NAME: BERENS, Johnny  
PLACE OF BIRTH: Fort Simpson NT  
ENTERED SERVICE: ca. 1886  
DATES: b. 2 June 1871  
d. 25 March 1954

**Appointments & Service**

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<td>1885</td>
<td>Joined HBC at the age of 15 as a carpenter’s helper, then became a cook</td>
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<td>Info. provided to N.G. Gray, Dominion Hydrographer, 29 Jan.1960 (LC 26039)</td>
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<td>1900-1947</td>
<td>Sternwheeler pilot</td>
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Father: Samuel Berens, employee of HBC

Feature length article & photograph: “John Berens – Pilot: He Served the Company along the Mackenzie River for 57 of his 71 Years”  
*The Beaver*, June 1942, pp. 30-31

Photograph & news item: “56 Years a Pilot,”  
*Moccasin Telegraph*, Dec. 1941, p. 10

Photographs: “Johnny Berens, Pilot S.S. Distributor”  
“J. Berens, M.R.T. Pilot, 59 Years’ Service”  
*The Beaver*, June 1933, p. 28  
*Moccasin Telegraph*, Summer 1944, p. 8