

NAME: FRENCH, Charles Hunt PLACE OF BIRTH: Markham, Ont. ENTERED SERVICE: 1891, 1 May(RG3/40B/1) DATES: b. 23 July 1867
1894, 6 Apr. (A.34/8, fo. 76) d. 23 Sept. 1940

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
1887-1891	General service		Lake Winnipeg	<i>The Beaver</i> , Jan. 1921, p. 8
1891-1894	Dog driver, sailor, fisherman	Lower Fort Garry		RG3/40B/1
1894-1897	General servant	Port Simpson	New Caledonia	A.34/8, fo. 76
1897-1898	Clerk in charge	Babine	New Caledonia	A.34/8, fo. 76; RG3/40B/1
1898, 19 Nov.	Retired			A.34/8, fo. 76
1899, 1 Feb.	Re-engaged			A.34/8, fo. 76
1899-1901	Clerk	Babine	New Caledonia	A.34/8, fo. 76; RG3/40B/1
1902-1914	Fur Buyer	Victoria		RG3/40B/1
1914-1919	District Manager	Victoria	British Columbia	RG3/40B/1; A.1/201, fo. 97
1919-1927	District Manager	Vancouver	British Columbia	RG3/40B/1
1927-1930	Fur Trade Commissioner (Chief Factor)	Winnipeg		RG3/40B/1
1930, 31 Dec.	Retired to Victoria, B. C.			RG3/40B/1
1940, 23 Sept.	died at Victoria, B.C.			Obituary, <i>The Beaver</i> , Dec. 1940, p. 5

Married to: Jenette P.: 5 children in 1901

Leonard French who also worked for HBC was his son

Victoria Olive French (1921) was his youngest child

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References: F.S. Garner, "C.H. French", *The Beaver*, Jan. 1921, p. 8; features in *The Beaver*, Sept. 1924, p. 459;

Autobiography (100pp.) in British Columbia Archives, Victoria. For transcript of testimony giving account of his career, see RG2/41A/1 & 3.

Pastel portrait by Kathleen Shackleton, 1937

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Writings by C.H. French in *The Beaver*

Additional References:

British Columbia Posts: Telegraph Creek

The Englishman and the Grizzly

Heroism of Indian Women I Have Known

If Ice Were to Come Again

Indian Ice-Cream

The Moose - An Emblem of Canada

Necessity Mother of Invention

Seaweed as Food

The Stone Age in Canada

The Tragedy of the Red Currant

The Beaver references:

24 July 259

21 July 19

20 Dec. 31; 21 Aug-Sept. 8; 22 Feb. 11

26 Sept. 150

23 Dec. 104

22 Nov. 46

24 Sept. 431; 25 June 117; 26 June 108

23 April 262

24 July 365

23 March 237

