

opinion who is most proper M^r Robertson recommends M^r Sharp, and we were thinking of M^r Row [Roe].¹⁰⁰ we recommend your renewing the Advertisment of Sale every Month. When M^r Robertson Goes to Philadelphia he will do the needfull respecting the Indian Grants We are

Your Obed^t hble Serv^{ts}

Isaac Todd

John Askin Esq^r

James McGill

P S if proposals are made for any of the Large Tracts of Land &^{ea} with which you dont like to comply without our aprobation, you can transmit them to us. I. T.

Addressed: John Askin Esq^r Detroit

Endorsed: Montreal Nov^r 7^h 1796 Mess^s Isaac Todd & James McGill to Jn^o Askin relative to Houses & Land to be sold

LEASE OF FARM OF WILLIAM MACOMB

It is this day agreed upon by and between Angus Mackintosh, of Detroit, Esquire, one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of William Macomb,¹⁰¹ late of the same place, Esquire, deceased, of the one part and John Hembrow of Gross Isle, of the other part as follows.

The said Angus Mackintosh¹⁰² in his aforesaid Capacity

¹⁰⁰ For sketch of Walter Roe's career, see *B. H. R.*, I, 180. A letter of John Askin to Robert Nichol, Aug. 12, 1801, records that "Poor M^r. Roe was found suffocated where there was very little watter on his way from Malden to this on Sunday morning last [August 7]." Roe was the son of a resident of London, a man of some means. Owing to the death of his father, and the subsequent remarriage of his mother, he went to sea, serving as a midshipman in the navy from 1779 until the close of the Revolution. He subsequently came to Canada, where he studied law and was admitted to practice in Quebec in April, 1789.

The date of his coming to Detroit is unknown, but his inclusion in Major Mathews' list, Oct. 1, 1787, of disbanded troops and loyalists to whom lots on the north side of Lake Erie (later known as New Settlement) were granted implies that he had been here prior to that date. See Ontario Bur. of Archives, *Report*, 1905, p. 88 ff. In this list he is described as a warrant officer in the marine department. On March 1, 1790, Roe married Ann Laughton at Detroit. A son, John James, was born Nov. 25, 1792; William was born, Feb. 1, 1795; Walter Thomas, on Jan. 27, 1798; and Maria Ann, on July 16, 1800. See Marriage Register for the Western District, and St. John's Church Register, *passim*. William Roe, in later life, was a merchant of Newmarket, Ont. He was a government clerk in York (Toronto) in 1813, and when the American army captured the place he saved much of the public money by burying it on the farm of John Beverley Robinson. Riddell, *Legal Profession in Upper Canada*, 168-70.

¹⁰¹ For his career, see *B. H. R.*, I, 108.

¹⁰² For the career of Angus McIntosh, see *ibid.*, 293-94. The Marriage Register for the Western District of Upper Canada (ms.) shows that the date of his marriage (there