

**NAME:** CLEVELAND, George Gibbs

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Martha's Vineyard

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1 June 1919

**DATES:** 30 Mar. 1872  
- Sept. 1925

Appointments & Service

| Outfit Year*      | Position        | Post                        | District     | HBCA Reference               |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1919, June-August | General Servant | Cape Fullerton Outpost      | Nelson River | RG3/40A/1 A.74/48, fo. 69    |
| 1919-1920         | General Servant | Repulse Bay                 | Nelson River | RG3/40A/1 A.74/48, fo. 70-71 |
| 1920-1923         | Clerk in charge | Repulse Bay                 | Nelson River | RG3/40A/1                    |
| 1923-1925         | Post Manager    | Repulse Bay                 | Nelson River | RG3/40A/1                    |
| 1924-1925         | Master          | MS <i>Fort Chesterfield</i> | Nelson River | RG3/40A/1                    |

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

In 1919 Captain Cleveland transported two buildings from Fullerton to establish an outpost at Beach Point on the South side of Repulse Bay. In 1921 he established Repulse Bay as a Post because it was felt to be too far from Chesterfield to be treated as a Post.

A.74/48:70-71; A.74/50:94

In the winter of 1924/25 Captain Cleveland fell ill and was removed to Winnipeg for medical attention. He subsequently retired.

A.74/54, Chesterfield Report, pp. 5 & 7

He died in September 1925

*The Beaver*, Mar. 1926, p. 86

His wife, whom he shared with Keedluk, was called Tootecheak. They had two daughters, the younger of whom was called Hannah.

A. Dudley Copland, *Coplook: Chief Trader, Hudson's Bay Company, 1923-39*, (Winnipeg, 1985):29.

Captain Cleveland was a well-known Arctic figure. The Nelson River District Manager, Christie Harding, said of him in 1919: "Mr. Cleveland is an old timer and has been 28 years in the country, which he knows well. He talks the Eskimo language, is a good trader, navigator and engineer - a jack of all trades, and the most practical man I met on my tour of inspection."  
(A.74/49, fo. 78)

For other comments on Captain Cleveland, see Search File 'Cleveland, George G. '.



Photograph - ca. 1923 with Knud Rasmussen at Repulse Bay (HBCA Photo Coll., 1981/47-1)