

If any of Monfortons or Maisonvilles Companys have received Certificates since my departure, I will be thankful to you to use y^r influence with them. Col M^eKee has promised me his Interest, so has the Commodore, & I think I may depend on Cap Elliot, George Leith, & a few others.

When I wrote you last it was Expected that Grossile, Rivers Raisin & Rouge would have voted with the New Settlers, but that is not the Case.

Jacque Parent,²¹ Laurent Parent,²² Claude Rheaum,²³

²¹ Michael Parent, born in Paris in 1643, came to Canada and at Three Rivers, on June 30, 1692, married Mary Ann Benoit, daughter of Gabriel Benoit *dit* La Forest and Ann Mary Guedon. They had two children, Pierre, born at Montreal, Nov. 23, 1700, and Laurence, born at Montreal, Feb. 28, 1703. Pierre married, in 1724, Catherine James, whose father, an Englishman, had been taken captive by the French in 1697 and had spent the remainder of his life in Canada. Pierre Parent and Catherine James had one son, Pierre Michael, born at Longue Pointe in 1725, who married at Boucherville in 1751, and subsequently came to Detroit, where he followed the carpenter's trade and lived at the Southwest Coast. He was buried, Oct. 1, 1773.

Laurence Parent, the second son of Michael Parent and Mary Ann Benoit, was the progenitor of the later Detroit line of Parents. He came to Detroit prior to 1731, and on May 24 of this year married Mary Joseph Dugat, daughter of Pierre Dugat and Margaret Guignard. She was buried July 27, 1734, and Laurence married (second) Jane Cardinal, who was born at Montreal, Aug. 12, 1717, daughter of Jacques Cardinal and Jane Duguay. Laurence Parent followed the trade of carpenter and joiner. To him and Jane Cardinal eleven children were born in the period 1737-59. One of them was Jacques and another Laurence, both of whom are mentioned in the present document. Jacques Parent was born, Oct. 24, 1742, and married on Nov. 18, 1771, Mary Catherine Cuillerier *dit* Beaubien, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Cuillerier *dit* Beaubien and Mary Ann Lootman *dit* Barrois. To them seven children were born.

There was another, and distinct Parent family at Detroit in the French period, descended from Andrew Parent and Mary Coudray, who lived in the parish of Mortagne, in La Perche, France. Their son, Pierre, born there in 1610, married at Quebec, Feb. 9, 1654, Jane Badeau, daughter of Jacques Badeau and Ann Ardouin. About the year 1672 they removed to Beauport, where Pierre died in 1698 and Jane in 1706. Their grandson, Gilbert Parent, who was born at Montreal, Dec. 3, 1703, married in 1733 Mary Susanne Richard. In 1742 he removed to Detroit, and traded with the Miami Indians. He was shot at the Maumee River, and buried at Raisin River, Sept. 9, 1750. Later his body was reinterred at Detroit. His widow, Mary Susanne, was buried at Raisin River settlement, Jan. 13, 1800. They had four children, only one of whom, Magdelene Parent, lived to maturity. Denissen, *op. cit.*

²² Laurence Parent, son of Laurence Parent and Jane Cardinal, was born at Detroit, Sept. 13, 1740, and married at Sandwich, Nov. 28, 1771, Mary Magdelene Janis, daughter of Nicholas Francis Janis and Teresa Meloche. The couple had fourteen children, born in the years 1772-99. Laurence Parent was buried at Sandwich, Nov. 4, 1818. His widow died of cholera and was buried there Sept. 23, 1834. Denissen, *op. cit.*

²³ Claude Thomas Réaume was the son of Pierre Réaume and Susanne Hubert *dit* Lacroix, and a cousin of Jean Baptiste and Charles Réaume who are noted *ante*, 170 and 249. Claude was born at Detroit on Aug. 7, 1743, and on Jan. 7, 1766, he married at the Church of the Huron (Sandwich) Geneveva Janis, daughter of Nicholas Francis Janis and Teresa Meloche. Both bride and groom lived at the South Coast of