

Land Records
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The following land records have been added to this book so that readers can see representative land transfers during the latter part of the French Regime and the beginning of the British regime. See the Land and Census Information Page on the FCHSM website for information on earlier land grants: http://www.habitantheritage.org/french-canadian_resources/land_and_census_information. Also See Suzanne Boivin Sommerville's Concession Presentation on this page for a discussion and definition of terms found in the land records below.

The examples below were translated and published in Ernest J. Lajeunesse, C.S.B., *The Windsor Border Region* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1960) and John Askin and Milo M. Quaife, editor, *The John Askin Papers* (Detroit: Detroit Library Commission, 1928), Vol. 1.

Information added by the author appear in brackets. The individuals named in the contracts are identified in footnotes or a reference is made to where the individual was enumerated in the 1762 census. Footnotes also appear in Askin but they were based on Denissen, which has some errors.

1 May 1747 Concession¹ to Laurent Eustache Gamelin:²

Charles [de Beauharnois], *Marquis* de Beauharnois, Commander of the royal and military order of St. Louis, Commodore of the royal fleet, Governor and Lieutenant General for the King in New France and the province of Louisiana;

Gilles Hocquart, Knight, King's Councilor, Comptroller of Justice, Police and Finance [Intendant of New France] in the said countries.

On the petition presented to us by **Eustache Gamelin**, an inhabitant of the Straits of Lake Erie, praying that we would grant and concede to him a tract of land situated in the said Straits, of two *arpents*³ in front by forty in depth, joining on the west-south-west side the suburbs of Fort Pontchartrain, bounded by a line running north-north-west and south-south-east, and on the other side towards the east-north-east the land of **Jean Marie [Lotman dit] Barrois**,⁴ in front by the Straits of Lake Erie, and in the rear by a line running east-north-east and west-south-west, joining also the unconceded lands;

We, in virtue of the power intrusted to us jointly by His Majesty, have given, granted and conceded, and do give, grant and concede under the title of *cens et rentes*, from henceforth, and forever, unto the said **Eustache Gamelin**, for himself, his heirs and assigns hereafter, a concession of land lying and being on the Straits of Lake Erie, containing two arpents in front by forty in depth, bounded by and on the rhumb lines hereinabove designated, to be enjoyed, held and disposed of by the said **Gamelin**, his heirs and assigns, subject to the charges, clauses and conditions hereinafter mentioned, to wit: That the said **Eustache Gamelin**, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to carry their grain to be ground at the common mill, when one shall have been erected, on the pain of confiscation of the said grain and of an arbitrary

¹ Askin and Quaife, Vol. 1, pp. 27-30.

² Laurent Eustache Gamelin – See Part 1 of the 1762 Census.

³ An *arpent* measured slightly less than 193 feet.

⁴ The name was probably an error. Jean Baptiste Lotman *dit* Barrois and François Lotman *dit* Barrois were the sons of Jean Baptiste or Herbrand Lotman *dit* Albrin and Anne Leber. Both sons settled in Detroit. Jean Baptiste Lotman *dit* Barrois and his family left the Detroit area prior to 1740. He became a royal notary in Cahokia and was buried there 11 January 1740. See Marthe Faribault-Beauregard, *La population des forts français d'Amérique (XVIIIe siècle)* (Montréal: Éditions BERGERON, 1982), Vol. I, p. 207. François Lotman *dit* Barrois remained in Detroit and was enumerated in the 1762 census. See Part 1 of the census.

fine; that he shall keep, or cause to be kept thereon house and home within one year at the latest; that he shall open the clearings of his neighbors as they may require it; that he shall cultivate the said land, and leave therein the roadways which shall be found necessary for the public use; that he shall make the division fences as the land shall become settled; that he will pay each and every year to the receiver⁵ of His Majesty's domain in this country, or to the clerk of said receiver residing at Detroit, one *sol* of *cens* for each *arpent* in front and twenty *sols* of *rente* for every twenty arpents in superficies, making for the said two arpents in front by forty in depth two *sols* of *cens* and four livres of *rente*, and moreover half a bushel of wheat for the said two *arpents* in front, the whole payable every year on the festival day of St. Martin, the first year whereof shall become due on the eleventh day of November, 1748, and thus continue from year to year, the said *cens* bearing profit of *lods et ventes*,⁶ on pain of loss and fine, and all other royal and *seigniorial* rights, when the same become due, agreeable to the Custom of the Provostship and Viscounty of Paris; however, it shall be at the option of the said **Gamelin** to pay the said four livres of *rente* and two *sols* of *cens* in furs at Detroit prices until a current money shall have been established; reserving in the King's name on the said habitation all the timber which His Majesty may require for the building of ships and such forts as he may hereafter erect, as well as the ownership of the mines, ores and minerals if any be found within the extent of the said concession; and the said **Gamelin**, his heirs and assigns, shall be held to have the said concession immediately measured and bounded in its whole width and length at his own cost, and to execute the clauses mentioned in this title deed, and to take out a patent of confirmation from His Majesty within two years; the whole on pain of nullity of these presents.

Done at Québec, May 1, 1747.

(Signed) Beauharnois
(L.S.)

By command of his Lordship
(Signed) Benard

(Signed) Hocquart
(L.S.)

