

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1888-1889	Apprentice Clerk	MacLeod Lake	New Caledonia	D.38/53 p. 204 (3M275)
1890-1893	Clerk-in-charge	Little Bear L. Outpost	"	D.25/12 p. 570 (3M228)
1893-1894	Out of service*		"	B.119/c/1 fo. 53 (1M828)
1894-1895	Clerk	Fort St. George	"	
1896-1897	Freeman*		"	D.33/1-4 (3M250)
1898	Returned to England		"	B.226/b/53.3S (1M1250)
1899	Clerk	Fort St. George	"	
1900-1900	Clerk-in-charge	Fraser Lake	"	B.74/e/3; B.74/a/4, 6 (1M1255; 1M1004, 1MA23)
1911-1913	Freeman	Fraser Lake/Stella	"	D.33/10 (3M251)

Microfilm Reel Nos. in brackets



Ernest Sturrock Peters entered the Hudson's Bay Company service in September, 1888 as an Apprentice Clerk at MacLeod Lake. During 1893-1894 he left the employ of the H.B.Co. and was referred to in a letter from A.C. Murray to Tibbet at Stuart Lake. Mr. Peters at that time had left Victoria and had written an article in a Tacoma newspaper about the wild life he had led among "...the Siccane Indians, Grizzly Bears and cariboo." (B.119/c/1 fo. 53).

He came back into service briefly, worked as a Freeman and apparently returned to England for a short time in 1898. When he returned to the Quesnell area, he was employed as a Clerk for a mining company before rejoining the H.B.Co.

Mr. Peters had a wife and at least four children. A daughter "Bessie" died 05 June 1904, age 8. She was buried at the Company's cemetery at Fraser Lake and a tombstone was erected (B.119/c/1 fo. 9). No other names were mentioned, but an account record indicated that a boy's jacket was purchased (B.226/b/53.3a). Mr. Peters began some experimental farming as early as 1890, and on 08 February 1906 received a Diploma from the Secretary of the Dominion Exhibition, New Westminster for the exhibit of grain sent to the Exhibition (B.226/b/53.3G).

Mr. Peters was a very community-minded person. He was instrumental in getting a ferry across the Nechaco River and in submitting a petition regarding a wagon road from Quesnell to Fraser Lake (B.226/b/53.3S). He was also the Secretary of the Fraser Lake Settlers Association and instrumental in requesting a school at Fraser Lake (B.226/b/53.3G).

In correspondence from E.S. Peters to J. Thomson (20 April 1909), he mentioned a relative, S.G. Ridge and wife, coming out to take over his ranch (B.226/b/53.3S p.233). E.S. Peters worked at Fraser Lake Post from 1900-1910, when he moved his family to his ranch and once more became a Freeman. He is noted as such until 1913, after which date his name does not appear in the H.B.Co. documents.