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J.N. Bellin
(detail)





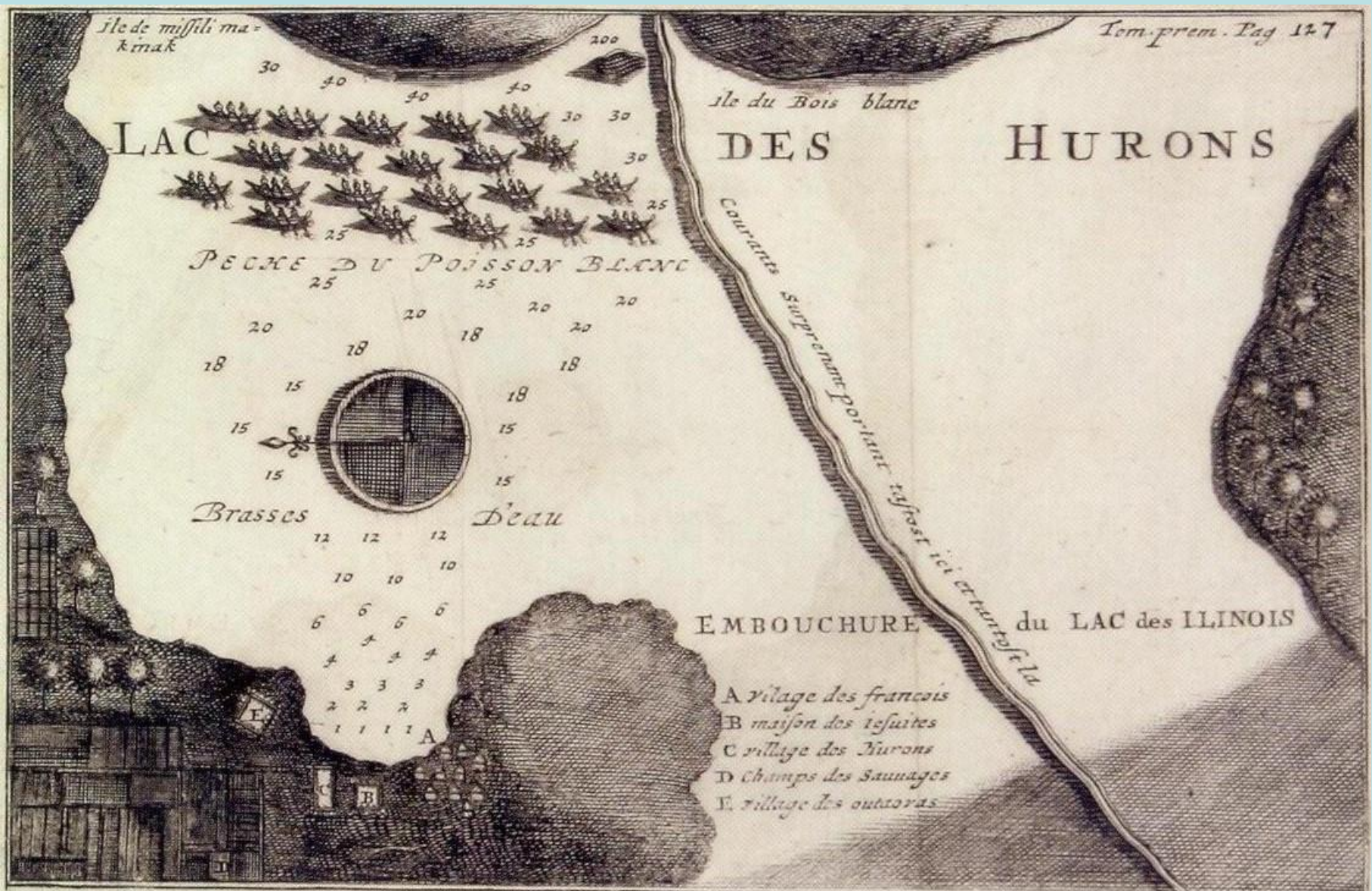
B B Braced Rim
Vessel



ACR 0149 Cordell, Raccoon side notched projectile point



