

years dying in it himself, a single man, in June, 1772, leaving a large estate for the period, to be divided between his nine surviving brothers and sisters, seven of them married ladies, all but one living in their native city of Montreal, and the seventh in St. Louis, and two brothers Charles and Jno. B., young men in his employment, whom he had brought over with him from Fort Chartres, another brother Paul having died over there, they being eleven in all. His will, May 30, 1772. Substance: —

1. Debts to be paid.
2. Five hundred livres for masses in the church for two years.
3. Five hundred livres for ornaments for the church.¹
4. Five hundred livres to his god-daughter Pelagie, wife of Charles Vallé of Ste. Genevieve.
5. Five hundred livres to Francoise B., wife of Batiste Charleville, daughter of Charles Brazeau, of Fort Chartres.
6. One thousand livres to Juan La Montagne, his clerk.
7. Three hundred livres to Marie Berger, seven years of age.
8. All his other property, peltries, silverware, slaves, animals, houses, buildings, lands, debts due him, etc., etc., to his brother Charles, now on his way up from New Orleans, his heir and executor, on condition that he first pay all the above, and to carry on the business in partnership with La Montagne for two years, then to divide the profits equally, to give La Montagne a chance to establish himself in business.

After the two years, all his property to be divided equally between his brothers and sisters, and appoints Laclede his executor for that purpose.

(Signed) BIZET, M. DURALDE, P. PERIT,
N. CHABOT, *Witnesses.*
LABUSCIERE, *Notary,* P. PIERNAS, *Gov'r.*

¹ They had a small one June 24, 1770.