



Le Mercien

The Voice of the Merciers of North America

***2017 Annual Gathering in Thetford Mines,
Saturday & Sunday, September 9th & 10th***



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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 Mercien (or Mercien in French). We are proud to perpetuate that name today.

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A Word from the President

The year 2017 being well on its way, I am pleased to announce the place and date to be put on your agenda for our next Annual General Meeting. The board has chosen the town of Thetford Mines for our next meeting. We are proposing a gathering over two days, as there will be two bus tours to some historic Mercier sites as well as to the Centre historique de la Mine King. Keep in mind these dates: Saturday the 9th and Sunday the 10th of September 2017. This will be the first time that the Association will have come to this region. Just as we did last year, we will take the opportunity to get to know better the area and to look up the various Mercier families who came to settle in what was known as LE PAYS DE L'OR BLANC (White Gold Country).

As I was born in Black Lake myself, I will be happy to help you discover the landscapes and places that were the scenes of my childhood. A detailed program will be included in the next issue of *Le Mercien*. What is confirmed for now is that a bus tour in the “LABMOBILE” will be included in your registration fee. We will visit three open-pit mines in the region. I am in the process of collecting information on the Mercier families in the region, who are descendants from JULIEN to “Pascal” to “Jean” and their brother “Pierre”.

More information will come later! We are constantly working to improve services to our members. To that end, we are streamlining all of our products, our archives and our publications through a scanning or digitization process. In the next issue of *Le Mercien*, an article on the comprehensive work done by our archivist Gilmont and our treasurer Lise will confirm what I am saying.

One last important point concerns the board's decision, made on February 10th this year, to



leave the Fédération des associations de familles du Québec (FAFQ) and to join the Fédération Histoire Québec. This decision was made by the Board after thoughtful consideration. Over the last few years, the Québec Government, the primary funder of the FAFQ, has considerably reduced the amounts allotted to the organization. The FAFQ has laid off its four employees and has eliminated several of its services. In a letter addressed to the member associations on November 30, 2016, by its President Mr. Claude Trudel, we were informed that the FAFQ would no longer directly support the member associations as it did in the past, but that it would merely refer them to other resources. The membership cost has remained unchanged, while the services provided have been considerably reduced. The Fédération Histoire Québec is offering us, at lower cost, the liability insurance protection sought by the Board for its members and its volunteers, while also providing better monitoring.

I always conclude in the same way by mentioning that membership renewals and new members are very much to be encouraged. I am asking you to please forward *Le Mercien* to your children and to other members of your family. Be assured that your \$35 membership fee is well used by our association and is absolutely needed for its survival.

Enjoy your reading!
Jacques Mercier n° 341, President
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2017 ANNUAL GATHERING

Come to Thetford Mines

It is the first time that the Association des Mercier de l'Amérique du Nord will meet in the town of Thetford Mines. Please come in large numbers to discover this beautiful region of Québec. In order to help you plan your visit, here is a preliminary schedule for the two days as well as a list of local hotels and motels.

PRELIMINARY TWO-DAY SCHEDULE:

Saturday September 9, 2017	1:00pm	Arrival and registration
	2:00pm	Visit to Mercier historic sites <i>by bus</i>
	5:00pm	Dinner (not included)
Sunday September 10, 2017	9:00am	Arrival and registration
	10:00am	Annual General Meeting
	11:30am	Lunch included in the package
	1:30pm	Visit to the <u>Centre historique de la Mine King</u> <i>by bus</i>
	3:30pm	Visit to the <u>Musée minéralogique et minier</u>
	4:30pm	Cocktail Hour

**Full details are to come in the May issue of Le Mercien.*

CENTRE HISTORIQUE DE LA MINE KING

A site steeped in history!



Source : Musée minéralogique

The King mine has a very special history. It was one of the first three mines to open in the town of Thetford, and operations were commenced in 1878. The Johnson mine had opened the previous year in 1877. A few months after the opening of the King mine, the Bell mine started up also in 1878.

The King mine first started as an open-pit mine, but the 1928 collapse of 1,250,000 tons of rock into the bottom of the mine pit, which was 1000 feet long by 700 feet wide, forced the owners to change to an underground mine operation. In 1956, the King mine was merged with the Beaver mine by the Société Asbestos Ltée to form the King-Beaver mine. Underground operations at the King mine ceased completely in 1986. Chrysotile extraction from the open-pit Beaver mine continued until the resource was depleted, in 1995.