Missionary
Bark Chapel

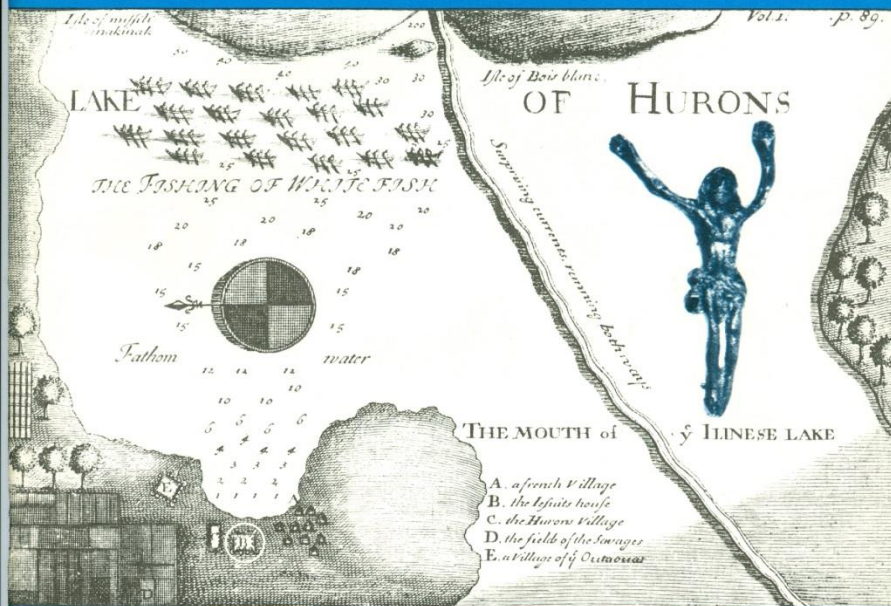


Lac des Hurons [in 1688] L.A. Lahontan

Archaeological Investigation
of the
Marquette Mission Site

