

Charles Askin, next younger than Adelaide, was trained to a mercantile career, but when the War of 1812 began he was developing a farm in western Canada. He served throughout the war with some distinction and at its close returned to the parental home, apparently to assume charge of his father's estate. Until his death over half a century later he resided at Windsor, holding various local offices of public trust and enjoying the reputation of being one of the foremost citizens of his community. He married Monique Jacob, daughter of George Jacob, who was a resident of Detroit shortly after the Revolution, and who, remaining a British subject, served as a captain of militia in the War of 1812. James, the second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Askin, also served through the war with the rank of captain. He married Frances Godet *dit* Marentette, descendant of an early Detroit family, and reared a large family, some of whose members have died only in recent years. Alexander, the youngest son, was a lieutenant during the war and died a few years later. Ellen Phyllis, the youngest daughter, married Richard Pattinson of Sandwich, who was for many years prominent in the Indian trade. He accompanied the retreating British army in its flight before General Harrison in the autumn of 1813, and Mrs. Pattinson died en route, at the home of George Jacob on the Thames River.

Of the private papers kept by Askin during his long career, only a portion is known to be in existence. In the Burton Historical Collection are nineteen bound volumes of general correspondence, almost all of which bears date subsequent to 1780. There are also numerous volumes of business records, which likewise pertain to the latter half of Askin's career. The records of his activities at Mackinac and Albany, which would doubtless be no less interesting than those originating after his removal to Detroit, have for the most part, vanished utterly; one fortunate exception to this generalization is the single letter book from the Mackinac period that has survived the ravages of time. Its contents shed much interesting light on the commercial activities of the region concerned in the mid-period of the American Revolution. In recent years the Archives Department in