



Le Mercien

The Voice of the Merciers of North America

Happy Holidays!

BEST WISHES FOR YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR!



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***Members in front of the Mercier House
on route 132 in Saint-Michel-de-Bellechasse***

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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 President

Hello everyone!

Our Association is now in its 32nd year. First, I wish to thank all the members who took part in our gathering held in Montmagny this past August 28th. I want to thank particularly our American members from New Hampshire for their presence. We heard glowing comments on the quality of the whole event, particularly the visits to Mercier historic sites. I thank also the 2015-2016 board members for confidently accepting the challenge of organizing the general meeting. Thanks are also due to our historian Gilmond for leading the visits to the Mercier sites with his usual passion. His lively and relevant comments were enjoyed by all. Hats off to our generous guest speaker, Dr. André Gaulin, for his very interesting talk.

The general meeting was constructive, and the difficult subjects were about our finances, as usual. The board appreciated the comments from our members. Over the last month, we have followed up on our discussion about checking our list of life members. Mailouts were sent to all the members on the list and most of them have answered back. As was agreed at the August 28th meeting, we will accept no new life members as of November 3rd 2016. Members who have paid their life membership dues in the past will continue, however, to benefit from the advantages granted to them by the Association.

Aware that a minority of members keep the Association “alive” through the annual dues they pay, the board will make it a priority to search for a new way to operate in the future. We must explore new avenues to keep our members interested and reach out to them at a lower cost. We will also look for ways to rejuvenate our Internet platform, to update our



website by offering an “interactive” product reflecting the modern world. There will also be a sea change in the way the board works, as well as in its membership, its meetings and the various files to be allotted to its members. Do not worry, we are not about to scuttle the ship, quite the opposite. We will try to anticipate the hurdles as well as all the costs.

Finally, during the general meeting, we discussed at length the cost of having Le Mercien translated into English. I want to reassure our English-speaking members. After the meeting, a board member talked with one of our members who has offered to do the translation on a volunteer basis. Details will be given in our next issue of Le Mercien.

I suggest that our members who are on Facebook join the *Association des Mercier* group and invite their Facebook friends with a link to the great Mercier family to do the same. Such a gesture is totally free and it will increase the visibility of our Association.

On behalf of the members of the board, I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday season.

Thank you for your support!
Jacques Mercier n° 341, President
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A MERCIER HOUSE ON CHEMIN DES GRÈVES

Faithful, faithful why stay faithful
When everything changes or goes away with no regrets
When one is left standing alone on the gangway
Before this or that world which is disappearing
When one watches all the ships going under
Taking with them all that one was hoping for
When one knows too well that one is but a shadow
Forever faithful to other shadows
Adaptation of “*Fidèle*”, a song by *Charles Trenet*

This ancestral house, almost two hundred years old, was no doubt the second one for the Merciers, who lived there from 1852 to 1951.

Figure 1:
Jacques
Mercier,
president of
the
Association of
the Merciers
of North
America and
André Gaulin,
our guest
speaker, show
a painting by
Sylvain Filion
depicting the
Mercier House
on Chemin
des Grèves.



The house is located on the land granted around 1706 by the Seigneur Alexandre Berthier to Paschal Mercier, who had married Madeleine Boucher in 1705 in Saint-Joachim. That piece of land was part of the Waters Edge Line (*rang du Bord-de-l'Eau*), where the first house was built and it was clearly identified on Gédéon de Catalogne's map. That map enables us to know the location of the plot of land and its owner in 1709, in New France territory. This is at least the second Mercier house in that area. The previous house, much smaller, was somewhat further away from the river.

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Figure 2: The first house where 10 generations of Merciers lived in Berthier-sur-Mer.

The first house was moved one kilometre to the south, probably after 1850, onto *rue Principale* and today, another Mercier family lives in it, that of Maurice, a farmer. On the east side of that gabled house, a flat-roofed building was added. By the way, your Association of the Merciers of North America (AMAN) posted a plaque on it.