By command of his Lordship
(Signed) Deschesneaux

3 June 1750 – Jacques Campeau's⁷ Conveyance⁸ of a lot in the Fort to his son Jean Louis Campeau:⁹

Before the undersigned royal notary of Detroit there resident, appeared **Jacques Campau**, senior, habitant, living at Detroit, in the houses of [Paul] **Desmouchelle**,¹⁰ on Ste. Anne Street, which house he

⁵ Robert Navarre was the receiver in Detroit.

⁶ The King had a right to an alienation fine, called *lods et ventes* or privilege of consent and sale. See Askin and Quaife, p. 29.

⁷ Jacques Campeau was the son of Étienne Campeau and Catherine Paulo. He was baptized 31 May 1677 in Montréal. He married Jeanne Cécile Catin, daughter of Henri Campeau and Jeanne Brossard 1 December 1699 in Montréal. The couple had eight children. Jeanne Cécile Catin was buried 26 August 1715 in Montréal. Jacques Campeau was a blacksmith and fur merchant [Jetté, pp. 194, 195]. You can read his biography in the Dictionary of Canadian Biography: http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/campot_jacques_3E.html. He was buried 14 May 1751 in Ste Anne's Church. See Part 2 of Gail Moreau-DesHarnais' transcription of the burial's from Ste. Anne's on the Parish Records' Page of the FCHSM website: http://www.habitantheritage.org/french-canadian_resources/parish_records.

⁸ Askin and Quaife, pp. 33-37.

⁹ Jean Louis Campeau – See Part 2 of the 1762 census.

¹⁰ Paul Dumouchel, son of Paul Dumouchel and Marie Louise Tessier, married Jeanne Chapoton, daughter of Jean Baptiste Chapoton and Marie Marguerite Estève, 26 January 1749 in Ste. Anne's. Jeanne Chapoton was buried 23 July 1750 in Ste. Anne's Church [PRDH-IGD, #26816; Gail Moreau-DesHarnais, Ste. Anne Burials, Part I: http://www.habitantheritage.org/french-canadian_resources/parish_records. Although Paul Dumouchel was enumerated in the 1 September 1750 census of Detroit [Ernest J. Lajeunesse, editor, *The Windsor Border Region* (Toronto, Ontario: The Champlain Society for the Government of Ontario, University of Toronto Press, 1960, as reprinted by the Essex County Historical Society, 1972), p. 54], he eventually returned to Montréal. He married

names as his dwelling place for the execution of the contents of these presents, who, because of the kindness he at all times has received from his son, **Louis Campau**, and especially during his severe illness of recent years, the expenses of which the said **Louis Campau** has furnished to the extent that his own domestic affairs would permit, has conveyed and relinquished to the said son, who accepts the same by this act, a lot, situated on Ste. Anne Street, within the fort at Detroit, with a frontage of twenty feet on the said street, between Mr. [**André Charles**] **Barthe**,¹¹ and Mr. [**Alexis Trottier, dit**] **Des Ruisseaux**,¹² admitting that he has already given the said lot verbally several years ago, with no reservation on his part, for the said grantee, his heirs and assigns, to enjoy and dispose of the said lot in full ownership and forever, throughout its whole extent of length and breadth with no exception whatever by the said grantor, who further promises to have these presents ratified by his children for the greater security of the grantee and his assigns by having them consent to the requisite renunciations so that no future trouble because of them may occur for any one who shall acquire title to the said lot; and at the moment of the writing of these presents has appeared in person, the said grantee, **Louis Campau**, habitant, living at the said Detroit, in his house situated on Ste. Anne Street, which house he names as his dwelling place for the execution of the contents hereinafter expressed, with **Marie [Louise] Robert**, his wife, whom he authorizes as such for the purpose of what follows, who have declared in favor of the marriage of their daughter, **Thérèse Campau**, with **André [Charles] Barthe**, and have given and do give the said lot without reserve to the said young lady, their daughter, accepting the same for the said gentleman, her husband, to belong to her and to remain her own possession and that of her heirs to enjoy and dispose of forever and taking it in advance as her inheritance, the said lot being valued at the sum of two hundred and fifty *livres*, although there has been no mention of this sum in the marriage contract¹³ of the said Mr. and Mrs. **Barthe**, but nevertheless, the present grant will be worth that sum without any repeal whatever and anything else to the contrary notwithstanding. Moreover, the said Mr. and Mrs. **Campau** promise to indemnify the said Mr. **Barthe**, in case he should be evicted from the said lot, assuring to him its possession under bond and mortgage of all of their present and future property, for their &c., and the said cessions and grants above mentioned will not be subject to registration seeing that the conveyance which the said **Jacques Campau** has made to his son of the said lot has no other motive than to reimburse, his son for a part of the sum paid for his illness. Promising &c., renouncing &c., obliging &c. Executed at Detroit in the office of the said notary, in the afternoon of June the third, one thousand seven hundred and fifty in the presence of Mr. **Alexis [Trottier] Des Ruisseaux** and **Zachary Cicotte**,¹⁴ merchants living living in his fort, witnesses who have signed the original, after reading, with **Jacques Campau**, **Louis Campau**, the said **Marie [Louise] Robert**, his wife, Mr. [**Joseph Douaire de**] **Bondy**¹⁵ and the notary. **Navarre**¹⁶

And after the execution of these presents, **André [Charles] Barthe** and **Louis Campau** have arranged between them the business which they have transacted from the past until this day, because of which the said Mr. **Barthe** acknowledges to have received from Mr. **Louis Campau** in advance of inheritance and claims which may belong to the said **Thérèse Campau**, wife of Mr. **Barthe**, the sum of twelve hundred *livres* including the price of the lot ceded to her by the annexed contract, which sum of twelve hundred *livres* the said Mr. **Barthe** promises to hold to the credit of said **Louis Campau** and his children whenever, in the future, the estate and inheritance claims of the said Mr. and Mrs. **Campau** shall be

Marie Catherine Valade 1 May 1752 in Montréal. He did not have any children by either one of his wives [PRDH-IGD #29716].

