

NAME: MERRY, John (Captain) **PARISH:** Hatton Garden, London

DATES: b. 1656
d. 2 March 1729

Appointments & Service:

Dates	Position:	HBCA Reference:
1706, Nov.	Acquired first stock in Hudson's Bay Company 8 Nov., at Committee Meeting 5 days later	A.40/2 fo. 68; A.1/28
1709, 2 May	He and Bibye Lake "tooke watter at Tower wharfe in Order to goe on board Phubbs Yacht at Greenwich with my Lord Marlboroughs Convoy for Holland" to represent the Company's claims to Hudson Bay and for compensation for damages sustained in times of peace	A.1/31 fo. 10; A.2/1 fo. 26
1709, 2 Nov.	Lake and Merry reported to the General Court of the HBC and were thanked	A.2/1 fo. 27
1712, Nov.	Elected Deputy Governor of the HBC and held it to his death	A.2/1 ; A.1/121; A.43/3
1722, 5 Dec	Acquired £1200 stock from John Merry of London, woolstapler, which had been bought 22 Feb. 1722	A.43/3
1729, 2 March	Died, was an elder Brother of the Trinity House, buried at Hampstead in North London	A.43/3; <i>The Historical Register for the Year 1729 Vol. XIV (London 1731)</i>

Further references:

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E.E. Rich *The History of the Hudson's Bay Company 1670-1870* (London: HBR, 1958)

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Wife: Hannah (A.43/3)

Children: John Junior (part of Captain Merry's stock transferred to him on 11 Nov. 1731, A.43/4; elected to HBC Committee Nov. 1738. Elected Deputy Governor 1 May 1760 until his death between 29 May and 5 June 1765, A.2/1-2; A.44/1; A.1/42 p. 270-1) Wife: Mary Residence: Red Lion Square, Holborn (A.44/1)

Robert (part of Captain Merry's stock transferred to him on 22 Apr. 1735, A.43/4) Wife: Margaret Willes Residence: Red Lion Square

Children: Robert who married Anne (who later married Mr Wignell, Manager of the Philadelphia Theatre in America; Charles (Search File "Merry, Charles")
Margaret

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