

the said notary on the afternoon of the twenty-eighth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine in the presence of Eustache Gamelin and Jean Baptiste Campau and Claude Campau, uncles of the minor children, and Mr. Barthe, the said widow having declared that she cannot sign this instrument, the same having been read.

Claude Campau
Ch Barthe
Eustache Gamelin
Milhomme

J. Bte. Campau
Navarre, Notary

Endorsed: May 28, 1759. Adjudication of two arpents of land at Detroit to Mr. Barthe, the sale by the widow of Nicolas Campau.

Attached is the decree in council of the relatives and several notes concerning the estate of Nicolas Campau.²⁴

No. 84.

JOHN ASKIN DISCHARGED FROM BANKRUPTCY

To all People to whom these presents shall come We whose Names are hereunto Subscribed & Seals affixed Creditors of John Askin & Robert Rogers²⁵ Late of the City of Albany in the Province of New York Copartners send Greeting—Whereas the said John Askin & Robert Rogers on the Day of the Date hereof do owe & are Indebted unto us the said Several Creditors whose names are hereunto

²⁴ The decree in council and the notes here alluded to are no longer preserved with the document.

²⁵ Robert Rogers was famous at this time by reason of his exploits as a leader of rangers in the French and Indian War. It was Rogers to whom was assigned the hazardous service of taking over Detroit and the other western posts from the French upon the surrender of Canada in 1760. He later bore a notable part in the defense of Detroit against Pontiac in 1763, and still later (1766-67) served as governor of Mackinac and dependencies. Rogers' failures as administrator and business man were no less marked than was his success as a partisan leader. The fiasco with Askin, of which this document preserves record, was merely one incident in a long list of financial disasters. The best available biography of Rogers is by Allan Nevins, *Ponteach or the Savages of America. A Tragedy by Robert Rogers With an Introduction and a Biography of the Author* (Chicago, 1914). On his administration as governor of Mackinac see, also, M. M. Quaife, *Wisconsin: Its History and Its People, 1634-1924* (Chicago, 1924), I, 225-42.