

have long left uncultivated, have determined, by the advice and unanimous consent of the tribe, to give a portion to our friend, Thomas Williams, consisting of four arpents of front on the Detroit River by one hundred and twenty arpents of depth, adjoining land of Adhémar St. Martin¹⁴ on the southwest, and of James Rankin on the north-east, lying in the same direction as the lands formerly granted; and for the good and sincere friendship which we bear to him we light for him a pipe of peace and of tranquillity, with guarantee, from now and forever, to him, his heirs and assigns, of the above mentioned tract of land, herein set forth, that he may have the enjoyment of it with no hindrance whatsoever. In Testimony of which we have made our accustomed signs.

[Names and totems of eleven chiefs.]

I, the undersigned, certify that the above chiefs have made their marks and declared voluntary gift of the land above set forth. Detroit, July 28, 1780.

T. Williams, Justice of the Peace

Entered in the records of Detroit in register No. 2, page 21,
by me

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1781 he was engaged in trade at Detroit. In the year first noted he ordered four bateauloads of goods from Montreal in a total of ninety ordered by the merchants of this place. *Ibid.*, XIX, 588-89.

¹⁴ Toussaint Anthony Adhémar dit St. Martin was descended from Michael Adhémar and Cecilia Gache, who resided in the diocese of Alby, in Upper Languedoc, France. Their son, Anthony Adhémar, Sieur de St. Martin, born in 1640, was a royal notary. He migrated to Canada and married at Quebec, Oct. 10, 1667, Geneviève Sazeot, a native of St. André-des-Arts, archdiocese of Paris, France. She was buried at Champlain, Aug. 30, 1683, and Adhémar married (second) Michelle Cusson at Cap de la Madeleine, Jan. 20, 1687. Their son, Jean Baptiste Adhémar dit St. Martin, was born at Montreal, March 16, 1689. On Jan. 7, 1733, he married (second) Catherine Moreau, who was born at Quebec, Oct. 8, 1696, daughter of Pierre Moreau, Sieur de la Taupine, and Mary Magdelene Lemire. Pierre Moreau was a fur trader who had been at the Sault Ste. Marie with St. Lussion in 1671, and on the site of Chicago before Marquette wintered there in 1674-75. The son of Jean Baptiste Adhémar and Catherine Moreau was our present subject, Toussaint Anthony Adhémar dit St. Martin. He was born at Montreal, Sept. 10, 1740. He came to Detroit as early as 1765, married Geneviève Blondeau, and in 1768 was living on Ste. Anne Street. For upwards of twenty-five years Detroit was the center of his activities, although his trading operations sometimes necessitated prolonged absences. He was at St. Joseph in 1773. He early visited Miamitown (modern Fort Wayne) and he was employed there in the later 1780's. Henry Hay, who spent the winter of 1789-90 there, makes frequent mention of him in his Journal. Ms. in Burton Hist. Coll.; printed in Wis. Hist. Soc., *Proceedings*, 1914, p. 214 ff. In October, 1790, the settlement was razed by