

them to be reserved for some public purpose as a Town—their Situation having Advantages over any other that I know for that purpose but as it has pleased the Government to give them to M^r Maisonville I should be glad he had deeds for them, his selling them to us would answer two good purposes namely that of our removing & several others speedily to the other side & furnish him with the means of paying some debts he owes. Last Sunday Therese¹¹ was published (for the first time) to be married to Captain M^cKee. his Father & our good Friend M^r Selby¹² are very desirous for the Match. The goodness of his Character added to the respect we have for his Friend and the Colonel renders it pleasing to us. There is nothing new in this Quarter. The Commodores & my Family are well & sincerely wish you & yours May enjoy this greatest of earthly blessings I remain &^{ca}

John Askin

Endorsed: A Copy to D W Smith at Newark April 3 1797

GRANT OF LAND NEAR LAKE ST. CLAIR

Personally appeared before me James May Esquire¹³ one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Wayne Robert Nichol who being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist sayeth that he was present and seen the within Chiefs Seal Sign and affix their Respective marks to the within deed after the same having been fully and clearly Explained to them and that the said Chiefs were perfectly Sober

Given under my hand at Detroit this 3^d day of April 1797

Rob^t Nichol

Sworn before me at Detroit 7th day of April 1797

James May J. P. C. W.

at Mackinac, and Constance Chevalier, who at the time of her marriage to Cardin had been the widow of Joseph Ainse. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XVIII and XIX, *passim*.

¹¹ Therese, eldest child of John Askin and his wife, Marie Archange Barthe, was born at Mackinac, Feb. 10, 1774. She was buried in Assumption churchyard, Sandwich, June 23, 1832. For sketch of her husband, Capt. Thomas McKee, see *B. H. R.*, I, 376.

¹² Prideaux Selby, for whom see *ibid.*, 429. It seems probable that instead of removing to Queenston in 1799, as there suggested, he remained in Amherstburg until the autumn of 1807. See memorial to Governor Gore, printed in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXV, 267-68. Letters printed *post*, 480, disclose that Selby served for a time as district judge in Sandwich.

¹³ For sketch of the career of James May, see *B. H. R.*, I, 307.