

priété, quil peut avoir Et pretendre sur La ditte terre
 Voulant que Le dit acquereurs Et siens en sois mis Et
 Resseu En bonne Et paisible possession Et saisine par qui
 Et ainsy quil apartiendre En Vertu des presentes Consti-
 tuant pour Cet Effet son procureurs irrevocables Le porteurs
 dicelles Luy En donnant pouvoir Car ainsy &c promettant
 &c obligeant Renoncant &c fait Et passé au detroit maison
 du dit s^t andré par nous notaire sousigné apres midy Le
 neuf juillet mil sept cent soixante quatorze presence du s^r
 jacques Godefroy habitants Demeurant au detroit, Et jean
 LaRue demeurant a La Coste du sud tous deux temoins
 qui ont signé Et pour Le dit Claude Landry Et angelique
 Leduc sa femme ont déclaré ne savoir signer dont fait
 Leurs marque ord^{re} apres lecture faite, Et dans La minutte
 Est Ecrit jacques Godefroy, jean LaRue par sa marque,
 s^t andré, et angelique Leduc ausi par leurs marque Et
 Legrand notaire qui a delivré La presente Coppie qui Est
 Veritable Et conforme a la minutte Le vingt deux avril mil
 sept cent soixante seize

Legrand notaire

Endorsed: Coppie Du Contrat dacquest entre Claude
 Landry Et Benjamain Chappue. [note by John Askin] of
 no use now.

Translation

BEFORE US, Gabriel Legrand,⁵¹ notary residing at De-
 troit and there resident, was present the undersigned,

⁵¹ Gabriel Christopher Legrand was the son of Gabriel Louis Legrand, Sieur de Sintre and Vicomte de Mortain, and Ann Henriette Catherine de Crenay, who lived at Roche in Normandy. The son, Gabriel Christopher, enlisted in the army and came to Detroit as surgeon major of the garrison. Here he married, April 17, 1758, Mary Magdelene Chapoton, who was born at Detroit, May 17, 1739, the daughter of Jean Chapoton and Mary Magdelene Estève. She was buried at Detroit, January 7, 1763 (for her will, see *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, III, 9-10), and Legrand married (second), July 26, 1764, Veronica Réaume, daughter of Pierre Réaume and Susanne Lacroix, born at Detroit, Feb. 2, 1745. Legrand was the father of several children by each marriage. See Denissen, *op. cit.* He was a man of varied occupations. Although he came to Detroit as a surgeon, the Pontiac Ms. of 1763 characterizes him as a judge "appointed in place of Mr. St. Cosme" (entry for May 20, 1763). Of his work as notary Burton says: "He seems to have been incompetent for some reason, and not finding sufficient employment in Detroit, he wandered off to Kaskaskia to reside, and there succeeded in getting the land titles so badly mixed up that the land commissioners made loud complaint of his inefficiency." *City of Detroit, 1701-1922*, I, 169.