As for the second Mercier house on *Chemin des Grèves*, I lived in it for 27 years, ensuring a certain continuity. When I bought it in 1985, it had a long annex containing a summer kitchen, a shed/workshop and a cold storage room. The house had been occupied by Merciers until 1951, when farmer Adalbert Mercier sold it to Gérard Tanguay, also a farmer. The barn, as well as the stable, located to the east of the house, stood until 1990 near the river, where a house now stands at 14 *Chemin des Grèves*. And so, the Mercier house served as a farmhouse until 1975, when Gérard Tanguay, who had farmed there for more than twenty years, sold it to Professor Harold Bhérer (and his wife Catherine), and he in turn sold it to Professor André Gaulin in 1985. These last two owners restored the house and gave it the look we can see today. The large central chimney had been removed before their time. André Gaulin reluctantly sold that house in 2012, because age “had (crept up) on him like a black panther”, to borrow a simile used by poet Alain Grandbois.

The former “Farmers’ Hall”

That second Mercier House is in fact the former Farmers’ Hall (*Salle des habitants*), which was transformed and renovated. It used to be located near the old church by the water and not too far from the *Chemin du Havre*, that one can access from the Paschal-Mercier Road.



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Figure 3: The second Mercier house on Chemin des Grèves.

One of Paschal Mercier’s descendants had bought it from the Parish Council in 1852, with the authorization of the Bishop of Québec City, His Eminence Pierre-Flavien Turgeon. The Mercier family made it their home, from what Father Lavallée wrote in a history of Berthier, mostly based on oral tradition. In the book written by the White Father, “*Petite histoire de Berthier*” (*La Société historique de la Côte-du-Sud*, 1973, p. 83), one can read: “At a meeting held in March 1852, it was decided to ask the bishop to authorize the sale of the public hall and to convert the southern section of the presbytery’s basement into a new public hall. Permission was granted and Mr. Mercier, Adalbert’s grandfather, bought the building and made it into a home. The house still exists, and it is Mr. Tanguay’s residence”. We are therefore to understand that the Farmers’ Hall was moved and installed on a stone foundation on the Merciers’ land, closer to the river than the previous house was. The Parish Council had sold it after the Bishop of Québec City granted the request made by Father Bonenfant (1843-1879), who was offering parishioners to house them, on Sundays and Feast Days, on the ground-floor of the new presbytery, built in 1830. That huge stone house is still standing and it became a private residence around 1986, after being for a long time the property of the *Collège apostolique de Lévis*.

Housing the parishioners at the presbytery was reassuring for Father Bonenfant, because he thought there was too much promiscuity in the old hall, even though men and women were segregated! As a matter of fact, one might wonder what was the purpose of a Farmers' Hall? It was available to the parishioners who lived too far from the church, so they could find shelter between Mass and Vespers when they wished to attend both services. They could then exchange news and maybe do some bartering. The priest could also teach the children catechism. The decor and the size of the hall were somewhat dependant on the means of the parish. In L'Islet, for instance, you can still admire the opulent hall, which has been well preserved, fortunately, and is adjacent to the cemetery. In Saint-Vallier-de-Bellechasse, the hall is still on the west side of the large and magnificent presbytery adorned with 16 dormer windows. In Cap-Saint-Ignace, next to the presbytery, the "Grange des dîmes" (or Tithe Barn) has been kept; that is where the parish priest stored the goods that his parishioners used to pay the tithe, instead of money.

The first village of Berthier-en-Bas!

It was in the late 1850s that the first village – if one can use that word for such a small cluster of houses, the word hamlet might be more appropriate – was moved one kilometre to the south. The *Chemin du Roy* had been straightened so that it would not need to be reconfigured constantly decade after decade. This first village had a much smaller church, located on the site of the present chapel at the water's edge, next to the former presbytery built in 1830. Even today, you can still admire the low wall of the old cemetery, very much like those surrounding the very old churches in Saint-Pierre or Saint-François on Île-d'Orléans. The church itself probably looked like those churches dating back to 1719.

