

I have learned indirectly that you intend to come here this spring. I think you know that your room is always ready at my house, and that in case I should not be there Madam Vigo will be truly pleased to receive you just the same as I would wish to do myself. Awaiting this pleasure, I remain with respect, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

Vigo

Addressed: John Askin, Esq. Detroit By Captain Dubois.

HIRE OF BLACKSMITH'S TOOLS

Mr Thomas Welch³⁴

Sir The Smith's tools which I hired you on the 6th of february last I will have occasion for, on the 6th of next month, as I have made an agreement, or is going to make one with a man for all the work I may have to do, and he has no tools. him with whom I had a former agreement has hired another House and is going away. I give you this timely Notice So as you may not be distressed at the time for want of tools, my Son has a compleat Set perhaps you could get them I am &c

(Signed) John Askin

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second to Jane Baird. By the second union he had three sons, Thomas, James, and Jesse K. Dubois. The last named removed to Illinois, where he became state auditor and a warm friend of Abraham Lincoln. His son, Fred T. Dubois, was one of the first U. S. senators from Idaho, and, more recently, a member of the International Joint Commission in Washington. Dubois County, Indiana, was named in honor of Toussaint Dubois. Data derived from mss. in B. H. Coll.; entries in Ind. Hist. Soc., *Pubs.*, *passim*; Logan Esarey (ed.), *Messages and Letters of William Henry Harrison* (Indianapolis, 1922), *passim*; and George R. Wilson, *History of Dubois County from its Primitive Days to 1910* (Jasper, Ind., 1910), 397-98, 404-12.

³⁴ Thomas Welch, a blacksmith, was still living in Detroit at the time of the fire of 1805. He had a wife, Elizabeth Welch, and a daughter, Margaret, or Peggy; the latter married Benjamin Packard. See *Proc. of Land Board of Detroit*, 179, 232-33.