

NAME: PETIT, Antoine dit Gobin 'A'

PARISH: St. Michel

ENTERED SERVICE:1827

DATES:b. ca. 1805

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:

Position:

Post:

District:

HBCA Reference:

**An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

Entered Spring of 1825 at Montreal (B.223/f/105a) Travelled from Montreal to York Factory. He left York Factory for the Columbia on 21 July 1825 as a middleman (middle position in a canoe). (B.239/2/1) In May 1826 Antoine Petit dit Gobin was attached, as a labourer, to Alexander McLeod's trapping expedition of the Columbia and again to McLeod's expedition 1826-27, to the Umpqua Country. Journals of these expeditions with occasional references to 'Gobin' can be found in K.G. Davis and A.M. Johnson, (editors), Peter Skene Ogden's Snake Country Journal 1826-27, Hudson's Bay Record Society Volume XX111 (London, Hudson's Bay Record Society, 1961).

Appointments & Service:

1827-1829	Middleman	New Caledonia
1829-1841	Middleman	Thompson's River (Also known as Kamloops District)
1841-1842	Middleman	Southern Party**
1842-1843	Middleman	Fort Vancouver Depot
1843-1844	Middleman	Cowlitz Farm***
1844-1845	Labourer	Cowlitz Farm
1845-1849	Horsekeeper	Vancouver Depot

1849-1850 Antoine Petit dit Gobin is listed in the Abstracts of Servants Accounts but credited with no wages. He is not listed again until 1854 when he is simply noted as "Free". After his name for 1854-55 and 1855-56 is noted "Retired". (Desertion from the Company's employ around 1849 was not uncommon because of the California gold rush).



(References: HBC Archives B.239/g/65-92; B.223/g/7, 9-11; B.223/d/10, 19, 28, 37, 47, 54, 61, 77, 100, 121, 146, 152, 157, 162, 169, 177, 184; B.239/1/3,7,9,11,20)

** A trapping expedition under Francis Ermatinger which travelled to the Sacramento region.

*** It is noted that he received £5 gratuity "For services as Stocker {sic} on board Steamer {Beaver} 4 months".