The reason why the church of Berthier-en-Bas was moved, just like the churches in Saint-Vallier and at Pointe-à-la-Caille (Montmagny), was the threat of erosion. As was mentioned above, the *Chemin du Roy* had to be reconfigured periodically, and its maintenance was the responsibility of each resident for the width of their land, along their houses, sometimes skirting verandas! Many people are unaware that until around 1982, starting from Paschal-Mercier Road, that portion of the *Chemin du Roy* still existed in Berthier and that residents who lived by the river had to cross their neighbours' property to get to their homes - the further west they lived, the more lands they had to cross. Harold Bhéner and two of his neighbours had to work their way through all kinds of procedures for the *Chemin des Grèves* to become a reality! I still remember that during the winter of 1985, I was the only permanent resident on that road and the snowplow did not go past my house, with the road becoming a cul-de-sac at that point. During the summer, Maurice Mercier's cows used to graze across the road, a mere 150 metres from my doorstep! Gabrielle Roy wrote that "summer sang", but I would add that it moaned. A world and a scenery (so fragile) have disappeared. As a matter of fact, the huge field across from the house and the farm buildings belonging to the Merciers and later to Gérard Tanguay, all the way to *rue Principale*, had been sold by Harold Bhéner to Maurice Mercier, a farmer. Only a rectangular portion to the extreme south east of that plot of land on *rue Principale* was not included in the sale. On it sat a pretty little house with a sloping roof where Adalbert Mercier's daughters lived. I remember this charming old lady, Reine-Aimée Mercier, I believe, who came to visit me a few times, because my house had been her childhood home.

She confessed that she often sat on her south facing veranda to look at this former heritage home of the Merciers who were descendants of Paschal.

Berthier-sur-Mer, on Côte-du-Sud

For a long time, the Mercier house and the presbytery were the only houses left along the *Chemin du Roy*, at least on the west side of the *Trou de Courville*. In fact, more than the presbytery, the Mercier house looks like a venerable old survivor. We tend to forget that for more than one hundred and fifty years, a vibrant life buzzed around the church to the west, and the manor to the east. That is as long as the time since the present municipality followed the new church. Apart from the two residences, one religious and the other secular, on the edge of the river, on both sides of the *Trou de Courville*, there were farm houses, a barn/stable, a cooper's shop, a dairy, a cold storage place and two windmills. And there were also the Mercier farm buildings. After the wharf was built in 1853, there was quite a vibrant commercial and social life buzzing in this little hamlet.

Today, the *Chemin des Grèves* is a haven of peace where the silence has an exceptional quality. The always moving vista of the sea, infinitely wedded to the large fertile fields to the south, makes way for an impressive luminosity.



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Figure 4: Rear facade of the house on Chemin des Grèves overlooking the Saint-Lawrence River, Île d'Orléans and the Côte de Beaupré.

The river is wide open, forever changing, already becoming the sea, and affording a view stretching from Québec City to the west, all the way to the islands off Montmagny to the east, the houses facing Mont Sainte-Anne, Île d'Orléans and the islands off Montmagny.

All of that on the magnificent *Côte-du-Sud*, which stretches from Beaumont to Kamouraska, where other Mercier families have settled through the years and decades. It is here on this coast, which used to be the breadbasket of New France, where one of every six Canadians lived, a region which is rich with scenery, history, agriculture, religious and built heritage, as well as with its cultural life and its museums, notably in Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière (François-Pilote Museum), in Saint-Jean-Port-Joli (*musée de la Mémoire vivante*) and in Kamouraska. It is also here, in Berthier, that the river becomes the sea, salt water starting at Île aux Ruaux. Octave Crémazie wrote about his country bathed by the Saint-Lawrence river: "Happy is the one who knows it". I say "Happier is the one who lives in it"!

