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On September 16, 2022, in Lévis.



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Tour de ville en autobus à 2 étages



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*Looking forward to seeing you again,
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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. We are proud to perpetuate that name today.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all!

You will notice that we have made a 180-degree turn concerning the Gathering and General Meeting for 2022. Following a quick poll of our members, we have decided to hold the meeting "in person" on FRIDAY, September 16th, in Lévis. Following a "forced hiatus" of a good two years, people want to really meet, and we share that wish. To make things easier for us, I am asking you to please register as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you.

In this issue, we are presenting the second part of the article written by Mr. Jean Racine, who tells us about his career as a bodyguard to by Mr. Jean Racine, who



tells us about his career as a bodyguard to Premiers, relating his experiences through the 1980s and the 1990s. You will also read the second of 5 articles about Mercier families from the Outaouais area and in our final article, you will discover the amazing adventures of the voyageur Jean-Baptiste Mercier.

Thank you again for reading this issue and supporting YOUR Association

Jacques Mercier, no. 341, President

OYEZ! OYEZ! LES MERCIER YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING

As a follow-up to our survey of your willingness to participate in a meeting and in the general assembly for the Summer of 2022, your Board of Directors is proposing a "face-to-face" meeting in Lévis, on **FRIDAY, September 16, 2022**. You will find all the information concerning the schedule of the day and the registration procedures on pages 4 and 5 in this issue of Mercien. This information will also be posted on the Association's website at <https://www.famillesmercier.org> - With the influx of tourists that can be expected for the 2022 season, we have chosen a FRIDAY for reasons of booking availability and ease of organization.

You will understand that we need to know, as soon as possible, the number of people who will be present in order to finalize the reservations. **Please save the date of Friday, September 16, 2022.** Your family and friends are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you again
Jacques #341, President.

LIST OF HOTELS IN LÉVIS AND THE SURROUNDING AERA



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Téléphone: (418) 830-0878



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Téléphone: (418) 838-0025



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Téléphone: (418) 836-3336



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REGISTRATION FORM

Send the form with your payment by cheque to the address above or by Interac indicating "Lévis 2022".

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/État: _____ Code postal : _____

Phone : _____ Member n° : _____

Number of adult(s) : _____ x **45\$/pers.** = _____ \$

**37th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MERCIER
ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING IN LÉVIS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022
COST
40\$/PERS.**

*** PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- Brunch (tx and services included);
- Crossing and guided tour;
- Friendship wine and draw.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

• I WILL BE PRESENT AT THE BRUNCH :

YES Number of adult(s) * _____ NO

• RESTO LA COURTISANE

Address : 5691, rue Saint-Louis, Lévis, QC G6V 4E7

HOT BRUNCH

- Fresh fruit platter
- Duo of cheddar cheese
- Scrambled eggs
- Pork and beef sausages, bacon
- Hashbrowns
- Homemade creton
- Homemade bread, butter and jam
- Orange juice
- Coffee or tea, or herbal tea
- Sugar pie "Céline"



Terrasse du Chevalier-de-Lévis



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Traverse Lévis-Québec



Vue de la Terrasse du Chevalier-de-Lévis

SCHEDULE

MEET AT THE RESTO LA COURTISANE

at 5691, rue Saint-Louis, Lévis, QC G6V 4E7

- 9:00 à 10:00** Welcome to the resto La Courtisane
- 10:00 à 11:30** Annual General Meeting
- 12:00 à 13:30** Brunch
- Friendship wine and draw.
- 13:30 à 14:30** Travelling with your car to the parking lot of the traverse de Lévis (Saint-Laurent Street)
- 14:30 à 15:00** Traverse de Lévis-Québec
- 15:00 à 16:30** Shuttle and guided tour in a double decker bus
- 16:30 à 17:00** Shuttle and return by the Traverse de Québec-Lévis
- 17:00** End of the meeting!

