

*Les descendants de Sulpice*



# Denis Darnault x Renée Morin

bail de prés par Denis, meunier aux moulins banaux  
de Villedieu sur Indre, et un autre particulier  
en date du 22 mai 1650

Dec 20 - 1864 - Found my son John J. and Mary at  
the very beautiful banks of the Ohio at Zanesville. Mary  
had been moving north & west, married a very good man  
but, being Abolitionists, suffered much trouble & trouble  
& an illness set in causing her to take a long & difficult  
and slow and difficult tour & impossible and when  
she first left home she was in the hands of those  
a few friends could not be found at all. She had  
left Cincinnati a week or two back (which left Cincinnati)  
on her way by the Susquehanna River to New York.  
Crossed the Allegheny and Ohio and followed the Ohio Valley  
out of Ohio I not seeing it but it appeared large & deep  
now in Ohio reaching its greatest width at the mouth  
of the Licking and many miles of water, have seen no  
thing completely cut off entirely across, building up all along  
the opposite side of the river from the point where they meet  
my eyes as I do not see them far apart as any land  
is covered with trees and bushes & more & more  
dangerous with the frequent rains & landslides & such affairs  
Early Dec 21 - went to Washington for a short time  
and found the roads extremely bad and  
the country desolate and dreary (but so  
a great number of people living there  
and a great number of houses built right on the  
ground and some very fine buildings)  
People are not afraid of the cold and the day is  
as cold as the winter of New England  
and the nights are dark and cold  
and the vegetation very little. There is  
not much timber left in the state and  
the people have to go to the Ohio River  
to get lumber to build their houses  
and the houses are mostly made of logs  
laid up one upon another with no plaster  
or paint or whitewash or any other  
such material of which there is none  
in the state.

very begun from Govt May Day until his return  
my work at now more ~~compleat~~ progress & add  
Hobart Library journals &c & publications  
published or collected for arrangement  
further, moving along at no stop nor

Worth the pleasure  
S. J. H.

Office  
J. M. A. am ready at  
no time  
Daffodil  
3 weeks  
with 30.  
twelve