

SALE OF LAND AT SPRING WELLS

I do hereby Certify that in the Year One thousand seven hundred & ninety three as far as I can recollect I sold John Askin Sen^r a Certain Lot of Land at or near the spring Well below the Town of Detroit being two Acres in front by One hundred & twenty Deep, bounded in front by the Detroit river, in rear by unlocated Lands & on both sides by Land then belonging to the said John Askin Sen^r Which Tract of Land I purchased of Issidor Chesne,⁷³ Father in Law to Colonel Chabert & with the full Consent & approbation of the Latter. And as the said Jn^o Askin Sen^r has lost or mislaid the Deed of Sale for the said Lot or Tract, I now give this Certificate as evidence of the reallity & fairness of the transaction & will furnish further Proof if required.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal at Sandwich this thirty first day of December Anno Domini 1804.

Jn^o Askin J^r (L. S.)

Witness Charles Askin

Endorsed: Recorded in the Land Office at Detroit in Liber E folio 109. teste G^o Hoffman N^o 14 Voucher for Claim N^o 19 by John Askin

POTAWATOMI GRANT AT RAISIN RIVER

I do hereby certify that the Indian Chiefs of the Pote-watemie Nation gave & executed a certain Deed bearing date at the River au Resin on the second of June One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty eight for a certain Tract of Land containing Six Acres of Land in front on each side of the

⁷³ For the Chêne family of Detroit, see *B. H. R.*, I, 410. Isidore Chêne, one of the younger sons of Charles Chêne and Catherine Sauvage, was born in Detroit on Jan. 6, 1737, and was buried there on July 1, 1793. He was an interpreter in the Indian Department. On Nov. 28, 1758, he married Therese Becquet of Detroit, daughter of Pierre Becquet and Mary Geneveva Vanier. They had two children, one of whom died in childhood. The other, Mary Joseph Chêne, born Feb. 7, 1762, married on April 10, 1780, Francis de Joncaire de Chabert, whose career is noted *ante*, 113. Chêne was a member of Governor Hamilton's Vincennes expedition of 1778. At the time of Clark's appearance before Vincennes, he chanced to be outside the fort. He concealed himself in the adjoining forest during the battle, and on its termination, made his way to Detroit with the news of Hamilton's surrender. See Denissen, *op. cit.*, and *Ill. Hist. Colls.*, I, 424-26, and VIII, 281 and 308.