*Looking forward to meeting you!
Jacques Mercier n°341 - President*

PROTECTING OUR PREMIERS AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

(PART 2 OF 5)

By Jean Racine
“Bodyguard for Quebec Premiers from René Lévesque to Jean Charest”

In 1985, there was a meeting at the Château Frontenac, between Premier Lévesque and Ronald Reagan, President of the United States. A very high level of security measures was put into place. It was again a very rewarding experience for the young police officer that I was.

Mr. Lévesque, following the failure of the referendum, proposed the beautiful risk: it was an agreement with the federal government of Brian Mulroney. Before that, Lévesque’s government had cut the salaries of public service employees. His popularity plummeted and several of his allies abandoned him. It was such a sad period, and that was the moment when I understood the harsh realities of political life.



Mr. Brian Mulroney with Mr. Robert Bourassa

Mr. Pierre-Marc Johnson, a minister in that government, decided to run for the leadership of the *Parti québécois*. He was protected by the *Sûreté du Québec*, as the Minister of Justice, and I was assigned to his protection detail. Once again, we toured all the regions of Quebec.

Following his victory, he became Premier of Quebec. During a private ceremony, the Lieutenant-Governor accepted Mr. René Lévesque’s resignation and then proceeded immediately to the swearing in of Mr. Pierre-Marc Johnson. That meant a very important change for me and in the way I worked.

Mr. Johnson was a lawyer as well as a doctor. He was the son of former Premier Daniel Johnson, who had unfortunately died while still in office. He grew up in the political world of his father.



Collection : Jean Racine

*M. Jean Racine
Trafalgar Square, Londres*

The relationship between him and his family was excellent. I was lucky enough to accompany him to Saint-John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, for an official visit. It was my first trip to a region that would become familiar to me in time. And I also got to know some fantastic people.

Not long after that, we toured all the Quebec regions again for the election campaign. Despite his short term of only two months and nine days in office, I have kept an excellent memory of that Premier.

In 1985, the new Premier was Mr. Robert Bourassa. A new security detail was going to be set up. The *Sûreté du Québec* was going to replace several members of the old team and I expected to be assigned to regular police duty.

I was called in by my superior officer, who asked me to join a new team with little experience. I happened to be a senior member at the age of thirty-three, and I became a young coach sharing my knowledge with the new members. The addition of the latest recruits was a problem. Expertise in this field, is hugely complex. A bodyguard cannot act alone with assurance until after two years in his position.

The work of a bodyguard

Several police officers contribute to the protection of a Premier, but a small group share his daily life, spending all day with him. You are part of the public, private and even family life of the Premier. There is a relationship of mutual trust between the bodyguard and the Premier. It is normal that such proximity be limited to a small number of police officers.

The fact that the job is restricted to a small number of people who become irreplaceable made that function an avocation. You remained on call twenty-four hours a day, every day, except during your annual vacation, which was authorized after considering the work schedule, including Christmas and New Year.

During holidays, calls back to work were frequent. The month of July was a month when the Premier needed protection service during his own holidays. One had to be available at any time. I even stopped buying tickets for shows, because too often I had had to give them away a few hours before the event.

The security of a public personage is made up of concentric circles of protection, starting with immediate security. One must ensure the security of locations, vehicles, sectors, intel, etc. The list is long, but the circle the closest to the dignitary is the one made up of the bodyguards. A bond of trust is needed between the Premier and his bodyguards.

Such proximity may at first seem to be enviable, but it comes at a very important price. Any time the security level gets higher or when a colleague is unavailable, you may be called back to work. You must understand that the Premier's holidays and private activities mean work for members of the protection detail.

Let me get back to the Premiers. We were part of so many important events with Mr. Robert Bourassa! There were the Meech Lake negotiations, with all the transport logistics involved and the long days of discussions.

In 1990, following his return from Meech Lake, Mr. Bourassa made a famous speech in the National Assembly which has marked an important shift in Quebec history. He stated, "Quebec is a distinct society, free and capable of assuming its own destiny". That statement was followed by multiple activities, conventions, meetings, and the rethinking of positions within political parties.

That same year, there occurred the crisis at Oka, with roadblocks and demonstrations. The Mercier bridge was also blocked by the protestors. Corporal Marcel Lemay was mortally wounded when he was shot in the left armpit with a full metal jacket bullet.

