

matter of fact he was married twice and had a daughter who survived him.

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A detailed examination of the John Askin Papers would be out of place here. Their value is self evident. John Askin visited Detroit as early as 1762. In 1764 he took up his residence in Mackinac, and in 1780 he moved to Detroit, where he lived till 1802. He then moved south across the river (which here runs east) into Canada, but he continued many Detroit connections until his death in 1815. He engaged extensively in the fur trade, in supplying government posts, at one time controlled several sailing vessels, and throughout his career had extensive correspondence with a wide spread group of friends. Even these few facts show the many phases of early western history which the Askin papers will illumine.

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Note

John W. Cravens, secretary of Indiana University, has recently published an article on "The Trustees of Indiana University." He succeeded in getting the desired data concerning all the trustees except Franklin Sawyer who was a member of the board in 1840. The old records do not even give the county from which Mr. Sawyer came. Can any readers furnish Mr. Cravens the desired information?