St. Ignace, Michigan 1971:
A Preliminary Report

Lyle M. Stone

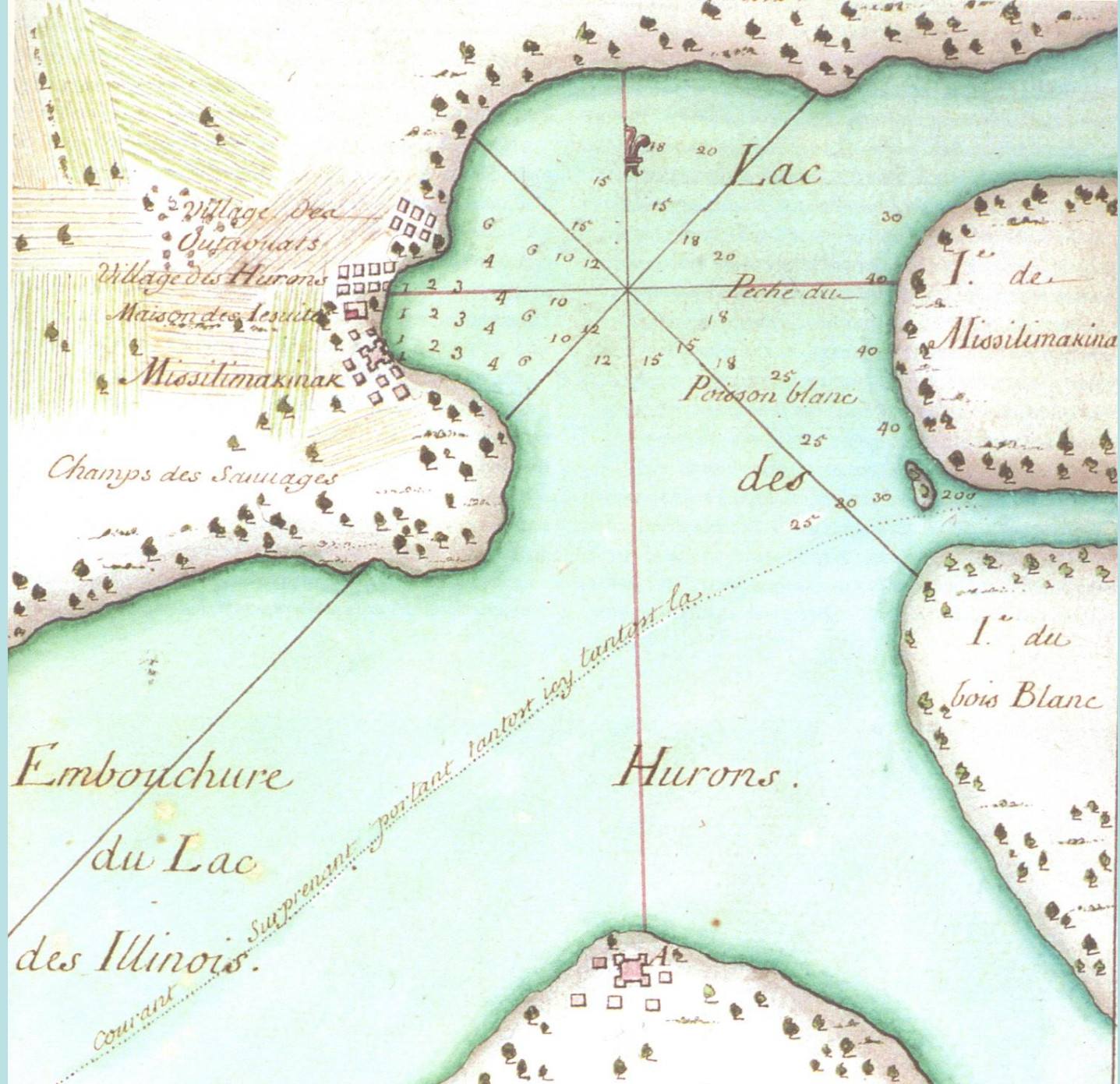


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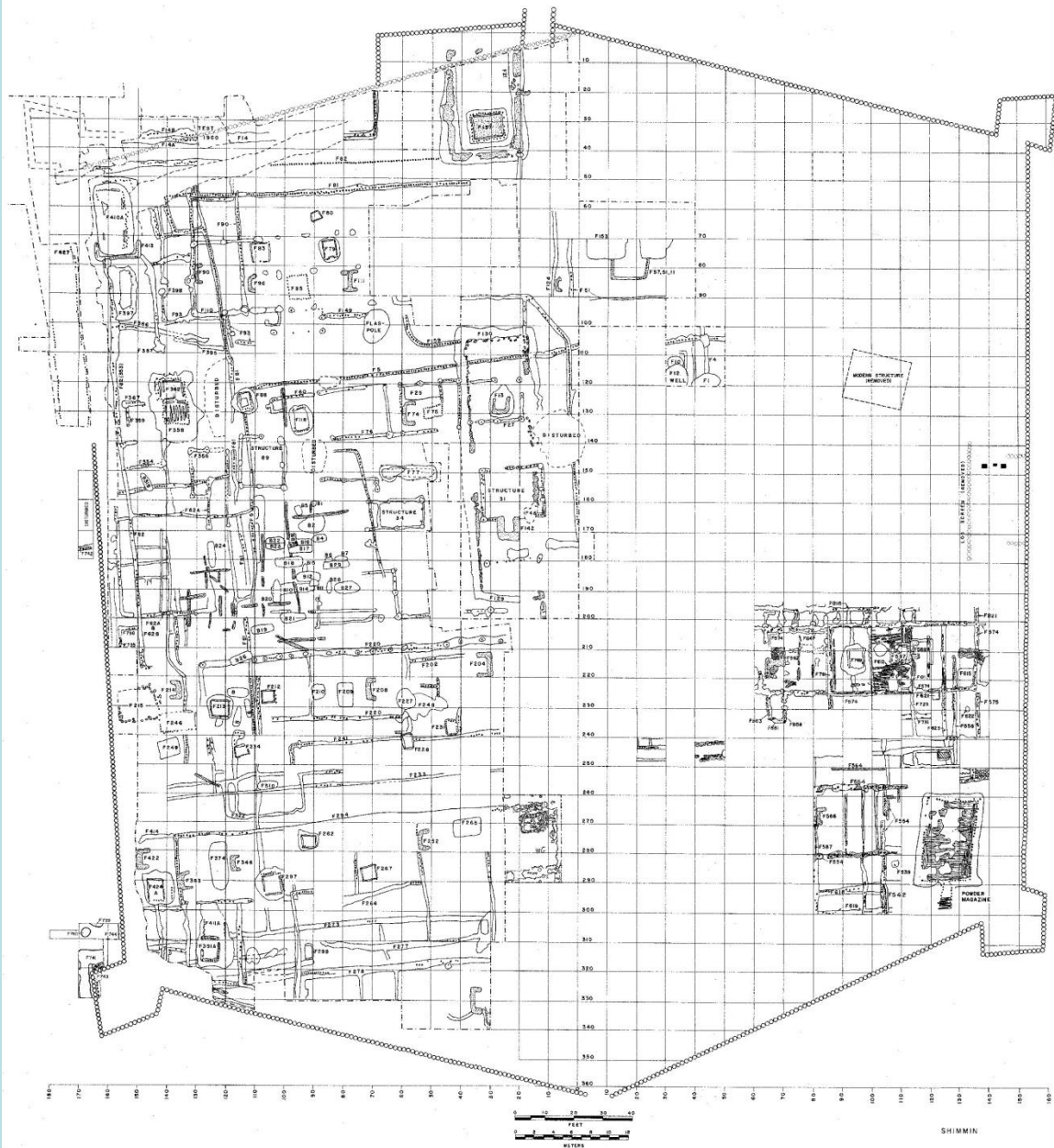