¹¹ André Charles Barthe – See Parts 2 and 7 of the 1762 Census.

¹² Alexis Trottier, *Sieur* DesRuisseaux – See Part 7 of the 1762 Census.

¹³ See Suzanne Boivin Sommerville's articles about marriage contracts in New France on the French-Canadian Culture, Heritage, and Traditions' Page on the FCHSM website: http://www.habitanteritage.org/french-canadian_resources/french-canadian_culture_heritage_and_traditions.

¹⁴ Zachary Sicot or Cicotte – See Parts 1 and 7 of the 1762 Census.

¹⁵ Joseph Douaire *dit* Bondy – See Part 7 of the 1762 Census.

¹⁶ Robert Navarre – See Parts 1 and 7 of the 1762 Census.

divided among the heirs, and have signed the original after reading. **Louis Campau, Barthe, Navarre**, notary.

Navarre

A copy

Endorsed: Conveyance made by **Jacques Campau**, senior, of a lot at Detroit to **Louis Campau**. The same by the latter to Mr. **Barthe**, June 3, 1750.

First copy of the record.

24 November 1751 – Land Grant¹⁷ to Alexis Bienvenu dit Delisle:¹⁸

[Pierre Joseph] Céleron [de Blainville],¹⁹ Major *Commandant* at Detroit Lake Erie and Southern Posts. In virtue and in accordance with the orders of *Messrs.* General and Intendant we have granted to **Alexis [Bienvenu dit] Delisle** a parcel of land two arpents wide by forty deep, on the south side of this river, situated on the shore of the Detroit River, abutting on the west-southwest [the land of] **Hyacinthe Réaume**,²⁰ and on the other side, i.e., east-northwest the lands not yet granted, limited by a line running south-southeast, and north-northwest, to possess it in the same way as in the contracts formerly granted at this place, and especially on condition that he will clear and cultivate the said land, and will establish thereon a hearth and home within a year from this day under penalty of nullity of this title.

24 November 1751 – Land Grant²¹ to Pierre Réaume:²²

[Pierre Joseph] Céleron [de Blainville], Major *Commandant* at Detroit Lake Erie and Southern Posts. In accordance with the orders of *Messrs.* General and Intendant we have given to **Pierre Réaume**, in the place of a former grant of two arpents that was given to him near the fort and whose too great proximity is contrary to the reiterated orders of the General by which he enjoins us to keep a clear space of five arpents around this fort, another grant on the south shore of this river, three arpents wide along the river and forty arpents deep, abutting on the west-southwest [the land of] **Jacques Gaudet**²³ and on the east-northeast the lands not yet granted, limited by a line running south-southeast north-northeast [*sic*], to possess it the same way as in the contracts formerly granted to the inhabitants of this place, and especially on condition that he will clear and cultivate the said land and establish thereon a hearth and home within a year from this day under penalty of being deprived of it, and by these presents [be it known] that no property remains to him of the two *arpents* that had been granted to him near this fort.

24 November 1751 – Land Grant²⁴ to Widow Vien [Catherine Jean dite Vien]:²⁵

In accordance with the orders of the General & Intendant we have granted to **Widow Vien** a tract of land two *arpents* in width along the south shore of the Detroit River, by forty *arpents* in depth, abutting on the

¹⁷ Lajeunesse, pp. 58-59.

¹⁸ Alexis Bienvenu dit Delisle – See Part 1 of the 1762 Census.

¹⁹ Pierre Joseph Céleron de Blainville – See his biography in the Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online: http://www.biographi.ca/en/bio/celoron_de_blainville_pierre_joseph_3E.html

²⁰ Hyacinthe Réaume – See Parts 3 and 7 of the 1762 Census.

²¹ Lajeunesse, p. 59.

²² Pierre Réaume – See Part 3 of the 1762 Census.

²³ Jacques Godé or Godet *dit* Marentette – See Part 3 of the 1762 Census.

²⁴ Lajeunesse, p. 59.

²⁵ Catherine Jean *dite* Vien first married Jacques Sauvage and second Pierre Godefroy *dit* Vieuxpont and Roquetaillade, 4 August 1724 in Ste. Anne's [Sharon A. Kelley, ed. *Marriage Records Ste. Anne Church 1701-1850* (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 2001), p. 2].

west-southwest the land of Mr. Chauvin,²⁶ and on the east-northeast the lands not yet granted, limited by a line running south-southwest and north-northwest, to possess it in the same way as in the contracts formerly given at this place, and especially on the condition that she will clear and establish the said land within a year from this day under penalty of nullity of this title.

