

in a very Particular manner. Haste & Errors Please to excuse I remain with respect

Dear Sir your most obed^t & very Humble Servt:

James C. Freeman³⁰

Mr Askwith

P. S. the Little woman³¹ is well & hearty desires [torn] to you she lives at Mr Cruckshanks y^e Silversmith. Direct your Letters Ja^b C [torn] Montreal to the Care of Mr Sam^l Park same place Mr Sam^l Park wishes to know if Mr Choate [torn] thing for Brandamore y^e Carpenter Choate will inform you. my compliments to Mr [torn]

Addressed: Mr John Askwith Detroit To the particular Care of John Askin Esq^r Same Place.

Endorsed: Rec^d Dec^r 14th

FROM JOHN ASKIN TO JOHN WARREN

Detroit Nov 2^d 1795

Sir I was favoured with your two Letters of the 20th & 26th of Last month yesterday, I'm thankfull to you for your Endeavours to get the Saguinah Load Completed with

³⁰ James C. Freeman was evidently identical with the Dr. Freeman whom Colonel England apprehended at Detroit in June, 1794, in pursuance of orders from Governor Simcoe, and sent down to that official. We have been unable to construct an outline of his career, but from the present letter and from other sources it seems evident that he was of New Jersey origin and one of the early settlers of Cincinnati; that he subsequently removed to Detroit, where he incurred official suspicion serious enough to call for his removal from Upper Canada. We surmise that he was related to Samuel Freeman of Cincinnati, who, with his son Edmund, purchased the *Centinel of the Northwest* in 1796 and thereupon changed its name to *Freeman's Journal*, but we have not succeeded in establishing the connection. A letter from Ezra Freeman, brother of James, written from Great Miami to Solomon Sibley of Detroit, Sept. 29, 1799, discloses that he was a lawyer and was desirous of establishing himself at Detroit, but supposed a third lawyer here (in addition to Sibley and Elijah Brush) would be unnecessary. He further stated that he had been contemplating establishing himself in practice in the Mad River region. Edmund Freeman, the editor, died Oct. 25, 1800, at the home of his father on Beaver Creek, "Mad River Settlement." This fact, taken in connection with the statements of Ezra Freeman, tends to strengthen the surmise that Ezra and James C. Freeman were relatives of Edmund and his father, the early Cincinnati journalists. See *Simcoe Papers*, I, 314 and II, 279, 334; American Antiquarian Society, *Proceedings*, *New Series*, XXIX, 133, 141; and ms. letter of Ezra Freeman in Sibley Papers, Burton Hist. Coll.

³¹ Apparently Margaret Jarvis, for whom see *post*, 592-93.