

John Haydck
John Drake

F D Bellecour N P (L. S.)

Endorsed: Engagement of John Hardock to Mr John Drake of the 28th November 1792 Expedition

PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD A WINDMILL AND SHIP

Articles of Agreement Made and Concludēd upon By & between John Askin of Detroit Merchant of the One Part & George Meldrum & William Park also of Detroit Merchants & Copartners of the Other Witnessit—

That the said John Askin & the said Meldrum & Park hereby Jointly Agrees to build and Erect a Wind Mill to be Situated as will be hereafter Mention'd and Also to Build & Compleatly Rig & finish a Vessell Ready for Navagating as Early as may be Convenient Next Spring Both Enterprises to be Conducted & Carried on as is Stipulated in the following Articles Vis—

Article 1st That for & in Consideration of the Sum of Thirty Pounds New York Currency paid to the Said John Askin One Half thereof by the said Meldrum & Park the Receipt thereof he hereby acknowledges Sells, Grants & Conveys Unto the Joint Concern of John Askin & Meldrum & Park a Parcell or Lot of Ground Situated on the West of the Spring Well and Part of that Land presently known by the Name of the Race Ground.⁴⁹ Containing Four Acres in front—————& Acres in Depth which

of Detroit and expressed a determination to leave as soon as his contract should permit, he remained until his death, which occurred in the Indian country, in the summer or autumn of 1795. He received an appointment as notary and as clerk to the district court, and these things aside, engaged actively in extensive land speculations. Before coming to Detroit he had a daughter by Margaret Jarvis of Montreal. Although the union was not sanctioned by marriage, Askwith seems to have acknowledged his responsibility for the support of the child. See documents printed *post* in this volume, Askin Papers (mss.) *passim*, and *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIII, 399.

⁴⁹ This tract later became known as Private Claim 39 or the John Harvey farm. For the notable legal contest waged over it see *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, IV, No. 1, and mss. in *Burton Hist. Coll.*