(signed) Céleron

15 March 1759 – Extension of the Concession²⁷ to Jacques Pilet:²⁸

We, Commandant for the King at Detroit:

On the petition presented to us by **Jacques Pilet**, proprietor of the tract of land above conceded by title and otherwise, to grant him a continuation of forty arpents in depth at the rear of the said tract, by virtue of the power intrusted to us by the [Pierre Rigaud Marquis de Vaudreuil, Governor and Lieutenant] General, do give and grant unto the said **Pilet** the said continuation of two arpents in breadth by forty in depth, corresponding in alignment, quit rents, mutation fines, rights and conditions with the above mentioned contract, the first payment thereof shall become due on the eleventh of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine. Moreover, between the former concession and the said concession there shall be allowed a space of at least 36 feet in width for a public road for such inhabitants as shall receive continuations.

Done at Detroit, March 15, 1759

(Signed) [François Marie] Picoté [*Sieur*] de Bellestre²⁹

28 May 1759 – Agathe Casse dite St. Aubin, widow of Nicolas dit Niagara Campeau, sale of land³⁰ east of the fort to André Charles Barthe:

First Duplicate, N. Before the undersigned royal notary **Navarre** of Detroit, and there resident, acting as subdelegate of the Intendant of New France at the aid place, appeared Mrs. **Agathe Casse [dite St. Aubin]**, widow of **Nicolas Campeau**,³¹ in his lifetime a resident of Detroit, the natural guardian of the minor children of herself and the late Mr. **Campeau**, who – as above named – following the decree in council of the relatives of the said minor children, by act of the sixth day of May of the present year, as ratified and approved by us on that day, giving authority to the said lady now present to sell without legal action or as otherwise decided to the highest bidder, the land hereinafter described and other things separately, which decree of council of relatives is affixed to the original of these presents, in the presence of **Jean Baptiste Campeau**,³² paternal uncle of the said minor children, and of **Jean Baptiste Campeau**

²⁶ Mr. Chauvin – he cannot be identified with certainty as none of the Chauvin's owned property on the south side of the Detroit River at the time of the 1762 Census.

²⁷ Askin and Quaife, p. 30.

²⁸ Jacques Pilet – See Part 2 of the 1762 census.

²⁹ François Marie Picoté, *Sieur* de Belestre – See Part 7 of the 1762 Census.

³⁰ Askin and Quaife, pp. 40 – 43.

³¹ Nicolas Campeau, son of Jacques Campeau and Jeanne Cécile Catin, was born 18 July 1710 at the Niagara Portage, ondoyé shortly after his birth, and conditionally baptized 4 August 1710 in Montréal [Jetté, p. 195]. He married Agathe Casse dite St. Aubin, daughter of Jean Casse dit St. Aubin and Marie Louise Gauthier, 4 September 1737 in Ste. Anne's [Sharon A. Kelley, ed. *Marriage Records Ste. Anne Church 1701-1850* (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 2001), p. 4]. Nicolas dit Niagara Campeau was baptized 16 December 1756 in Ste. Anne's Cemetery [Gail Moreau-DesHarnais, *Ste. Anne's Burials, Part II*: http://www.habitantheritage.org/french-canadian_resources/parish_records].

³² Jean Baptiste Campeau – See Parts 2 and 7 of the 1762 Census.

formerly called **Claude Campau**,³³ uncle of said minor children, named in the above mentioned decree of council of relatives to assist at the drawing of these presents, has sold and adjudged to **Charles André** [*sic*] **Barthe**, her nephew, gunsmith, living now at Detroit, purchasing for himself and his heirs and assigns after three announcements and publications made by the public crier of the said place, **Bazile Marois**,³⁴ at the church door on three holy days and Sundays after parish mass, beginning on the sixth day of the present month, up to and including Sunday, the twenty-seventh of this same month, a tract of land of two *arpents* front by forty in depth with a small house upon the same, consisting of arable land, forest and fencing, situated on the north side of the River Detroit, the said two arpents, fronting on the said river, having unceded land in the rear, adjoining land of **Jean Le Duc**,³⁵ on the east-north-east, and on the other side, the west-north-west the two *arpents* of land which the said widow now present formerly sold to the said Mr. **Barthe** by deed dated the fifth of December, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven, executed before the notary undersigned, of which he has the original, the said *arpents* of land being subject to royal quit-rents, charged with the same for His Majesty's revenue of four *livres* two *sols* and one half *minot* of corn annually, which the said lady vendor promises to pay from the past up to the eleventh of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight, the said lady certifying that she has never made any contract for the said land and promising to guarantee the said purchaser against all debts, evictions, mortgages and hindrances whatsoever arising from her own deeds and actions and to place in the hands of the said purchaser the contract of cession of the said land which her late husband had in his possession before their marriage as the said Mr. **Barthe** knows and is satisfied with the said tract of land as he has seen it, for his enjoyment forever and full rights of ownership, to commence from the feast of St. Michael next.

This sale is made on the conditions above set forth of *cens et rentes*, seigniorial or royal rights and ground service according to the usage and custom of the country, to which the said purchaser agrees, and furthermore for the sum of three thousand *livres* which the said widow acknowledges and confesses to have received from the said Mr. **Barthe** in good, choice peltries, valued at the present Detroit price and currency, holding him acquitted of this payment and all else, in consequence of which and of all herein before set forth and of the decree in council of relatives and by virtue of the authority given to her for that effect, has conveyed to the said purchaser, his heirs, and assigns, all rights of possession belonging to her and her heirs, that he may be seized and vested therewith, placed and received in good and sufficient seizin, by which and because of which it may belong to him by virtue of these presents, constituting for that purpose the bearer hereof as her attorney in fact by giving to him power thereof.

