

dreaded they would behave in the same shameful manner they had done to day, at this place. some were in consequence of this sent back, and they would have all return<sup>d</sup> had not a scoundrel of the name of Amable Bellair<sup>47</sup> (I think was his name,) come and said that he was from the foot of the Rapids and that when he left it there were 180 Americans there, that had gone from that place about a mile and returned. we hardly credited w[hat?] he said as a Doct<sup>r</sup> Fairfield a very decent looking man had come from that place with a flag of truce, and said that there were none there but a few sick, as I interpreted I told Belair who was a french[man] that if he deceived us he would be hung the scoundrel still insisted on it. I believe it was then determined that what Indians remained should go there; I was not much with them then; and did not know well what was to be done, as Major Chambers had requested me to take charge of a boat that was loaded with arms and take it to Amherstburgh he wrote Col. Procter and I had the dispatches. that night I slept at M<sup>r</sup> Jérôme's<sup>48</sup> where we most all staid, some Americans slept their also, who were much afraid that the Indians would murder them.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> In the morn<sup>g</sup> Major Chambers told me that Cap<sup>t</sup> Elliott would take charge of the boat, and wished me to go with him with a flag of truce to Foot of the Rapids. Doct<sup>r</sup> Fairfield, & a Cap<sup>t</sup> Hull left the River Raizin with us. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hull went in a boat with M<sup>r</sup> Bender, and Fairfield remained with us, at the River aux Loutre. we took a Canadian as an Interpreter in case we wished to speak to the Indians a party of whom were a head of us with Alex<sup>r</sup>

<sup>47</sup> Probably Amable Chulle *dit* Belair. His father Jean Pierre Chulle *dit* Belair, born in 1733 in Avignon, France, came to Canada as a soldier in the La Sarre Regiment, and on Jan. 8, 1759, married at Sault au Recollet, Mary Ann Menard. They subsequently came to Detroit, where Mary Ann Menard was drowned while crossing the river, and was buried in Sandwich, Jan. 1, 1785. Jean Pierre Belair was buried at Raisin River, Nov. 10, 1805.

Their eldest son, Amable, born in 1759, married at Raisin River, on Jan. 19, 1796, Mary Louisa La Pointe, who was born in Sandwich, Aug. 13, 1780. Amable Chulle *dit* Belair was buried in Detroit, Nov. 14, 1821.

Amable Belair had several brothers and sisters, and the family line was numerously represented in Detroit and vicinity. Data derived from Denissen, *op. cit.*

<sup>48</sup> Probably Jean Baptiste Jerome, born in 1762, who married Mary Deliennes *dit* Belanger. They lived at Raisin River, where she was buried on June 1, 1827, and he on June 7, 1832. A daughter, Mary Archange Jerome, was born in Detroit, Feb. 17, 1792. See *ante*, 267.