

midden" is defined as "a mound composed of sea-shells and bones," though it is doubtless equally applicable to any kitchen refuse from ancient dwellings.

THE DUBUQUE AUTOGRAPH.

In the last ANNALS mention was made of a document among the Chouteau papers in St. Louis which bears in two places the signatures of "Aug'te Chouteau" and "J. Dubuque." Since that publication this paper has been kindly sent as a loan to the State Historical Department, by Col. Pierre Chouteau, the present representative of that distinguished family. In sending it Col. Chouteau stipulated that it might remain in the Historical Department, where it is now on exhibition, subject to his order for the time being. Should another paper be found, any portion of which was written by Mr. Dubuque, Col. Chouteau will present one of them to the Historical Department of Iowa. The result of his search, however, is quite uncertain; but while the paper is in our possession we have improved the opportunity of presenting in these pages a facsimile of this very scarce signature. Here it is:



The document referred to has been kindly translated from the French language by Miss Mary Avis Scott, of Des Moines, and is as follows:

MR. JULIEN DUBUQUE *in account with* AUG'TE CHOUTEAU.

	Debit.	
For divers notes received . . . . .	4575.37	For contract of 72000 arpents land
For divers objects of which record	1450.12	bought, . . . . .
has been given, . . . . .		For certain records, . . . . .
		10848.60
		32.79
	6025.49	
Balance to him due, . . . . .	4855.82	
	10881.32	

The which balance of \$4855.82 I will pay to him in two installments:—to wit the half of said balance in the course of the year eighteen hundred five, of which two hundred dollars shall be payable in deer skins at the current price and the remaining sum in

merchandise, taffetas or the country's productions. The second payment of the other half of the balance above indicated I shall execute in the course of the year eighteen hundred six and in the following manner, to wit.—the sum of four hundred dollars payable in deer skins at the current price, and the balance in merchandise, taffetas, whisky, etc.

Done in duplicate at St. Louis this 12th day of November, 1804.

AUG<sup>TE</sup> CHOUTEAU.

J. DUBUQUE.

		MR. JULIEN DUBUQUE <i>in account with</i> AUGUST CHOUTEAU.		Cr.
1806		1804		
9-14	The showing of account to	9-12	Balance from above,	4855.82
	date,	1806		
	Balance to your due,	9-2	Interest on \$1194 at 8 per	
			cent,	9.50
				4865.32
				4865.32

By the present settlement the above Aug<sup>te</sup> Chouteau owes to Julien Dubuque for balance on account the above sum of one thousand two hundred eighty-two dollars forty-nine cents, the which payable in the same terms and conditions between us covenanted as above the 12th of November, 1806.

Done in duplicate at St. Louis, the 14th November, 1804.

AUG<sup>TE</sup> CHOUTEAU.

J. DUBUQUE.

## MEMENTOS OF THE WAR OF 1812.

Mr. Henry Larrabee of Windham, Conn., brother of Ex-Gov. William Larrabee of this State, has sent to the State Historical Department, the military clothing, sword, sash, and some minor items, which were on the person of their father, 1st Lieutenant Adam A. Larrabee,\* when he was shot through the body at the battle of La Cole Mill, Canada, March 30, 1814. Adam Larrabee was appointed a cadet at West Point, by President Jefferson, in 1808. He graduated third in his class, and fifty-fifth in the list of graduates from the opening of that institution. At first a 2d lieutenant, he was promoted to 1st lieutenant, and later to a captaincy. He was "disbanded" (mustered out) in 1815, and in 1822 served in the Connecticut Legislature. He died at Windham, October 25, 1869.

\*For a full account of the life and public services of Capt. Adam A. Larrabee, see Rossiter Johnson's "War of 1812," p. 252, Gen. "Cullum's Biographical Register of the U. S. Military Academy," Vol. I, pp. 94-5, and The Magazine of American History, Vol. XXV, pp. 371-374. The latter contains his portrait.

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