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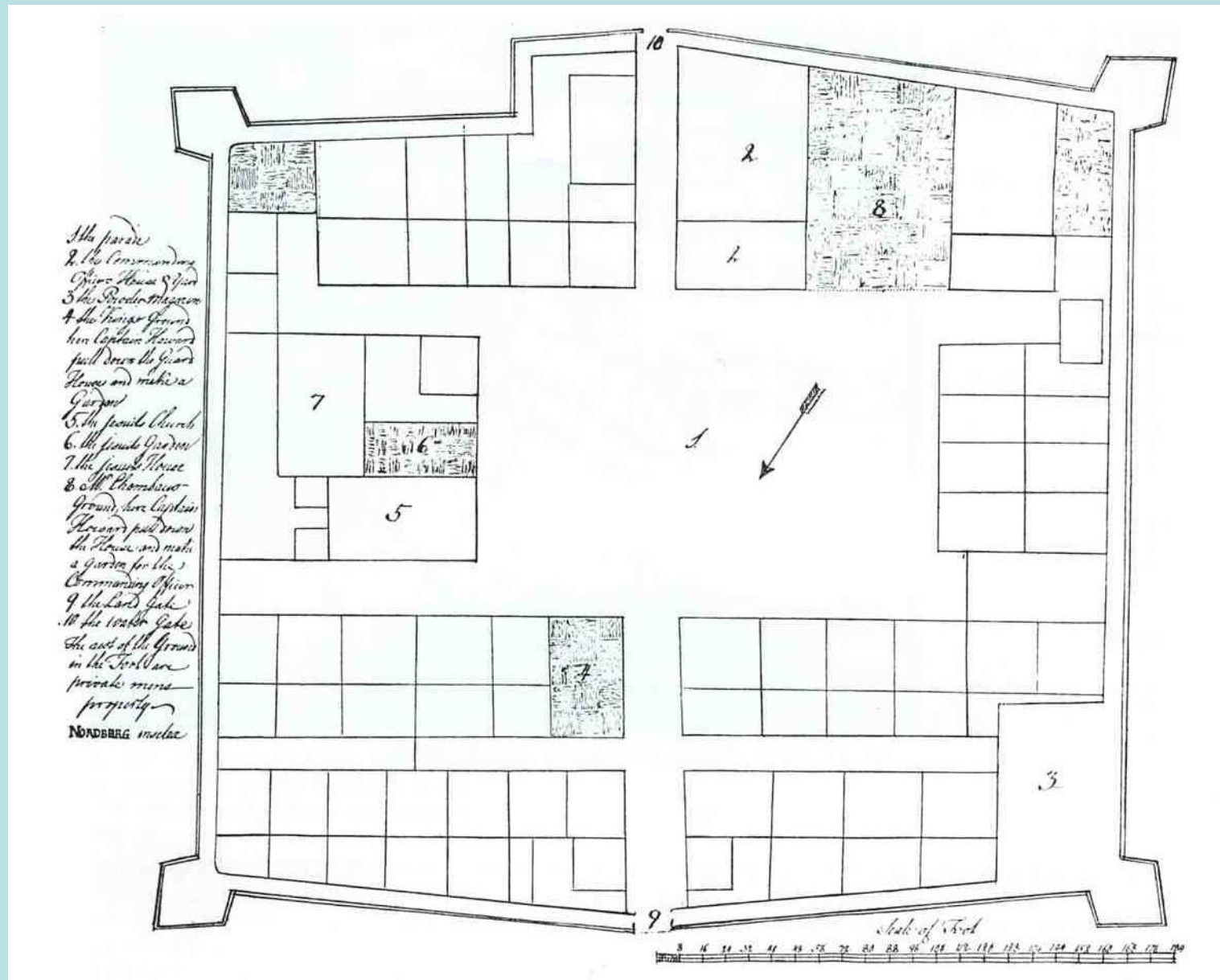
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FORT MICHILIMACKINAC

