James Boucher (Bouché) entered the Company's service in 1841 as an Apprentice in the New Caledonia District. He only served the Company for three years, leaving the service in 1844. In this year he is recorded as a settler in the Willamette River area (in the present-day State of Oregon).

In none of the documents examined was his age traced, however, he is noted as a "Native" (ie: his birth place was Rupert's Land).

(HBC Arch. B.223/g/6-8; B.223/d/145,146)