

**NAME:** BAKER, William (Sir)

**PARISH:** UK

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1739

**DATES:** b. 5 Nov. 1705  
d. 1770

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
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*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

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1739-1770	Alderman of London			
1741-1753	Director, East India Company			
1749, 1751-52	Deputy Chairman, East India Company			
1749-50, 1752	Chairman, East India Company			

Hudson's Bay Company:

1750-1760	Deputy Governor
1760-1767	Governor

Parents: eldest son of John Baker, draper, of Basinghall St., London by his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Maria, daughter of William Cleeve of Hammersmith.  
Wife: Married 19 January 1742 Mary, daughter of Jacob Tonson.

He was one of the foremost merchants trading with America and had considerable interests in the Carolinas and New York. He was knighted 3 November 1760. Died in February 1770.

(Sources: Sir Lewis Banner and John Brooke, *The History of Parliament. The House of Commons 1754-1790*, London 1964, Volume II, members A-J, pp. 39-41; Alfred Beaven, *Aldermen of the City of London*, Volume II, p.128, London 1913)

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