

If you want more you can write me. I shall find some to buy, but very dear at three shillings a pound. Ask Mama please to send me the big kettle. I think Mr. Duval will take charge of it. I gave notice to several people that if they see your negro, to arrest him and take him to you, and I told them what reward you would give. They promised to do it with pleasure. I beg you to embrace dear Mama and all the family for me.

Goodby, my dear Papa, I remain,

Your obedient daughter,
Madelaine Askin

BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN AMHERSTBURG

Malden March the 9th 1798

Sir I am Very Sorry I did not See You when I was in Town Last as I had no other Business up to Detroit than Respecting what we wer a talking of but it is Impossible for me to [go] up at Present on account of Some Boatwork on hand & more over we Daily Expect the Town Lots to be Run out here and if I am absent at that time I am Certain to be a Loser by it

& as to the Corn there is no Such thing here to be purchac^d for Mr Sheppherd [h]as Bought all that was to be Sold in this place I can Scarce get Enough for my own horses.

If you Intend having a house Down here this Summer now is the only time to get the Timber Cut for it for they are all Constantly Cutting & hawling So that all that is Good & Convenient will Soon be gone if [you] have it Cut whilst I am here I will hawl it for you

You may Expect me up in about 10 Days or Two weeks at furthest.

I am S^r y^r Very Obt Serv^t

W^m Hutchings

Montreal, Jan. 3, 1725. He married in Longueuil, Feb. 17, 1749, Mary Piedalu *dit* Laprairie. Their son, Ignatius Joachim Thuot *dit* Duval, born in Longueuil, Sept. 19, 1751, came to Detroit and on Jan. 15, 1776, married in Sandwich, Lisette Le Beau, daughter of Francis Le Beau and Mary Joseph Bigras *dit* Fauvel. Presumably he is the individual mentioned in this document. They reared a large family. They seem to have removed to the Raisin River settlement, where Ignatius Duval was buried, July 5, 1826, and his wife on April 2, 1827. Information adapted from Denissen, *op. cit.*