For the Francophonie Summit in Quebec City, I was the convoy leader, a first for me and that was then followed by the the Francophonie Summit in Dakar, Sénégal.



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*Mr. Robert Bourassa
with Mr. Jean Racine.*

After getting a series of vaccines, I had the chance to witness how security worked in Africa. That was a whole new experience. An excellent bodyguard for the President of Sénégal accompanied me. He was the father of a large number of children and his income was quite low. I did not literally give him the shirt off my back, as the saying goes, but I did give him all my shirts and a few suits. I learned from one of his colleagues that he died from some illness a few years later. He looked a lot like our Canadian athlete Ben Johnson. His passing was a great loss.

Mr. Bourassa was a very busy man, but he was also quite mindful of his health, so wherever he was, he took a few minutes every day to do his laps in a pool. The growth on his back was visible, but he delayed getting expert medical advice until it became too late. Unfortunately, in 1996, he passed away at the age of only 63.

To be able to live a more normal life, I asked my boss to assign me to the Premier's security planning team for visits by foreign officials. He graciously granted my request. I ended up overseeing events where security was of the utmost importance. My first major event was the visit by Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haïti.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FEES - NEW MEMBERS AND DONATIONS [as of August 15, 2022]

Member N°	Name	Fees City - Province/State	Fees	Donations	Expiry May 31
35	Claudine Mercier	Québec, QC	35 \$		2023
93	Lionel Mercier & Aline Béland	Victoriaville, QC	40 \$	10 \$	2023
180	Guy Dubé	Saint-Pacôme, QC	35 \$		2023
208	Gaston Mercier	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC	65 \$		2024
284	Jacques Dumas	Québec, QC	35 \$		2023
489	Marius Mercier	Québec, QC	35 \$		2025
530	Jacinthe Mercier	Québec, QC	35 \$		2023
578	Émilia Mercier	Rivière-au-Renard, Gaspé, QC	35 \$	15 \$	2023
605	Benoit Mercier & Jane Buskirk	Sainte-Sabine, QC	40 \$		2023
679	Gaéтан Mercier	L'Ancienne-Lorette, QC	65 \$		2024
706	Yves Mercier & Nicole Morin	Sainte-Sabine, QC	40 \$		2023
861	Robert Mercier & A-M. Boudreau	L'Étang-du-Nord, Îles de la Mad., QC	40 \$		2023
871	Jacques Mercier	St-Charles-de-Bellechasse, QC	35 \$	10 \$	2023
881	Gaéтан Mercier & Odette	Sherbrooke, QC	40 \$		2023
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935	Joseph N. Mercier	Glendora, Californie, USA	35 \$		2024
1306	Anne Mercier	Saint-Sauveur, QC	35 \$		2023
1461	Sylvie Mercier	Saint-Damien-de-Buckland, QC	35 \$		2023
1525	Nicole Mercier & Réal Lemyre	Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac, QC	75 \$		2024
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1636	Ronald Mercier	Southington, Connecticut, USA	59 \$		2025
1647	Jovette Cloutier	Terrebonne, QC	65 \$		2024
1669	Cynthia Yeast	Estes Park, Colorado, USA	35 \$		2023
1670	Christine Lasalle	Gatineau, QC	65 \$		2024

Thank you for your support!

MERCIER FAMILIES IN THE OUTAOUAIS (Part 2 of 5)

Text by Gilberte Lauzon, daughter of Claude Lauzon and Éna Mercier, November 2009.

This is the second of five articles about Mercier families in the Outaouais. They are taken from *L'histoire des familles de L'Ange-Gardien*, published in 2012. This text is reproduced with permission from the author's family, the author having passed away. The text remains unchanged from when it was first published in the 2012 book.

Family of Claude LAUZON and Éna MERCIER



My father, Claude Lauzon, was born July 5, 1905, in Glen-Almond on the farm owned by his father Jean-Baptiste Lauzon and his wife Zoé Lalonde.

