

SUPPLIES FOR THE NORTH WEST COMPANY

ARTICLES of AGREEMENT, Made & Concluded upon, by & between John Askin Esq^r of Detroit Merchant, on the One Part, and Daniel Sutherland⁵⁵ Agent for the North West Company & in their Behalf, on the Other Part Witnesseth.

daughter, Susanne, married, Sept. 25, 1811, Phillipe Aubert de Gaspé, author of *Anciens Canadiens*. Information adapted from the British army list for 1790 and Casgrain, *op. cit.*, 116-17.

⁵³ Probably this name should be spelled Coté. The Detroit Cotés were descendants of Jean Coté, who on Nov. 17, 1635, married Ann Martin at Quebec. Louis Coté, a great-grandson of this couple, born at L'Ange Gardien, Nov. 8, 1734, came to Detroit some time prior to 1762. He was a carpenter, and while traveling along the road engaged on his business, was fatally wounded by the falling branch of an overhanging tree. He was buried in Ste. Anne's Church, Oct. 31, 1762. We have seen no record of his having had a family.

Prisque Coté, the elder brother of Louis, born Nov. 8, 1730, removed to Detroit in the summer of 1771. He had married at St. Constant, on Feb. 4 of that year, Magdelene Lefebvre, daughter of Claude Joseph Lefebvre and Rosalie Pinsonneau. Prisque Coté was also a carpenter. He lived on St. Joseph Street, and was buried, Oct. 9, 1803. He was the father of four children, born between the years 1772 and 1779. Apparently he was the Detroit citizen here complained of.

An uncle of Prisque Coté was Charles Coté, born in 1704, who lived and died in Lower Canada. His son, Joseph, however, born at Lorette, July 16, 1744, came to Detroit and on Feb. 4, 1782, married at Sandwich, Magdelene Martin *dit* St. Jean, widow of Jean Baptiste Bertrand and daughter of Jean Martin *dit* St. Jean and Teresa Henault *dit* Canada. Joseph Coté was buried at Sandwich, March 11, 1803. He was the father of two children, Joseph and Pierre, from whom numerous descendants have sprung. Information adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁵⁴ Probably Charles Francis Girardin, who kept a bakery in Detroit in this period. He was a descendant of Joachim Girard, a native of Evreux, France, who married at Quebec, Sept. 27, 1660, Mary Halay, daughter of Jean Baptiste Halay and Mathurine Vallet. Their son Anthony, born at Quebec, Feb. 2, 1664, was the grandfather of Charles Francis, here noted. The latter was born at Pointe aux Trembles, Quebec, Aug. 22, 1739. He married Mary Louisa Lecerf *dit* Lachasse, a native of Montreal. She died before 1785 and Charles Francis married (second) at Detroit, on Sept. 14, 1785, Mary Louisa Leclerc, widow of Louis Dumouchel. He was one of the first associate justices of the Court of Common Pleas at Detroit, and a member of the first board of trustees of the town, serving in the latter office until 1803. Information adapted from *Proc. of the Land Board of Detroit*, 193, and Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁵⁵ Daniel Sutherland was a merchant of Montreal engaged in the Northwest trade. He was a native of Scotland, where he married Margaret Robertson, Sept. 1, 1781, and soon thereafter came out to Montreal. Probably he is the person described by Captain Daniel Robertson of Mackinac in 1783 as "a young beginner in Trade." *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XI, 392. For several years he was senior partner in the firm of Sutherland and Grant. As early as 1785, however, he was engaged also in trading enterprises with Donald McKay. On the reorganization of the North West Company in 1790, Sutherland became a partner, being allotted one share of the twenty into which the enterprise was divided. In 1793, Sutherland and McKay were encountered by a party of Hudson's Bay Company traders on the Winnipeg River. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim* and Davidson, *The North West Company*, 25, 62, 70. In 1800 Sutherland and three associates established the Montreal water-works, but the venture