. In the evening, André informs me calmly that a return home by bicycle no longer interests him. « You know what? A return by bike doesn't tempt me anymore, let us return by train ».

The following morning, after waving hands, André steps into the train wagon and Jean mounts his bicycle. To be frank, I don't remember much about those 7 or 8 days, except that nothing catastrophic happened. The privileged path to follow is to travel as much as possible along the Saint Lawrence River; this eliminates in good part the problem of hills, the silly speeding automobiles and facilitates finding help in case of problematic situations and finally, renders the panorama more lively (homes, villages, services, etc.).

The first night I stop in the east of Toronto in front of a house with a sign for tourists. The family is welcoming and the owner informs me that the following day he is going with his family to the Canadian National Exhibition and offers me to accompany them. Offer accepted. The visit was very pleasant and my return to Quebec put off by one day.

The rest of the journey passes without incident; meals are taken in very ordinary places or on the side of the road after having purchased in some store a few sandwiches. One night on two, I look for a low cost « cabin » and the following night I slip into my sleeping bag preferably in a stop area along the road and ideally under a picnic table (this prevents accidents and protects from the rain. Of course I wait for darkness to install myself.



*Aerial view of the village of Saint-Vallier in 1978*

Source : SHBellechasse - Photo de Jean-Marie Cossette BAnQ

The morning departure time after the nights slept outside varies between 4 and 5 AM and after the nights in a « cabin » around 6 and 7 AM. Daily, the ride winds down around 3 or 4 PM. What do we think about when we have so much time on our hands? We look at the landscape and we dream. However, these two states of mind are secondary and complementary to that of fixing your eyes and concentrating on the next 15 feet ahead of you on the road on which your vehicle is about to pedal in the following seconds. Even if an accident is not necessarily catastrophic, it causes you to be late and is a pain in the ass which you wish to avoid.

My arrival in Quebec City takes place without incident. Nor the mayor of the city, nor any member of my family being there to welcome me, I head to 59 rue d'Artigny, (today Complex G) and I unlock the door to find myself in an empty house. Well, it means that they are still at the cottage in Anse Saint-Vallier. On the shelf a letter; I turn it over, it is addressed to Théo Mercier from his son Jean and is not opened, and therefore I conclude that Théo never read it.

I remount my bicycle, take the ferry to Lévis and pedal up to the cottage. Upon seeing me my mother welcomes me : Hi my Jeannot, you made a good trip? Yes mom. I'm happy.

And so it is, life continues its normal course. The following day, move to Quebec City. In the days that follow, resumption of classes in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at École Supérieure Montclam with classmates: Claude Bouchard, J.P. Gauvreau, André Leboeuf and Paul Lécuyer.

With Théo and sometimes one of my brothers, on Saturdays until the first snowfalls, frequent returns to the Anse are made to visit aunty Na (Angéline) at the farm house (paternal home) and to visit the cottage in order to make the necessary preparations for the winter season. A few days after the last visit, it is now time for the hibernation of the automobile. For this purpose, a garage is rented for the snow period and the car installed on blocks until spring.

