

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May				
1867 - 1868	Apprentice Clerk	Fort Ellice	Swan River	B.239/g/108;B.239/k/3,p.357; Isaac Cowie p. 190
1868 - 1873	Apprentice Clerk	Qu'Appelle, Little Forks	Swan River	B.239/g/109-113; B.239/k/3, pp.382, 412, 438
1873 - 1879	Clerk	Manitoba House	Swan River	B.235/g/1-5;B.235/k/1,fo.15,25,35d,44; B.239/k/4,fos.5d,15d,25;D.14/2,fo.28,917
1879 - 1880	Clerk	disposable	English River	B.235/g/5;B.235/k/1,fo.56d
1880 - 1881	Clerk	Fort McMurray	Athabasca	B.235/g/6;B.235/k/1,fo.68
1881 - 1888	Junior Chief Trader	Fort McMurray	Athabasca	B.235/g/6-10;B.235/k/1,fos.80d,90d,100d; D.14/9,fo.193; D.14/10,fos.60,734
1884 - 1885	on furlough			D.38/1
1888 - 1889	Junior Chief Trader, in charge	General Charges	Norway House District	B.235/g/10;D.14/12,fo.259
1889 - 1890	Junior Chief Trader	[Ile a la Crosse]	English River	B.235/g/10;D.14/12,fo.789,852
1890, 21 June	leaves Ile a la Crosse, retires			D.20/60,George Davidson 21 June 1890
1890 - 1892	listed under "Supplementary"			B.235/g/11
1890 - 1900	in private business, Secretary of Board of Trade in Edmonton (<i>Evening Bulletin</i> ,Edmonton, 19 May 1917)			
1900 - 1917	land agent, writer in Winnipeg (E.86)			

grandfather: Robert, customs officer and brother of Isaac (born 1804)
 uncles: James, HBC Agent at Lerwick, Shetland to about 1860
 brothers: Robert Isaac (1842-1874)
 John, who went to New Zealand
 James (1853-1913) with HBC
 Archibald G. (1851-), married but living a "Bohemian" lifestyle in London
 Isaac (1848-1917)

children: (1) Margaret Cecelia Euphemia (Effie) (1886-1889) (5) William Cecil (Willie) (1892-)
 (2) Jean Sinclair (Jennie) (Mrs. Harry) (1888-) (6) Jessie McFarlane (1894-1912)
 (3) Ruby Beresford (Mrs. Edwin C. Johnstone) (1889- 1984) (7) Mary Frances (1895-)
 (4) John Colin (1891-1892) (8) Victor Isaac (1899-)

See also: Isaac Cowie, *The Company of Adventurers, A Narrative of seven years in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company during 1867-1874 on the Great Buffalo Plains* (Toronto: William Briggs, 1913)
 Alex Stevenson, "Apprentice Voyage 1867", *The Beaver*, Spring 1867, pp.50-55
 Manuscript Collection: E.86
 Photograph Collections: 1985/44(1-30, N6696) and 1986/71

Filename: Cowie, Isaac (b. 1848-1917) (fl. 1867-1890); JHB:wg December 1985 (Revised JHB:wg May 1987); June/99/mhd; Feb/03/ch

