

**NAME:** FORREST, Charles

**PARISH:** St. Edouard,  
Lower Canada

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1824

**DATES:**

d. 1851, 23 Nov.

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1825-1828	Middleman		Island Lake	B.239/g/5-7
1828-1830	Middleman & Clerk		Mackenzie River	A.32/29 fo.106-106d; B.239/g/8-9
1830-1834	Middleman & Interpreter		Mackenzie River	B.239/g/10-13
1834-1835	Interpreter		Mackenzie River	B.239/g/14
1835	Retired to Red River Settlement			B.239/g/15
1836-1837	Postmaster		Lac La Pluie	B.239/g/16
1837-1838	Postmaster	Fort Alexander	Lac La Pluie	B.239/k/3 p. 160
1838, July 24	Charles Forrest, passenger for Columbia, departed from Norway House			B.154/a/31 fo. 9d
1838-1839	Postmaster, Disposable+		Columbia	B.223/g/5
1839, August 16	Proceeded to Fort Nez Perces to bring down the Snake Country returns to			Fort Vancouver B.223/b/24 fo. 39d
1839-1840	Postmaster	Appointed to Fort McLoughlin	Columbia	B.239/k/3 p. 186
1840, February	Sent farming instructions for Cowlitz by John McLoughlin			B.223/b/24 fo. 63d-71
1840-1841	Postmaster	Snake Country Expedition	Columbia	B.239/k/3 p. 206
1841-1842	Postmaster, Disposable+		Columbia	B.239/k/3 p. 229, 258
1842-1847	In charge	Cowlitz	Columbia	B.239/k/3 p. 280, 332, 361; B.47/z/1 fo. 1-2
1847-1848	In charge	Fort George, Cape Disappointment	Columbia	B.239/k/3 p. 412; B.76/z/1 fo. 23
1848, 8 April	Will names executors James Douglas & Richard Lane, only bequest to daughter Therese			A.36/6 fo. 151
1848-1851	Clerk, Disposable+	[Fort Vancouver]	Columbia	B.239/g/28-30; A.36/6 fo. 151; B.226/z/2 fo. 2-9
1851	Clerk	Fort Nisqually	Columbia	B.239/g/31; B.151/c/1 fo. 1-2, 5-6
1851, 23 Nov.	Died, new will names W.F. Tolmie and James Douglas as executors (latter declined)			A.16/46 fo.178d-179; A.36/6 fo. 153-154; B.226/z/2 fos. 2-9d; B.239/g/31; <i>Washington Historical Quarterly</i> XIV No. 2 (April 1923, p. 147)



+ Not assigned to a particular post (in 1848 his health would not allow him to hold a responsible charge, D.4/37 fo. 120d-121)

E.E. Rich, *The Letters of John McLoughlin...* London: Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1943 (Volume VI) Biography pp. 389-390

Family: Hamilton (Letters 1849-1851 in B.223/c/1 fos. 349-350, 372-373), mentions Grant (HBRS I p. 438), William, Horatio, and Mrs. Henry Forrest

Wife: Nancy Sutherland (baptised 19 April 1837, E.4/1 fo. 140d)

Children: Julia (baptised 19 April 1837, E.4/1 fo. 140d)

Therese, his "beloved and only daughter" in 1848 Will (A.36/6 fo. 151)

Heirs: Mary Jane, residing with Mr. Chambers, under 18 in 1851 Will (A.36/6 fo. 154)

Anne, residing with Rev. R.J. Staines of Victoria, V.I. , under 18 in 1851 Will, married in July 1859 (A.36/6 fo. 153-154)