Jean n°1

### **Renewal of membership fees - Gift - Life Membership [on July 12, 2016]**

<b>N° member</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>City - Province/Etat</b>	<b>Cotisation</b>	<b>Maturity May 31</b>	<b>Note</b>
9	Madeleine Mercier-Talbot	Québec	35,00 \$	2017	
15	Alain Mercier	Lévis	35,00 \$	2017	
93	Lionel Mercier	Victoriaville	35,00 \$	2017	
93	Alice Béland	Victoriaville	5,00 \$	2017	
120	Noëlla Mercier	Québec	35,00 \$	2017	
180	Guy Dubé	Saint-Pacôme	35,00 \$	2017	
208	Gaston Mercier	Saint-Jen-sur-Richelieu	65,00 \$	2018	
284	Louissette Mercier	Québec	35,00 \$	2017	
284	Jacques Dumas	Québec	5,00 \$	2017	
578	Émilie Mercier	Gaspé	35,00 \$	2017	
625	Dary Mercier	Gaspé	35,00 \$	2017	50\$ Sponsor
706	Yves Mercier	Sainte-Sabine	35,00 \$	2017	
706	Nicole Morin	Sainte-Sabine	5,00 \$	2017	
713	Chantal Mercier	Chicoutimi	350,00 \$	Life	Membership
871	Jacques Mercier	Saint-Charles-de-Bellechasse	35,00 \$	2017	
871	Lise Asselin	Saint-Charles-de-Bellechasse	5,00 \$	2017	
1260	Jacques Mercier	Saint-Stanislas-de-Kostka	-	10 \$	-
1461	Sylvie Mercier	Saint-Damien	35,00 \$	2017	
1480	Germain Nappert	Boisbriand	35,00 \$	2017	
1506	Marielle Mercier	Sainte-Sabine	35,00 \$	2017	
1524	Jean Mercier	Saint-Jérôme	35,00 \$	2017	
1577	Annick Mercier	St-Jérôme	35,00 \$	2017	
1577	Benoît Raymond	St-Jérôme	5,00 \$	2017	
1578	Karine Mercier	Brownsburg-Chatham	35,00 \$	2017	
1578	Laurier Boucher	Brownsburg-Chatham	5,00 \$	2017	
1580	Éric Mercier	Mirabel	35,00 \$	2017	
1580	Rachel Cavanagh	Mirabel	5,00 \$	2017	
1614	Claude Dupuis	Pabos Mills	35,00 \$	2017	
1614	Annette B. Dupuis	Pabos Mills	5,00 \$	2017	
1615	Robert A Lavalley	Norman, Oklahoma USA	350,00 \$	Life	Membership



# The Association of the Mercier of North America

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

## 31<sup>ST</sup> 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)

**PLACE : HÔTEL L'OISELIÈRE - MONTMAGNY**

**ADDRESS :** 105, Chemin des Poirier, Montmagny, (Québec)  
Telephone : (418) 248-1640

**Direction from Lévis :** Autoroute 20 South, exit 375,  
Take road 228 (Chemin des Poirier) up to l'Hôtel l'Oiselière.

**COST : \$ 55/ADULT**

**REGISTRATION COSTS INCLUDE :**

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

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Number of adults \$55 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of childrens 15 years under \$27 \_\_\_\_\_

I will be present for the guided tours by bus : YES  Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ NO



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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

FOR ALL MEMBERS, ANNUAL FEES ARE DUE ON MAY 31 OF EACH YEAR.

Regular Fee for one individual

35 \$/1 year

or

65 \$/2 years

Regular Fee for a couple

40 \$/1 year

or

75 \$/2 years

Life Membership Fee:

- 65 years and above :

350 \$

- less than 65 years :

500 \$

- Commander :

1 000 \$

*\*N.B.: Members for Life, Honorary members and Commanders have no annual fees to disburse.*



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Date of birth : \_\_\_\_\_ Other contribution or donation to the Association \_\_\_\_\_ \$

I wish to receive the newsletter «*Le Mercien*» : by mail  **by email**

I include my annual fee for the year : **2016-2017**  **2017-2018**  \_\_\_\_\_ \$

• **Double your contribution and your membership will be valid for 2 years.** •

Life Membership Fee : 65 years and above  less than 65 years  Commander  \_\_\_\_\_ \$

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## PASCHAL MERCIER AND ANNE CLOUTIER (2<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION)

Paschal, the eldest of the sons of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin, saw the day in Saint-Anne-de-Baupré on March 13 1656. On July 30 1680 (Duquet), he purchased from Charlotte Godin, widow of Pierre Frichet dit Bruslot, remarried to Pierre La Forest dit La Branche, the south-west half of the concession of three acres of land with frontage on the Saint-Lawrence River, a concession made by Charles Aubert de La Chenaye to Michel Auvray on June 2 1664. This land can be found a little more than half a mile east of Sainte-Anne River in the village of Saint-Joachim. The old stone house (number 130) property of Clermont Cliche, north of the «Chemin Royal» sits on this land. At the age of 25, Paschal married Anne Cloutier, daughter of Jean and Marie Martin, in Château-Richer on November 11 1681.

After fourteen years of marriage, he died in Saint-Joachim-de-Baupré and was buried in Château-Richer on October 25 1695. He was only 39 years old. Anne Cloutier, widow of Paschal, remarried with Antoine Buteau in 1697.

### LIGNÉE DE PASCHAL MERCIER AND ANNE CLOUTIER (2<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION)

Of the rather ephemeral union of Paschal and Anne -14 years- were born four boys: Claude, J.Pascal, Pierre and Jean. Claude died at the age of three, but the three others married girls from the Côte-de-Baupré and raised huge families in the region of Quebec and more particularly on the Côte-du-Sud.