MASTER MAP



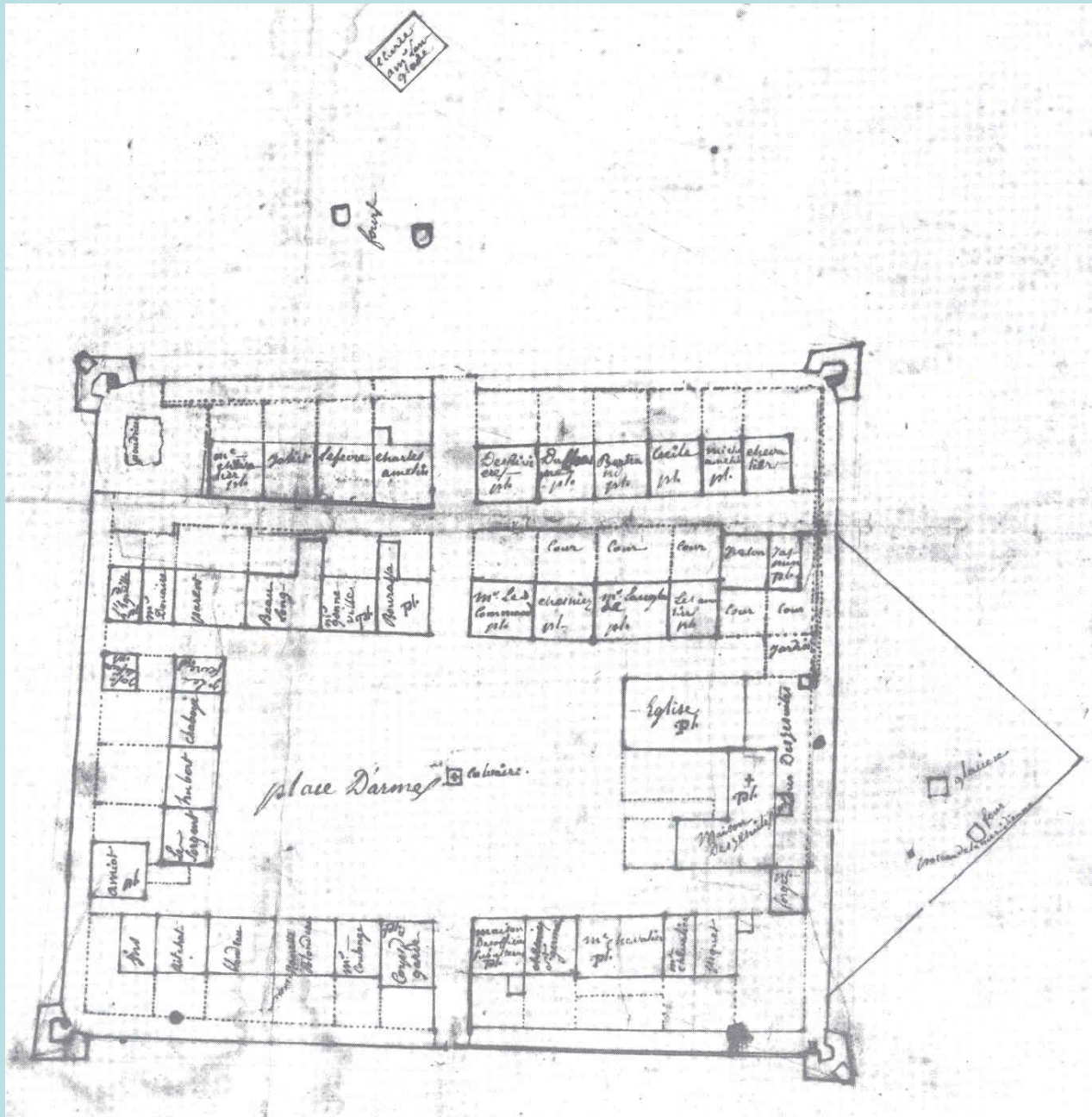




John Nordberg 1769
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Michel Chartier de Lotbiniere 1749

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Charles Henri Desjardins de Rupallay de Gonneville

- b. 1698

- traded at Michilimackinac

c. 1727 -1754

- 1731 married Marie Charlotte Leriger, became brother-in-law to Louis Laplante and Rene Bourassa

- 1758 still owned house at Michilimackinac



Sketch of the Fort
at Michilimackinac

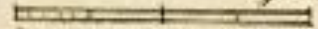
- a The Commanding Officers House
- b Sahabian's Houses occupied by the Officers
- c Provision Store
- d Houses occupied by the Soldiers
- e English Traders Houses
- f Chapel and Priests house
- g a Mill
- h A Magazine
- i Stables
- m A Wharf
- n a garden

Plat forms in the Bastions on each of which are mounted a Piece of Cannon six and nine pounders, besides a top of Piece carries a Round Ball

P Towers of Wood raised on the Bastions, to overlook the adjacent grounds

The Trenches of the Fort all new lined and those of the land Bastions and Bastions all in good order

