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This volume of miscellaneous papers from the United States Office of Indian Affairs, Central Superintendency, St. Louis, Missouri, includes a record of documents and correspondence relating to claims of half-breed Indians, under the Sac & Fox treaty of 1824, to a tract of land between the Des Moines River and the Mississippi River. A searchable, full-text version of this volume is available by clicking "Text Version" below. Partial funding for the digitization of these records was provided by the National Park Service.

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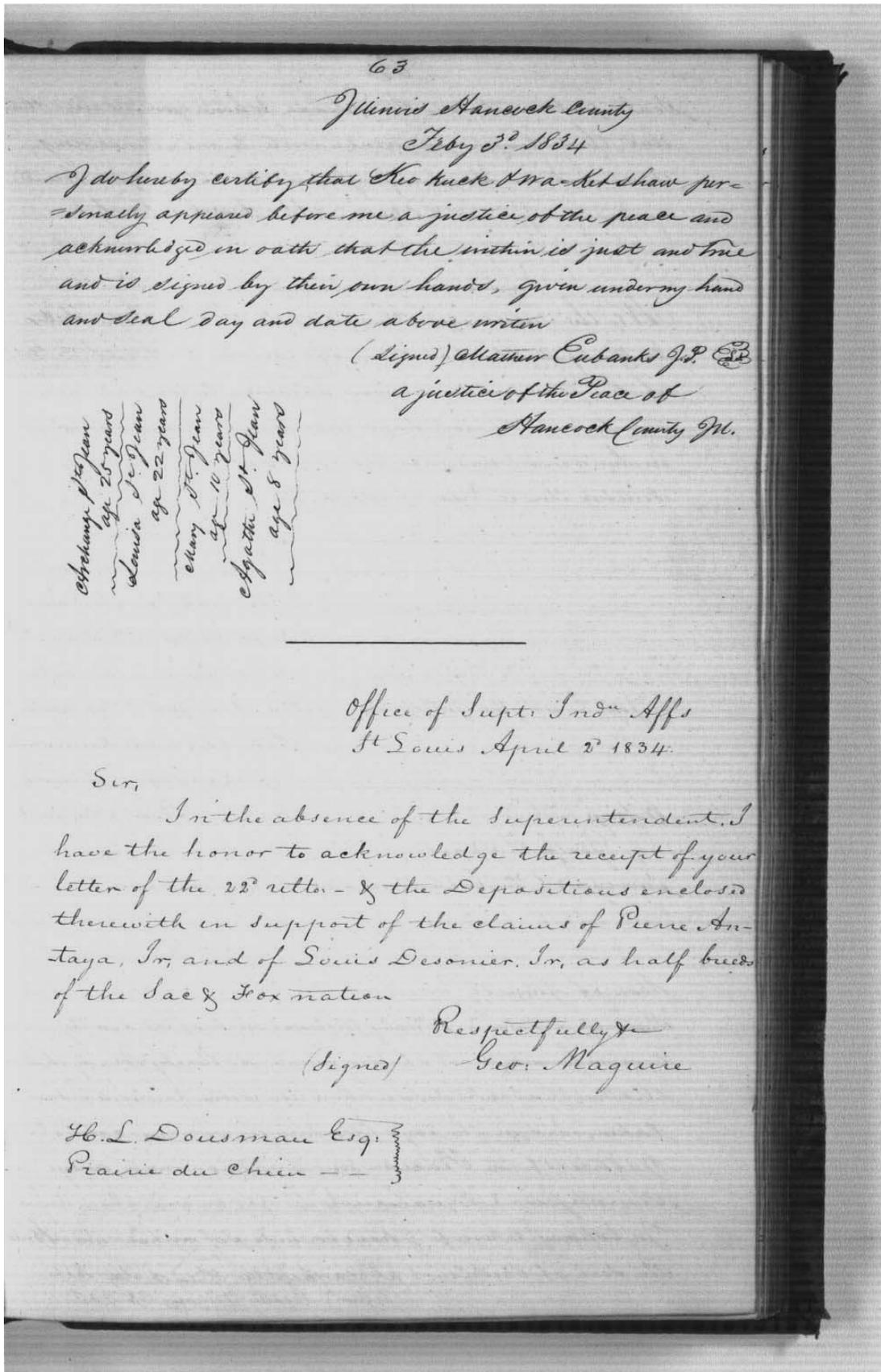
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Union Hancock County

Feby 3^o 1834

I do hereby certify that Kio kuck & wa-det-shaw personally appeared before me a justice of the peace and acknowledged in oath that the within is just and true and is signed by their own hands, given under my hand and seal day and date above written

(Signed) Matthew Cubanks J.P. &c

a justice of the Peace of

Hancock County Mo.

Abraham Pierson
age 25 years
Louis Pierson
age 22 years
Mary Pierson
age 10 years
Agatha Pierson
age 8 years

Office of Supt. Indⁿ Affs
St Louis April 2^o 1834.

Sir,

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22^o ulto. & the Depositions enclosed therewith in support of the claims of Pierre Antaya, Jr, and of Louis Desonier, Jr, as half breeds of the Sac & Fox nation

Respectfully &c

(Signed) Geo. Maguire

H. L. Doussman Esq.
Prairie du Chien --



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Prairie des Chiens 22nd March 1834

Sir,

I have been requested to transmit to you the enclosed affidavits, touching the claim of two half breeds of the Fox nation, who claim their share of the land granted by the treaty with the Sac & Foxes of August 1824. Please make the proper disposition of them.

