

NAME: DICKSON, JAMES [DIXON] **PARISH:** Feoldquoy Farm, Harray, ORKNEY **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1825 (A.32/26, fo. 30) **DATES:** b. 1787 (1814 B. Watson) 1835, 3 April (A.32/26 fo. 18) d. 1861 in Harray

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
1825-1829	Blacksmith	Eastmain	Rupert's River	B.135/g/7-10; B.186/e/9,11,13,14
1829-1834	Blacksmith	Moose Factory	Moose	B.135/g/11-17
1834, Aug.-Sept.	Returned home in <i>Prince of Wales</i> , which had sailed from Britain in 1833 and been forced to winter over, travelled London to Leith in <i>Duke of Buccleugh</i> , then by smack to Orkney			B.135/g/17-18; C.1/826; C.4/1, fo.20; A.5/10 p. 256
1835-1843	Blacksmith	Fort Vancouver	Columbia	B.239/g/19-22
1843, 31 Oct.-1844	Home as seaman	<i>Vancouver</i>	Columbia-London	B.239/g/23

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

Name: The spelling 'Dixon' often appears in the records. He signed his contracts as 'Dickson'. A.32/26, fo.18 & 30

Comments on:

Letter from Governor William Williams, Moose Factory, 20 Sept. 1825 [copied in Eastmain journal]:
"The Bearer, James Dickson, Blacksmith, who is to winter with you, I have known for some years, he is an exelent [*sic*] Workman, diligent, Sober, and attentive. I therefore recommend him, that he may be kindly treated, which his character deserves."

B.59/a/110, fo. 9

Chief Factor Joseph Beioley, 8 Aug. 1826

"...appears to me to be a good Workman - active and industrious in his Business - and his general Conduct has given Satisfaction. He had a written Recommendation from Gov. Williams to Mr. Erlandson, the Clerk in Charge- which I did not see until after I had received the E.[ast] Main Journal with the other E.Main Papers in July last. (Vide E.Main Journal Oct. 12th.) The "Kind" Treatment there recommended on account of his Character was I believe uniformly extended to him by Mr. Erlandson, - the same as to the other men - and in the customary manner."



B.186/e/10, fo.12d.-13

Chief Factor Joseph Beioley, 22 Aug. 1827:

"a good workman - sober & diligent - and ready at all Hours when required for the performance of any Duty as a Servant of the Company."

B.186/e/11, fo. 11d.

Parents: Robert (d. before 1816) and Christian Firth, m. 1786

Siblings: Margaret (b. 1793) m. William Corrigan of Vola, Harray:

- ch. William (b. 1818) m. Helen Isbister: ch. Mary (b. 1852), William (b. 1854), James, Thomas; Mary (b. 1828, not in 1861 Census); Margaret (b. 1830) m. Wm. Isbister of Northouse Harray:
 - ch. Ann, James, William, Alex., Margaret, Thomas, John, Jemima, Edward, Elizabeth, Mary, Charles
- Christian (b. 1796) m. Thomas Isbister cared for James, son of James Dickson
- William (b. 1798) m. Christian Clouston: ch. James, William (ca. 1847); Margaret
- Helen [Nelly] (b. 1805) m. James Robertson, Doehouse, Sandwick:
 - ch. Helen (ca. 1831); Jane (ca. 1832); James (ca. 1833); Robina (ca. 1837); Mary (ca. 1840) m. James Merriman; Jemima (ca. 1842) Roseanna (ca. 1848)
- Robert (b. 1807) m. Cecelia Firth, in Sandwick 1851 Census:
 - ch. Margaret (ca. 1837) m. Hugh Folster; Mary (ca. 1839) m. William Smith; Jane (ca. 1841) m. Wm. Sinclair; Betsy (ca. 1842); Robert (ca. 1844); Isabella (ca. 1846); Helen (1850)



1843, 6-19 June Letters from William Corrigan, Thomas and Christian Isbister and James and Helen Robertson (E.31/2/1 fos. 83-89).