

## A VETERAN OF '37.

Mr. William L. Baby, a descendant of one of the oldest French families in America, and for twenty-two years an officer in the Canadian customs, died shortly after two o'clock this afternoon at the British-American Hotel, Windsor, where he was residing. A week ago he had a paralytic stroke, but was apparently recovering until this morning, when he took a turn for the worse and sank rapidly.

William L. Baby was born at Sandwich in 1811. His family was founded in the seventeenth century by Jacques Baby de Rainville, son of the Seigneur de Rainville. Jacques was an officer in the famous Carignan Regiment, and came with it to America. Nearly a century later, in 1760, two of his de-



WM. L. BABY.

Descendant of Famous Frenchmen, who died in Windsor

scendants, Jacques Duperon and M. Baby, settled in Detroit and during the siege of Pontiac the two brothers rendered invaluable assistance to the garrison.

After the revolution the Babys returned with the other United Empire Loyalists, and on the taking of Detroit in 1812 one of them, Francis, was appointed marshal for the territory of Michigan, which position he held till 1814.

Mr. Baby was educated in Toronto, and spent his boyhood there. On coming to man's estate he bought a farm at Chatham, Kent county, and lived there for a number of years.

During the rebellion of 1837-8 he was a lieutenant, commanding a company of the Kent county militia. He was not called out till Jan. 8, 1838, when the 'patriots' from Detroit made an attack on Amherstburg. They had seized the schooner 'Ann,' loaded her with arms and sailed her down to Gibraltar, twenty miles below Detroit, on the American side. The Canadian troops were posted behind trees and kept up a hot fire on the schooner. The man at the helm was shot down, many of the crew were wounded, and the halliards were cut, letting the mainsail drop. The schooner drifted down the stream till she ran ashore at Elliott's Point, and there she was boarded by Lieut. Baby and his company. The patriots surrendered, and Dr. Thaller being wounded, Lieut. Baby carried him on his shoulders to the shore.

Mr. Baby was married three times. His first wife was a cousin, Miss Baby, daughter of the late Francis Baby, of Windsor. After her death he married Miss Jacobs, daughter of Mr. George Jacobs, township of Raleigh, Kent county. His third wife was Miss Eliza C. Chipman, daughter of Judge Chipman, of Detroit, and sister of Congressman J. L. Chipman. By her he had one son, Mr. W. E. Baby, the well-known Detroit lawyer.—Detroit 'Evening News,' Dec. 9.