

## Appointments &amp; Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May				
1769	Sailed to Moose on <i>Seahorse</i>			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1769-1774	Writer	Moose Fort	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1774-1777	Second	Moose Fort	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1777-1778	To establish Michipicoten, stayed at Missinaibi Lake			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1778-1779	Master	Wapiscogamy House	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1779-1782	Second	Moose, Wapiscogamy House	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1782-1789	Chief	Moose Fort	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1789	Returned to England on <i>Seahorse</i> on account of ill health			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1790	Returned to Moose on <i>King George</i>			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1790-1800	Chief	Moose	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1800-1801	In England (Went on <i>King George</i> , back on <i>Prince of Wales</i> )			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1801-1807	Chief	Moose	Moose	HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1807-1808	In England (Went on <i>King George</i> , back on <i>Prince of Wales</i> )			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1808-1813	Chief Factor	Moose		HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1813-1814	Resigned position but still resident at Moose			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370
1814, 24 June	Departed for Canada, settled in Vaudreuil County, Quebec			HBRS XVII, pp. 365-370

Wife: Margaret (d. 31 December 1813). [In DCB and other sources, wife mistakenly given as Meenish, wife of his son John] (SF "Thomas, John Sr.")

Children: John Jr. (HBC 1797-1816, died 3 June 1816 at Moose Factory), wife Meenish (by 1824 m. Richard Stevens)  
 Charles (HBC 1808-1832)  
 Charlotte (2 June 1788-17 May 1843) m (1) J. G. McTavish 1803 (HBC) (E. Mitchell, *Fort Timiscaming*, p.70, 74)

m (2) Peter Spence (ca. 1777-1855) (HBC) on 8 Nov. 1819

Children: John, Isabella, Ann (bapt. 15 March 1819); others on Peter Spence biog.

Eleanor (b. 22 November 1780) m. (1) William Richards; children: William bapt. 1808, James bapt. 1811 (SF "Richards, William")  
 also m. (1) Thomas Thomas; children: Henry and Richard (Will, SF, Thomas, John Sr.)  
 m. (2) Peter Foy

Margaret (in London, returned home 1792, C.1/394, later back to England)

Frances m. Andrew Stewart (HBC)

Ann m. Alexander Christie (HBC)

Elizabeth m. (1) Richard Story Robins, Son: Richard Story Robins (married Hannah Schneider)  
 m. (2) James Russell

Henry (a minor) (HBC A.32/3 fo. 156)

Children who died (probably children, but some may be grandchildren): Edward Thomas (5 Feb. 1801-25 July 1802); Mary Thomas (23 July 1791-24 Oct. 1802); Richard Edward Thomas (13 Feb. 1803-16 Dec. 1803); Jane Thomas (29 Oct. 1804-1 Sept. 1806)

When they left Moose in 1814, the group consisted of John Thomas Senior, Charles, wife and child, Peter Spence, wife and three children, Thomas Knight, John Knight, Mary Knight, Henry Thomas, son of John Thomas, 3 Grandchildren of John Thomas, viz. Henry Thomas, Richard Thomas, and Richard Robins, Mrs. McNab and a son of Mr. Vincent, Chief at Albany (B.135/a/104)

Mentioned in Will 1822: son Charles; daughter Charlotte, wife of Peter Spence and their son John; daughter Eleanor, wife of Peter Foy; grandchildren Henry and Richard Thomas, sons of Eleanor by her first marriage to Thomas Thomas; daughter Margaret, spinster, in London; daughter Frances, wife of Andrew Stewart; daughter Ann, wife of Alexander Christie; daughter Elizabeth, wife of James Russell and her son Richard Story Robins by a previous marriage; son Henry, a minor living with James Russell (copy of will in Search File)

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Publications:

Harry A. Spence, *Four Families* (PP 2855)

Jennifer Brown, "A Colony of Very Useful Hands", *The Beaver*, Sp. 1977, pp. 39-45

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