

NAME: ADAMS, George

PARISH:

ENTERED SERVICE: summer of 1816

DATES:

### Appointments & Service

| Outfit Year* | Position | Ship | District | HBCA Reference |
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*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

George Adams is listed as one of seven passengers boarding the chartered vessel *Hadlow* (Captain John Davidson) at Gravesend on 2 June 1815. A Joseph Adams and his wife May likewise boarded the *Hadlow* at Gravesend. George Adams and Joseph Adams are listed as labourers in the log of the *Hadlow*. Most of the passengers, settlers for Red River, embarked in the Orkneys. The *Hadlow* reached York Factory in August 1815<sup>1</sup>, and it seems likely that Adams was one of the colonists transported inland to Red River under the care of Peter Fidler<sup>2</sup>.

In summer 1816 Adams apparently joined the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company and spent the ensuing winter at Red Deer River Post, in the Company's Swan River District<sup>3</sup>. In spring 1817 all Hudson's Bay Company posts in the Swan River District and all Company employees there were captured by the North West Company<sup>4</sup>. Unfortunately the Swan River Post Journals for 1816-1817 have not survived to provide details<sup>5</sup>. Adams was paid £20 (twenty pounds) as wages for this year's employ with the Company, 1816-1817<sup>6</sup>.

Adams apparently was not in the Company's regular employ after 1817 but was presumably at the Red River Settlement. In 1820 he was paid £16 for two trips to York Factory. In 1823 his debit balance of £3.9.6 in the Company's Officer's and Servants' York Factory Ledger was written off<sup>7</sup>.

Children baptised: Ann (9 June 1835);  
George (21 February 1837);  
Charles (2 October 1838);  
William (28 September 1840 - d. 1844); E.4/1a.



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<sup>1</sup>HBC Arch. C.1/345, fo. 111.

<sup>2</sup>HBC Arch. B.22/a/19, entries for 6 September and 14 November 1815. See also J.G. MacGregor, *Peter Fidler's Forgotten Surveyor 1769-1822* (Toronto, McClelland and Stewart Limited, 1966) pp. 204ff.

<sup>3</sup>HBC Arch. B.239/d/188, fo. 4; A.16/12, fo. 109.

<sup>4</sup>HBC Arch. B.27/a/6, entry for 18 April 1817.

<sup>5</sup>It is not known whether Post Journals presumably kept at the Swan River District posts survived through the troubles with the North West Company. Most of the Northern Department Post Journals for 1816-1817 were burnt in spring 1818 in the fire aboard the chartered vessel *Britannia* (Captain John Edman) which had failed because of heavy ice to leave Hudson Bay for Great Britain in October 1817 (HBC Arch. A.64/52, p. 45; Hudson's Bay Company Archives Department 'Ships on Hudson's Bay Company Business Sailing Between England and York Fort 1670-1900's).

<sup>6</sup>HBC Arch. A.16/12, fo. 109.

<sup>7</sup>HBC Arch. A.16/27, p. 6; A.16/37, fo. 120; A.16/40, fo. 1.