

Louis Vezina<sup>9</sup> has just called on me & wishes to make a final Settlement with you. He has been trying to exchange his Land for a Lot in Malden as I understood while I was down there yesterday. The Character that he is concerned with, is such that I have advised him *off*, & I hope that he will Afect with you, something determinate.

I detain your Statutes longer than my promise, finding them *useful* If at some time you require them they shall be immediately returned by, Dear Sir Yours

W. Roe

*Addressed:* John Askin Esquire. Detroit

*Endorsed:* Sandwich March 11<sup>th</sup> 1800 Walter Roe Esq<sup>r</sup> to Jn<sup>o</sup> Askin, Rec & answ<sup>d</sup> same day.

#### AFFAIRS OF ASKIN IN VINCENNES

Detroit March the 20<sup>th</sup> 1800

Sir Untill now, I have not had an Oppertunity of answering your obliging letter dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of October last which with your remarks on my claims at Post Vincent, and in that Quarter, I have received and am very thankfull to you for the Information it contains. The Bearer hereof, M<sup>r</sup>

sons, Louis Joseph Dumouchel, born, Oct. 25, 1712, and Paul Dumouchel, born, Jan. 11, 1717, both came to Detroit about the middle of the century. Paul married here on Jan. 26, 1749, Jane Chapoton, daughter of Jean Chapoton and Mary Magdelene Estève. She died the following July, and Paul seems shortly to have returned to Montreal where he contracted a second marriage in 1752, and where he was buried on Sept. 25, 1780.

Louis Joseph Dumouchel, the elder brother, married in Montreal on Jan. 12, 1739, Mary Louisa Leclerc, a native of Quebec. Their son, Louis Vital, is the person alluded to in the present document. He was born in Lower Canada, Dec. 12, 1745, and on Nov. 22, 1773, married, in Sandwich, Marie Madelaine Goyau. She was buried, April 24, 1796, and Louis Vital on Feb. 8, 1826. They had twelve children born in the years 1774-96. Louis Vital Dumouchel served as church warden of Assumption Parish from his election on Aug. 24, 1788, until 1822, and officiated as godfather or as witness at scores of baptisms and marriages. A militia return of 1805 lists him as a sergeant in Jean Bapiste Baby's company, belonging to the Northwest Regiment of Essex County militia. Data derived from Cyprien Tanguay, *Dictionnaire Généalogique des Familles Canadiennes* (Montreal, 1886); Assumption Church Register; and mss. in B. H. Coll., *passim*.

<sup>9</sup> The ancestors of Louis Vezina (Vessina, Vesinat, Vezina, Viscenau) resided for several generations in Lower Canada. His father, also named Louis, was born at Pointe aux Trembles, March 23, 1735, and on Oct. 3, 1774, he married in Quebec, Mary Joseph Charlotte Allegrain, a native of Three Rivers. They removed to Detroit during, or soon after, the Revolution, and on Oct. 15, 1790, Louis appeared before the Land Board, took the oath of allegiance, and applied for an allotment of land in New Settlement. He was subsequently given lot 44 in the Two Connected Townships. He was buried in Sandwich, Dec. 13, 1797. Documents in the Askin papers disclose that he was indebted to Askin, and that his widow (who was buried in Detroit, Feb. 5, 1799) living in New Settlement, undertook to discharge the debt. A subsequent report of the Land Board, listing disbanded