

the first says he is engaged for M^r Burnitt to go & return & the other free at Mich^l & says he will remain there a light Breeze of Wind rose from the North which continued about two Hours very light but we carried Sail 'till it died away Arrived at the River S^t Josephs late & Camped the Course from the River Noire about South West very high Banks & the River to West of the point that is seen from the River Noir they reckon it 10 Leagues & it is a great Distance but a fine River run^g from East South East a Strong current & nearly as large as the Grand River.

Sunday May 2^d 1790 a Strong head Wind from the West which obliged us to remain camped.

Monday May 3^d 1790 A Wet night & Strong head Wind from the West still detain'd us.

Tuesday May 4th 1790 A very blowing Night the Wind veering to every point; in the Morning A Wind from the East being off the Land we loaded & set off against a heavy Swell from the North this Wind from the Land continued in a Wavering manner by Blasts & the Swell also from the North not abating & we finding no River nor creek to put in & seeing a Risque of taking Water if we put in to unload we continued sometimes under reefed Sail & Sometimes with paddles hoping to reach a River till about three oClock when as sudden as Lightning the [wind] chopp'd round with the Swell & blew a terrible Squal & thunder Gust which obliged us to make the Shore as fast as possible & both Cannots filled we saved the cannots & all the Goods but was wetted we put them out of Reach of the very high Seas & camped & made [a] Fire the best way we could continued a heavy Rain & sometimes hail Storm all the Afternoon. we were happy at being near Shore & quick at Landing for a Quarter of an hour would have lost all it was so sudden & excessive that no small Craft could have sustained it.

All of the sons remained unmarried. Rebecca, the youngest daughter, was for many years a member of the household of James May of Detroit, where she died in April, 1841, at the age of fifty years. One of her two daughters became the wife of Francis Palms, and their descendants are prominent citizens of present-day Detroit. An excellent biographical sketch of William Burnett is in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXX, 85 ff.