

NAME: BROWN, William **PARISH: England** **ENTERED SERVICE: 15 Sept. 1919** **DATES: 23 April 1883 – 8 August 1936**

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*: Position: Post: District: HBCA Reference:

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

1919, 15 Sept.	Signed contract for general service	[Fort Hope]	Lake Superior	RG3/40A/2 fo.55
1920, 15 Sept.	Signed contract as clerk & assistant	[Fort Hope]	Lake Superior	RG3/40A/2 fo.55
1921, 6 Aug.	Retired [dismissed]	[Fort Hope]	Lake Superior	A.81/29, p. 2

Family:

At the time of his employment (1919-1921), Brown was married and had four children.

RG3/40A/2 fo. 55

Before the 3-year contract was completed, Brown was “discharged owing to having blown up the store through smoking cigarettes while handling gunpowder”.

RG3/40A/2 fo.55; see also A.92/19/16, fo. 145; A.92/19/25, fos. 71-73;

Noted in “Minutes of Meeting of the Canadian Advisory Committee Held in Winnipeg on the 21st October, 1920,” under the Fur Trade Department as “Explosion Fort Hope.” The meeting minutes report that: “Fur Trade Commissioner reported serious explosion at Fort Hope Post, Lake Superior District, which resulted in serious injuries to one of the Company’s clerks [Brown] and three Indians. Medical assistance was immediately sent to Fort Hope. Committee learned of accident with regret and await further news as to condition of injured persons.”

RG2/1/2



Fort Hope post fire mentioned in 1921 and 1922 annual reports for the Lake Superior District by District Manager, John Duncan McKenzie.

A.74/50, p. 115; A.74/51, p. 110

By the late 1920s, Brown and his business partner, Mike Kressall, were operating a general store at Red Lake, in competition with the Hudson’s Bay Company’s post. The Company’s Annual Report for 1929 comments upon the competition posed by this former Company servant.

A.74/43-7, p.7

See also Search File: Brown, William (1883-1936)