In my case, it is the river, discovered during Sunday visits to Île d'Orléans as a child, that led me through various roads, to the Mercier House on *Chemin des Grèves*. I lived a happy life there for 27 years. During Harold Bhérer's time, as well as when I was living there, that house was a very welcoming place. Having taught literature in various universities and countries, I had the opportunity to welcome guests from all kinds of backgrounds. And yet, that beautiful wooden house, keeping watch over the great river, was also the home of the solitary man that I was, but not a misanthrope. Pierre Baillargeon wrote that solitary persons are the founders of new societies! From that house and from that region, I wrote several poems about the river and if I may, I will close my remarks with some excerpts from my book *Fleuve compagnon* (The River, my Companion). I have contemplated the river through the seasons and the years, just the way my cats taught me to observe very keenly.



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***Humble patrimonial house
Keeping watch over the
great river
Your magic comes from
the sea
And you look towards the
East
Where the sun
Always
Rises without fail
With the blue tide
Leaving for the open seas,

André Gaulin,
Berthier-sur-mer,
August 28, 2016***

Figure 5: Historic interpretation panel placed on the main facade of the house on *Chemin des Grèves*.

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*Members in front of the
Mercier House,
20 Chemin des Grèves,
Berthier-sur-Mer*

The document printed above is the text of the talk given by Mr. André Gaulin following the general assembly of the Association of the Merciers of North America in Montmagny. Holding a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Sherbrooke, Dr. Gaulin is professor emeritus at Laval University, he was a member of the National Assembly (1994-1998) and he is the author of several literary works. A man of culture and a humanist, he is very committed to the promotion of the French language and of songwriter poets. For his accomplishments, he was awarded numerous national and international honours.

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RECEIVING LE MERCIEN BY EMAIL – WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter Le Mercien and at the Annual General Meeting of August 28th in Montmagny, we must look for new ways to reduce the expenses incurred in publishing and mailing our Newsletter to all our members in Quebec, Canada and the United States. Without doubt, the advantages of a digital version of our Newsletter for your Association are significant savings in editing, printing and mailing costs. By receiving an email version of the Newsletter from your Association, you will enjoy the benefits of a more attractive publication in colour as well as faster delivery. *The Mercien* is a Newsletter ensuring a link to all our members.

For those who would like to switch to a digital version of our Newsletter, it would be a pleasure for us to add your name to our emailing list. You only need to send us a message to the new email address of the Association : famillesmercier1985@gmail.com

Of course, members who wish to continue to get the paper version of the Newsletter will still receive it through the regular mail. Please do not forget to inform us of any change of address because for each newsletter that is returned, we are charged a \$3.18 fee. Finally, your opinions and your articles are always most welcome.

Thanks for your understanding!

Lise St-André, Treasurer

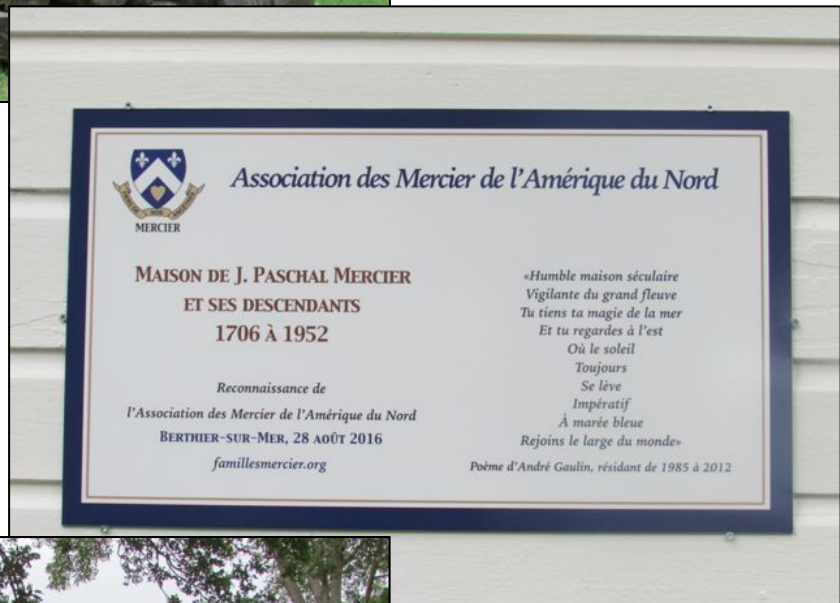
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Figure 1:
Mercier House,
20 Chemin des Grèves,
Berthier-sur-Mer

Figure 2:
Historic interpretation
panel
placed on the facade
of 20 Chemin des Grèves.



