

NAME: KENNEDY, Alexander

PARISH: Braehead, S. Ronaldsay,
Orkney (A.36/8)

ENTERED SERVICE: 1798

DATES: b. 1781 (A.30/9)
d. 1832, 6 June

Appointments & Service

| Outfit Year*: | Position: | Post: | District: | HBCA Reference: |
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| <i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i> | | | | |
| 1798, 2 July-6 Sept. | Sailed from Stromness to York Factory on the <i>King George</i> | | | C.1/404 |
| 1798-1805 | Writer | York Factory | York | A.30/9-10; B.239/f/7,9; B.239/d/128 |
| 1805-1806 | Master | Cumberland House | | B.239/b/71, 19 July 1805; B.239/d/131; B.239/b/73 p. 47 |
| 1806-1807 | Master | Moose Lake | | B.239/b/73-74 |
| 1807-1808 | Master | Brandy or Drunken Lake | | B.239/b/75 |
| 1808-1811 | [Master] | Fort Hibernia | Swan River | B.239/b/75 p. 64; B.239/d/147; B.156/d/1b |
| 1811-1812 | Master & Trader | Brandon House | W. Winnipeg | B.156/d/2a; A.30/11 |
| 1812-1813 | Master i/c District | Red Deer River | Swan River | B.213/d/5; B.176/a/1 |
| 1813-1819 | Master | Cumberland House | | B.239/d/165, 188, 204; A.30/14 |
| 1819-1820 | Returned to England with 2 [John & Alex] sons on <i>Prince of Wales</i> , came back on <i>Eddystone</i> | | | C.1/788; C.1/312 |
| 1820-1821 | Master | Norway House | | B.154/a/9 |
| 1821-1822 | Chief Factor | Cumberland House | | A.37; B.49/a/37 |
| 1822-1823 | Chief Factor | Spokane House | Columbia | B.208/a/1 |
| 1823-1825 | Chief Factor | Fort George | Columbia | B.208/a/1; B.239/k/1 |
| 1825-1826 | Returned to England via <i>Prince of Wales</i> with Wm., came back on <i>Camden</i> to Moose Factory | | | B.76/e/1; C.1/806; C.1/229 |
| 1826-1829 | Chief Factor | Albany | | B.3/a/131-133 |
| 1829 | Returned to England on <i>Prince of Wales</i> with Alexander [& Roderick?] | | | A.16; C.1/818; |
| 1830 | Came back to Red River Settlement via York Factory with Alexander | | | C.1/824, 920; E.5/5 |
| 1831 | Returned to England | | | A.5/9 p. 291 |
| 1832, 6 June | Died of typhus, buried in vault of St. Mark's Church, Pentonville [Clerkenwell], London | | | A.36/8 |

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| Journals he kept: | Brandon House | 1811-1812 | B.22/a/18b |
| | Red Deer River | 1812-1813 | B.176/a/1 |
| | Cumberland District Report | 1815 | B.49/e/1 |
| | Cumberland Meteorological | 1815-1816 | B.49/a/33 |
| | Cumberland House | 1818-1819 | B.49/a/34 |
| | Cumberland District Report | 1819 | B.49/e/2 |
| | Norway House | 1820-1821 | B.154/a/9 |
| | Spokane House Report | 1822-1823 | B.208/e/1 |
| | Fort George (Col. R.) Report | 1824-1825 | B.76/e/1 |
| | Albany Report | 1826-1827 | B.3/e/13 |
| | Albany | 1827-1828 | B.3/a/132 |
| | Albany | 1828-1829 | B.3/a/133 |
| | Albany Report | 1828-1829 | B.3/e/15 |
| | Albany | 1829-1830 | B.3/a/134 |



Parents: ? & Isabella Kennedy (nee Gray)? (b. ca. 1760) (widow living with the Laughtons in 1821 Orkney Census)

Alliance: Daughter of Sachla at Fort George in 1824 mentioned as having an alliance (Merk, p. 104)

Wife: **Aggathas** [Agatha, Aggatha] and also Mary [Isbister, sometimes Bear] (b. ca. 1782, bapt. 27 Dec. 1829, d. Jan. 1863 at Philip's house) (E.4/1, SF)

Children: **John Frederick** (b. 29 Jan. 1805, m. an Indian woman, had several children including Alexander Augustus, surgeon, d. 3 April 1859); **Mary** (b. ca. 1807, bapt. 12 August 1821, m. Thomas Isbister same day); **Alexander** (b. at Moose Lake 7 February 1808, bapt. in Orkney 26 May 1822); **Elizabeth** (b. 1810, bapt. 4 October 1820, ?m. Mr. Finlayson 1829?); **James** (b. 1812, bapt. 4 October 1820, d. pre-1829); **William** (b. at Cumberland House 26 April 1814, bapt. 12 August 1821, m. 1859 Eleanor Eliza Cripps, d. 25 Jan. 1890, Children Willie and Mary Louise); **George** (b. Jan. 1816, bapt. 12 August 1821); **Philip** (ca. 1818, bapt. 4 Oct. 1820, m. 1838 Jessie McKenzie d. Roderick McKenzie, d. July 1873); **Isabella** (b. 1 March 1820, bapt. 4 October 1820); **Roderick** (b. Cumberland House 8 [22] July 1822, bapt. in Orkney 4 November 1830, son of Alexander Kennedy and Aggathas Isbister, m. in 1847 Mary, widow of George Ross and daughter of J.G. Mactavish; clerk & surgeon, d. 1911) (E.4/1)

1819 John & Alexander to school in St. Margaret's Hope, S. Ronaldsay, Orkney (Orkney Census 1821)

1825 William & George to school in St. Margaret's Hope, S. Ronaldsay, Orkney;
Thomas Isbister with wife and 2 children at Cumberland House also looked after 2 of Kennedy's children (B.49/d/17 fo.2)

1829-1834 Roderick to school in St. Margaret's Hope, S. Ronaldsay, Orkney (A.36/8)

Will (1): dated 10 September 1829
Beneficiaries: Wife Aggatha Kennedy; Sisters Mary and Elizabeth; Children John, Mary, Alexander, Elizabeth, William, George, Philip, Isabella, Roderick. Brother-in-law James Allan (wife Mary Kennedy) Children Eliza Gray Allan (b. ca. 1807), William (b. ca. 1808), John (b. ca. 1810), Alexander (b. ca. 1813, went to Canada), Archibald (b. ca. 1814), Henry (b. ca. 1817, went to Canada), ; John Laughton (wife Isabella Kennedy). (A.36/8; Letter from A.C. Sinclair dated 7th Sept. 1923 from Kennedy House)

Will (2): dated 15 September 1831 (incomplete copy); Administered for Probate, Proved 10 January 1833
Beneficiaries: Wife Aggatha Kennedy; Sisters Mary and Elizabeth; Children John, Alexander, William, George, Phillip, Roderick, Mary, Elizabeth, Isabella. (A.36/8)

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