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Thetford Mines

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Thetford Mines

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PAID TRIBUTE TO FRANÇOIS GENDRON ON NOVEMBER 15TH, 2016

François Gendron, son of Odilon Gendron and Marguerite Mercier, is the grandson of Édouard Mercier, a descendant from the line of Paschal to Julien. Born in Val-Paradis (Abitibi), he spent his childhood on his parents' farm. After graduating from college, he started a teaching career before going into politics at the provincial level in 1976. He is married to Madeleine Gagnon and they have three children and seven grandchildren.

François Gendron, Parti québécois member for Abitibi-Ouest, third Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and critic for the official opposition on matters relating to the Abitibi-Témiscaming region.

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PIERRE SAINT-ARNAUD
Canadian Press*



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On Tuesday, the National Assembly paid tribute to the only member elected on November 15, 1976 still sitting.

François Gendron, who has retained his seat representing Abitibi-Ouest through 11 elections, was indeed celebrating his 40th anniversary of political life.

First elected with the *péquist*e wave which gave 71 seats to René Lévesque's party out of a total 110 in the National Assembly, François Gendron has occupied about ten Cabinet positions, he also was deputy-premier of Québec, interim leader of the Parti québécois and Speaker of the National Assembly.

Mr. Gendron emphasized mostly his present role, as an ordinary member of the Assembly. "We all have the same mandate: all of us are first and foremost "the member for his or her riding. We must never forget that."

The Leader of his party, Jean-François Lisée, had emphasized that fact when tabling a motion to mark this anniversary: "For the past 40 years, François Gendron has brought honour to the role of member of the Assembly, he has elevated its profile, and like the North Star, he has been guiding us on the path towards public service, that is to say service to the nation."

Mr. Lisée, after calling his colleague "the gold standard for longevity in Québec politics", added that this gives every politician food for thought. "Leaders of the Parti québécois come and go, Premiers come and go, but François Gendron remains. There is a great lesson in this for each and every one of us."

Speaking for the Liberal Party, the Minister of Agriculture, Pierre Paradis, said that Mr. Gendron holds the Canadian record, being the only parliamentarian to have "held his seat for 40 consecutive years in a Provincial or Territorial legislature in Canada."

Mr. Paradis underscored the member's simplicity, his accessibility, his convictions and "his rectitude" and wished for him "to remain the model member for Abitibi-Ouest at least until the next election in October 2018."

For his part, François Legault, Leader of the CAQ recalled that when he was himself a member of the PQ, he had toured François Gendron's riding with him. After seeing everywhere the results of Mr. Gendron's efforts to meet every community's appropriate infrastructure needs, Mr. Legault said he understood "why his constituents are so grateful to him."

François Legault also mentioned that François Gendron is the one who had advised him to encourage his sons to come and study at Université Laval, in Québec City, so as to be close to them.

Mr. Gendron's human side and his empathy were among the main themes in the tribute from Françoise David, co-spokesperson for *Québec Solidaire*, who stressed "his great kindness, his collegiality, and his capacity to work with others." Ms. David lauded the member's commitment despite the remoteness of his riding, which has always involved considerable personal hardship due to the need for much time-consuming travel. She also mentioned that Mr. Gendron had given her some advice when she entered politics and "I have never forgotten that", she said.

The subject of the tribute, Mr. Gendron, emphasized that his election in 1976 came at a pivotal moment in Quebec history and he bemoaned the fact that one's memories are so difficult to pass on to others. "It is not normal that our young people and the not so young do not know more" about that election when "a team of extraordinary men and women, dedicated as well as educated, have brought on a second quiet revolution."

Mr. Gendron thanked at length the voters of Abitibi-Ouest for their "unwavering loyalty on 11 occasions", even voicing his surprise at such continued support - "I could also very well have been defeated in five or six elections."

He finished his speech to thunderous applause from his colleagues, as well as from members of his family present in the visitors' gallery, suggesting that he might not yet have arrived at the end of the road.

"It is not over. You have no idea about everything I have refrained from saying today because I am saving it for my 45th anniversary!", he added.

A 45th anniversary would be celebrated in 2021, but since the next election is to be held in 2018, it would mean that he intends to seek a 12th term, although he has not yet made an official announcement.

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MARIE MERCIER #107

1911-2016

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An honorary life member and a great contributor to the Association des Mercier de l'Amérique du Nord, Marie Mercier passed away on May 5, 2016, at Maison centrale, Sherbrooke, at the age of 104.

