

Addressed: Colonel John Askin Detroit⁶¹

Endorsed: This a/c of M. Donovans for Schooling is all sett^d & paid. see my Books

TUITION CHARGES OF MATTHEW DONOVAN

Detroit 26 Nov. 98

Sir I am sorry to find you made out your account for the Schooling of my Children & Commodore Grant's Boy, higher than our agreem^t. It cannot serve you but may be hurtful which I do not Wish; for it may lead others to think that when they remove their Children to an other School you will charge them much higher, therefore may take precautions to put it out of your Power which may be injurious to your Interest. Please therefore to make out a new Account and charge me as heretofore, and according to our Agreement and I will pay you, tho' Charles went only, or not even half the time as the other Children.

What is right I will always pay, and more I will not by Compulsion to any man I am &^{ca}

J A

Mr Donovan

Endorsed: Detroit 26 Novem. 98 John Askin Sen^r to Mathew Donovan Copy

Scholar, and of long experience in his profession." See A. H. Young (ed.), *The Parish Register of Kingston, Upper Canada, 1785-1811* (Kingston, 1921), 56 *et passim*. He came to Detroit as early as 1794, where he continued his profession of schoolmaster, remaining here until some time after the fire of 1805. He then removed to Amherstburg, where he died, July 22, 1809. Considerable interesting information concerning his teaching career is given in Burton's *City of Detroit, 1701-1922*, I, 708-709. On June 4, 1804, a police complaint was lodged against him "for not sweeping the street before his schoolhouse." He owned certain lots in Detroit, and in August, 1807, was a petitioner before the Land Board for P. C. 49 (in Ecorse), a tract of 389.80 acres.

Donovan left a widow and several daughters. One of the latter married Captain Jonathan Nelson, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 554-55; another married Robert Innis of Sandwich; a third became the wife of Matthew Elliot. See sketch in *Proc. of Land Board of Detroit*, 165-66; Farmer, *Hist. of Detroit, passim*; and St. John's Church Register.

⁶¹ On the same sheet with the address and the endorsement are some figures, not here reproduced, which may represent Askin's refiguring of the account.