

COMPLAINT AGAINST JOHN STOCKWELL

Henery Ramsey¹⁷ Maketh Oath that on or about the 9th Ins^t Being at the house of M^r Daniel M^cKellop that while he was there M^r John Stockwell¹⁸ came there and After giving Verry Abusive Language Challenged him out to Fight him after being being informd by sundry Persons then Present that he was unwell and had been for some time. Notwithstanding This the said Stockwell struck him so as to bring him to the Ground and Stamped on him with his feet.

Henry Ramsey

Sworn before me at Detroit this 20th of July 1792

John Askin J. P. D. H

This Agreed on to be made up the Parties has submitted it to Doc^r Harffy & myself.

The Parties Agree it should be left to Doc^r Harffy & Jn^o Askin, what Damages the latter should pay.

Endorsed: Detroit July the 20th 1792 Henry Ramsey his Complaint on Oath Agns^t John Stockwell

¹⁷ Henry Ramsey was a private in Butler's Rangers during the Revolution, and along with other disbanded troops and loyalists was given an allotment of land in New Settlement. Probably he is the "Mr. Ramsey" who, in 1793, built a bridge over the River Canard. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XII, 48. Prior to this, in 1784, Capt. Henry Bird leased a house and adjoining land in Amherstburg to Agnes Hazel and Judith Hicks, sisters. Agnes was the wife of Edward Hazel, an Indian interpreter, and Judith was to become the wife of Ramsey. In 1796 Ramsey was living in Amherstburg, where his wife died on May 14 of that year. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*, especially XXIV, 14-17 and XXV, 131.

¹⁸ John Stockwell was a loyalist who came to Detroit prior to the summer of 1780, when he served in Capt. Henry Bird's expedition against Kentucky. He subsequently received an allotment of land in New Settlement on the north side of Lake Erie. He seems to have been a man of vindictive temper. About the year 1788 he obtained from the Indians possession of Mary Moore, who had been carried into captivity from western Virginia, and subjected her to a life of brutality and drudgery. In 1794, when the settlers were being called out for service against General Wayne on the Maumee, Stockwell was a militia officer and some of his neighbors refused to serve under him. In 1814 he was reported by a British authority as "thirsting" to distinguish himself against the Americans, and eager to lead the Indians against some of his neighbors who were charged with friendliness toward the American cause. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; Macomb, Edgar, and Macomb ledgers (mss. in Burton Hist. Coll.); and *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, V, No. 5.