For this &c., and for the execution of these presents and conditions she has chosen, without repeal, her home in her own house to which place &c., promising &c., obliging &c., renouncing &c., duly executed at Detroit in the office of the said notary on the afternoon of the twenty-eighth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine in the presence of **Eustache Gamelin** and **Jean Baptiste Campau** and **Claude Campau**, uncles of the minor children, and Mr. **Barthe**, the said widow having declared that she cannot sign this instrument the same having been read.

Claude Campau
Ch. Barthe
Eustache Gamelin

J. Bte. Campau
Navarre, Notary

³³ Claude Campeau – See Part 7 of the 1762 Census.

³⁴ Basile Marois, son of Basile Marois and Thérèse Madeleine Lereau, was born and baptized 15 April 1719 in Québec [Jetté, p. 773]. He married Thérèse Bouin 11 May 1739 in Québec; Marguerite Migneron 21 November 1740 in St-François-de-Sales, on Île-Jésus [Lafrance] and Françoise Pimpare 4 October 1756 in Ste. Anne's [Sharon A. Kelley, ed. *Marriage Records Ste. Anne Church 1701-1850* (Detroit: Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, 2001), p. 11].

³⁵ Jean Baptiste Leduc – See Part 2 of the 1762 Census.

Milhomme³⁶

Endorsed: May 28, 1759. Adjudication of two arpents of land at Detroit to Mr. Barthe, the sale by the widow of Nicolas Campau.

Attached is the decree in council of the relatives and several notes concerning the estate of Nicolas Campau.³⁷

No. 84

18 September 1765 – Pontiac Granted Land³⁸ to Alexis Rivard *dit* Loranger *dit* Maisonville:³⁹

Know all men by these presents that I **Pontiack**, Chief of the Ottawa Nations of Indians, do for myself & by the consent of the whole of the said Nation in the Presence of **George Croghan** Esq. Superintendent for Indian affairs, for the good will I bear, and is borne by the whole of the said Nation, unto **Alexis [Rivard *dit* Loranger *dit*] Maisonville**, Inhabitant of Detroit, Grant, Give and Release & by these Presents doth Grant Give and Release unto the said **Alexis [Rivard *dit* Loranger *dit*] Maisonville** his heirs Exrs. Admrs. & Assigns for Ever, a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the South side of Detroit River beginning at the East side or point of land now Granted to Lieut. **Edward Abbott** of the Royal Artillery, from thence running up the River the length of four acres, from then running back from the River towards or into the Woods, Eighty Acres keeping in Every part the Breadth of four Acres all French Measure, to Have & to Hold for his Heirs and assigns for Ever & I do hereby acquit for myself and the said Nation of Indians, & our Heirs all Claim to the aforesaid Tract or Parcell of Land, but gives it to the aforesaid **Alexis [Rivard *dit* Loranger *dit*] Maisonville**, as a free gift without any Lett, Hinderence or Molestation from us or our Heirs.

Sealed & Delivered in
the presence of
J.B. Chapoton
Barthe

Given under our Hand and Seal at Detroit
this 18th day of Sept. Anno Domini one
thousand and seven hundred & Sixty Five
Pontiack his Mark
Ocquichion his Mark

Pontiack also made a number of grants to other residents [**Dr. Christian Anthon, George McDougall, Léopold Chesne, and Pierre Chesne**] of the Detroit River Region. See the summary charts in Lajeunesse, pp. 312-314.

Indices and transcriptions of some of these records are available. See the breakdown below:

³⁶ Possibly Jean François Petit *dit* Milhomme – See Part 7 of the 1762 Census.

³⁷ Askin and Quaife, p. 43; Quaife notes that these documents are not longer extant.

³⁸ Lajeunesse, p. 62.

³⁹ Alexis Rivard *dit* Loranger *dit* Maisonville, son of René Rivard *dit* Loranger *dit* Maisonville and Marie Charlotte Lafond *dite* Mongrain, was baptized Jean Alexis on 15 December 1728 in Batiscan [Jetté, p. 989]. He married Marie Françoise Guevremont *circa* 1758 [Lafrance]. He married Marguerite Joncaire de Chabert 30 June 1773 in Assumption [Denissen, Vol. II, pp. 789-790].

Indices and Transcriptions of Wayne County Land and other Records

(Contains Records South of the Detroit River through 1796,
as well as records from as far removed from Detroit as Michilimackinac, Illinois, and Fort Vincennes)

