

British army, subsequently distinguished himself as one of Canada's foremost authors, and finally died in poverty in New York, whither he had gone in the vain hope of finding a better literary market than Canada afforded.

Therese, eldest of the children of John and Mrs. Askin, married Thomas McKee, son of Colonel Alexander McKee of the Indian Department, who was one of the foremost figures on the British side in the western theater during the Revolutionary War and long one of the most influential men in western Canada. The career of Thomas McKee was ruined by drunkenness, and although he attained the rank of captain in the Sixtieth Regiment, the marriage of Therese Askin proved more unfortunate, probably, than that of any of her brothers and sisters. Archange, the second child of Mrs. Askin, married Captain David Meredith of the Royal Artillery Regiment. He was soon called back to England, and her charming and vivacious letters to her parents in Detroit serve to vivify many pages of the volumes that follow. Her husband rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and died at Halifax in March, 1809, this station being the nearest approach to their dream of some day returning to the vicinity of Mrs. Meredith's parents. Mrs. Meredith outlived her husband more than half a century, dying at Bruges, Belgium, in the autumn of 1866.

Of all Askin's children, only Adelaide married an American. In 1802 she became the wife of Elijah Brush, one of the first American lawyers of Detroit. When Askin removed from Detroit in the spring of 1802, Brush became the occupant of his home, which had been the ancestral home of Mrs. Askin, and several years later he bought the property. The names Brush Street and Brush farm, the latter still a familiar designation in Detroit, have served to identify permanently Brush's ownership of the property. At the outbreak of war in 1812 he was in command of the Michigan territorial militia. Following the surrender of the army by General Hull, Brush was paroled and, in February, 1813, departed for Ohio, leaving his wife and children to such protection as Askin could afford them. He died before the termination of his exile, and his family never saw him again.