#### J.PASCAL MERCIER AND MADELEINE BOUCHER (3<sup>RD</sup> GENERATION)

J.Pascal, baptised on March 13 1684 in Sainte-Anne, married Madeleine Boucher, daughter of Jean and Marie-Madeleine Paré, in Saint-Joachim on February 16 1705 (Jacob). This couple had 11 children, all born in Berthier-sur-Mer between 1706 and 1729. The family cleared lot 67 of the actual municipal cadaster in rang Bord-de-l'eau, conceded to Paschal I by seigneur Alexandre Berthier after the opening of the seigneurie in 1673. At that time, the actual parish of Berthier-sur-Mer was served by the posts of Beaumont and Saint-Michel. J.Pascal, settler, died on the first and was buried on May 3 1727; he was only 43 years of age. Madeleine Boucher was buried in Berthier in 1731 at the age of 46.



*House situated at 130 Chemin Royale in Saint-Joachim*

Source : Jacques Mercier

Two girls and four boys, born of the union of Pascal and Madeleine, married either in Berthier, in Saint-Michel or in Saint-Vallier. At the time of the transfer of New France, this couple already counted some 22 descendants: eight girls and 14 boys, who, for the greatest part, had taken spouses from the parishes mentioned above. Around 1800, the number of descendants had reached 32 of which 13 girls and 19 boys. Approximately one third of them married in Berthier and the rest in Saint-Michel or in the surrounding parishes. Pierre, the second son of Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier, was born in Saint-Joachim on February 9 1687. Of his two marriages – the first marriage with Marie-Madeleine Gagné, daughter of Louis and Marie Gagnon and the second marriage with Marie-Madeleine Asselin, daughter of Jacques and Marie Moriset – were born 12 children during the period 1711-1730. Six girls and five boys married between 1731 and 1764. Near the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Pierre's five grandsons already counted 16 descendants, eight boys and eight girls, married for the most part in the parishes close to the Saint-Lawrence River, east and west of Berthier-sur-Mer, between Saint-Jean-Port-Joli and Deschailions in the County of Lotbinière.

Jean, the third son of Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier, was born in Sainte-Anne-de-Baupré around 1691. At 23 years of age, he celebrates a first marriage with Catherine Caron, daughter of Pierre and Geneviève, in Sainte-Anne on January... 1714. Widowed shortly after, he will hold a second marriage with Geneviève Asselin, daughter of Thomas and Geneviève Leclerc, in Saint-François, Ile d'Orléans, on November 4 1715.

Of the union of Jean and Geneviève were born in Berthier, between 1718 and 1728, seven children, six boys and one girl. The six boys - who found their wives either in Montmagny or in Berthier – had 15 descendants, eight girls and seven boys



***House situated at 20, Chemin des Grèves in Berthier-sur-Mer at the end of the Paschal Mercier Road near the Saint-Lawrence River.***

These left 22 descendants, of which 13 boys and nine girls who married for the most part, in the parishes mentioned above.

On March 17 1721, the three sons of the couple Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier: J.Pascal, Pierre and Jean signed with the seigneur Nicolas de Rigaudville the petition of the settlers of the parish begging the bishop to name a parish priest residing in Berthier-sur-Mer. They were therefore all established in this locality. Paschal the elder, coming from Saint-Joachim-de-Beaupré, started in the spring of 1673 “the clearing of the land that would be cultivated by many generations of his descendants”. On May 18 1712, Father Charles Hazeur-Dessaunau, the first resident priest of Berthier from November 1710 until the month of August 1712, baptised Geneviève Mercier, daughter of Paschal Mercier and Madeleine Boucher.

The offspring of the couple Paschal and Anne were solidly anchored in Côte-du-Sud at the very beginning of the XVIIIth century. The father of the author of this book, a ninth generation farmer from the lineage of Paschal, would often repeat, when he cultivated small pieces of land of alluvial origin at the foot of the hills of his farm in Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, county of Montmagny: “This land can be plowed just like the low lands of Berthier”. This expression, transmitted from generation to generation, revealed the passage of his ancestors from the Côte-de-Beaupré to Côte-du-Sud, starting from the third generation of the offspring born of Jullien Mercier in New France.