Marie (her religious name - Sister George-Étienne) was the daughter of the late Léonidas Mercier and the late Rosalie Talbot.

Here are some excerpts from articles published in previous issues of Le Mercien paying tribute to her.

Born in 1911 in Manchester N.H., Marie was baptized under the name Marie-Rose Barthélémiène in honour of the saint of the day. The family moved back to Québec in 1914, to Saint-Isidore d'Auckland. At the age of 15, she went to the teacher's college in Sherbrooke. The arrival of the Daughters of Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the parish school inspired some girls to become nuns. In 1929, Marie joined the community and took the name of Sister George-Étienne. Following her novitiate, she went to teach in Magog.

In 1939, she was appointed Mother Superior in Lennoxville, and when the community opened a Normal School, she became part of the teaching staff for a number of years. During school holidays, she organized camps for young naturalists.

Retirement from teaching gave Marie the opportunity to work in pastoral services. In 1987, at the Mercier gathering in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, Ernest, founder of the Association, encouraged Marie to get involved. For several years, she devoted a lot of time and energy to the Association.

She was a wonderful teammate and got involved on many levels. She was on the Board of the Association des Mercier de l'Amérique du Nord and she played an important role in the organization of the two gatherings held in the Eastern Townships.

That is why the Association proudly awarded her an honorary life membership during the annual meeting in Sherbrooke in 2002.

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« ASSOCIATION DES MERCIER DE L'AMÉRIQUE DU NORD » A 30 YEAR JOURNEY 1985-2015 (CONTINUED)

1999

- ☒ September: Annual general meeting in Montmagny.
- ☒ Pierre-Paul Mercier #19 became President.
- ☒ November: Annual membership fee went up to \$25.



*Pierre-Paul Mercier,
President, in 1999*

1934-2011

Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

2000

- ☒ February: First participation of the Association in the Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ The Association had 275 members.
- ☒ August: Annual general meeting in Trois-Rivières.



Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

On August 26, 2000, 74 people took part in the gathering in Trois-Rivières. Some Merciers from the United States, some from other provinces of Canada and those from Québec took part in an afternoon visit to the Old Forges and to see the display of wedding gowns in the Musée Pierre-Boucher at the Petit Séminaire Saint-Joseph.

2001

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ The newsletter *Le Mercien* went from 12 to 16 pages.
- ☒ August: Annual general meeting in Sainte-Foy, Québec.



Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

Gathering 2001 in Sainte-Foy, Québec

2002

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ March: Passing of Founding President Mr. Ernest Mercier.
- ☒ April: Sugar Bush Party in Saint-Henri-de-Lévis.
- ☒ Special issue of *Le Mercien* dedicated to Mr. Ernest Mercier.
- ☒ September: Annual general meeting in Sherbooke.

Ernest Mercier, husband of Madame Marcelle Normand, founded the Association des Mercier d'Amérique du Nord and wrote the book "Mercier depuis des siècles". In 1984, he had started his research on ancestral Mercier families and he retraced the lines of descent from the first arrivals.



Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

**Ernest Mercier
1914-2002**

2003

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ April: Sugar Bush Party in Saint-Henri-de-Lévis.
- ☒ August: Annual general meeting at the Fort de l'Île Sainte-Hélène, in Montréal.
- ☒ November: Creation of a development fund to be used for various projects such as the genealogical directory, the cumulative index of articles published in *Le Mercien*, and the creation of a video about the arrival of the Merciers in America.
- ☒ Presentation of a collection of six mosaics commemorating the first Mercier ancestors.

2004

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ April: Sugar Bush Party in Plessisville.
- ☒ August: Annual general meeting in Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce.

Thérèse Bouffard, with internationally renowned painter Monique Mercier



Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

2004 Gathering in Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce

2005

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ April: Sugar Bush Party in Sainte-Rosalie.
- ☒ Special issue of *Le Mercien* marking the 20th anniversary of AMAN.
- ☒ Annual general meeting in Québec City.
- ☒ Mr. Jean-Louis Mercier # 418, from Lévis, became the 7th President of the Association.
- ☒ AMAN. had 260 members.

*2005 Gathering, Québec City
Pierre-Paul Mercier,
Johanne and Raynald Mercier*



Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

2006

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ April: Sugar Bush Party in Saint-Henri-de-Lévis.
- ☒ May: Annual membership fee renewal date becomes the same for everyone - May 31st.
- ☒ Correction to our coat of arms: pansies are replaced by fleurs de lys.
- ☒ July: Annual general meeting at Fort Chambly.
- ☒ October: Genealogy Fair at the Carrefour des familles in Laval.

