

NAME: SPENCE, JOSEPH

PARISH: Harray , Orkney

ENTERED SERVICE:

DATES: b. ca. 1772

d. 14 Oct. 1856

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*1790-1793	Labourer	Inland	Albany	A.16/5,fo.130;A.16/6,fo.57
*1793,19 Oct.	Home			A.16/6,fo.57
1794-1800	Assistant Trader	Inland	Churchill	A.30/6-10
1800-1802	Assistant Trader	Nelson House	Churchill	B.42/b/45,pp.5-6,50-51,54
1802-1808	In charge	Reindeer Lake [Deer's Lake]	Churchill	B.42/b/46 fo.7-9;B.42/b/47:31; B.42/b/50:16-17; B.42/f/1-4
1808-1811	In charge	Indian Lake	Churchill	B.42/b/52:13;B.42/b/56:3;B.42/f/5
1811	Returned to Orkney			B.42/f/5
1812-1813	Assistant Trader	Inland	Churchill	A.16/12:14;A.30/12:52
1813, 2 October	Returned to Orkney			A.16/12:14;A.30/12:52
1814-1816	Assistant Trader	Oxford House	Northern Department	A.16/12:77; A.30/15:51
1816-1821	Assistant Trader	Ile-a-laCrosse	Churchill	A.16/12:77;A.16/39:69
1821-1823	Assistant Trader	Nelson River	Churchill	A.16/41:126
1823	Red River			A.16/43:75; A.16/45:70;A.16/48:72
1856, 14 October	Died			A.16/48:90

*No parish given, may not be same man

Wife: Sally Jefferson. married 6 July 1823

E.4/1a, fo. 208d.

Son: John Clarke Spence

See Biog.

Daughter: Sapphira (d. 1821), wife of John Clarke

H.B.R.S., Vol. I:23

Daughter: Crawford, baptized 6 July 1823, married William Brown, 9 May 1844, buried 21 Aug. 1846, aged 32 (Anglican Parish Registers Data)

The biography of John Clarke in H.B.R.S. Vol. I, pp. 433-435, does not mention any children by Sapphira Spence.

Anglican Parish Register Data Cards in PAM do not record any children of William Brown and Crawford Spence.

William Brown married Charlotte Omand on 15 July 1847.

In the Indian Lake journal entry for 27 June 1811, recording his journey to Churchill, Joseph Spence recounted:

"Last night passed a gang of Nor[thern] Indians with whom I left my Companion [his wife] and 2 of the youngest of my children, the other 3 I took along with me, nothing else particular occurring arrived at the Factory July 3..." (B.91/a/4)

When he sailed home from York Factory on the *Eddystone* in 1811, he was accompanied by a son and a daughter.When he returned to North America in 1812 on the *Prince of Wales*, there is no record of his having the children with him.(C.1/294, fo. 2d; C.1/778)

Appearance: 5' 6 1/2", dark complexion (A.30/15, fo. 51)

Journals kept by Joseph Spence: Reindeer Lake, 1805-1808 (B.179/a/2-4); Indian Lake, 1808-1811 (B.91/a/2-4)

Filename: Spence, Joseph (ca. 1772-1856) (fl. 1790-1823) JB/Aug. 1985; AM/June 1992

