

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1817, 14 June-20 Aug.	travelled Orkney to Moose River on the <i>Eddystone</i>			C.1/306, fo. 3
1817 - 1821	Labourer			A.30/16, fo. 16
1821 - 1825	Labourer		Cumberland	B.239/g/1-4
1825 - 1828	Fisherman		Cumberland	B.239/g/5-7
1828 - 1832	Fisherman	Oxford House	Island Lake	B.239/g/8-11; B.156/a/10, fo. 28d
1832 - 1836	Interpreter	Oxford House	Nelson River	B.239/g/12-15
1836 - 1837	Postmaster in charge	Nelson River	Jack River	B.239/g/16; B.239/k/2, p. 135
1837 - 1859 ⁺	Interpreter & Postmaster	Nelson River	Norway House	B.239/g/17-38; B.239/k/2, pp. 161, 183, 204, 226, 255, 278, 329, 358, 388, 408, 431, 462, 484; B.239/k/3, pp. 12, 36, 56, 81, 108, 130, 150, 171; B.154/b/1, 5-8; B.195/z/1, fo. 1
1859	freeman		Red River Settlement	B.239/g/39
1883, 31 August	age listed as 88 years, 9 months			B.235/c/2a

Wife: Frances ("Fanny") Sinclair (b. ca. 1813; baptised and married 17 July 1842)
 "...reputed half sister of James Sinclair of Red River and sister to Ben Sinclair..."
 Her father's name is listed as being Essessepow [sic] in 1870 Red River Census

S.F. "Isbister, John (fl. 1817-1859)";
 D.5/14, fos. 229-230d
 AM. MG2 B3-9, page 124, item 743

Children: Betsey (b. 7 Feb. 1831, bapt. 17 July 1842)
 John (b. 5 Oct. 1832, bapt. 17 July 1842)
 James (b. 30 Nov. 1833, bapt. 17 July 1842)
 William (b. 8 Jan. 1835; bapt. 17 July 1842), m. Mary Anne Begg (d. Charles Begg)
 David (b. 28 Nov. 1837, bapt. 17 July 1842)
 Adam (b. 26 Oct. 1839, bapt. 17 July 1842)
 Fanny (b. 4 Jan. 1842, bapt. 17 July 1842)
 Mary (b. 31 Jan. 1844, bapt. 18 Aug. 1844)
 Robert Miles (b. ca. 1848, bapt. 4 June 1850)
 Ellen (b. ca. Jan. 1850, bapt. 4 June 1850)
 Alexander (b. 27 July 1852, bapt. 31 July 1853)
 George Barnston (b. 27 Jan. 1855, bapt. 6 July 1856)
 Benjamin (b. 20 Oct. 1857, bapt. 19 July 1859)



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