

8th Dug my Potatoes at the farm

14th Dug the last of my Potatoes

Nov^r 13th Cap^t Robison⁴⁶ began the Paterns for the Petiauger

14th he went to the Woods to get the Timber to make her

30th Took up my Cabage out of my Garden

Jan^y 7th 1775 The poor Blk Sow took Boar.

12th Cap^t Cornwalls⁴⁷ Sow took the Boar. the first hen laid Yesterday Ganniez[?] began to make Kegs

13th Cap^t Robison began the Petiauger

Febr^r 24th 1775 The Ewes began to Lamb

March 4th a Cow Calfed at the farm

15th a Cow Calfed at the farm in the Woods the Weather so good & Grass almost Every place

March 26th The lake is now so Clear of Ice that has been driving back & forward for Above three Weeks past that a Boat or Vessell may go on it.

Apr^l 1st The Weather has been Uncommonly Cold Since the 26th March Some of my Cows have lain Out for Near a fortnight at diff^t times

7th The first Canoe Arrived from the Other shore.

Mich. Apr^l 7th 1775

Mr Henry gone from this in a Canoe for St Mary's

The Second time we have seen Pidgons this Season, the first was four days ago.

Some Geesse flew past to day & some Other some days Ago

8th The red Sow piged had Seven Pigs.

⁴⁶ This was Samuel Robertson, a native of Scotland and a sailor from youth, who in 1774 was sent to Detroit by the firm of Phyn and Ellice of London to take command of a vessel in the interest of some merchants engaged in the Northwest fur trade. Robertson continued to sail the upper lakes for several years. The log of one of his cruises (in 1779) is printed in *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, XI, 203-12. In the winter of 1779-80 he was arrested at Mackinac by Governor Patrick Sinclair and sent to Montreal for trial. See documents printed in *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, IX, 618 ff. In 1782 Robertson was at Quebec, still awaiting trial; he died soon after this. In the winter of 1777-78 he married at Mackinac Catherine Askin, eldest daughter of John Askin. See *post*, 68. Two of his younger brothers were William and David Robertson, merchants of Detroit in the period 1785-96.

⁴⁷ Probably Richard Cornwall of the naval establishment, for whom see *post*, 178.