

the Shoulder, & Pierre Badichon⁴ killed.

I remain, your Affectionate Son

James Askin

General Winchester is taken prisoner.

OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT AT RAISIN RIVER

Amherstburg 7^h Feb^y 1813

Dear Sir It gives me real Satisfaction to be able to Say I think poor Robert now out of danger his health improves and his leg I think wil[l] be saved. he behaved like a little hero in the field and has born[e] his wound like a man. herewith is enclosed a letter from your grandson John⁵ who gives you a detail of this whole business. I was near writing a few days ago to M^r Powell at York respecting the unpleasant situation I am in here as a Majistrate, under the command and controul of Commanding officers who expect every thing to be done as they wish sometimes without either law or reason. if I had I should have Stole Johns letter to give an account of our River Raisin business. the loss has been very severe, indeed ten times more than was necessary. Our men ought either to have been brought up in Contact with the enemy at once (which they might have been before half of them was fairly awake) or else kept at a sufficient distance for the Guard to drive them out. We Succeeded tis true but we have to thank the fears and want of Conduct in the Enemmy, and a kind and protecting providence, much more than our own good conduct. If the Americans had been sold[i]ers, they would have come out when our men were compleatly broke and nearly half of them kill[e]d & wounded, and would have taken or kill[e]d every man. I am sure two hundred men could not then have been got together, and they had 450 all together.

born in Detroit in the years 1822 and 1824, and three born in St. Clair, Mich., in the years 1826-34. Data derived from Irving, *op. cit.*, and Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁴ Pierre Labadie dit Badichon was a son of Anthony Labadie and Marie, a Chippewa woman, for whom see *B. H. R.*, I, 46. Pierre was born in 1775 and was baptized in Sandwich, Nov. 17, 1782. He married Ann Purday and they had seven children born in Sandwich in the years 1799-1812. Denissen, *op. cit.*

⁵ John Richardson, eldest son of the writer, for whom see *ante*, 131. The letter here alluded to is printed in Casselman, *op. cit.*, 301-304.