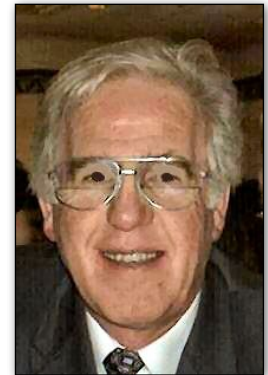


2007

- ☒ Février : Salon des familles-souches du Québec à Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ Avril : partie de sucre à Saint-Henri-de-Lévis.
- ☒ Présence de l'Association à la fête des Mercier dit Lajoie à Sainte-Sabine-de-Bellechasse.
- ☒ Août : assemblée générale annuelle à Rimouski.

2008

- ☒ February: Salon des familles-souches du Québec at Place Laurier, Québec.
- ☒ April: Sugar Bush Party in Saint-Henri-de-Lévis.
- ☒ August: Annual general meeting in Saint-Pierre de l'Île d'Orléans.
The number of Board members is reduced from 11 to 7.
- ☒ Benoit Mercier # 222 becomes President.



Source: Archives de l'Association

Benoît Mercier



Source: Archives de l'Association des Mercier

2008 Gathering at Saint-Pierre de l'Île d'Orléans

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THE PIONEER COUPLE

JULIEN MERCIER AND MARIE POULIN

Son of François Mercier and Roberte Cornilleau, Julien (also spelled Jullien and Jullian), eighth child of the family, was baptized on February 27th, 1621 in the church of Saint-Aubin de Tourouvre, a village located in the Mortagne district of the diocese of Chartres, in Perche, in the Orne Department, France. In 1627, at the age of 6, he was orphaned and then was raised by his brother Jean on an estate called “La Grandinière”. From that house Julien left for New France in 1647.

Two days before his 26th birthday, on February 25, 1647, Julien accepted a three-year contract, made before Maître Choiseau, notary, to come and work in New France. He was still single at the time and he worked as a farm hand; he could not even sign his own name. His contract of engagement linked him to Noël Juchereau, Sieur des Chastelets of Quebec City. His wages were 75 pounds a year, 24 of which was to be paid immediately as a deduction for the first year, possibly for his passage. He would receive one pair of shoes every year. He would also be fed and the contract included the laundry and ironing of his clothes. Transportation costs in both directions, was to be paid by the employer.

In June 1647, he boarded the 70-ton sailing ship “La Marguerite”, owned by Pierre Le Gardeur and Noël Juchereau. He left the port of Aunis near La Rochelle with his companions: Jacques Le Roy, Jacques Poupar, Pierre Aloignon, Jacques Loiseau, Martin Huan and Pierre Tremblay. The sailing ship arrived in Quebec City on August 6th after a long crossing of the Atlantic that lasted almost two months.

When Julien arrived in New France, the trading posts of Quebec City, Trois-Rivières and Ville-Marie (Montreal) were mere villages. The total immigrant population of New France was less than 2,000. The new colony lived under constant threat from the Iroquois.

At the first official census in 1666, nineteen years after Julien’s arrival, the total population of the colony was 3,418 inhabitants distributed as follows: Quebec City 555, Beaupré 678, Beauport 172, île d'Orléans 471, Sillery 217, Montreal 584 and Trois-Rivières 461.

On July 22, 1649 under a contract signed before Laurent Bermen, notary, Julien hired himself out as a servant for Michel Huppé, also known as La Croix, who had been managing for 3 years the Seigneurie of the Jesuits of Notre-Dame-des-Anges (on the site of the Hôpital Général of Quebec City). On October 18th of the same year, he left his employment amicably, with a note signed by Jesuit Father La Place authorizing Julien to purchase 60 pounds worth of goods in the store. What he did during the next two years is unknown.



Crédit photo : Gilmond Mercier

The Mercier House at 413 Côte Sainte-Anne in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. The monument is honouring Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin.

On October 15, 1651 Julien obtained from Olivier Letardif a land concession on Côte de Beaupré at Sainte-Anne-du-Petit-Cap. The land was near the site of the present-day basilica. It was about 950 feet wide by four and a half miles deep. That piece of land was well identified and corresponds to lot numbers 81, 82 and 83, plus part of lot no. 84 in the land register for Sainte-Anne.