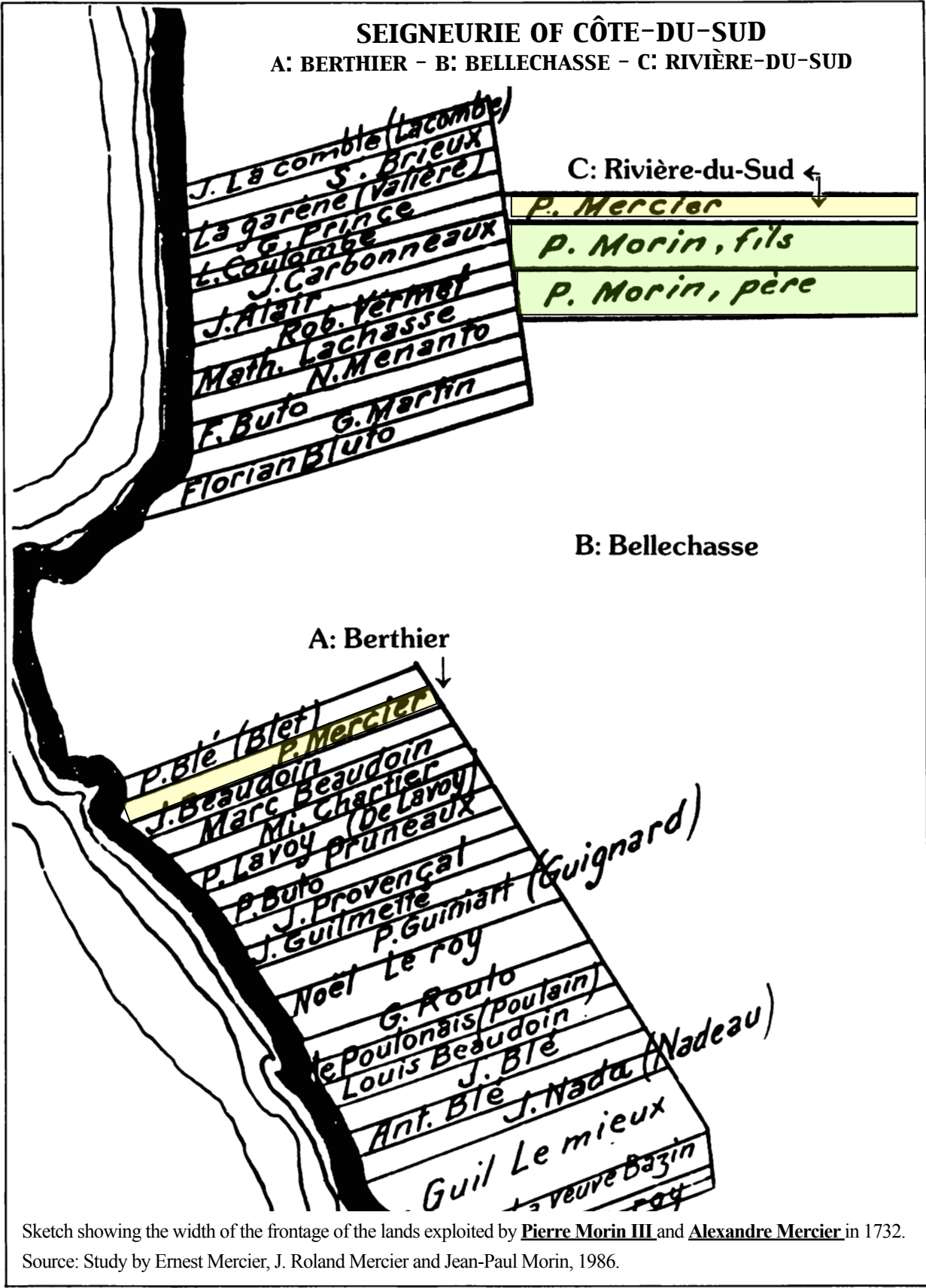
As indicated by the data of the ascendant titles that follow, concerning the offspring of the sons of Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin, the couple Paschal Mercier and Anne Cloutier is the one who, after the fourth generation, counted the greatest number of descendants married in the parishes situated on the right shore of the Lower Saint-Lawrence where colonization was intensive from 1680 to 1850.

