

& that we were Ready now to confirm what we or our chiefs had then done & having learnt from him that he had purchased Said Land from said Cornwell, WE DO now by these Presents once more confirm the aforesaid Sales made so S^d Cornwell & by him to our good Friend said John Askin Senior his Heirs & Assigns & declare that we did on the ————— Instant deliver over to Robert Nichol⁶² for the use of said Askin his Heirs & Assigns the aforesaid mentioned Lands and Shewed to him their Boundaries & marks and as a further mark of our approbation & consent to his purchase of s^d Tract we Promise to Build him a House on the Same & we further declare that he has this day of his own free will & consent made us a Present Exclusive of Provisions for our Wives & Children. IN TESTIMONY of all which, we have made our marks after Mons^r Baptiste Sanscrainte⁶³ having Explained to us the contents of the foregoing, at Detroit this Third of June 1796.

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62. Robert Nichol is supposed to have been born in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, about the year 1774. He probably first came to Detroit in the autumn of 1795, when he entered upon a three-year term of employment as clerk to John Askin. The articles of indenture describe him as a "gentleman." He later engaged in trade at Queenston and in time achieved local prominence. He served in the War of 1812, being present at the capture of Detroit and there saving, it is said, Daniel Dobbin from being executed by Brock for supposed violation of his parole. He became lieutenant colonel of the Second Norfolk Militia, and subsequently quartermaster general of militia. For his services he was presented with a sword of honor by the legislature of Upper Canada. He married Therese Wright, only surviving child of Dr. Thomas Wright and Therese Grant, and a granddaughter of Commodore Alexander Grant. He was accidentally killed in 1824, by falling over a precipice near Queenston. See Askin Papers, *passim*; *Major Alpin's Ancestors and Descendants* (Aberdeen, 1904), 15-16; *Officers of the British Forces in Canada During the War of 1812*; Burton, *City of Detroit, Michigan, 1701-1922*, I, 709. An extensive biography of Nichol's public career is in Ontario Hist. Soc., *Papers and Records*, XIX.

63. Jean Romain *dît* Sanscrainte, born in the parish of St. Martial, Angoulême, France, in 1696, came to Canada and married at Montreal June 30, 1722, Mary Joseph Leblanc. The bride was the daughter of Julian Leblanc and Ann Vanier, and was born at Charlesbourg, June 7, 1698.

Jean Baptiste Romain *dît* Sanscrainte, son of Jean Romain and Mary Joseph Leblanc, was born at Montreal, May 16, 1723, and married there, Feb. 25, 1754, Susanne Amable Deneau, daughter of Andrew Deneau and Frances Boyer.

Their son, also named Jean Baptiste, born in 1754, married at Detroit, Oct. 13, 1778, Margaret Solo, daughter of Claude Solo and Margaret Descomps *dît* Labadie. They reared a large family. Margaret Solo was buried at Detroit, March 19, 1793. See Denissen, *op. cit.*