

19 James Abbott was one of the early English merchants of Detroit. In 1778 Governor Hamilton confiscated his goods for a violation of orders with respect to the conduct of the Indian trade. Two years later Abbott was the recipient of extensive grants of land fronting the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair made by the Potawatomi and Chippewa tribes. He died prior to July 25, 1800, leaving to his widow and offspring much property. Abbott was the father of six children, born between the years 1770 and 1777. Three of them were sons—Robert, James, and Samuel—and all were prominent men in their generation. The marriage connections established by all six children served further to enhance the family influence. Mary Abbott married William Hands, who became sheriff and registrar of Essex, Kent, and Lambton; Frances and Elizabeth married, respectively, François and James Baby of Detroit and (subsequently) Sandwich; Robert Abbott married Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Audrain; James married Sarah Whistler, daughter of Captain John Whistler and sister of Colonel William Whistler of the U. S. army; Samuel married a Miss St. Croix of St. Louis and spent most of his life at Mackinac. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*, and genealogical notes on the Abbott family compiled by C. M. Burton, ms. in Burton Hist. Coll.

20 William Harffy was a frequent correspondent of John Askin and many of his letters are preserved among the Askin Papers. He was sent to Detroit from Lower Canada as hospital mate in the spring of 1781. In 1786 he succeeded Dr. George Anthon as surgeon of the garrison. He was subsequently garrison surgeon at Amherstburg, where he died shortly prior to June 2, 1802. He was a whimsical, lovable soul, impractical in temperament and delightful in conversation. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XIX, 620, XX, 686, and Askin Papers in Burton Hist. Coll., *passim*.

21 John Dodemead was one of the earliest English residents of Detroit, having come here about the time the British took possession of the place. On December 1, 1780, he married Jane Murray and to them ten children were born. At the time of the fire in 1805, Dodemead was one of the most prosperous citizens of Detroit, but he sustained heavy losses in the fire, from which he never recovered. He shortly afterward built a hotel at the intersection of modern Shelby Street and Jefferson Avenue, which he conducted until his death in 1812, and which his wife continued to run thereafter. If family tradition be authentic, the flag of truce run up by General Hull in 1812, was a tablecloth snatched from Mrs. Dodemead's establishment. Dodemead held various public offices in the earlier years of the American régime. One of his daughters married Charles Jouett, early Indian agent at Chicago; another married Captain Samuel Dyson of the U. S. army, who at one time commanded the garrison at Detroit; the youngest daughter became the wife of Jacob Varnum, U. S. factor at Sandusky and (subsequently) Chicago. The five sons of Dodemead all died without issue. Information adapted from *Proc. of the Land Board of Detroit*, 187-89, and mss. in Burton Hist. Coll.

22 Thomas McCrae was a tailor by trade. His name appears on the census roll of Detroit in 1779 and again in 1782. Certain accounts of his published in Vol. VIII of the *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, indicate that he continued to live here for a number of years. In 1791 he is listed among the loyalists at Detroit making application for a grant of land. Apparently he removed to the Canadian shore, for in 1813 his name appears as one of the signers of a memorial to Sir George Prevost urging reasons for the retention of a large garrison of regular troops at Amherstburg. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XV, 252 and XXIV, 178.

23 William Scott is listed in the Detroit census of 1782 as a married man with a considerable domestic establishment. In 1791 his name occurs in the list of loyalists at Detroit applying for grants of land, with the description of "Sergeant in Detroit Volunteers," and the further characterization of "now a tavern keeper in Detroit." Along with other discharged loyalists he was granted a lot of land at New Settlement on Lake Erie by the Land Board of the District of Hesse. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim* and *Essex Hist. Soc., Papers and Addresses*, III, 71.