

NAME: WORK, John
(also WARK)

PARISH: Taughboyne, nr.
Londonderry, Co. Donegal.

ENTERED SERVICE: 1814, 15 June
(A.32/18)

DATES: b. ca. 1792
d. 22 Dec. 1861



Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1814-1815	Steward	York Factory	York	A.30/14,pp.1-2
1815-1818	Asst. Trader, Writer	Trout Lake	Severn	A.16/36,fo.120d-121;A.30/15,fo.54
1818-1821	District Master	Severn	Severn	A.16/39,fo.116d-117; A.30/16,no.380
1821-1822	Clerk in chge of Dist.	Severn	Severn	Search file
1822-1823	Clerk in chge of Dist.	Island Lake	Island Lake	B.93/a/3
1823, 18 July	left York Factory for Columbia District			B.239/k/1,p.59; Search File
1823-1824	Clerk	Spokane House		Search File
1824,18 Nov.-30 Dec.	accompanied J. McMillan to Puget Sound and Fraser R.			B.239/k/1,p.92
1825,March-May	Clerk			Search File
1825, Summer	Clerk	Spokane House		Search File
1825,Nov-1826,Feb.	Clerk	Flathead	Colvile	Search File
1826, summer	Clerk	on horse trading expedition to the Nez Perces and to Flathead and Kootenay		Search File; B.239/k/1,p.128
1826-1829	Clerk in Charge	Fort Colvile	Colvile	B.239/k/1, p.177,215,250
1829-1830	Clerk in chge of Dist.	Flathead	Colvile	B.239/k/1,p.270,271
1830-1831	Chief Trader	in charge of Snake Country Expedition		B.239/k/1,p.292
1831-1832	Chief Trader	on trading and trapping expedition to the Flathead and Blackfoot Indians		B.239/k/1,p.316
1832-1833	Chief Trader	on trapping expedition to the Bonaventura Valley		B.239/k/2,p.16
1834, summer	Chief Trader	on trading excursion from Fort Vancouver to Umpqua		B.239/k/2,p.43,72
1834-1846	in charge of coasting trade	Fort Simpson	Nass	B.239/k/2,p.96,139,163,186,206,228,258,280,332,336
1846-1849	Chief Factor in charge of coasting trade	Fort Simpson	Nass	B.239/k/2,p.391,413,439
1849-1852	District Manager	Fort Simpson	Columbia	B.239/k/2,p.463,488;B.239/k/3
1852-1853	District Manager	Fort Rupert	Columbia	B.239/k/3,p.39
1853-1860	Appointed to Board of Management of Western Department			B.239/k/3,p.59,83;B.226/g/1-7
1860-1861	Chief Factor, Manager	Victoria	Western Department	B.226/g/8
1861,22 Dec.	died at "Hillside", Victoria, Vancouver Island buried in the Quadra St [Victoria] Cemetery			<i>The Beaver</i> , Dec.1940,p.13

Father:	Henry Wark		A.5/5,fo.172-172d
Sister:	Letitia Wark		A.10/18,18 May 1844
Brothers:	Senator David Work, Joseph Wark		
Children:	by "a native woman" baptised 27 Aug. 1826 Elizabeth and Anne		E.4/1,fo.61d
Wife:	Josette Legace (a Spokane mixed blood) m. 6 Nov.1849		A.36/15; A.44/4
Children: (born between 1826 and 1854)	Jane	b. Fort Colvile, 25 Dec. 1827	m. W. Tolmie, 19 Feb. 1850 A.B. Maloney, "John Work of the HBC"
	Sarah	b. Fort Colvile, Nov. 1829	m. R. Finlayson, 14 Dec. 1849
	Letitia	b. Idaho, summer 1831	m. E. Huggins, 21 Oct. 1857
	Margaret	b. Fort Vancouver, 15 Sept. 1836	m. E.H.Jackson, 5 Feb. 1861
	Mary	b. Fort Simpson, Jan. or Feb. 1837	m. J. A. Grahame, 5 Sept. 1860
	John	b. Fort Simpson, 1839	
	Catherine	b. Fort Simpson	m. C. Wentworth Wallace, 5 Feb. 1861
	Josette	b. Victoria, 1843	m. E. Prior, 30 Jan. 1878
	Henry	b. Fort Simpson, 1844 or 1845	died young in an accident
	David	b. Fort Simpson, June 1846	
Cecilia	b. Fort Simpson, June 1849	m. Charles Jones, 12 Oct. 1870	

Photographs:

The Beaver, Sept. 1948 p.16 and in PABC (wife and children)

Biographies:

E.E.Rich, ed., *The Letters of John McLoughlin*, London: HBRS, 1941, Vol. IV, pp.356-358

The Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Vol. IX, pp.850-854

W.D.Deer, "An Irishman in the Fur Trade: The Life and Journals of John Work", BCHQ, Vol. VII, pp.229-270

Search File: 'WORK, JOHN'

