

afterwards I did my stable work, &c., as usual, after which my wife and I stripped Indian corn, a bagful. There were no strangers at the house. It was about eight o'clock when we went to bed. My wife and I were in the same bed. In the night, I cannot tell at what hour (the clock was not going), my wife woke me up, asking me to go and fetch wood to make a fire; she complained of the cold. I went and chopped wood. I lighted the fire in the stove, and I lay down near the stove. At that moment my wife was engaged in amusing the little child who was crying. As for me, I went to sleep again at once. And a thick smoke woke me up, I do not know how long after I had gone to sleep again. I made up my mind that the house was on fire, for which reason I at once went out to call help. Before going out, I called to my wife telling her to get up, that the house was on fire. Believing that my wife had heard my cries and that she would save the children, I ran about the vicinity of the house, crying for help. My nearest neighbor, Mr. Charles Powell, who lives on the north, about two arpents and a half away, and my brother David Guillemette, on the south side, about three arpents away. Before these neighbors arrived I made every possible effort to enter the house. I broke the four windows on the four sides of the house, but then the flames and smoke issuing from those openings prevented me from going in. I called my wife, but without reply. Once when I forced in the door, I thought I heard a weak voice. The first person who came to help, was Célestin Blais. I do not know what he did. I was stifled and choked by the smoke. I cannot identify the human remains which I have just seen, in consequence of their great state of calcination; but I entirely believe that they are the remains of my wife and my two children, because they were the only human beings then in the burned house.

This deposition being read over to the witness, he persists therein, declaring it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,)

ELZÉAR GUILLEMETTE.

Taken and acknowledged before me,
Coroner, on the day, in the year
and at the place aforesaid.

U. MÉDÉRIC POISSON,
Coroner.

True copy,
(Signed,)

B. THÉROUX, JUNR.,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown.

No. 3.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, }
DISTRICT OF ARTHABASKA. }

The examination of Onésime Richard, farmer of the Township of Wotton, in the District of St. Francis, taken under oath this fourth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, at Arthabaskaville, in the District aforesaid, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District, in the presence of Elzéar Guillemette, formerly a farmer of the Parish of St. Christophe and Arthabaska, to-day accused before me of having, he, the said Elzéar Guillemette, on the 24th day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, in the parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska, in the District aforesaid, feloniously killed and murdered one Henriette Gendreau, his wife, and two of the children of the said Elzéar Guillemette, and the said Henriette Gendreau.

The deponent, Onésime Richard, declareth under oath as followeth:

I am a farmer, and I live in the Parish of St. Hippolyte de Wotton. I am twenty-one years of age. I know slightly the accused Elzéar Guillemette, I saw him at Wotton last autumn after hay-time, but as I do not know the days of the month, I cannot state the date precisely. I saw him again on the Sunday before the fire which took place at his house. The last time that I saw the accused was during the retreat or *triduum* which was held at Wotton last autumn; the *triduum* took place on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, I think in the week when the fire took place. The last time that I saw the