

has never branched until this present generation of mine; and there are not in existence others of my name beyond a childless brother and an old maiden sister, both in France, which are entitled to it but those now here. For want of chivalresque achievements and deeds of vaillance I beg leave to fill up a chasin of six centuries by remarking, that none of my name have ever followed any other profession but that of arms; that females have been so rare a commodity in my family that I find no one changing her name for that of a husband for more than 150 years; that my good ancestors, more proud of transmitting their name, than covetous of leaving wife and self behind them, gave up to their Sovereign Francis the first, who wished to make a port at the mouth of the river Seine, and to fortify it, part of the present site of Havre de Grace for no other consideration, than giving their name to the second street of that town, the first being dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and to have their armorial bearings ornamenting the top of the principal entry of the Town Hall, on the right hand of the King's Arms, whilst those of the Duke of Longueville occupied the same place on the left. I hear that the revolution has not erased the aristocratic name at the corners of the street; what has been the fate of the armorial bearings, I do not know.

Notwithstanding the impatience which I imagine expressed on the countenance of certain of my readers, I cannot refrain mentioning here two more circumstances relative to my family. The first is that it is the only one in all France that can boast of having had seven brothers and sisters, the whole receiving their education from Royal munificence. My elder brother was Page in the Royal family; one of my sisters, as said above, was educated in *l'Enfant Jesus*; the other in the Royal institution of St. Cyr; and myself and three other brothers in the King's military school at Paris. In those days children derived some benefit from the services of their parents, without any regard to their wealth.

*To be continued.*