Respectfully

H. S. Dousman

(Signed)

Genl Wm Clark
Supt of Indi Affs
St Louis Mo

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford. } p-

Best remembered

that on the 2nd day of March A. D. 1834. personally came before the undersigned justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Margarett Sariviere, who being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god, deposeseth & saith that she is well acquainted with Souis Desonier a half breed of the Fox nation - that his parents are Souis Desonier a Canadian by birth and Waubay moone (the Smoking glass) an Indian woman of the Fox tribe of Indians living near Dubuque's mines on the Mississippi - that said Desonier was born about the year A. D. 1800 on the Mississippi River & is now living on Lake Superior

Margarett ^{plus} Sariviere
mark

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Sworn & subscribed to before me
this 3^d day of March A. D. 1834
(Signed) Joseph Rolette
Justice of the Peace

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford } 3^d set

I Joseph Brisbois
clerk of the County court, for the County of
Crawford in the Territory aforesaid, do hereby
certify, that Joseph Rolette Esq: before whom
the foregoing affidavit was sworn, is and was
on the 12th day of March A. D. 1834, a Justice
of the Peace, within & for said County, duly
commissioned and qualified, residing at
Prairie du Chien, and that full faith & credit
are & ought to be given to all his official acts.

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand, & affixed the
Seal of said County Court, at Prairie
du Chien this 12th day of March A.
D. 1834.



(Signed) J. Brisbois
Clerk C. C. C. M. T.

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford } 3^d set

Be it remembered that
on the 3^d day of March 1834, personally came
before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in
& for the County aforesaid Jean B^t Mayrand
who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist
of Almighty God, deposed & saith, that he

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was well acquainted with Louis Desonier a
Canadian by birth who married a woman of
the Fox nation (about the year A.D. 1798) then
living on the Mississippi River near Dubuque's
mines. That said Desonier died in the employ
of Julien Dubuque at his mines about the
year A.D. 1805 & that the said Indian woman
(call'd Waubaymoone) is now living with her
nation as this deponent verily believes.

This deponent further says that he is well
acquainted with Louis Desonier Jr. who
now resides on Lake Huron and that he
is the son of the said Louis Desonier Sr. and
the said Fox woman call'd Waubaymoone
and that said Louis Desonier Jr. is entitled
to all the rights of a half breed of the Fox
nation

(Signed) J. Bth Maynard

Sworn & subscribed to before me
this 3^d day of March 1834

(Signed) Joseph Rolette
Justice of the peace

Territory of Michigan }
County of Crawford } et.

I Joseph Brisbois
clerk of the county Court for the County of Craw-
ford in the Territory aforesaid, do hereby
certify that Joseph Rolette Esq. before whom
the foregoing affidavit was sworn, is and
was on the 12th day of March A. D. 1834 a jus-
tice of the Peace within & for said county.
duly commissioned, and qualified, and
that full faith & credit are and ought to be

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given to all his official acts.

Seal

Intestimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed the seal of said
court, at Prairie du Chien this 12th day
of March 1834

(Signed) J. Brisbois
Clerk C. C. C. M. J.

