

thorised, and appointed, and by these presents do authorise and appoint the Said John Askin Sen^r as Administrator to the Estate of the said George Knaggs, deceased and there in, do, & fulfil the duties in every particular as Administrator, according to law, and a true Inventory thereof to be made and returned to the Said Court of probate, at Detroit, aforesaid, in the Said County of Wayne, on the first Monday in December next; WITNESS the Said Peter Audrain Esquire, Judge of our Said Court of probate, at Detroit this Twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twenty Second.

Endorsed: Letter of administration for John Askin Esq^r to administer upon the Estate of George Knaggs Sen^r deceased. Detroit 23^d august 1797.

BRITISH ALLEGIANCE OF DETROIT RESIDENTS

Detroit Aug^t 26, 97

My Dear Sir Since writing to you I have been Served with a Summons, the Copy of which I inclose & beg you will make it Known to his honor the administrator So that I may be furnished with advice how to act before the general Court is held here, which I learn is to be Soon. the paper aluded to, I sent you a Copy of. it contained the names of a number of people who made their election to continue British Subjects³⁶ & I carried it to the recorders

ant, they were married in Philadelphia shortly prior to the Revolution, and coming west located at Roche de Bout (see *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XVII, 217-18), but the Detroit censuses of 1779 and 1782 disclose that the family was residing here in this period. The family descendant also reports that George Knaggs went upon a whaling voyage, from which he never returned; aside from the improbability of this statement, it seems to be belied by the present document. Several of the children of George and Rachel Knaggs became locally prominent. George, the eldest, married Elizabeth Chêne in Detroit in 1795. Whittmore, born in Fort Miamis in 1763, married Mary Joseph Descomps *dit* Labadie in Detroit, June 23, 1797. Rebecca, baptized in Sandwich, March 1, 1778, married Captain Joseph May, who was drowned in Lake Erie. James, born in Roche de Bout in 1780, was thrice married. Different members of the family were engaged in the Indian trade. Whittmore and James bore an active and locally prominent part in the War of 1812. See Denissen, *op. cit.*; *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; Robert B. Ross, *History of the Knaggs Family of Ohio and Michigan, Historical, Biographical and Genealogical* (Detroit, 1902).

36 For the American view of this transaction, see the document printed *ante*, 112-14.