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**1890 - 1900** in private business, Secretary of Board of Trade in Edmonton (*Evening Bulletin*, Edmonton, 19 May 1917)

**1900 - 1917** land agent, writer in Winnipeg (E.86)

**grandfather:** Robert, customs officer and brother of Isaac (born 1804)

**uncles:** James, HBC Agent at Lerwick, Shetland to about 1860

**brothers:**

- Robert Isaac (1842-1874)
- John, who went to New Zealand
- James (1853-1913) with HBC
- Archibald G. (1851-), married but living a “Bohemian” lifestyle in London

**children:**

1. Margaret Cecelia Euphemia (Effie) (1886-1889)
2. Jean Sinclair (Jennie) (Mrs. Harry) (1888- )
4. John Colin (1891-1892)
5. William Cecil (Willie) (1892- )
7. Mary Frances (1895- )
8. Victor Isaac (1899- )

**See also:**

- Alex Stevenson, "Apprentice Voyage 1867", *The Beaver*, Spring 1867, pp.50-55
- Manuscript Collection: E.86
- Photograph Collections: 1985/44(1-30, N6696) and 1986/71

**Filename:** Cowie, Isaac (b. 1848-1917) (fl. 1867-1890); JHB:wg December 1985 (Revised JHB:wg May 1987); June/99/mhd; Feb/03/ch