English Traders houses
St. Josephs Fort Magazine p. 15
of courses



Scale Ten Fathoms to an Inch



Perkins Magra 1765

Clements Library, University of Michigan

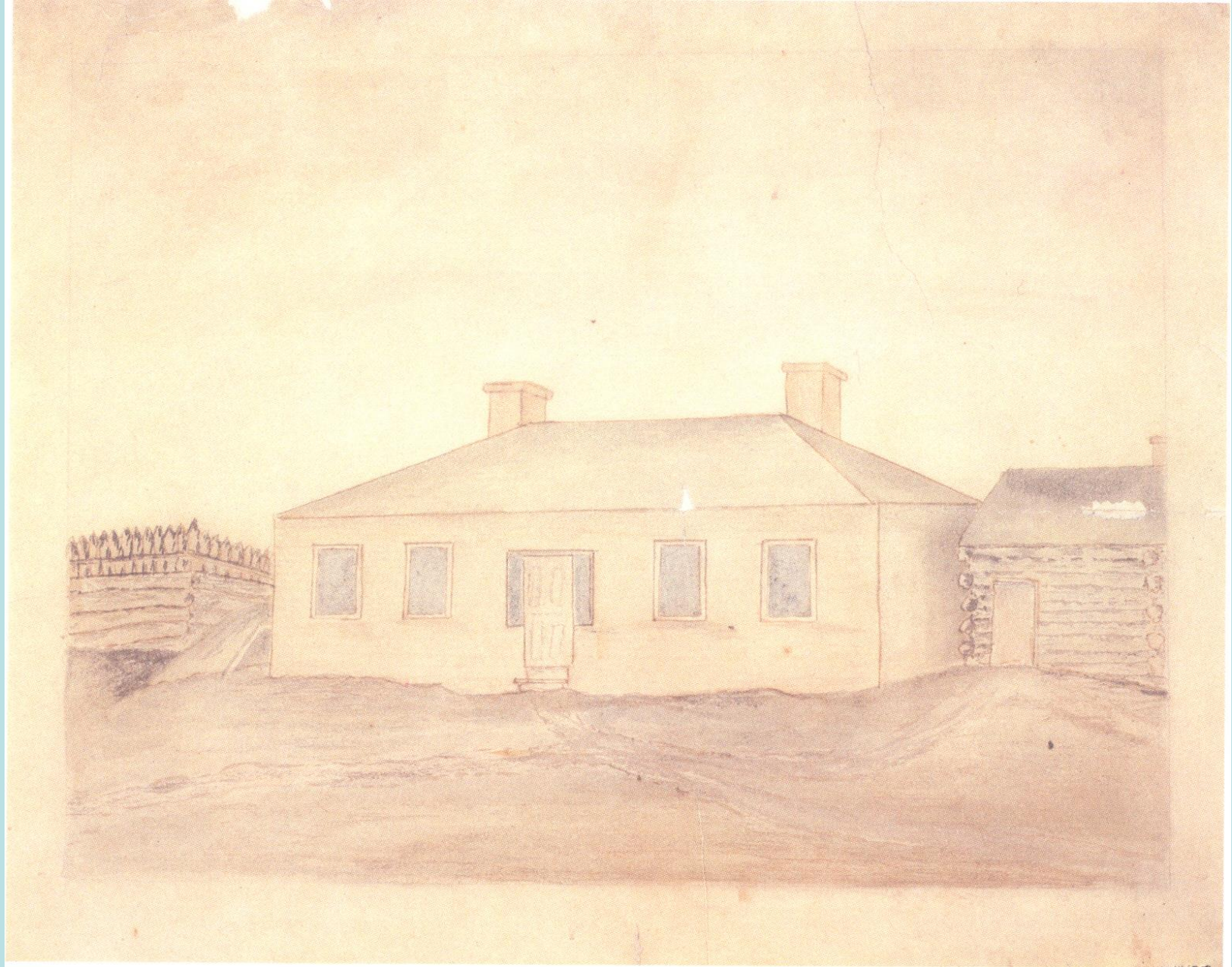












Mary Nexsen Thompson, 1827
Clements Library, University of Michigan













John Michael c. 1797



The 1780 British Water Well

British soldiers dug this well in 1780 during the American Revolution while building the fort. This back-breaking job required soldiers to chisel through more than 150 feet of limestone rock to reach water. This extraordinary effort gave the soldiers a source of water within the fort's protective walls.

In the 1820s American soldiers filled in the well. A new well was dug outside the north sally port. Soldiers also hauled water up from the bay in a horse-drawn water wagon. In the 1880s, water was pumped from a spring below the fort into a large reservoir in the north blockhouse. A gravity-fed pipe system carried the water from the blockhouse to several fort buildings.

Archaeologists rediscovered this well in 1980. They unearthed the casing stones beneath you and recovered thousands of artifacts including military buttons lost by the soldiers who dug the well more than 200 years ago.

