

**Summary of documents in the Marcel family papers at the Archives  
Cantonales Vaudoises (CH-1022 Chavannes-près-Renens, Vaud, Switzerland)  
relating to the project of establishing a Swiss colony in the United States (ACV  
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[IMGP5952-3] Note des actions remises à Mr. Defauconpret ? en nantissement de 12,000, 10,000, 8,000, & 600, payables le 27<sup>e</sup> Ventose an 14 = 06 mar 1806. The sum of these debts is L 30,600. The shares designated on the other side are numbers 738-831, valued at L 27,918, and numbers 617-627, valued at 3,267 (value of a share as of the first of next January is given as 297), for a total of L 31,185.

[IMGP5954-5] Hottinguer in Paris to Albert Marcel in Paris 16 Prairial 13 = 24 may 1805.

[IMGP5956-7] Schweizer to Albert Marcel? and his cousin 03 jul 1804, marked as personal correspondence.

[IMGP5958-9-60] Schweizer to Albert Marcel 23 Brumaire 13 = 02 nov 1804.

[IMGP5961-2-3-4] Schweizer to Albert Marcel 10 nov 1804.

[IMGP5965—6-7-8] Schweizer to Albert Marcel 19 nov 1804.

[IMGP5969-70] Note relating to purchase of 297,428 acres and 20 perches of land in Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania purchased from William Bingham 21 dec 1796 at 1 ½ dollars per acre, \$100,000 paid at that time, and the remainder of \$346,142 to be paid in equal installments over the next 8 years. Evidently some number of “actions” of the partnership were to be used for this purpose?

[IMGP5971-2] G.? Payen in Lausanne to Albert Marcel in Paris 03 may 1805.

[IMGP5973-4] Copy of letter from Albert Marcel in Paris to Rossier and Roulet in New York 29 jun 1805, indicating that a payment of L 31,342 should be made to Jaques Marcel, who is apparently on his way to collect it.

[IMGP5976] Statement of account of Albert Marcel payable to the Société.

[IMGP5977-8-9] Hottinguer in Paris to Albert Marcel 10 Thermidor 13 = 17 jul 1805.

[IMGP5981] Copy of part of a letter from Jaques Marcel, after writing about his mother and other news of the country, concerning the difficulties of purchasing land in America, no date.

[IMGP5982-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-90-91-92-93] Statement signed by Albert Marcel and Jaques Marcel in Paris, 27 jul 1805, stating that the Société owes Albert Marcel for various financial instruments that he has sold to them. They marked each page with their respective paraphes. The first item: « Les Capitaux & interest échus et à échoir dudit aux Légionnaires, cy-après dénommés, pour leurs gages, salaires, et part de prises, par l'Ex-prince de Luxembourg, dont ils ont été reconnus par Jugement, Créanciers privilégiés, sur les Biens de la Succession du dit Prince, et particulièrement sur les sommes qui reposent à la Trésorerie des Etâts de la Caroline Sud, les dites Créances acquises par moi, soit des Légoinaires,

directement, soit es plusieurs cessionnaires en vertu de 24 actes que j'ai fait passer au nom dud dit sieur Jaques Marcel, pour sa susdite société, par Mr. Defauconpret ?, notaire, rue de Bussy à Paris, l'intérêt de toutes ces créances calculé dès la Dâte des Demandes, jusqu'au 1<sup>er</sup> Janvier 1806, à raison de 5 pour % l'an, ainsi qu'il suit en l'autre part. » This is followed by a list of the légoinnaires, the amounts due on their accounts, and details of various additional instruments. It appears that the Société has paid Albert Marcel L 200,000 for instruments valued at L 247.031, 3 s, 1 d. Part of the L 200,000 was in the form of 517 shares in the Société (valued at L 153,549) plus Albert Marcel's balance on account with the Société (L 46,451).

[IMGP5994-5-6-7] Agreement of 18 aug 1805 between Albert Marcel of Lausanne, now residing in Paris, as cessionnaire of the heirs of Mr. Charles Félix Macquarte de Rullecourt (with details of the parties, dates, and authentication of that cession), and Jaques Marcel of Lausanne, now residing in Paris, representing the Société. Albert sells to Jaques the assets ceded by the heirs of de Rullecourt, valued at L 96,000, with additional interest, which de Rullecourt or his heirs had obtained through the succession of the late Anne Paul Emmanuel Sigismond de Montmorency de Luxembourg (he was the Prince de Luxembourg), for the price of the L 96,000 that remains due from the preceding sale. That is, this transaction seems to be the completion of the previous sale of 27 (or 26?) jul 1805.

[IMGP 5998-9] Undated, to "Monsieur!", regarding the transaction this Monsieur had made with the writer's nephew Jaques Marcel. The handwriting appears to be that of G.? Payen (his letter to "Monsieur!" Albert Marcel dated 03 may 1805 [IMGP5971-2]).

[IMGP6000-1-2-3-4-5] Draft of a letter from Albert Marcel to "Monsieur" 30 jun 1813. "Monsieur" is one of the creditors. Albert tries to explain how the losses of the Société came about, faulting his cousin (Jaques Marcel) for attempting to gain too much by investing the assets of the société in instruments that were not sufficiently liquid. Further, war was declared just a few days after Jaques sailed for America, with the result that a number of expected contingencies were cancelled.

[IMGP6006-7-8 and 6293-4] Share contract issued to Madame Jeanne Marcel née Pernet 01 feb 1805? in return for a note against the estate of Mr. le Collonel de Villefranche.