He bought the farm from his father shortly after his marriage to Éna Mercier (daughter of Julien Mercier and Rose-Anne Lalonde) which took place on December 31, 1929.

They had ten children: Thérèse (the late Léo Charron, 2 children, then Rémi Deslauriers, 1 child); Rémi (Paulette Last, 3 children); Yvette (Jackie Mahar, 2 children); Reine (the late Martial Lasalle, then Gabriel Miron, 3 children); Reina who died as an infant; Gilberte (the late Gérald Mathé, 2 children, then Hubert Létang); Jean-Guy (deceased) (Roberte Lanthier, 3 children); Claudette (Alfred Munger, 3 children); Jacqueline (Jean Miron, 3 children) and Réjean (Suzanne Bonhomme, 2 children).

On my parents' farm, there was a phosphate mine they were allowed to operate. For several years, starting in 1941, mine workers were housed at my parents' home. Several of them lived in Buckingham and did not own a car, so they stayed at my parents' place. At some point, my brother Rémi (12 years old) and my cousin Donald (10 years old) searched for phosphate among the rocks during their summer holidays.

In 1945, my father sold meat from his animals. His brother, uncle Thomas, butchered the pigs and cattle, and the meat was stored in a natural cooler created at the entrance to the mine, which is now closed. Several neighbours used to store their meat in this natural cooler, including my uncle Thomas Lauzon, uncle Antonio Mercier, Ephrem Théorêt and also the Gauthier families. It was like a refrigerator with shelves, and the neighbours kept their salt pork there in 45-gallon barrels. Everything was well tagged with the name of each owner.

I really loved to go fishing with my aunt Amanda (whenever she stayed with our family, which happened quite often). She would rig my line, I would cast it in the water and when there was a bite, she would rush to come and help me. We almost always caught nice walleye or pike weighing a good five pounds each. In the spring, we would go cast for catfish along the river and we got a good catch. We often came back to the house with thirty-odd, good-sized catfish.

My father started growing peas for soup on the hills of the farm in the 1930s and continued for about 15 years. His yield was between 25 and 30 100-pound sacks of peas a year and he sold most of that. He also grew large quantities of turnips that he sold. He could fill 45 to 50 100-pound sacks a year. In 1950, my father sold his mining rights and the farm to his brother Hormidas. My father later bought a larger farm located in Poltimore, where he had dairy cows and raised hogs for their meat. He also had poultry to feed his family and he would sell the surplus. My parents remained on that farm until they retired in 1967-1968; then they moved to Buckingham, where they lived until they passed away in 1994 and in 1995.



Claude Lauzon et Éna Mercier



Famille de Claude et Éna Lauzon (2003)

Référence : *L'histoire des familles de L'Ange-Gardien, Municipalité de L'Ange-Gardien, 2012, pp. 45-46.*

WHY THE NAME "VALLÉE-MERCIER"?

By André Mercier, Vallée-Mercier in Mauricie

THE PROMOTERS OF A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN LA TUQUE IN THE MAURICIE REGION CHOSE TO NAME IT "VALLÉE-MERCIER". ANDRÉ MERCIER EXPLAINS THE REASON FOR THAT CHOICE.



The Mercier family in Haute-Mauricie started with the marriage of Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Mercier and Caroline Beads. Jean-Baptiste, born in 1838 in Rivière-du-Loup, was the son of Paul Mercier and Milburge Boucher. He would have lived in Saint-Pascal-de-Kamouraska before becoming a Canadian **voyageur** for the Hudson's Bay Company around the age of 13 or 14. From Spring to the end of Fall, he would go up and down the Saint-Maurice River in a large canoe called a "rabaska" and he used a dogsled in winter, working for the Company and for the Royal Mail between Trois-Rivières and the Northern Territory.

Caroline Beads' father, Thomas, was Postmaster at Migiskan Post at Lake Mégiscane, a hamlet located in the Senneterre area in Abitibi, where Jean-Baptiste went regularly. That is where he met Caroline.