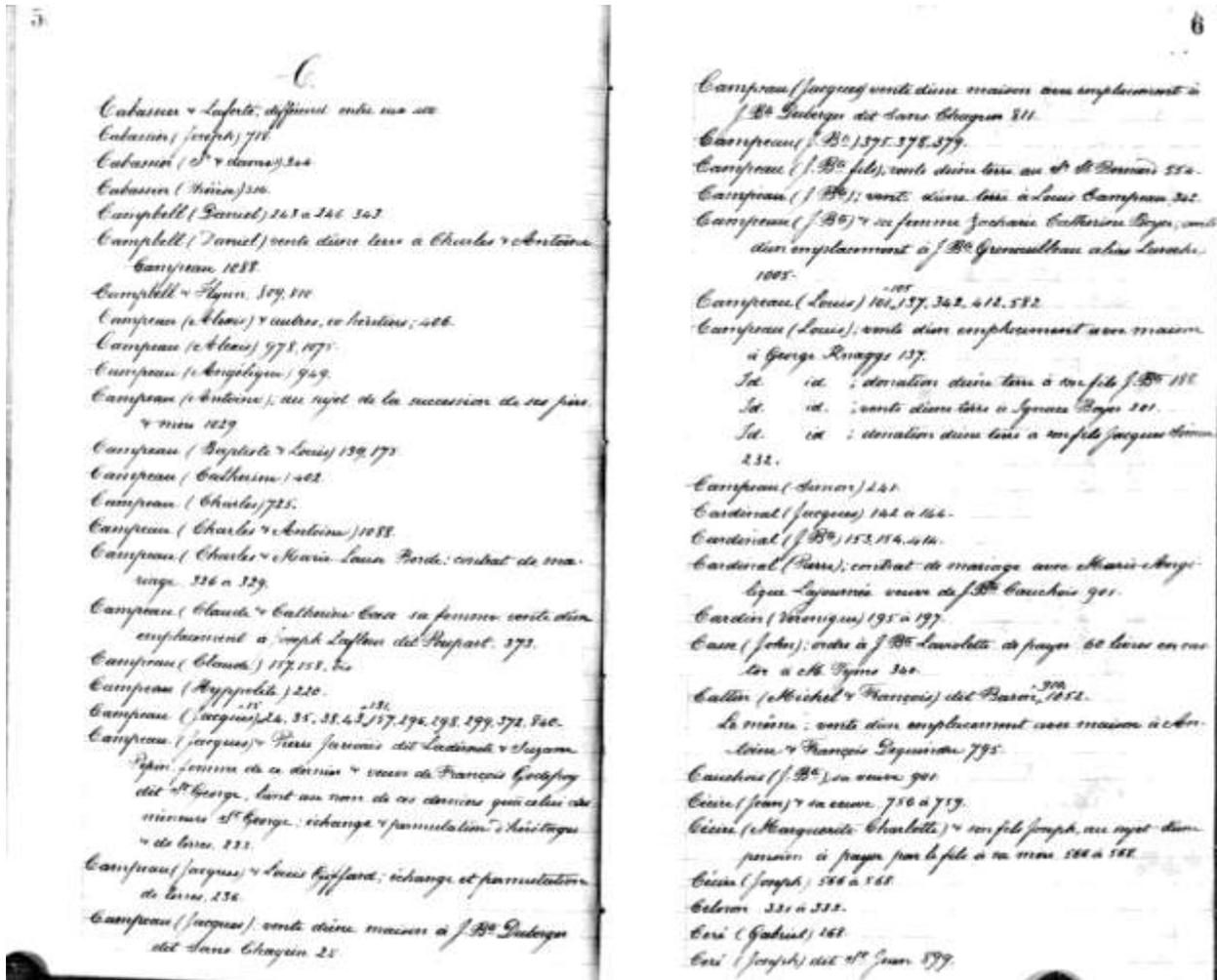
Digest/Index: A digest and index to the records are contained in Michigan Works Progress Administration: Vital Records Project, Michigan State Library, and Daughters of the American Revolution Louisa St. Clair Chapter, *Early Land Transfers Detroit and Wayne County, Michigan, 1703-1796, Volumes A, B, and C* (Detroit (?): 1936). The Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library contains 52 volumes of digests/indices for Wayne County. Each book is arranged in alphabetical order by the name of the purchaser or person granted land; the digest is an English summary of the records listed in the Drouin Collection and the Microfilms held at the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library. Two indices at the end of each volume contain the names of the other parties in a land contract and a separate index for the other types of contracts contained in the volume.

Typed and handwritten transcriptions of Wayne County Records: Microfilms are available at the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library containing transcriptions of these records.

Transcriptions of Wayne County Records in Book Form: The Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library also contains four volumes of the Wayne County records in book form.

The Drouin Collection: www.Ancestry.com provides access to the Wayne County records through 1796. The collection contains an index that covers the six individual volumes of transcriptions. Some of the volumes are in French; others are in English, depending on whether the notary was French or English. These volumes can be accessed at www.Ancestry.com, Miscellaneous French Records, **R**, [Registre des Notaires de Detroit](#). Once you have accessed the Registre, you are asked to select a date range. For the Indices, select: 1737-1796. The direct link for the index is:
http://interactive.ancestry.com/1092/d13p_33161084?backurl=&ssrc=&backlabel=Return#?imageId=d13p_33161084

See the next page for an example of the index to these records



Sample from the Index to the records available from Ancestry

Example from the Index/Digest and part of the corresponding transcription from *Early Land Transfers Detroit and Wayne County, Michigan, 1703-1796, Volumes A, B, and C* (Detroit (?): 1936):

Index/Digest:

Farrell, Jean, pur. from Pierre Labutte, Jr. of Detroit, June 29, 1765, house and lot bounded by St. Ann Street, in front, on one side by St. James Street and on the N.E. by land of J. Sterling. Witnesses: James Sterling and Thomas Finchley. Rec. ____?____ (Tr. fr. French) [the digest on p. 88 indicates in error the street is St. James, not St. Joseph – see the image below

