

Maumee River known as the island which is called Presqu' Isle, or in our language Miseskanake,¹⁰ throughout its whole extent; and we also give him a tract of the same extent on the other side, beginning at a little river, twenty arpents in front by fifty in depth.

And for the true and sincere friendship which we bear to him we light with him a pipe of peace and tranquillity, and guarantee to him, his heirs and assigns, henceforth and forever, the above mentioned tract, as herein set forth, to enjoy the same without any hindrance whatever; in proof of which we have made our accustomed marks.

Done at the above mentioned Maumee River, July 28th, 1780.

[Signed in totem by fifteen Ottawa Indian chiefs.]

I, the undersigned, certify that the above chiefs have made their marks and have declared that they give the above mentioned land of their own free will. Detroit, July 28, 1780.

T. Williams, Justice of the Peace

Recorded at Detroit in register No. 2, folio 21, by me,

T. Williams

Endorsed: Deed of the Presqu'Isle at Maumee River. 1780.

GRANT OF LAND TO THOMAS WILLIAMS

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time of this grant was living at Sandwich, whither his parents had removed in 1774. His early age, as well as the wording of the document, tends to the conclusion that the grant must have been made chiefly by reason of his father's instrumentality and influence. Joseph Réaume married at Raisin River, Feb. 9, 1795, Geneveva Suzor, who was born at Sandwich, March 9, 1780, daughter of Louis Suzor and Josette Le Beau. Genealogical information adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*

¹⁰ Presqu' Isle was on the north side of the Maumee River, being partially enclosed between that river and a creek tributary thereto. At its lower end was fought the Battle of Fallen Timbers, August 20, 1794, and General Wayne's camp the night before the battle, was made a short distance higher up the island. John Askin purchased Réaume's Indian title to the island in December, 1796, and in July, 1807, preferred a claim to the property before the Board of Land Commissioners at Detroit. The Board subsequently ruled (Dec. 11, 1809) that the land claimed was outside the bounds of its district. See *American State Papers, Public Lands*, I, 372, 526; for map, see *Simcoe Papers*, II, 396.