

Claude Landry *dit* St. André,⁵² living on his land southwest of the said Detroit, whither we went for the purpose following, viz: That the said Claude Landry declares that of his own free will and without constraint of any kind, also with the consent of his wife, Angélique Le Duc, who gives him authority to act for her in this respect, he has sold, released, ceded and given over, henceforth and forever, with right of disposal and guaranty from all troubles and hindrances whatsoever that may arise from any action of his own, a tract of land of three arpents in front by forty in depth located and situated on the south bank of the river of the said Detroit, adjoining land of Gignac⁵³ on the northeast and of LeVeillié on the southwest, and unceded lands in the rear, with all its dependencies, also a log house on the above land, sixteen by seventeen feet, the whole without reserve such as it is and as it extends on every side, to Benjamin Chaput, farmer, by these presents accepting the same for himself, his heirs and assigns, who also says that he knows the said land, having seen and examined it, and that he is content and satisfied therewith, the said land being the property of the said vendors, who took it back from Charles Bergante to whom Pierre Coquillard⁵⁴ had sold it, and by default of payment the said St. André has re-entered into possession of his land and he hereby binds himself to place all documents concerning the said land into the hands of the said purchasers, their heirs and assigns, that they may, by the sale thus made, have full use of the

⁵² Claude Landry *dit* St. André, born in France in 1707. He enlisted in the army and in this capacity came to Detroit with the rank of corporal. He married here, May 1, 1743, Angélique Le Duc, born in 1725, daughter of Jean Baptiste Le Duc and Catherine Descary. He was buried under the church at Detroit, July 16, 1777. The widow, Angélique, was buried Sept. 29, 1801. Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁵³ Probably this was Joseph Mary Gignac. His grandfather, Francis Gignac, was a native of France who migrated to Canada and settled at Cap Sante. Joseph married there, on Jan. 11, 1745, Magdelene Galorneau. Their descendants were numerous at Detroit, but nothing has been learned concerning the date the family moved here.

⁵⁴ The founder of the American line of Coquillards was Pierre Serat *dit* Coquillard, a mason by trade, who was born in the diocese of La Rochelle in 1640 and married at Lachine, Nov. 17, 1687, Frances Sabourin, daughter of Jean Sabourin, and Mathurine Regnaut of Quebec. The couple had two sons, Francis and Pierre. The latter married at Longueil, Mary Antoinette Robidou, Feb. 17, 1721. Their son, Pierre Serat *dit* Coquillard, is the person noted in this document. He was born at Montreal, Nov. 10, 1723, and buried at Sandwich, Sept. 28, 1793. He married at Longueil, Dec. 1, 1742, Teresa Brossard, who was buried at Sandwich, May 3, 1798. The Coquillard descendants and family connections were numerous and widespread. Denissen, *op. cit.*