

NAME: McCOREST, ALEXANDER

PARISH: St. Mary, Whitechapel

ENTERED SERVICE: 19 May 1779

DATES: b. ca. 1756

Appointments & Service

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

1779, 19 May	Signed 3-year contract as armourer giving his age as “about 23 years”			A.32/3, fo. 43
1779-1782	Armourer	York Fort		A.30/2;A.16/33,fo.67
1782, 24 Aug.	Taken prisoner when York Fort was captured by the French			A.16/33, fo. 67
1783, 24 Mar.	Date of last payment in ledger			A.16/33, fo. 67

Described in 1781 as “a good Worker, but Shifty” (A.30/2, fo. 30). In 1782 he wished to renew his contract and this was agreed to (A.30/2,fo.50). Possibly the experience of being taken prisoner by the French changed his mind as he does not appear in later records.

He signed his name ‘McCorest’; the spellings ‘McCorist’ and ‘McCorrest’ also appear in the HBC records.

He was probably the ancestor of the McCorrister/McAlster family of Red River and the McAllister family of Peace River. See the biographical sheet for McCorrister, Henry.



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