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford

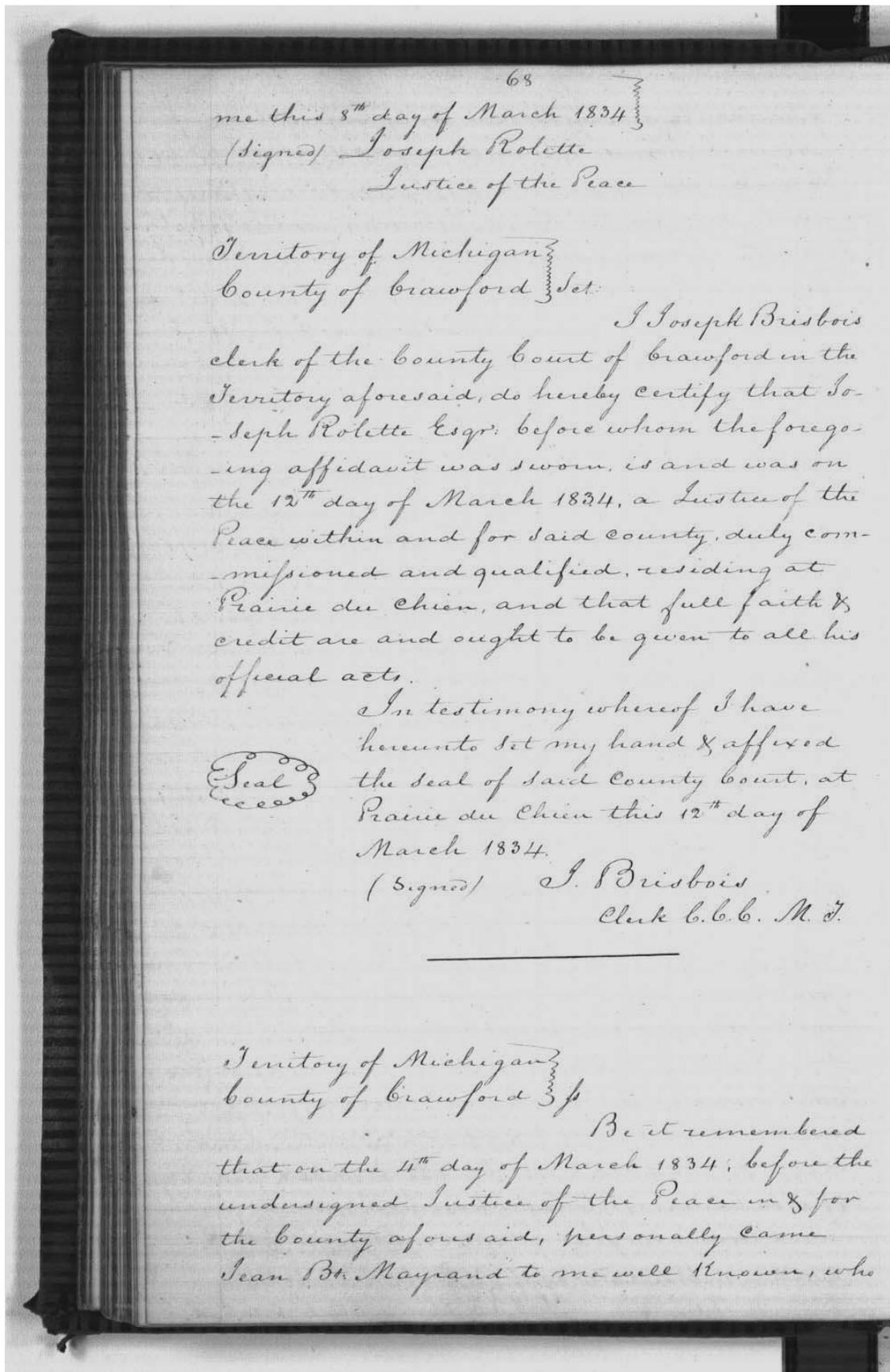
Be it remembered that
on the 4th day of March A. D. 1834, before the
undersigned Justice of the Peace in & for the
County aforesaid, personally came Dennis
Courtois, who being duly sworn, on the Holy
Evangelist of Almighty God, deposed & saith
that he has resided at Prairie du Chien since
the year 1792, & that he was well acquainted
with Pierre Antaya Sew, a Canadian by birth
who resided at said place and who married
a Fox woman Kezish (or the Sun) the Pierre
Antaya Jr. is the son of said Pierre Antaya
Sew, by the said Fox woman and is now about
forty eight years old and that said Pierre An-
taya Jr. has two brothers viz Isaac and
Chrysostome & three sisters, M^{rs} Sarver,
M^r Powers & M^r Proveau now residing at
Prairie du Chien, and that said Pierre An-
taya Jr. is entitled to all the rights & privileges
of a half breed of the Fox nation

(Signed) D. Courtois

Sworn & subscribed to before



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me this 8th day of March 1834
(signed) Joseph Rolette
Justice of the Peace

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford } Set

I Joseph Brisbois
clerk of the County Court of Crawford in the
Territory aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jo-
-seph Rolette Esqr. before whom the forego-
-ing affidavit was sworn, is and was on
the 12th day of March 1834, a Justice of the
Peace within and for said County, duly com-
-missioned and qualified, residing at
Prairie du Chien, and that full faith &
credit are and ought to be given to all his
official acts.

Seal
eccc

In testimony whereof I have
herunto set my hand & affixed
the seal of said County Court, at
Prairie du Chien this 12th day of
March 1834.

(signed) J. Brisbois
Clerk C. C. M. T.

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford } sp

Be it remembered
that on the 14th day of March 1834, before the
undersigned Justice of the Peace in & for
the County aforesaid, personally came
Sean B. Maynard to me well known, who



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being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, deposes & saith, that he has been on the upper Mississippi since the year A. D. 1792, & that he is well acquainted with Pierre Antaya Junr, who was born at Prairie du Chien, and is at the day hereof about forty eight years old, that his father was Pierre Antaya Sr, dec'd a Canadian & his mother a woman of the Fox nation, called Heezish (the sun) and that said Pierre Antaya Jr. is a half breed of the Fox nation and entitled to claim as such

(Signed) J. B^{te} Mayrand

Sworn & subscribed to before me at Prairie du Chien the 12th day of March 1834.

(Signed) Joseph Rolette
Justice of the Peace

Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford 3rd J^{et}

J. Joseph Brisbois

clerk of the County court for the County of Crawford in the Territory aforesaid, do hereby certify that Joseph Rolette Esqr, before whom the foregoing affidavit was sworn is & was on the 12th day of March A. D. 1834, a Justice of the Peace within & for said County, duly commissioned and qualified, residing at Prairie du Chien, and that full faith & credit are and ought to be given to all his official acts.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County court at Prairie du Chien this 12th day of March A. D. 1834

(Signed) J. Brisbois Clerk C. C. C. M. T.



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Territory of Michigan
County of Crawford

Before me James
H. Sockwood a Justice of the Peace within
and for the County of Crawford, personally
came, Denis Bourtois, Souse Lueri, Michael
Dubois, who being of lawful age and
duly sworn, depose and say that they
were well acquainted with an Indian
woman named (le soleil) the Sun, belong-
ing to the Fox tribe of Indians, and that
she was a full blood Indian, and that they
knew the said Indian woman whilst she
lived with Pierre Pelka Antoyer, a full
blood white man, and that during their
cohabitation the said woman had Eli-
zabeth (Cardinal) Margaret (Savivene)
Perish Antoyer, Mary (Sapointe) Theotiste
(Provost) Isaac Antoyer, Euphrosine (Powers)
Isadore Antoyer, Chyostom Antoyer. - and
also that they were acquainted with an
Indian woman named Macousequi, be-
longing to the Fox tribe of Indians, and
that she was a full blood Indian, that
they knew the said Indian woman, whilst
she lived with Bazil Gard a full blood
white man, and that the said woman
had during the cohabitation, Marie Souis
Gard (Chensert) and Mary Gard (Bell)
and also that they were acquainted with
an Indian woman named Cenah pahquet
belonging to the Fox tribe of Indians and
that she was a full blood Indian and
that they knew said Indian woman