Vol. A, p. 84

Transcription: Example of the 1st page of the transcription of this record in the Drouin Collection: Ancestry.com, Drouin Collection, Miscellaneous French Records, [R](#), [Registre des Notaires de Detroit, 1737-1780](#), image 69

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1765

Quintidi troye Que fin trait jps
pour jehane foy.
Dessus nous Subit de vme Casse
page de fin au Quotid est Comparsie
pierre Galbute de Remueons sur la tour
à la porte de foy Cathédrale par son
opance à l'effet des parents ou il nous a
Voulé Vaire la Chambre de Justice &
pauvre des Cousins jehane & enfin
harmé, avec volontairement, Van de,
Cide, quitta et Relaisé pour toujours en
joir femme par son propre luy les hois
et ay une fance au fleur Jean Perelle. March
adés Remueons de jehane dans la troijon
de fleur folle Andri ou il fait son
Votivale.

Un Carreau de terre sur la rue
St Anne de la Cantonne de Quarante pieds
de front sur cinquante de profondeur sur
la rue St Joch. borné d'un côté au nord
Est de M. d'Arthou et de l'autre côté
au jurois de M. d'Arthou et est d'ing
qui le tout le Comparsie et qui il lui appartient
avec le maison qui est dessus et une
Coursie pour le fleur.

La Delle, toute faite par le Roy
Le jura et la jura de Crois Velle Lores de
quing jante Lores tout jurement et les
quing jante Lores jote elle dans la jure
de jehane parache. En ce que d'Arthou
elle est jure l'ordonne jure la jure
le dit Acquies de ce jure, la jure
jote jure jote la officiers qui sont d'Arthou
j'ordonne le dit jure jure de la
jure la jote quelle est jurement. Le dit

Types of records found in the index/digest, microfilms, transcription books or the Drouin Collection: the contracts generally fall into one of the categories listed below. Each category is followed by a list of a few of the types of contracts found in the records.

- Land – concessions, gifts, grants, sales
- Family or personal – bonds, distribution of estate, inventories, marriage contracts, relinquishment of rights, wills
- Debts – mortgages, notes, receipts, releases, advice or orders to pay debts
- Business – partnerships, dissolution of businesses or partnerships

**Most Common French-Canadian Surnames found in the Digest/Index to Volume I of
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Adhémar <i>dit</i> Saint Martin	Charleville	Gabriel
André	Charron	Gagné
Auger	Châtelain	Gamelin
Baby	Chauvin	Gauthier
Barbeau	Chesne	Gendron
Bariteau	Chesne <i>dit</i> Labutte	Gérard
Barnard	Chevalier	Gervais
Baron	Clermont [a <i>dit</i> name]	Gibault
Barsalou	Cloutier	Gignac
Barthe	Colet	Gilbert <i>dit</i> Sanspeur
Baubin	Comparet	Girardin
Bazinet	Coursol	Godefroy
Beaugrand	Courtois	Godé <i>dit</i> Marentette [Godet in Denissen]
Beauvais	Cousineau	Gouin
Bélanger	Couture	Goyau
Belleperche	Créqui	Grenon
Beneteau	Creste	Hamelin
Benoît <i>dit</i> Livernois	Cuillerier <i>dit</i> Beaubien	Hayot
Bergeron	Dagneau <i>dit</i> Dequindre	Hunault
Bernard	Dagneau <i>dit</i> Dequindre <i>dit</i> Fontenay	Janis
Bernier	Deshêtres	Jarret <i>dit</i> Verchère
Berthelot	Dejean	Javillon [Davignon in Denissen]
Berthiaume	Delière	Joncaire <i>dit</i> Chabert
Bertrand	Delisle	Jourdain
Bienvenu	Demers [Dumay in Denissen]	Labrosse
Bigras	Dénoyer	Lacoste <i>dit</i> Languedoc
Billet	Descompt <i>dit</i> Labadie	Lacelle
Billoud <i>dit</i> Lespérance	Deslauriers	Laferté [a <i>dit</i> name]
Bineau	Douaire <i>dit</i> Bondy	Lafleur
Bissonnet	Drouet	Lafontaine
Blanchet	Drouillard	Laforest
Blondeau	Duberge <i>dit</i> Sanschagrin	Lafoy
Blouin	Dubois	Lamothe
Boivin	Duchesne	Lamoureux Landry
Bouffard	Dudevoir	Langlois
Bourget <i>dit</i> Provençal	Dufour	Lapalme [a <i>dit</i> name]
Bouron	Dufresne [a <i>dit</i> name]	Laplante [a <i>dit</i> name]
Boyer	Duguay	Lapointe [a <i>dit</i> name]
Brouillet	Duhamel	Laroche [a <i>dit</i> name]
Cabassier	Dumouchel	Latour
Cadet	Dupuis	Lauson
Caillé	Durocher	Laviolette [a <i>dit</i> name]
Campeau	Dussault	Lebeau
Cardin	Duval	Leduc
Cardinal	Estève	L'Enfant
Casavant	Faucher	Lefebvre
Casse <i>dit</i> Saint-Aubin	Favreau	Legrand
Catin	Ferré	Legras
Cauchois	Ferton	Lemay
Cécire	Fontaine	Lhuillier
Celeron de Blainville	Fortville	Lorimier
Chaboillé	Fouquereau	Lorrain
Chapoton		

