

two nights at Amherstburg. Duncan is offended with you for writing Robins preferably to him, altho I try'd to excuse you by saying Robins wrote you first. I will pay the small Debts you mention in your last, and take as much care of your Horses as I can. Robins was at a Dance at the Cote des Poux, last Week where your old Flame rendered herself ridiculous by being too fond of Oliver. they were to be Married last Thursday but [it] is put off for a Day or two longer. Captain Dyson⁸ was Married to Miss Dodemead last Week.

Poor Nancy M^cKee⁹ and Charles Brush¹⁰ were much burnt, the former by her Cloaths taking fire & latter falling in a kettle of Scalding Water. however there is no danger for their Lives. M^r Louis Barthe begs you will try & procure for him two Elk Skins, as a cure for his Leg. Dedines Family begs to be remembered to you. having nothing more to add I must conclude by assuring you that I am Dear Charles your Affexionate Brother

James Askin

8 Samuel T. Dyson was commissioned lieutenant in the First Artillerists and Engineers, Dec. 19, 1796. The date of his coming to Detroit has not been learned, but he was commandant here from August, 1805, to April, 1807, and was again stationed here as captain of artillery when Hull arrived with his army from Ohio in July, 1812. Farmer, *Hist. of Detroit, passim*. On Jan. 25, 1807, he married Ann Dodemead, daughter of John and Jane Murray Dodemead, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 304. Ann Dodemead was born, Jan. 5, 1789, and died in 1850. During the War of 1812, Captain Dyson was in command of one of the forts in the vicinity of Washington, which he abandoned by reason of some mistake in instructions, thereby facilitating the capture of the city by the British. For this he was court-martialed and dismissed from the army, Nov. 17, 1814. He returned to Detroit to live and subsequently died here, leaving, besides his widow, two children, Samuel T. and Jane Dyson. Ann Dodemead married (second) Charles Jackson, and a daughter, Ann, was born to this couple. See sketch in *Proc. of Land Board*, 188, and mss. in B. H. Coll.

9 Marie Anne McKee (familiarily known as Nancy), natural daughter of Captain Thomas McKee, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 376. Nancy was baptized in Sandwich, on March 4, 1800, and the record states that she was then three and one-half years old. A year later (July 28, 1801) Thomas made his will, but for some reason refrained from mentioning Nancy in the document. In the spring of 1815, Mrs. McKee was with the family of George Hamilton in modern Hamilton, Ont., for a time, and in a letter home gave as a reason for delaying her return to Detroit the prospects of Nancy's marriage to a "fine young man," which obligated Mrs. McKee "more than ever to pay her a proper attention which commands respect from others." Apparently the marriage did not take place, since in October, 1815, Mrs. McKee expressed worry over Nancy's financial future. Data compiled from letters in the John Askin papers and other mss. in the B. H. Coll.

10 Charles Brush was a son of Elijah Brush and Adelaide Askin, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 207. He was born, Dec. 6, 1804, and died, Feb. 7, 1807, presumably from the effects of the accident here noted. On April 25, 1807, another Brush child was born, to whom the name Charles Reuben was given. He was later a prominent citizen of Detroit. Data derived from ms. notes by C. M. Burton on Brush genealogy in B. H. Coll.