

ter, that the said Eleazar was her "fourth child, born at Caughnawaga," et cetera. She afterward, under oath as before, declared that her first affidavit was made under the pressure of persuasion by the priest and of some women; and in her second she calls Eleazar her "adopted" son, and gave the names of all her children, among whom Eleazar is not mentioned. In further proof that he was not her son, setting aside both the affidavits of this old woman of eighty, we may cite the parish register—always carefully kept—of the Sault St. Louis, in which, in the French language, may be found the names and date of the births of the eleven children of Thomas and Mary Ann Williams, among which does not appear the name of Eleazar. The birth of their fourth child, which, in her first affidavit she said was Eleazar, occurred on the 18th of May, 1791, and was a girl named Louise."

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OTTAWA, *Sept. 23, 1872.*

* * * I made some enquiries about the inscription on the foundation of the Rideau Canal Locks, and for a time it seemed as though I should fail, as several of the officials doubted its existence. I have since learned that it is situated in the bottom of the lower lock, and therefore always covered with water, but some years ago, repairs necessitated the pumping out of the lock, when it was seen. There is some probability that the lock will this season be again emptied, and if so I shall endeavour to procure a copy of the inscription for you.

S. F.