

FRANCIS COUSSATT, SR. held a settlement and improvement right, which indicates that he was here at least as early as 1793. When his claim was filed, it was stated that he inhabited and cultivated several years under Spanish government. There is a discrepancy of about two to four miles in the location of his home, as an 1818 deed locates it "on the north side of the Arkansas river about Six miles below the little rocks", while an 1821 deed says that the unconfirmed claim was "situate about eight or ten miles below the Little Rocks, joining the northwardly shore of the Arkansas river in Pulaski county."

He was dead before June 6, 1814, when his surviving children, all of age, sold William Russell an undivided half interest in the 800-arpens claim. These heirs were: Francis Coussatt, Jr., Cadet Coussatt, Pierre Coussatt, and Josephine Coussatt, wife of Joseph Duchassin.

The old Spanish records show that one Francisco Coussatt on May 22, 1797, was married by the traveling priest to Genova fra Bartelmy, daughter of Joseph Bartelmy Kebed and his Indian wife Marguerita. Three sons of the couple witnessed the wedding: Francisco, Pedro and Simon.

FRANCIS COUSSATT, JR. lived two different places, probably both near Little Rock, but the locations given in the deed records are vague. On April 2, 1820, he sold to William Russell for \$10, a "small improvement made inhabited and cultivated by him prior to the 12th day of April in the year 1814, Situate joining the Arkansas river within the aforesaid (present) county of Pulaski...it being expressly understood by said parties that this Conveyance shall not interfere with the title to a tract of land claimed in right of Francis Coussatt Senior (deceased) nor with the improvement on which Francis Coussatt (a party to this deed) now resides." He lived within the Quapaw boundary in 1821, but it is not known whether or not this second home was established prior to the 1814 deadline. He received a Quapaw land grant in 1824.

PIERRE COUSSATT was commonly called Caddy Coussatt, and we might assume that Pierre and Cadet Coussatt were one and the same, except for the fact that there were signatures by mark for each of them on the 1814 deed to William Russell. Pierre married Marguerite Trudeau on June 21, 1812, at which time he was identified as Pierre Coussatt, Senior. At some date prior to April 12, 1814, he settled on the East frl. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 1, T 1 N, R 12 W, adjoining the south bank of the Arkansas river. He sold the claim to William Russell in 1821, and stated that it was his only pre-emption on the Arkansas river, but he held a claim patented to the heirs of William D. Simms, as his representatives, on the West $\frac{1}{2}$ frl. Sec. 12 and SE frl $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11, T 1 N, R 11 W, a few miles down the river. In addition, his wife owned a tract, given to her before her marriage by Pierre Leruse, alias Derosier. This was a confirmed Spanish grant which adjoined land confirmed to Joseph Trudeau, Sr.

JOSEPH DUCHASSIN was the son of John Baptiste Duchassin, who lived at the mouth of Cadron creek prior to 1793. He married Josephine Coussatt, daughter of Francis Coussatt, Sr. He was a trader, and as such may have been considered transient by the Land Office, as his claim to 750 arpens on the Arkansas river was not granted. It was based on pos-