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whilst she lived with Augustin Hebert a full blood white man, and that the said woman had during their cohabitation Souise (Brousseau) Françoise (Menard) Margaret (Price), and that we were acquainted with the Indian woman named Kewawesoke, belonging to the Fox Tribes of Indians and that she was a full blood Indian, and that they knew the said woman whilst he lived with S. B. Sandron a full blood white man and that he had during their cohabitation, Pierre Sandron, and that they were acquainted with a woman named Wabamoon, of the Fox tribe and that she was a full blood Indian and that they knew said woman whilst she lived with Antoine Desonier a full blood white man and that during their cohabitation they had Souison Desonier, and also that they were acquainted with an Indian woman named Tapafo of the Saua tribe and that she was a full blood Indian and that they knew said woman whilst she lived with John W. Johnson a full blood white man and that during their cohabitation they had two daughters Mary & Roselli - and that all the above persons were in existence on the 4th day of August 1824, that Elizabeth Antoyen (cardinal) is since dead, Perish Antoyen resides at Pen. a. toungqua shin, in upper Canada, and Isidore Antoyen resides in the Territory of Arkansa all the other Antoyens reside at this place, that Marie Souise and Mary Giard, Françoise Hebert Pierre Sandron reside at this place. Souis

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Brouseau. Resides at Demoiné Rapids. Margaret price in Illinois. Louison Desouner resides at Pen-a-tong qua shiv, and further deponents saith not.

(Signed) Denis Courtis
Sworn & subscribed to Louis ^{big} + Leeri
before me at Prairie mark
au chin this thirtieth
day of april 1834
(Signed) Michael ^{his} + Brisbois
Justice of Peace mark

State of Illinois }
& Blair county }

This day appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the Peace in and for said county of St. Clair Joseph Pepin, also of said county of St. Clair, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes says & certifies that Emilie, Saurant, Augustin, and Morice Gunville are the real children of Joseph Gunville and Françoise his wife, both half Indians of the Fox nation and Sac nation - and the said Joseph Pepin certifies this to be the truth, & made his marks of a cross on the written certificate, at Cahokia this seventeenth day of August 1834.

In presence of Joseph ^{his} + Pepin
Narcisse Corroyer mark

I certify the above certificate to be Joseph Pepin's mark & statement.

Cahokia this 17th aug. 1834. Narcisse Corroyer
J.P. &

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Superintendy of Ind. affairs,
St. Louis, Nov. 16, 1834

Sir,

I have rec^d your letter of the 1st ult^o and the affidavits therein enclosed, in proof of Pierre Jeandron being a half breed of the Fox tribe.

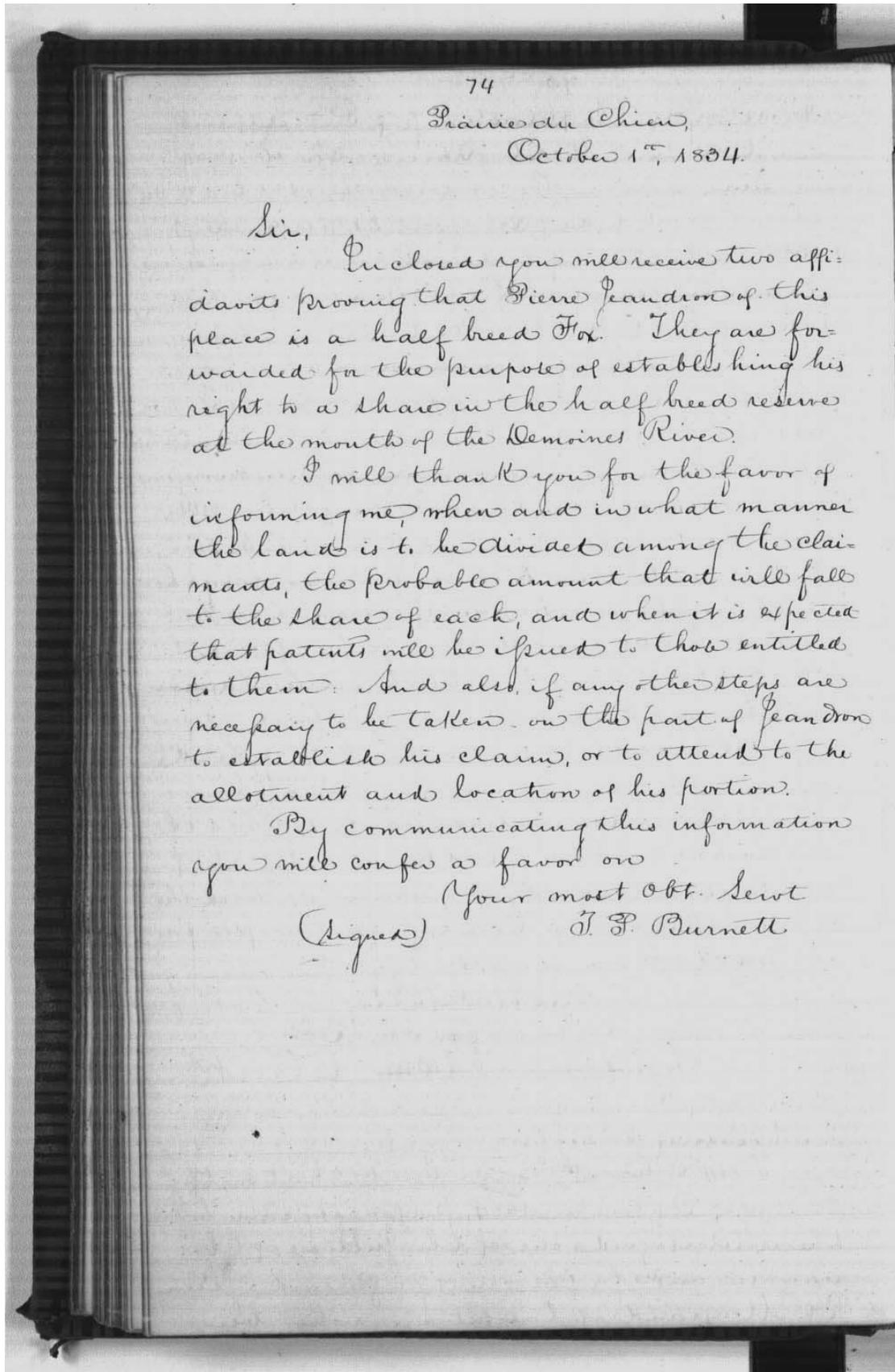
Taken in connexion with the other proof on file in this office, which I presume to refer to the same individual, I should consider the claim of Jeandron to a portion of the land reserved for the half breed Sac & Foxes, as well established. But as to the time and mode of dividing the land, or the period when patents will be issued, I am unable to inform you. — And the portion to which each claimant will be entitled will, I apprehend, depend upon the class of individuals recognized as half breeds. I am of opinion, however, that were those interested, to solicit the attention of Congress to the subject of an early division of the lands, and the appointment of Comm^{rs} for the purpose, it would have a good effect.

