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# The Chambers Gang Trial Criminals finally caught

**Québec City September 10, 2009** – The National Battlefields Commission is proud to announce that Charles Chambers and his gang of bandits have finally been caught on the Plains of Abraham and that they will stand trial next September 18 and 19 at the Morrin Centre. The climate of terror that existed in Québec in 1834 and 1835 is now a thing of the past and the population is invited to take part in the trial.

Hanging, deportation or imprisonment: discover the fate meted out to Chambers and his gangster accomplices. The criminalized gang had taken refuge on the Plains of Abraham before they were arrested. Its members are now incarcerated in the Québec City prison. Several of the victims will come to the witness stand to testify.

The audience will be the judge in this unusual case on the actual location of the imprisonment. The spectators will be welcomed in a chapel where sacred objects were stolen, they will have access to the trial hearing room, visit the dungeon and, who knows, maybe even run into the executioner!

In the 1830's the city was in the throes of significant changes. Its population had risen from 30,000 to nearly 40,000. Criminality, alcoholism and various acts of violence were a common occurrence at the time. The collective imagination attributed to the Charles Chambers criminal gang, also called "brigands de Cap-Rouge" (the Cap-Rouge bandits), every unresolved crime: thefts, desecration, sacrilegious thefts, armed assaults and murders. Charming and crafty, Chambers was regarded as an honest man and was thus able to commit his crimes.

The ***Chambers Gang Trial*** is presented (in French only) on September 18 and 19, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. This animated interactive presentation lasting approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes, is offered at the cost of \$15 per person and is not recommended for children 12 or under. At the Chapel of the Congregation (20, Dauphine Street) and at the Morrin Centre (44, chaussée des Écossais).

Reservations required, places limited: 418 649-6157  
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