

With my best Compliments to all your good family I
am Dear Sir

Very faithfully Your's &c
P. Selby

John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Addressed: John Askin Esquire Detroit by M^r Heward
at 1/2 after 2, oClo Saturday afternoon

INQUIRY CONCERNING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Easton Eastern Shore Maryland Aug^t 18th 1792

M^r Erskine

D^r Sir You will no doubt think it strange to find yourself addressed by a person who has not the honor of your acquaintance. I have only to offer as appology, that I am at least your namesake. I am the Son of a Henry Erskine a Clergyman who lived in New townlimavaddy in the North of Ireland, & who was born in a Town called Muff [?] four Miles from Londonderry. I came to this Country very Young, & before I had in my power well to know of what familys I belonged to (or rather to whom I was related) I was home lately, & was also in England. I was there made acquainted with a Widow Campbell of Liverpool whose Maiden name was Sarah Erskine. She told me she was nearly related to me, & also that She had a near relation living in Montreal, at the same time requesting I would endeavour to open a correspondence, & inform her the result. Her wish Sir is nothing more than that of mine, Viz to know who & how her relations are, & would feel happy in that communication.

I avail myself of this opportunity by a M^r Noel who I got acquainted with this Night at 9 OClock P.M. & who sets out at 4 in the Morning. he says he lives in Montreal, Knows you & that you live not farr from him, this I offer by way of appology, for writing so irregular a scrawl & so abrupt, but if I am Honord with your a[n]swer, hope for more propriety. I am Sir with every sentiment of esteem & respect your most Obed^t & very Hble Ser^t

John Erskine.