

adds: when the accused came down from the garret as I said above, he took off his socks. His wife said to him to keep them on. He took them off, saying, "you will perhaps not make me any more of them."

Question: Why did you add that last remark to your deposition?

Answer: It is because I wished to say it before and I did not think of it, and it is because he had said it before me and I wished to tell it.

Question: What did you come here for, and what oath did you take?

Answer: I came here to tell what Guillemette, the accused said before me, and I have sworn to tell the truth.

Question: When the accused said in your presence "one or other of us must take to the woods," did he add anything else?

Answer: No,— he started at once to go to the field.

The accused declines cross-examining the witness.

And further deponent saith not and declareth that he cannot sign.

CÉLESTIN + BLAIS.

The foregoing deposition of Célestin Blais was received and sworn before me, at Arthabaskaville, in the district of Arthabaska, on the day and year hereinbefore in the first place mentioned.

(Signed,)

U. MEREDIC POISSON, J.P.

A true copy,

B. THÉROUX, JUNR.,

Deputy Clerk of the Crown.

No. 6.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF ARTHABASKA.

Examination of Heloïse Gagné, Philippe Blais, Joseph Philémond Brassard, Charles James Powell, all four of the parish of St. Christophe d'Arthabaska.

Taken under oath, this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, at Arthabaskaville, in the district aforesaid, before the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the district, in presence of Elzéar Guillemette, heretofore a farmer of the said parish, accused this day before me, of having, he, the said Elzéar Guillemette, on the twenty-fourth 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 of the said Henriette Gendreau.

The deponent, Philippe Blais, declareth under oath, as follows:

I am ten years of age. I am son of Célestin Blais, with whom I live. We are second neighbors of the house Elzéar Guillemette lived in, and which was burned this fall a few days before the exhibition. I went with my three brothers, one of whom, Pierre, is older than I, and the two others younger, to the house of the accused on the day he returned from Wotton. It was the eve of the fire. We went there on getting up from dinner, and we remained there until our bread was baked at dusk. The accused arrived about three in the afternoon. I was in the house when he arrived. He asked his wife if she was worse. She answered, "No." He afterwards went to the stable where he found his horse neglected. He said to his wife that she had allowed his horse to suffer. He said that quietly. On returning from the stable the accused changed his clothes, after going up to the garret, but I do not know why. After coming down from the garret, he scolded his wife because she had put bran in a box in which there was a little flour. The accused took off in changing his clothes a coat of black cloth, pants of home-spun dyed black, a little black frock and a vest. He put these clothes on the bed. He took off his gaiters