Respectfully
Yr. ob^d Serv^t
Wm. Clark

(Signed)

J. P. Burnett, Esq
J. du Chien

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Prairie du Chien,

October 1st, 1834.

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive two affidavits proving that Pierre Jeandron of this place is a half breed Fox. They are forwarded for the purpose of establishing his right to a share in the half breed reserve at the mouth of the Des Moines River.

I will thank you for the favor of informing me, when and in what manner the lands is to be divided among the claimants, the probable amount that will fall to the share of each, and when it is expected that patents will be issued to those entitled to them. And also, if any other steps are necessary to be taken on the part of Jeandron to establish his claim, or to attend to the allotment and location of his portion.

By communicating this information you will confer a favor on

Your most obt. Servt

(Signed)

J. P. Burnett

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Territory of Michigan }
County of Crawford } 3 fct.

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of September 1834, personally came before the undersigned one of the justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Augustin Rock of lawful age, who being duly sworn, deposed and sayeth;

That he has known Pierre Jeandron who is now living at Prairie du Chien in the County aforesaid and is now twenty two years of age or upwards, and a half breed desc from his infancy; that the reputed father of the said Pierre Jeandron was a Canadian and a white man, and his mother was a full blood Indian of the Fox tribe: And further the said deponent sayeth not.

(Signed) Augustin ^{his} Rock
_{marks}

Taken subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year first above written

(Signed) A. S. Doussman
Justice of the Peace
C: Crawford J. M.

Territory of Michigan }
County of Crawford } 3 fct.

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of September 1834, personally came before the undersigned one of the justices of the peace in and for the county aforesaid Jean Pt. Maynard of lawful age, who being

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duly sworn deponeth and sayeth:

That he has known Pierre Leandron who is now living at Prairie du Chien in the County aforesaid, and is now twenty two years of age or upwards, and a half breed Sac, from his infancy; that the reputed father of the said Pierre Leandron was a Canadian and a white man, and his mother was a full blood Indian of the Fox tribe: And further the said deponent sayeth not.

(Signed) J. Pte Mayrand
Taken subscribed and sworn to
before me the day and year
first above written

(Signed) A. S. Doussman
Just. of the Peace,
C. of Crawford M. T.

Territory of Michigan
Crawford County }
J. Joseph Brisbois, Clerk of the County Court of the County of Crawford aforesaid, do hereby certify that A. S. Doussman, whose name appears to the foregoing certificates to the affidavits of Augustin Rock & Jean Pte. Mayrand taken before him, is and was at the time of taking the said affidavits an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified as such, and that full faith and credit ought to be given to all his official acts as such. In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the County Court aforesaid to be hereunto affixed this 30th day of September 1854

(Signed) J. Brisbois, Clerk C. C. C.

Seal

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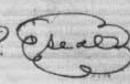
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State of Illinois, }
St. Clair County. } This day appeared before
me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace
in and for said County of St. Clair County,
Joseph Pepin, also of said County & State, who
first being duly sworn according to law,
deposes, and says, and certifies that Joseph
Gunnille was son of J. B^{te} Rupolet Gunnille
a Frenchman and that his mother was
Marie a Sackes or Fox wife of the said J. B^{te}
Rupolet Gunnille his father, and the said
Joseph Pepin certifies likewise that Françoise
Blondeau is of the Fox nation, daughter of
Nicolas Blondeau a Frenchman, her mother
was Joseph a Fox. The said Joseph Pepin
after being duly sworn, certify this to be
the truth, and made his mark of a cross
at Cahokia, this 17th of Augt. 1834.

