

ments want Assistance to write for them and be paid for it. my present pay is a Dollar a Day and His Excellency has promised that some time hence it will be made better, that it is his Intention. I have a Small House in the Garrison of two Rooms appointed for me until the beginning of September when they Depart from here and when I am to return to Detroit to bring down my Family &C and winter here. I have wrote M^r Henry³⁶ & M^{rs} Heward on the Subject, to give M^r Henry more time to provide a proper person to receive my Charge, and I will do everything to render up all

been stationed in Quebec. A letter from Hugh Heward to Askin, Aug. 12, 1802 (ms. in B. H. Coll.) presents Green's private character in a highly unfavorable light. See also British army lists, *passim*; Mich. Pio. Colls., *passim*; and *Simcoe Papers*, IV, 42.

³⁶ James Henry was a native of Lancaster, Pa., who came west in the late autumn of 1796 in the capacity of agent for General James O'Hara (for whom see *ante*, 148), who had the contract with the government to provision the western army posts. Henry's instructions from O'Hara contemplated that he should operate from Fort Washington (Cincinnati) to Detroit, and he first visited the latter place on Jan. 6, 1797. O'Hara withdrew from the army contracting on Oct. 1, 1800, and Henry, who, in 1797, had established (in partnership with General John Wilkins of Pittsburgh) a tannery and general store in Detroit, seems to have terminated his employment with O'Hara about this time. As a citizen of Detroit, he quickly won both local esteem and financial success. On Aug. 21, 1798, he was appointed justice of the peace by Governor St. Clair. He was judge of the Court of Quarter Sessions, 1802-1804; was appointed, in 1802, a member of the first board of trustees of Detroit; was county commissioner in 1804; tax assessor in 1807; and on April 15, 1807, was appointed by Governor Hull Associate Judge of the Court of Huron and Detroit. He ran a tannery and a leather-goods store, and in 1807, was president of the Bank of Detroit. He lost heavily in the fire which burned Detroit in 1805, and seems never wholly to have recovered from this blow.

Henry belonged to a large family. His father, William Henry, was an important figure in Revolutionary Pennsylvania, having held numerous public offices, among which were that of member of the Assembly in 1776; Treasurer of Lancaster County from 1777 until his death, after which his wife, Ann Wood Henry, held the office several years; manufacturer of guns and superintendent of arms and accouterments for the army; member of Congress, 1784-86. He was an intimate friend of Thomas Paine and Benjamin West; and an inventor of no little merit. One brother of James, Matthew, engaged in trade at Mackinac, and died there on March 29, 1804. Moses Henry of Vincennes was an uncle. Another brother, John Joseph Henry, served as president of the several courts of common pleas in the Pennsylvania counties of Lancaster, York, and Dauphin. In 1810 his son, Stephen Chambers Henry, a graduate in medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, came to Detroit to engage in the tannery business with James, and after the death of the latter conducted the business for several years.

In a letter of April 27, 1810, Henry expresses a wish to return east and states that he has therefore contracted no marriage ties. Notwithstanding, he had a daughter, Maria, born, May 10, 1803 (the mother was Charlotte Quimfers), for whom he seems to have evinced the usual paternal regard. She was reared by her uncles in Pennsylvania, and attended the Moravian seminary in Bethlehem for a time. She subsequently returned to Detroit, where on July 23, 1821, she married Charles Rouleau. James Henry was a man of some education and culture. Among his possessions were such books as Gibbon's *Rome*, and the works of Homer, Milton, and Shakespeare. There is some uncertainty about the date of his death. The nearest contemporary record is a letter of Elijah Brush to John Askin, undated by the writer but endorsed by Askin as of Dec. 31, 1812, which indicates that he died on December 29 of that year. See *post*, 744. Data chiefly adapted from biographical sketch by Louise Rau in *Burton Hist. Coll. Leaflet*, VII, 65-80.