NAME:McCORRISTER, Henry

PARISH: Red River

ENTERED SERVICE: 6 May 1870

DATES: b. 1849

Appointments & Service					
Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:	
*An Outfit year ran from	a 1 June to 31 May				
1870-1874	Middleman*	Dunvegan+	Athabasca	B.239/g/111-113	
1874-1877	Cattlekeeper	Dunvegan	Athabasca	B.235/g/12-15	
1877-1878	Middleman	Dunvegan	Athabasca	B.235/g/16	
1878-1879	Middleman	Dunvegan	Peace River	B.235/g/17	
1879-1880	Freeman			B.235/g/18	
1881-1882	Labourer	Dunvegan	Peace River	B.235/g/20	
1882-1883	Farmer	Dunvegan	Peace River	B.235/g/21	
1883-1884	Labourer	Dunvegan	Peace River	B.235/g/22	
1884	Freeman	2		B.235/g/23	

* Middle position in canoe or boat, used interchangeably with 'labourer'

+Evidence that he was stationed at Dunvegan comes from B.239/u/3, #1307 & B.56/d/14, fo. 9d.-10.

Family:

According to Gail Morin, *Métis families: A Genealogical Compendium* (1996), Henry married Margaret Campbell at Dunvegan in 1874. Their children were Alexander (19 Mar. 1875 -), Maria (1876 -; m. Charles St. Germain), Elizabeth and Henry George.

Two of the children, Alexander & Maria, were employed at Dunvegan in the 1890s. (Daniel Francis & Michael Payne, *A Narrative History of Fort Dunvegan*, Watson & Dwyer, 1993, pp. 69, 80 & 152.) Alick McCorrister is mentioned in the Dunvegan journal for 1895-1900. (B.56/a/16)

Family name:

Henry signed his name McCorrister and this is the spelling in the HBC records. (A.32/40, fo. 68-71) The Red River Anglican parish registers show a variety of other spellings: McChorister, McChorrister, McCorrester, McCarrister.

Ancestry:

Henry was baptized on 5 June 1849. His parents, Henry McCorrister and Maria Tate, were married on 30 Nov. 1843. The elder Henry died on 27 June 1879 at the age of 60 years, 4 months. He must have been the Henry McCorrister who was baptized in 1827 along with his siblings and his parents. His father, Alexander McChorister, "alias Towanass" was described in the record of his baptism on 25 Sept. 1827, as the son of "Alexander McChorister, deceased, & a native woman." Alexander married the mother of his children, Catherine Johnson,the daughter of John Johnson & a native woman, on 27 Nov. 1827. He was buried on 17 May 1845, aged 62. In all probability he was the son of Alexander McCorest (c. 1756-) [See Biog.]

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