According to Lavallée, the Mercier family was one of the most prolific of Berthier. Only the Blais family surpassed it for the number of baptised children, some 539 inscribed in the church registers in 1973. This family has provided many people who have served society in various fields, professions and trades of which there will be mention in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> parts. It is mostly in agriculture that it distinguished itself. The couple Maurice Mercier and Georgette Blais are the actual owners of the Mercier farm situated in the village, west of the actual church and of the Paschal Mercier Road which leads to the wharf. This farm, whose municipal cadastre number is 67 rang Bord-de-l'eau, has been exploited by some descendants of Paschal for close to three hundred years. The actual owners care for a Holstein dairy herd of some 60 heads, of which 30 are milking cows. On two occasions (8) the operators registered in the provincial competition for the “Mérite Agricole” and won the silver medal in 1953.

From Berthier-sur-Mer, the descendants of the three sons of Paschal and Anne Cloutier migrated in two directions: Montmagny and Rivière-du-Loup towards the east, Saint-François and Saint-Charles towards the south. From Saint-Charles, some descendants of Paschal slowly ascended southward towards the Notre-Dame Mountains, in Saint-Gervais and Saint-Lazare. Once the borders between Quebec and Maine were definitively established by the Webster-Ashburton treaty in 1842, their descendants aim for greater heights: Saint-Damien and Saint-Camille in the County of Bellechasse and later, towards the east in the center of the County of Montmagny: Notre-Dame-du-Rosaire, Sainte-Euphémie and Sainte-Apolline.

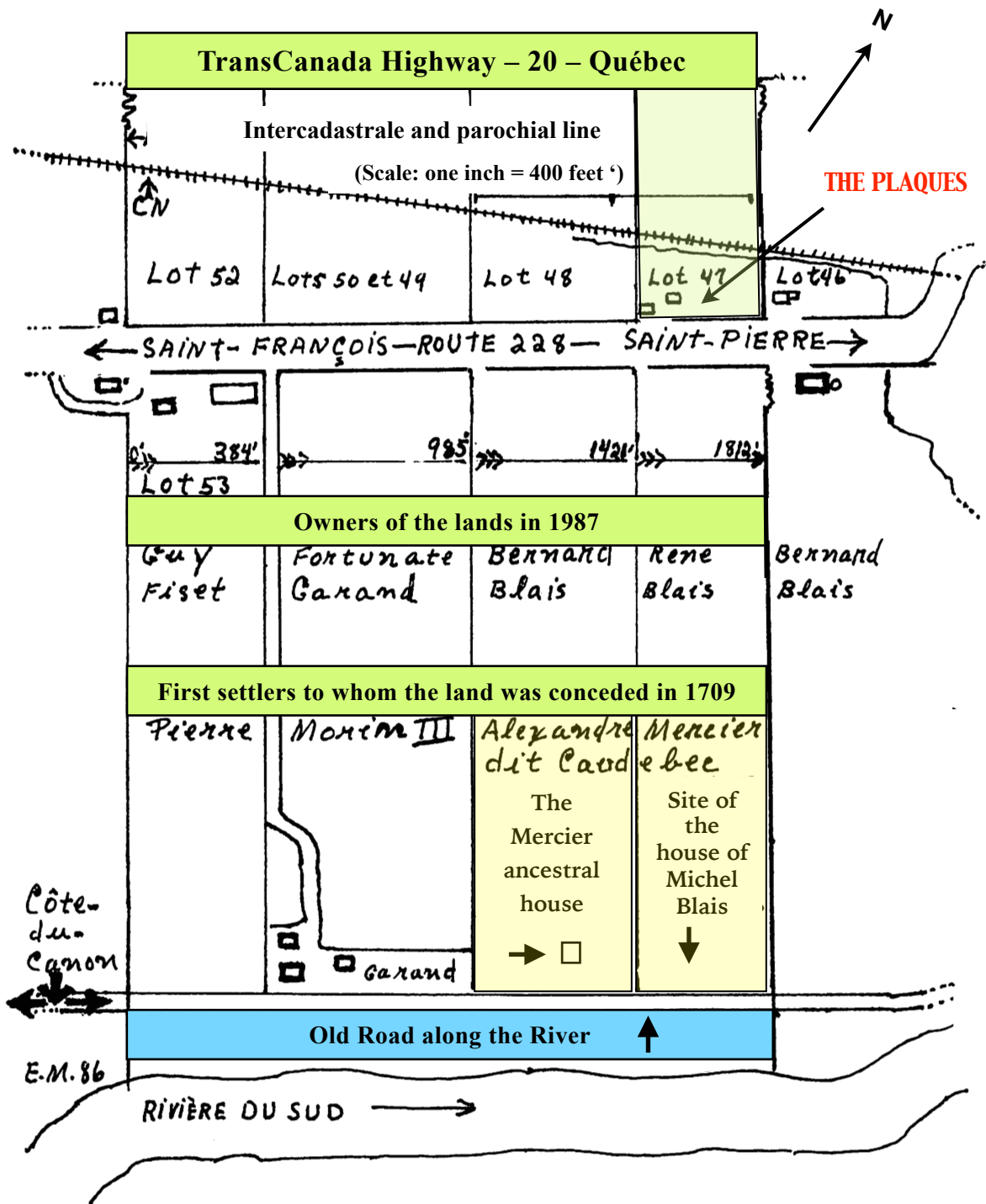
The construction of the Transcontinental Railroad, between 1907 and 1918, at the line of the parting of the waters between the Saint-Lawrence River and the Saint-John River, favored the migration of the descendants of Paschal Mercier mostly towards the east, Sainte-Perpétue and Saint-Pamphile, in the heights of the County of l'Islet.

