

**NAME:** BERENS, Johnny

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Fort Simpson NT

**ENTERED SERVICE:** ca. 1886

**DATES:** b. 2 June 1871  
d. 25 March 1954

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year\*:

Position:

Ship:

District:

HBCA Reference:

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

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1885	Joined HBC at the age of 15 as a carpenter's helper, then became a cook	Mackenzie River	Info. provided to N.G. Gray, Dominion Hydrographer, 29 Jan.1960 (LC 26039)
1900-1947	Sternwheeler pilot	<i>Wrigley II, Mackenzie River, Distributor</i>	Mackenzie River <i>ibid.</i>
1954	Died		

Father: Samuel Berens, employee of HBC

Feature length article & photograph: "John Berens – Pilot: He Served the Company along the Mackenzie River for 57 of his 71 Years"

*The Beaver*, June 1942, pp. 30-31

Photograph & news item: "56 Years a Pilot,"

*Moccasin Telegraph*, Dec. 1941, p. 10

Photographs: "Johnny Berens, Pilot S.S. Distributor"  
"J. Berens, M.R.T. Pilot, 59 Years' Service"

*The Beaver*, June 1933, p. 28  
*Moccasin Telegraph*, Summer 1944, p. 8