(signed) Joseph ^{his} Pepin
mark

signed, sealed, & certified
in presence of
Narciso Comoye

I certify the above certificate to be
Joseph Pepin's mark & statements
Cahokia, this 17th Augt. 1834

(signed) Narciso Comoye, J. P. 



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This is to certify that Anthoinette Le Sieur
Peyanier is a claimant on the land ceded by
Congress to the half breeds of the Sac and Fox
Indians being situated at present in the North
East part of the State of Misouri.

Mr. Patrick Ray, and Francis Le Sieur do declare
that the said claimant is a half breed Indian
whose mother was a Fox Indian and whose father
is a French Canadian and that she is a female
of forty years of age. We the undersigned do sol
emly swear that the above certificate is a just &
true statement of facts in relation to the claimer as
stated by us, Given under our hands and seals
this fourteenth day of March in the year of our
Lord One thousand eight hundred and
thirty six. signed } Patrick ^{his} Ray,
Sworn to and subscribed } Fr. Le Sieur
before me A. McLaskey
a justice of the Peace within
and for the County of St
Charles State of Misouri
Witness my hand and seal
this 14th day of March Anno Domini 1836
Signed } Arch^d. McLaskey J. P.
State of Misouri }
County of St. Charles } W. J. Sadwell, C. Powell
Clerk of the county Court within and for the County
aforesaid, do certify that Arch^d. McLaskey is an
acting Justice of the peace within and for
the County of St. Charles, and that full faith
and credit is and should be placed on his
acts as such.

In testimony where of I have hereunto
set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court
this 17th March 1836. signed } W. J. Sadwell Clerk 167 6!

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Superintendent of Indian Affairs,
St. Louis, March 30th, 1836

Sir, - I have just rec^d your letter of the 19th inst. relative to the claim of Margaret Fannar, a half breed of the Sac & Fox nations to a portion of the land reserved by the treaty of 1824, for the half breeds of those tribes, and adverting to testimony in support of her claim, which was forwarded to this office in 1835. My own impression is, that this testimony fully establishes the fact of her being a half breed; but whether she will be entitled to ~~the share~~ a portion of the land, in her own right, having been born since the treaty, or be entitled to the share of her deceased sister, are questions I am not able to answer. Others are placed, as I understand, in situations similar to hers, and before the land is divided, all the preliminary questions as to the persons entitled to shares will, it is presumed, be settled.

In a few weeks, a gentleman will be appointed, as I believe, to make division of the land among the claimants, whose duty it will doubtless be made to take such measures previous to a division, as will enable all to prefer their claims, and establish their just rights. To him will be transferred all the claims filed in this office, connected with this subject, and he no doubt will be required to give public notice of the mode of proceeding to be pursued by the claimants, and such information generally as the nature of the case may be thought to demand.

Respectfully,
Wm Clark

B. Mills, Esq.
Galena.



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Kokonnet May 18. 1833

To Genl W Clark

Sir, Some time since I was
Married to a Daughter of the late Doctor
Muir and immediately after said mari-
-age, a man by the name of Aldridge,
obtained a deed from us, for my wifes
proportion of some Estate belonging to
said Muir - Now Sir when we signed
said deed, we did not understand the
matter at all; As I have not received
any value for the same, other than the
day after my marriage, we took Dinner
at his house, also a few articles of clothing
for my wife, the whole was not worth more
than fifty dollars. It is not my wish
that the present occupant should be
removed, I should like to pay him double
the amount, and let the land return to the
infant heirs

(Signed) { Loueya ^{his} Muir
mark
Amos Vanorsdall

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Rock Island Octor 15. 1833

Genl. Clark

Supp. In off. Sir

Having understood that you are about to order a division of the half breed lands at the foot of the Des Moines Rapids & having a Daughter among those people, whose mother is a Sac woman, I have taken the liberty of addressing you on the subject in order that you may mete out to her, as all others, strict Justice — Her name is Amelia Smith, daughter of Winn-no-sa — Your attention to the foregoing will confer a particular favor on me.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
your obed^t Serv^t
Nathan Smith

State of Missouri
County of St. Louis

Before me Danice Haugh a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of ~~Clay~~ St. Louis aforesaid, personally came Charles P. Brain who being of lawful age and duly sworn deposes and saith, that he was well acquainted with an Indian woman named Meayno who was known to this deponent as being a Fox, belonging to the Fox nation of Indiana and was a full blood Indian, that he was acquainted with the said Indian woman during the time she lived with Amos Farrar (a white man) when a trader with the Sacs and Fox Indians — The said Farrar had one Daughter by the aforesaid Meayno named Betty and in existence at this



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time the Aforesaid Indians signed their treaty with the United States on the 4th day of August 1824.