The couple married in 1882 at Kikendatch, an Atikamekw community that disappeared following the creation of the Gouin reservoir, and the only thing left is a cemetery that is a protected area, and a traditional gathering place for the people of Wemotaci. There were seven children in the Mercier-Beads family: Elizabeth, Johnny, Benjamin, Laura, Emma, Caroline and James-Édouard.

THE NILE EXPEDITION

In 1884, when Muslim Forces in Sudan rebelled against the occupation by Egypt, which was being supported by the British Empire, the United Kingdom Government recruited 386 Canadian **voyageurs** for an expedition to free General Charles Gordon, who was being kept hostage in Khartoum.

The mission of the Canadian **voyageurs** was to bring British soldiers to the gates of Khartoum. To do so, they would have to tackle the Nile in row boats, mainly in the last part of the journey, where a steamboat could not go up through the rapids.

Among those 386 brave Canadian **voyageurs**, 41 men made up the Trois-Rivières contingent, which included Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Mercier, then 46 years old.

The Canadian **voyageurs** sailed on the *Ocean King* Steamship on September 14, 1884, first towards Halifax for a stopover, then to Liverpool in England, on to Gibraltar and lastly to Alexandria, in Egypt, where the ship arrived on October 7, 1884.

In the port of Alexandria, the Canadian **voyageurs** boarded a train, where they joined the British soldiers they were to bring to their destination. The train then took off toward its next destination, Luxor.

In the days following their arrival in Luxor, the Canadian **voyageurs** continued up the Nile in some fifty rowboats towed by a steamboat, until the time that they took over the task of transporting the British soldiers, rowing them against the current, over numerous rapids, and finally reaching their final destination, Khartoum in Sudan.

Unfortunately, the whole expedition was in vain, as General Charles Gordon, also known as Gordon Pasha, had in fact been executed by the Muḥammad Aḥmad al-Mahdi Forces.

The return trip was then organized and most of the Canadian **voyageurs** came back to Canada in February 1885, among them Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Mercier.

All the members of the expedition received a medal from Queen Victoria as well as the Khédive medal from the King of Egypt, and Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Mercier received also some land in the Mailhot Canton from the Crown. This large plot covered a vast area from the present location of the railway line to the east, all the way to the Saint-Maurice River to the west.

Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Mercier built his house on that lot in 1885. The house had its back to the Petite Rivière Bostonnais, near the bridge that now leads to Lake Wayagamack. He moved his family into that house, cleared the land and farmed it until his death in 1906. That same 1906 year his son, James-Édouard, married Marie-Anne Bernier and built his own house on the western part of the lot, a good distance away from his father's house, but facing it. All 16 children in James-Édouard Mercier's family were born on that farm.

Photo : Courtoisie



James-Édouard Mercier and Marie-Anne Bernier, with their older children born on the Mercier farm: Rodolphe, born October 5, 1909; Jeannette, born April 6, 1912; Albert, born April 21, 1913; Bella, born October 11, 1908, and Georges-Arthur, born September 18, 1910. Laura, Florence, Roger, Benjamin, Harry, Laurier, Yvonne, Roland, Yolande, Lionel, and Lily will later complete the family.

A HISTORICAL NOVEL

I wanted to keep alive the memory of my great-grandfather and that of the 386 Canadian **voyageurs**, 41 of whom came from the Mauricie, and that is why I started writing a historical novel based on the daily life of Joseph-Jean-Baptiste Mercier, a descendant from Julien to Pascal, starting when he left Trois-Rivières, September 14, 1884, until he came back home in February 1885.

I have been researching the subject for about fifteen years. I have found enough details to recreate the everyday life of those who went, from their departure from Quebec City, September 15, 1884, the crossing to Liverpool, then to Gibraltar and finally to Alexandria in Egypt, from where the Canadian **voyageurs** and the British soldiers left for Khartoum in Sudan.

It was an unprecedented undertaking for Canada to take part in this, its very first military mission outside the country, but also for the Canadian **voyageurs**, those tough guys who were accustomed to the rivers and seasons of Canada, but who would discover some great cities, the pyramids, and the Arab world during such an unusual journey.

It is an adventure you will discover, when you read this historical novel that I am still working on, and that is scheduled for publication early in 2023.

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