

August 5, 1799, after one publication of bans, with dispensation from the two others, between jacques Vasseur, son of jacques Vasseur and of Madeleine Gatien, a native of Montreal, of the one part; and Madeleine of the Outawas Nation, baptized the same day, there being no opposition whatsoever thereto, We, the Undersigned priest, received their mutual consent and gave them the nuptial benediction and legitimized five children whom they acknowledged, namely: Marie Louise, about eleven years old; jacques, about nine and a half years old; Louis, about eight years old; Genevieve, about seven years old; and joseph, born on the eighth of the month of August 1797. The whole in the presence of Pierre Queri, of Augustin Hamelin and of others who signed with us.

GABRIEL RICHARD, priest.

P. THIERRY, witness; MADELAINE, + her mark; AUGUST HAMELIN; JAC VASSEUR.

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January 19, 1800, I, the Undersigned, one of the Justices of the Peace of the United States, received The mutual Marriage consent of Louis hamelin and of Marie Louise of the Sauteux

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In 1798 he was appointed to Detroit, arriving there in June of that year. The following year he took a voyage to Mackinac, where he remained for three months, bringing the voyageurs and Christian Indians to a remembrance of their religious duties. His vast parish extended from Detroit to Sault Ste. Marie and Prairie du Chien. He does not appear to have visited Wisconsin until 1820. Father Richard being an American, was during the War of 1812-15 arrested and confined by the British at Sandwich. In 1823 he was elected territorial delegate from Michigan to the United States House of Representatives, being the first priest to sit therein. Two years later, however, he failed of re-election. He was active in educational movements, opening schools in Detroit and elsewhere, and aiding in the foundation of the University of Michigan. The first printing press set up in Detroit (1807) was ordered by Father Richard. Indefatigable in good works, he cared for the sick and dying during the cholera epidemic, only to fall himself a victim to the disease (Sept. 13, 1832).—Ed.