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Figure 3:
Members having
a glass of wine
on the terrace
of the Mercier House
on Chemin des Grèves

Figure 4:
Members in front of
the Mercier House
on route 132
in Saint-Michel-de- Bellechasse.



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Crédit photo: Lucie Mercier

Figure 5:
Mr. Gilles Vézina, mayor of
Saint-Michel-de-Bellechasse,
unveils a historic
interpretation panel
at Anse Mercier, with Diane Slater
and Jean Mercier present

Figure 6:
Members of the Board
of the Association of the Merciers
of North America, with Maurice Mercier and
Georgette Blais, the owners, posing
on the stairs of a house where 10 successive
generations of Merciers lived,
at 79 rue Principale in Berthier-sur-Mer



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Figure 7:
The first house where
J. Paschal Mercier
and some of his descendants
lived, at 79 rue Principale
in Berthier-sur-Mer



Crédit photo: Claude-Marie Duval



Figure 8:
Historic interpretation panel
honouring pioneer
Pierre Mercier also known as
Caudebec, on road 228,
in Saint-Pierre-de-la-Côte-du-Sud.

Figure 9:
Land cleared in the early 18th
century by Pierre Mercier also
known as Caudebec,
in Saint-Pierre-de-la-Côte-du-Sud.



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Figure 10:
Two descendants of Pierre Mercier also known as Caudebec, Gilles Mercier and his son Simon, proudly unveil a historic interpretation panel honouring their ancestor Pierre

Figure 11:
Jean, no. 1524, holds a certificate that members of the board will present to Laurent, no. 1520, in recognition of his dedication to the Association of the Merciers of North America.



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Figure 12:
The visitors were warmly welcomed by Ms. Monique Leblanc and Ms. Carole Morin.

**REMARKS MADE BY SIMON MERCIER
AT THE UNVEILING OF A HISTORIC INTERPRETATION PANEL
HONOURING HIS MERCIER ANCESTORS ALSO KNOWN AS CAUDEBEC**



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***Gilles Mercier and his son Simon,
proudly unveil a historic interpretation panel honouring their ancestor Pierre***

My name is Simon Mercier, of the 11th generation of descendants of Pierre Mercier also known as Caudebec. I am here today with my father Gilles Mercier, who is giving me the privilege of saying a few words to you.

My ancestor sailed across the ocean at age 21, to come and settle in Quebec. He was hired as a farm hand, which I believe means that he was not meant to own the land on which he would work. In 1665, he left for Acadia, where he would meet Andrée Martin, who would become his wife. He would come back again in the early 1700s. That represents a lot of distance travelled at a time when travelling was far less easy than it is today. That is how I like to think of my ancestor: not as a farmer without a plot of land, but as a great traveller.

In fact, his line of descendants produced mainly seamen, fishermen, foresters, railway workers, adventurers, voyageurs, but very few farmers.

My parents have given me a superb piece of jewelry: it is a pocket watch which my father has had engraved with the Mercier coat of arms and motto.



I must mention that, just because one travels far away, does not mean that one does not recognize the value of tradition.

We all know that in order to grow a family tree, one needs roots and those roots need fertile soil. It is here that my ancestor finally found that land. Pierre Caudebec and his son Alexandre cleared this piece of land where we are and made it into a prosperous farm.

My grandfather Roland Mercier unveiled a commemorative plaque here in 1989 to acknowledge the hard and brave work that was done in the past.