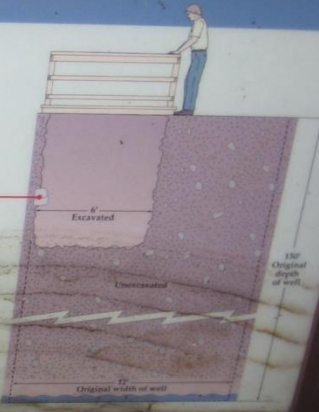


Private, 5th or King's Regiment of Foot, 1780

Original well casing stones



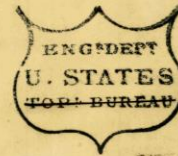
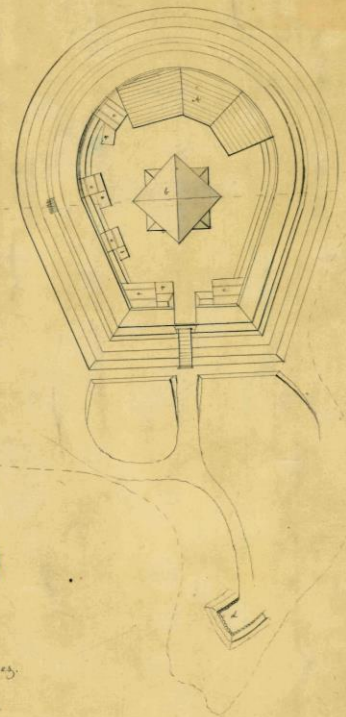
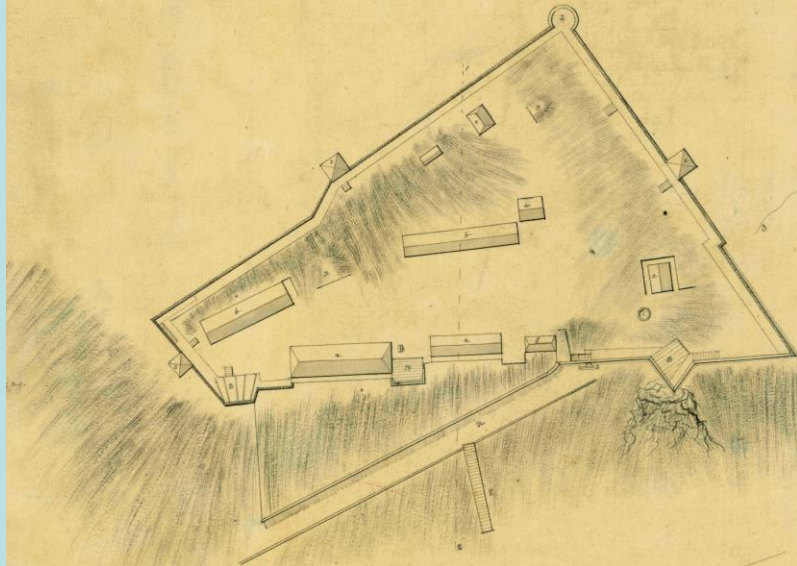
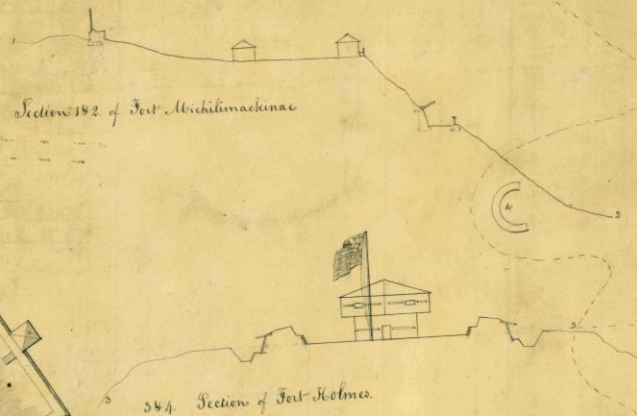
Archaeologists excavating the British water well.



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Plan of Forts Holmes
and Mackinac



References for Fort Michilimackinac

- a. Officers quarters.
 - b. Barracks.
 - c. Magazine.
 - e. Blacksmiths Shop.
 - f. Stone Block House mounting 6 Pounders on the 2^d Story.
 - g. Wooden Tower to mount one piece erected by the English during the late war.
 - i. Well filled up by American Officers previous to the late war.
 - d. Ballists.
 - h. Road leading from the Spire.
 - j. Steps leading to the Public Gardens.
- Scale 40 feet to the inch.

References for Fort Holmes.

- a. Ballists mounting 18 Pounders.
- b. Wooden Block House to mount 6 Pounders in the 2^d Story.
- c. Ballists for Cartridges or Ship Carriages.
- d. Advanced Ballists for heavy Pieces.
- e. Ramp.

Scale 40 feet to the inch.



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Received with Col. Alberts Letter
of August 5/18 (A. 536)

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Drawer
Sheet 4

Charles Gratiot 1817

National Archives







William Benschutz 1845 (detail)
Clements Library, University of Michigan







Fort Michinac Mich.

This tracing forms a part
of other tracings connected
with building operations
submitted under
4987 of July 76
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Post Garden.

Quarters
To be erected.

- 221.2.0. Set Officers Aps
- 24 Landresses Aps
- 26 Tom Seydts Aps

- 1 Barracks.
- 2 Landresses Quarters.
- 3, 4 Officers Quarters
- 5 Hospital.
- 6 Dr. Mr. Storehouse.
- 7 Dr. Mr. S. Storehouse.
- 8 Granary.
- 9 Stable.
- 10 Coal House.
- 11 Lead Quarters.
- 12 Bakery.
- 13 Company Drivng.
- 14 Carpenter Shop
- 15 Magazine
- 16 Blacksmith Shop 'D.S.A'
- 17 Guard House
- 18 Black House
- 19 Wood Water House
- 20 Dec House
- 21 Blacksmith Shop 'New'

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