

M^c Adélaré Archambault

Ex lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island



M^c Adélaré Archambault was born April 24, 1860 at St-Paul-l'Ermite, (Lanaudière, Québec). He completed his classical course at L'Assomption College where he left with the title of Bachelor of Arts. He then immediately joined his parents in Holyoke (Mass.), where they had previously emigrated to some time ago.

Having followed a course in law for 3 years, he was called to the Bar in Massachusetts in 1888. Firstly, he practiced law in Holyoke. Then, in 1890 he was called to the Bar in Rhode Island, and he established himself in Woonsocket where he has always lived since.

With late Dr Joseph Hill, a very close friend, he played a very active role at the grouping of ours, in the foundation or the upholding of the French language of local societies. He then threw himself into politics. He chose to join the Democratic Party of which he never ceased to be faithful to.

In 1901-1902, he took a seat in the Deputies' Chamber in Rhode Island. In 1903, aiming higher, he was elected with a strong majority of the votes Lieutenant Governor of the State. Beaten in 1904, he campaigned for himself in the municipal politic, and became mayor of Woonsocket in 1906 and 1907.

In 1904, he became once again a candidate for the post of Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island. Since the Democratic Party was quite weak then in the state it could not succeed to have him elected. Nevertheless, he did receive a magnificent vote.

In 1916, he returned as mayor of Woonsocket for the third time. In the Fall of 1918, he did not report himself as a candidate for this term.

During his four years in office as Mayor M^c Archambault especially fought to obtain a better repartition of taxes, one which was far more just, and much more in accordance with the situation of an individual's income.

Even if he was a politician, M^c Adélaré Archambault never once abandoned nor did he ever neglect to practice law. On the contrary, a worker by nature, he never ceased to study law, and he always kept himself on top with the latest legal news. In the same way he was considered, as having an unquestionable authority in civil law?

He was called to the Bar for the Federal circuit of New England. Since 1895, he was Commissioner of the Superior Court of the province of Québec for the United States.

Devoted towards his companions, and sincerely believing in the soul of the Association, he became a member of the Union of St. Jean-Baptiste of America, and of the Franco-American Forestry.

In his youth at Holyoke, he was secretary and President of the Canadian Union. At Woonsocket, he was successively secretary, President of the National Dramatic Circle, and President of the French Canadian Institute of Counsel, No. 4 of the Union of St. Jean-Baptiste of America.

In 1900, he had then been named the Counselor-at-Law for the foundation of this last society. Since then, the different general committees who have succeeded to follow one another have always reelected him at the same position¹.

1. Marie-Louise Bonier, *Débuts de la colonie franco-américaine, de Woonsocket, Rhode Island.*

*Family tree
of
Adélaré Archambault*

Jacques France about 1629 Françoise Tourault

Laurent Montréal 01/07/1660 Catherine Marchand

Jacques Montréal 02/15/1694 Françoise Aubuchon

Jacques Boucherville 03/20/1725 Marguerite Loiseau

Jean-Baptiste L'Assomption 07/19/1751 Marie Louise Vaillant

Jean-Baptiste Repentigny 06/24/1793 Marie Josephe (Josette) Archambault

François Repentigny 10/19/1824 Henriette Émond

François Saint-Sulpice 02/28/1854 Delphine Bouthillier

Adélaré (single)