Betsy has since died leaving a sister by the same father and mother, whose name is Margaret borned after the treaty of 1824 and now resides with her step mother (Mrs. Farrar) at Galena in Lee Davis County, Territory of Michigan

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 21st day of Decem^r. 1833

N. D. Train

David Haugh
Justice of the Peace
County Saint Louis

Warsaw July 18. 1834

Sir

I have been requested by Keokuck to forward to you the Enclosed Certificates and to enquire if they are in the proper form to enable them to obtain a share in the half breed land. Please answer this as soon as convenient.

yours Respectfully

Geo W Clark (signed) M Aldrich

State of Illinois }
Hancock County } This day personally appears before me a Justice of the Peace in & for the State & County aforesaid. Pa. ship. pa. kot and Keokuck, two Sac chiefs, who being duly sworn upon their oaths say that. (saw. wis. ca. no -) or in english (yellow bird) is the son of a

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Sac woman called Ke. pa. ko. e. qua - and of a white man name Abbot
 Subscribed & sworn to before me this 13. March 1834
 (signed) Sam Steele, J.P. Pa. Ship. pa. ho. his marks
 Ke. O. Kuck his marks

State of Illinois }
 Hancock County } This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County Paship. pa. ho. and Keo Kuck two Sac. Chiefs, who being duly sworn upon their oath say, that Catherine (or Catashe) is the daughter of a Sac woman, called Ke. no. qua and a french man name Gosley

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 13th of March 1834
 (signed) Sam Steele, J.P. Pa. Ship. pa. ho. his marks
 Ke O. Kuck his marks

State of Illinois }
 Hancock County } This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and the state and County of said Pashipps a sac Chief, who being by me duly sworn, upon his oath says, that he was once acquainted with a certain Sac woman called in Sac tongue wa. pa. ko. se. qua, that she was married to a certain Frenchman acting as Indian agent in Sac nation, called by the Sacly. mo. so. man. pa and that wa. pa. ko. se. qua, had while she lived with her said husband, two children Daughters, the eldest name Charlotte



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= and the youngu Clayabeth, who died when
a child, and further this affiant says that
Reo. Kuck's a sac chief is the son of the afore
said half breeds woman called Charlotte
as above

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 13th day
of March A.D. 1834

Pa. Ship. pa. ho. his
mark X

Sam. Steele, J.P.

State of Missouri
County of St. Louis

* Before me a Justice of
the peace within and for the County aforesaid
personally appearing Michael Butrand, who being
duly sworn, on his oath says that he is personally
well acquainted with Benjamin Laguthrie
of about the age of thirty five years, that
the said Benjamin is a half breed of the
Fox nation of Indians, that affiant knew
the mother of said Benjamin to be a real
squaw, or Indian of the said Fox tribe or
nation, and that affiant has known the said
Benjamin since his birth.

(Signed) Michael
Sworn to & subscribed before
me this 20th day of May A.D. 1836

his
mark X
Michael Butrand

(Signed) P. Walsh, J.P.

* For Lab. of this claim see Pages 88-89 & 90.

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State of Missouri
County of St. Louis

Be it remembered that on this Twenty first day of July eight hundred and thirty five before me Patrick Walsh a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, appeared Michael Bertrand who being duly sworn on his oath says that Angelique Mattabow now residing in St. Clair County and State of Illinois, is one of the half Breeds of the Fox nation or tribe of Indians, that this affiant was acquainted with the Father of said Angelique Mattabow who was a white man named Narcisse Laquithre a friend of this affiant, a Canadian and a trader among the said Fox tribe or nation of Indians, that this affiant was also acquainted with the reputed mother of the said Angelique Mattabow, that she was an Indian Squaw of said tribe, that this affiant has known the said Angelique from the time she was about two years of age, that he has continued to know and be acquainted with her up to the present time

Michael Bertrand
Justice

Sworn to and subscribed
before me ~~a Justice of~~
the Peace this 21st day
of July A.D. 1835

Signed: P. Walsh. Jus. of the Peace

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Superintendent of Ind. Affs
St. Louis, Feb. 5th, 1837.

Madam,

I have received your letter of the 24th ult^o. connected with the claims of the children of your late husband, and am unable to add any further information to what is contained in my letter to you of the 24th Nov: 1833, except that since that time Congress has passed an act vesting the lands reserved by the treaty of 1824, absolutely in the half breeds themselves, and that all action over the subject by this office has ceased. Of the objects of the proposed meeting in March, to which you have referred, I am entirely uninformd.

The general impression is, that the land will have to be divided among the claimants thro' the instrumentality of the proper Court of law, which Court will decide all questions growing out of the subject, embracing that of - who really are to be considered as claimants. Your safer course will perhaps be to consult some good lawyer.

All the papers connected with the claims of the three children in question, sent to this office, are still here.

Mr. Johnson is in town, and shall be made acquainted, at the earliest opportunity, of your wish to hear from him.

With high respect,
Yr. ob. Serv
Wm Clark, S. Pas

Mrs. Sophia Funnar
Galena, Ill.

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Superintendency of Ind. Affs.
St. Louis, May 22, 1837

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst. to Genl. Belank stating you "have purchased a half breed claim from "one of those half breed Indians formerly residing on "the Mississippi", and asking for information on some points connected therewith, has been received. - As Genl. Belank is from home, I state in reply, that the title to the land reserved by the treaty of 4th August 1824, for the use of the half breeds of the Sac & Foxes, has been vested in them absolutely by act of Congress, the United States relinquishing its reversionary interest thereto in their favor, and authorizing them to sell or devise the same according to the laws of the State of Missouri. But as all further action at this office on the subject has, by order, ceased, and as a diversity of opinion on all questions growing out of the title to this land, seems to prevail, I would suggest that a lawyer who has given the proper attention to the subject, will be best able to answer satisfactorily your enquiries.

The land as surveyed contains 119,882²²₁₀₀ acres.

