

au dit Neuville, témoins pour ce exprès mandés qui ont signé avec le dit testateur et nous dit notaire soussigné après lecture faite et refaite. Ainsi signé sur la minute demeurée en l'étude du notaire soussigné — Charles-François de Capse — Labadie Ptre — Charles Garneau — et de nous notaire soussigné F. X. Larue, N. P.

CATHERINE-CAROLINE-ADELAIDE BAILLY DE MESSEIN — At the church of SS. Peter and Paul yesterday the funeral of Catherine-Caroline-Adélaïde Bailly de Messein, relict of the late Thomas Chase, took place. Her death occurred July 30th at the residence of her daughter and only child, Mrs. Dr. C.-E. Casgrain, in Windsor, Ont. The deceased lady was in her 78th year, and more than fifty years of her life were spent in Detroit. For the very interesting narration of her career, which follows, THE FREE PRESS is indebted to Mr. R.-R. Elliot, who knew the venerable lady well.

Rarely has the church been called upon to chant the requiem, and to offer the holy sacrifice for the eternal welfare of the soul of more distinguished dead, than upon this occasion.

Mrs. Chase was of the aristocracy of Lower Canada, where direct descent from the French noblesse of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries still constitutes a distinctive class of refined and cultivated society.

Her death, so closely following that of the late C. C. Trowbridge, severs another link in the historic chain which connects the present with a period in this city's eventful history traversing back more than half a century.

As a bride of Thomas Chase, then a prominent merchant, she came with the attractions of her youth and beauty, softened and toned by her convent education, and polished in the French salons of Quebec to make her home in the City of Detroit while Michigan was yet a Territory. At that early day Detroit was already noted for the refinement and culture of its social circles, in which the young wife soon attained a celebrity corresponding to her worth.

Among the prominent families native here she found