

NAME: BUDGE, William

PARISH: Flotta, Orkney

ENTERED SERVICE: 29 June 1790
(A.32/4, fo. 19)

DATES: ca. 1768 -

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1790-1792	Labourer		York Factory	A.30/5:23 & 39; A.16/33:176d-177
1793	Steersman		York Factory	A.30/5, fo. 65d
1794-1796	Steersman		York Factory Inland	A.30/6:25 & 70; A.30/7:30
1797-1798	Steersman		York Factory	A.30/7:30; A.30/8:23
1799	Home			A.30/8:23
1800	Steersman & Sawyer		Churchill	A.30/10, fo. 41d-42
1801-1802	Listed in Churchill Servants Accounts			B.42/d/103a, fo. 14
1803	Not in Churchill List of Servants			B.42/f/1

Budge deserted the HBC to work for the North West Company and then returned. He was haunted by the fear that the Canadians would assassinate him. In 1806 he was sent with letters from Beaver River to Paint Creek in company with 2 Canadians. Hearing one of them say to the other, "Let us roast the Englishman as he is lazy and will not assist in beating the path (i.e. walking first through the snow)", he feared for his life. He shot them while they slept; one was killed and the other escaped. He was delivered to the custody of the Canadians. B.239/a/112, fo. 28d-29d

The Governor and Committee declared themselves "exceedingly sorry" to hear of this incident, ordering the Council at York Factory "on no account keep him in the Service." A.6/17, fo. 107

Note: His parish is sometimes given as South Ronaldshay.