Lotman <i>dit</i> Barrois	Parmier <i>dit</i> Vadeboncoeur	Saint-Cosme
Lussier	Pelletier [Peltier in Denissen]	Saucier
Magnan	Perrault	Saulquin
Mailloux	Petit	Sauvage
Maisonville [<i>dit</i> name used by Rivard family]	Picoté de Belestre	Sédilot <i>dit</i> Montreuil
Mallet	Pilet	Seguin <i>dit</i> Ladéroute
Marsac <i>dit</i> Lhommetrou and Desrochers	Pitre	Sicot [Cicotte in Denissen]
Marie <i>dit</i> Sainte-Marie	Plichon	Sire <i>dit</i> Saint-Jean
Martin	Polard	Solo
Meloche	Porlier <i>dit</i> Bénac	Suzor
Mesny	Portugais	Tamisier
Milhomme	Pothier	Théodore
Moisan	Pouget	Thibault
Monet <i>dit</i> Boismenu	Poupart	Toulouse [a <i>dit</i> name]
Monforton	Prou	Tourangeau
Moran	Racicot	Tournois
Morand <i>dit</i> Grimard	Réaume	Tremblay
Moras	Revau <i>dit</i> Lajeunesse	Trottier <i>dit</i> DesRuisseaux
Morin	Riopel	Trudel
Mouet de Langlade	Rivard	Turcot
Nadeau	Robert	Valade
Nault	Rocbert <i>dit</i> LaMorandière	Vallée
Navarre	Rochereau	Vernet
Ouellet / Ouellette	Romain <i>dit</i> Sanscrainte	Vessièrre
Parent	Rousseau	Viau
	Roy	Vien
	Saint-Aubin	Viller /Villers <i>dit</i> Saint-Louis

Residents of the Détroit River Region Who Were Granted Lands by Native Americans:

(During the time period covered by these grants, the Potawatomi lived southwest of the fort; the Ottawa, Huron and Chippewa or Ojibwa on the Canadian side. The Ottawa Village was across from the Fort towards Belle Isle; the Huron near the Ambassador Bridge and the Chippewa/Ojibwa, represented by the Mississauga, on Lake Saint Clair and the St. Clair River)

Chippewa or Ojibwa (also referred to as Ochipoway, Ocipue)

James Abbott, Jr.	William Forsyth	Robert McWilliams
Sarah Ainse [an Oneida]	Charles Gouin	George Meldrum
John Askin	Alexander Grant	Meldrum and Park
John Akin, Jr.	William Groesbeck	Jean Baptiste Meloche
Duperon Baby	Bernadus Hareen	William Park
David Betton	James Hareen	Joseph Porlier <i>dit</i> Benac
Isidore Chesne	William Hareen	Garret Teller
John Cornwall	Robert Innis, <i>et. al.</i>	James Thompson
Richard Cornwall	Joseph and Antoine Labadie	Henry Tucker
George Cotterell	David Lyn	William Tucker
Margaret Cox	George McBeath	William Tucker, Sr.
Thomas Cox	William and Alexander Macomb	Jacques Unknown
Jean Marie Cuillerier <i>dit</i> Beaubien	John McGill	John Visgar
William Dawson	Gregor McGregor	Thomas Williams
Alexander Dyce	Norman McLeod	Thomas and Isaac Williams
	John McPherson	

Huron

Pierre Drouillard
François Xavier Hubert

Pierre Potier, S.J.

Jean Baptiste Réaume, Jr.

Ottawa

Lt. Edward Abbott – personal
gift from Pontiac
James Abbott
Dr. Christon Anthon – personal
gift from Pontiac
Begauxgois, a female Indian
Alexis Chapoton
Jean Baptiste Chapoton
Léopold Chesne – personal gift
from Pontiac

Pierre Chesne – personal gift
from Pontiac
Fontenoy (Dagneau *dit*) and
Visgar
Laurent Griffard/Grefart
Robert Innis
Kee Keebeccoquoi [probably
Native American]
Joseph Lusier

George McDougall – personal
gift from Pontiac
Antoine Mesny/Meny
Richard Pattison
Antoine Robert
Lt. Jacob Schieffelin
William Tucker
Jonathan Unknown
Jacobus Visgar
Isaac Williams

Potawatomi

James Abbott
Adhémar *dit* St. Martin
Duperon Baby
Isidore Bienvenu
Joseph Bordeau
Charles Cabassier, Jr.
Bernard Campeau
Louis Campeau
Antoine Catlin
Chevalier Chabert
Antoine Chesne, Sr.
Charles Chesne, Jr.
Isidore Chesne

Mini Chesne
Pierre Chesne, Jr.
Thomas Cox
Dagneau *dit* Dequindre and
Fontenoy
Alexis Delisle
Pierre Drouillard
Thomas Fincheley
Jacques Godefroy
Robert Innis *et. al.*
Pierre Labadie
Hyacinthe Lacelle/Laselle
Nicolas Lacelle/Laselle

William and Alexander Macomb
Arent Schuyler de Peyster
Jacques Porlier
Porlier dit Benac
James Rankin
Jean Baptiste Réaume, Jr.
Baptiste Romain *dit* Sanscrainte
Jonathan Schieffelin
Claude Solo/Salaut
Henry Tucker
Isaac Williams
Thomas Williams