*Source: Mercier depuis des siècles, Ernest Mercier, 1987, pages 98-99-101*



Source: *Mercier depuis des siècles*, Ernest Mercier, 1987, p.177

# LANDS CLEARED BY THE FAMILIES OF PIERRE AND ALEXANDRE MERCIER DIT CAUDEBEC AROUND 1700



Section of the map of Catalogne showing the land of Pierre Mercier dit Caudebec in the Seigneurie of Rivière-du-Sud- Source: Government of Quebec Archives, 1709

Source: *Mercier depuis des siècles*, Ernest Mercier, 1987, p.181

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## **SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

### **31<sup>RST</sup> REUNION OF THE MERCIER IN MONTMAGNY**

Sunday August 28 2016 from 8hrs30 to 16hrs45  
At the Grand Duc Hall of « l'Hôtel l'Oiselière »  
105, chemin des Poirier, Montmagny, QC, G5V 3T4

- 7hrs30** Breakfast (included with the room);
- 8hrs30** Welcome and Registration at the entry of the Grand Duc Hall of « l'Hôtel l'Oiselière »;  
Delivery of the kit and roundel;
- 9hrs30** Annual General Assembly at « l'Hôtel l'Oiselière » - Grand Duc Hall;
- 10hrs45** Conference by Mr. André Gaulin, author;
- 11hrs30** Brunch at « l'Hôtel l'Oiselière » - Grand Duc Hall;
- 13hrs30** Visit by bus of three Mercier ancestral sites;
- 16hrs00** Cocktail and Draws for participants;
- 17hrs00** The End and see you soon!

## **NOTICE OF CONVOCATION**

### **31<sup>RST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **ASSOCIATION OF THE MERCIER OF NORTH AMERICA**

Sunday August 28 2016 at 9hrs30  
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### **AGENDA**

- 31.1** Opening of the Assembly;
- 31.2** Choosing a Secretary for the Assembly and a President of Elections;
- 31.3** Reading and adoption of the day's Agenda;
- 31.4** Reading and adoption of the minutes of the General Assembly of September 12 2015;
- 31.5** President's Report;
- 31.6** Presentation of the financial statements for 2015-2016 and adoption of the budget for 2016-2017;
- 31.7** Statuts et règlements (new addresses to the Association) - Ratification of the Acts of the Administrators;
- 31.8** Question period;
- 31.9** Election of administrators: 3 posts available;
- 31.10** Adjournment;
- 31.11** Continuation of the Assembly;
- 31.12** Presentation of the Administrators of the Association of the Mercier for the year 2016-2017;
- 31.13** A word from the elected President;
- 31.14** Adjournment of the Assembly.

By Aurèle Mercier, secretary

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### CHECKLIST

- ★ **August 10 2016** - Final date for registration for the AGA 2016 in Montmagny.
- ★ **August 28 2016** - Reunion and AGA 2016 in Montmagny.
- ★ **August 31 2016** - Renewal of Membership fees for latecomers.
- ★ **November 2 2016** - Le Mercien - Autumn Vol. 32 n° 3.

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