That plaque is no longer here and it is a bit sad, but it is also in a way the reason why I can be here today to finally pay a public and posthumous tribute to my grandfather, especially since I was away when he passed on. I was doing my own explorations in another part of the world.

I am particularly happy to be here with my father today to honour my grandfather's memory by unveiling a new plaque. I am also inspired by my ancestor's story, which teaches me that there is no distance too great to go in order to live the life one wishes to live. But you need to have an idea of where you want to go. That is however a question each one of us has to face individually.

I will leave you with this thought and wish you a good day.

Simon 2016-08-28



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Gilles Mercier and his son Simon, proudly unveil a historic interpretation panel.

A brief biography by Jean I

Lucile Mercier 1929-2015

Lucile was the fourth of nine children of her parents, Théo Mercier and Annette Lassonde. From her early years, she suffered from infantile paralysis (polio). A friend of her father, Doctor Édouard Samson, was practicing at *Hôpital du Sacré-Cœur* in Cartierville and that is why her father decided to have her treated there. After a series of surgeries, her stay there was interrupted by her contracting a more severe form of polio, and she went back to that hospital only 6 or 7 years later. During that time frame, she could walk outside only accompanied by one or two people.

When time came for her to go to school, she was enrolled in first grade at *École Cardinal-Villeneuve*, an establishment dedicated to a clientele that needed a transportation service. She went by taxi daily to and from school. Her father Théo had always believed in using public services and since he felt his daughter was already marginalized by her handicap, he deemed it best to enrol her in the local parish school, *Couvent Bon-Pasteur*. The distance to and from school was done on foot, accompanied by one of her brothers and one of her sisters, or a classmate. The school was not very far (4 blocks away) and was located next to the boys school (*École Morissette*), which her brothers attended. If a classmate was needed to accompany her, she could spend the night with the family.

Théo was a forestry engineer working for the Ministry of Colonization, which meant that in the summer he would often go away for varying amounts of time, to the Gaspé or the Abitibi regions, thus leaving Annette alone to look after her young brood. Her relatives who lived in the Nicolet region, called *Centre-du-Québec*, were warmly welcomed at the Mercier home when they wanted to attend university in Québec City.

Among those who have stayed there, were Alexis Cloutier, Robert Bellefeuille (as he was living in our home when I was born, he became my godfather), Philippe Bellefeuille and, a few years later, Janine Anctil and Jacqueline Rioux. These last two were friends of Lucile, who lived in Montreal during their stay. By the time Lucile finished 12th grade, the second series of surgeries having been completed (including locking her right leg), she could walk on her own using a cane. She enrolled in home economics at *l'Université Laval*, which was located on *Grande Allée*, a few blocks from the family home.

Here are a few of her numerous professional activities:

- a) A position as a dietician that had its challenges, her employer being the Jewish General Hospital, which meant that she had to adapt her culinary knowledge to the rules of Jewish orthodoxy. Despite that, her tenure there was appreciated both by herself and by her employer;
- b) As national president of the JEC (an association of young catholic students), she had an exceptional social and community life, because of the values conveyed by this organization and the human relationships. She was constantly surrounded by sincere friends, male and female, which was an essential need in her life;
- c) Manager in a private clinic for about ten years;
- d) Working in dietetics research for the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare;
- e) Co-author, with a colleague, of a book on dietetics: *Bien manger et maigrir* (Eat well and lose weight), etc.;

She would have very much loved to marry and have children and she was deeply disappointed it did not happen. Finally, after several efforts to adopt failed (being a single and handicapped woman), she was blessed in 1972 with Jinny, later called Jency, a 6-year old girl from the Antilles, who is now, as I write these lines, driving a bus for the CTCUM (the Montreal public transit system).

When she retired, she bought a cottage by a lake in Morin-Heights (near Saint-Sauveur) to the North of Montreal, where friends from her time at the JEC already had cottages. It gave her very much appreciated human relationships as well as the opportunity to welcome members of her own family.