Respectfully
Yr. ob. Servt
George Maguire,
Clerk of the Superintendency

Mr. Jos. A. Harrison }
Enterprise Mo } }



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State of Missouri }
County of ~~St. Louis~~ ^{St. Louis} }
 Be it remembered that on this twenty
 fourth day of June Eighteen Hundred and thirty six, before
 me ~~Thomas~~ a Justice of the Peace within and for the County
 aforesaid, appeared Michael Bertrand, who being duly
 sworn on his oath says, that Benjamin LaGuthrie now
 residing in St. Clair County and State of Illinois is one
 of the half breed of the Fox nation or tribe of Indians -
 that this affiant has known and been acquainted with
 the Father & Mother of the said Benjamin, that the father
 was a white man, named Narcisse LaGuthrie a friend
 of affiant, a Canadian and a trader among the said Fox
 tribe or nation of Indians, and that the Mother of said Benja-
 -min was an Indian Squaw of said tribe, that this affiant
 has known the said Benjamin from his birth, that he has con-
 -tinued to know & to be acquainted with him up to the present
 time, and knows said Benjamin to be truly a half breed of
 said Fox tribe or nation, as this affiant was at the time of
 said Benjamin's birth and for a number of years previous
 to that time and since a trader with the said Fox tribe or
 nation

(signed) Michael ^{his} Bertrand
marks

Sworn to & subscribed before
 me this 24th June 1836

(signed) Daniel Hough J.P.

State of Missouri }
County of ~~St. Louis~~ ^{St. Louis} }
 I, Henry Chouteau Clerk of the County Court, within and
 for the County of Saint Louis in the State of Missouri do hereby certify that
 Daniel Hough Esquire whose name is subscribed to the foregoing attestation
 or certificate of affidavit was at the date thereof and before and after that
 time a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid, duly
 commissioned and qualified and acting in that Capacity and that full
 faith and credit are due to all his acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of



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St. Louis, County and State aforesaid this Eighth day
of June in the year of our Lord one thousand,
Eight hundred and thirty seven.

(signed) Henry Chouteau Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of St. Louis } ss. This day personally comes Pierre Gaudin, who
being duly sworn on his oath says that he was well acquainted with
Narcise La Gutterie a Canadian White man the father of Benjamin
La Gutterie a half breed of the Fox or Sac tribe of Indians & also
knew well the mother of said Benjamin La Gutterie & knows she was
a full blooded Indian Woman of the Fox or Sac tribe of Indians
but I do not know of which tribe she was, as the two tribes lived
promiscuously together. Affiant knew the said Narcise La Gutterie
& the said Sac or Fox woman when they lived together as man and
wife, before the birth of said Benjamin La Gutterie & also knew
them afterwards & knows said Benjamin La Gutterie to be the child
of the said Narcise La Gutterie & the said Sac or Fox woman
& has known said Benjamin from the time of his birth to the
present time & knows him yet, & he is the same Benjamin La
Gutterie who now resides in Cahokia, St. Clair County, Illinois
& has resided there for several years past & knows him to be a
full half breed Indian of the Sac or Fox tribe -

Sworn to and subscribed before (signed) Pierre & Gaudin
me this 5th day of June A.D. 1837 } marks

(signed) W. Walsh Justice

Witness, present

signed Henry McKee
Peter A. Walsh

State of Missouri }
County of ^{Saint} Louis } J. Henry Chouteau Clerk of the County Court of the
County of Saint Louis in the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that
Joseph M. Walsh Esquire whose name is subscribed to the foregoing
certificate or attestation of affidavit was at the time of his signing
the same and now is a Justice of the Peace within and for the County

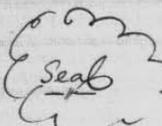
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aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified and acting in that capacity and that full faith and credit are due to all his acts as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court at Office in the County aforesaid this Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand, Eight hundred and thirty seven.

Henry Chouteau. Clerk



State of Missouri }
County of St. Louis } ss. This day personally comes Antoine Chenie, before me, a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, who being by me duly sworn, on his oath says, that he is well acquainted with Benjamin Lagoterie, who now resides at ~~Independence~~ Independence in Jackson County, State of Missouri, that he has known him ever since his childhood, he is the son of Victor Lagoterie, a Canadian White man, by Montagoqua, an Indian Woman, of the Opibeway, (Chippeway) tribe of Indians, called by the French (Sautaux) she the said Montagoqua was born at the bay "des noes" in the Michilimacinae Lake (or Lake Michigan) & was raised at little Detroit. The said Benjamin, the son of Victor Lagoterie was born and raised at the mouth of a creek, about twenty six miles above the mouth of Salt River, called "La petite Glaize".

There is also another Benjamin Lagoterie (a cousin of the said Benjamin) who is the son of Narcise Lagoterie, by an Indian Woman, that I knew, & whose mother was of the Sac or Fox tribe.

(Signed) Antoine Chenie

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th June A.D. 1837.

(Signed) J.W. Walsh Justice

State of Missouri }
County of Saint Louis } ss. I, Henry Chouteau Clerk of the County Court, within and for the County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri, do hereby certify, that Joseph W. Walsh Esquire whose name is subscribed to the

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foregoing attestations or certificate of affidavit, was at the time of signing
the same and now is a Justice of the Peace within and for the County
aforesaid duly commissioned and qualified and acting in that capacity; and
that full faith and credit are due to all his acts as such

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affix-
ed the Seal of said Court at office in the County aforesaid
this ~~7th~~ ^{10th} month day of June in the Year of our Lord, One
thousand, Eight hundred, and thirty seven.

Henry Chouteau Clerk

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St. John Lapariche's four
Children are named as follows
Archangel — 26 or 27 years
Louise — 24 or 25
Marie — 22 — } dead —
Agathe — 20 — }
Their Mother, name May
Masack-que, a Fox woman

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