On October 7, 1652 Julien signed a marriage contract at

the Poulin house, before Notary Aubert, with Marie Poulin, daughter of Claude Poulin and Jeanne Mercier. The couple, who had married in Quebec City on August 8, 1639 had returned to France in 1641, but had later come back to Quebec City in 1648. The witnesses were Charles Boivin and Guillaume Pépin. The contract stipulated that the future father-in-law, a carpenter by trade, was to build Julien a barn 40 feet long by 20 feet wide and 8 feet high below the beams, and that Marie will have linens and crockery as needed. The future wife (Marie) was only 11 years old and consequently, the marriage would not happen until January 18, 1654 “following publication of the banns on December 28, 1653 and on January 8, and 11, 1654; Father Paul Ragueneau, a Jesuit, had the marriage certificate filed at Notre-Dame-de-Québec, writing that he had solemnly married them in the home of Robert Guiguier”. Marie Poulin, born in Trois-Rivières January 1, 1641 would be one of the very few ancestors to have been born in New France, then spend her childhood in France and later found a family in North America.

Around the age of 40, in 1661, Julien was stricken with a debilitating disease “which seemed to make him dry up and waste away completely” according to Father Thomas Morel. “After offering a few masses and not finding any relief from human remedies, Julien entrusted his life to Sainte-Anne and was completely healed”. That same year, when his adoptive parish refurbished its church, Julien donated wheat, peas and barley for a total value of 18 pounds. At the time of the 1667 census, he owned five head of cattle and 16 acres of farm land. In 1669, he was appointed church warden for the parish and held the position for two years. Upon leaving the position, he donated six pounds and four shillings.

On October 18, 1676 after 22 years of marriage, Julien died at the age of 55. Father François Fillon performed the funeral ceremony on October 19th, at Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré. Marie, then only 35, was pregnant with twin girls who were born four months later: Marguerite and Angélique.

In 1682, after being a widow for almost six years, Marie decided to remarry, with Charles Montmigny also known as Jouvent. He was her son Jean’s father-in-law. She recorded the inventory of her property with Notary Aubert, and was helped in that task by

her two neighbours, Étienne Lessard and Robert Giguère. The farm animals included four draft oxen, four cows, one calf and eight hogs. There were 150 bushels of wheat and 14 bushels of peas in the granaries. The land and farm buildings were valued at 2,000 pounds.

Marie Poulin passed away on July 16, 1716 at the age of 75 in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, two weeks after the passing of her second husband Charles Montmigny. She was buried the following day.

The couple, Julien and Marie, had ten children, born between 1656 and 1677: six boys and four girls. Only five of their sons married and thus helped perpetuate the name Mercier in North America. In order of age we have: Paschal (1656), Charles (1658), Louis (1662), Jean (1667) and Pierre (1671). Ninety percent of all the Merciers in North America came from the line of the ancestral couple of Julien Mercier and his wife Marie Poulin.

Paschal, the eldest of the family, and his wife Anne Cloutier, raised three sons who colonized the Côte-du-Sud, Berthier, Bellechasse, etc.. Their offspring were very prolific and their descendants spread out towards Île d’Orléans, Repentigny, Pointe-aux-Trembles, Montreal, and elsewhere in Quebec, as well as in the rest of Canada and the United States.

Jean married Barbe Monmainier and one illustrious descendant of that couple was Honoré Mercier, who was Premier of Quebec from early 1887 to the end of 1891.

Louis made a name for himself in several ways. He was one of the most renowned locksmiths of his time and his was a very important trade in those days. Between 1685 and 1694, he trained three apprentices, and is listed in “*Les armuriers de la Nouvelle-France*”. His three wives Marguerite Rabouin, Anne Jacquereau and Louise Simon gave him 14 children, among whom were eight sons. Three of them became priests and each of these had a different mother. The first priest became head of the Beaumont parish but he died during an epidemic in 1715. The other two did missionary work along the Mississippi River, in the southern part of the United States. One of those two died in that region, but the other one came back to serve the Church in Quebec.

Here are a few well known descendants of the couple Julien Mercier and Marie Poulin: Honoré Mercier Premier of Québec, comedians Claudine Mercier and Jean-François Mercier, actor Denis Mercier and journalist Catherine Mercier. Two famous Quebec singers are not named Mercier, but they are connected directly to the family of Julien through their fathers and their mothers: Céline Dion and Diane Tell (Diane Sophie Fortin).

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