

**NAME:** BEAR, William

**PARISH:** Red River

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 5 May 1856

**DATES:** b.ca.1810

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
1856-1860	Carpenter		Saskatchewan	B.239/g/35-39
1861	Freeman			B.239/g/40; B.239/u/2, fo. 20

*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

Signed contracts at Fort Garry, 5 May 1856, and Fort Carlton, 2 June 1859.  
The contract signed (with an 'x') at Carlton is in the HBC Archives.

B.239/u/2, fo. 19d.  
A.32/21, fo. 180

The following children were baptized at Red River:

John (1836), James (1838), Margaret (1840), Maria (1842), William (1844), Philip (1846),  
Nancy (1848), Thomas (1849), Joseph (1853) and Magnus (1855).

The baptism of their youngest child, Henry, is recorded in the Prince Albert and Nepowewan  
Anglican Parish Register on 3 April 1859.

In the 1881 census for Prince Albert, Margaret Bear is recorded as a widow, living with her son Joseph  
on the John Smith Reserve.

In the 1843 Red River Census, William Bear is recorded as residing in the Swampy Village, a native of  
Rupert's Land and Protestant. He was married, with one son under 16, one daughter above 15, and  
two daughters under 15.\*

He owned a house and stable, three oxen, three cows, two calves, three pigs, a harrow and a canoe.

E.5/11, fo. 31d.-32

\*The format in which information on children was recorded made mistakes quite likely.

