

No 6

Ascent of the Old Well (Alley of Misfortunes)

What occurred in 1772 for it to be already called the Alley of Misfortunes (“Ruelle des Malheurs”)?

It undoubtedly earned its name after the tragic events which occurred on Ash Wednesday on February 25, 1574, when the Huguenots commanded by a Captain Mirabel overran the heights of the village in order to plunder and destroy it.

This narrow passage begins under an archway and borders the castle grounds. It retains a beautiful facade and, in particular, a lintel with a heart decorated arch.

At the top of the hill lays a well, now closed. In 1657, it was named the “Sabourin Well”, a name synonymous with the Sabourin fountain, the oldest fountain located in nearby Crest.