Crédit photo: Jean 1 Mercier

**Lucile, with Guylaine and Marthe
(sister, daughter and wife of Jean 1)**

Lucile had a happy life, despite everything she had to go through. She had the capability and talent to see the things she could not do as being unimportant, and to appreciate hugely the things she was capable of doing. A good martini before dinner was priceless and bridge matches with some of the other residents of the Murray Pavilion (or *Manoir Manrèse*) were well worth Midnight Masses to her.

Her last two years were difficult ones, however. She had to let go of her car, after becoming incapable of driving. Getting around had always been difficult for her, but it became even more arduous after giving up her car, and of course her health did not improve. Her last few weeks at *Hôpital Saint-Sacrement* were serene, thanks to palliative care medication, and then after a few days at *Maison Michel-Sarrazin*, it was the great departure.

A well-deserved journey.

Jean 1

Renewal of membership fees - Donations - Life Memberships [as of November 15, 2016]

Member no.	Name	City - Province/State	Fees	Donations	Expiry Date May 31
23	Yvon Mercier	Montmagny	35,00 \$		2017
87	Dorys Mercier	St-Augustin-de-	35,00 \$		2017
149	Gilles Mercier	Québec	35,00 \$	5,00 \$	2017
151	Gérard J. Mercier, ing.	Longueuil	35,00 \$		2017
179	Bernard Mercier	Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré	-	50,00 \$	-
261	Rosélia Mercier-Laliberté	Brossard	35,00 \$		2017
317	Jacques Mercier	Nicolet	35,00 \$		2017
321	Guy Mercier	Cap-Saint-Ignace	-	10,00 \$	-
385	Cécile Mercier-Nadeau	Plessisville	-	20,00 \$	-
450	Claude Mercier	Saint-Cyrille-de-Lessard	65,00 \$		2018
453	Marcelle Mercier	Montmagny	35,00 \$		2017
489	Marius Mercier	Québec	65,00 \$		2018
495	Léo Mercier	Ste-Sabine	35,00 \$		2017
530	Jacinthe Mercier	Québec	-	20,00 \$	-
530	Jacinthe Mercier	Québec	30,00 \$		2017
679	Gaétan Mercier	Ancienne-Lorette	35,00 \$		2017
704	Josette Mercier	Montmagny	35,00 \$		2017
1121	Philippe Mercier	Rockland, Ontario	-		Life
1121	Rachelle Mercier	Rockland, Ontario	35,00 \$		2017
1207	Dolorès Morin	Lévis	35,00 \$		2017
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1299	Normand Mercier	Orléan, Ontario	35,00 \$		2017
1306	Anne Mercier	Saint-Sauveur	65,00 \$		2018
1364	Harriet E. Cady	New Hampshire, USA	-	25,00 \$	-
1402	Estelle Mercier	Gatineau	-	20,00 \$	-
1403	Lise Mercier	Gatineau	-	20,00 \$	-
1428	Roger Mercier	Loretteville	35,00 \$	5,00 \$	2017
1432	Josette Mercier	La Prairie	65,00 \$		2018
1460	Gisèle Mercier	Montréal	35,00 \$		2017
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1517	Francine Mercier	Montréal	65,00 \$		2018
1551	Claude Mercier	Disraeli	35,00 \$		2017
1552	Louise Beaudry	Saint-Gabriel-de-	350,00 \$		Life
1553	Jocelyn Mercier	Longueuil	65,00 \$	5,00 \$	2018
1559	Anna Beaudry	Montréal	35,00 \$		2017
1565	Guy Mercier	St-Augustin-de-	65,00 \$		2018
1579	Monica Sibulka	Gatineau	10,00 \$		2018
1579	Roger Racine	Gatineau	65,00 \$		2018
1592	Diane Slater	Saint-Elzéar (Beauce)	65,00 \$		2018
1592	Marcel Cyr	Saint-Elzéar (Beauce)	10,00 \$		2018
1601	Pierre Mercier	Entrelacs	65,00 \$		2018
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