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Name: The spelling ‘Dixon’ often appears in the records. He signed his contracts as ‘Dickson’.

Comments on:

Letter from Governor William Williams, Moose Factory, 20 Sept. 1825 [copied in Eastmain journal]:
“The Bearer, James Dickson, Blacksmith, who is to winter with you, I have known for some years, he is an exelent [sic] Workman, diligent, Sober, and attentive. I therefore recommend him, that he may be kindly treated, which his character deserves.”

B.59/a/110, fo. 9

Chief Factor Joseph Beioley, 8 Aug. 1826
“...appears to me to be a good Workman - active and industrious in his Business - and his general Conduct has given Satisfaction. He had a written Recommendation from Gov. Williams to Mr. Erlandson, the Clerk in Charge- which I did not see until after I had received the E.[ast] Main Journal with the other E.Main Papers in July last. (Vide E.Main Journal Oct. 12th.) The “Kind” Treatment there recommended on account of his Character was I believe uniformly extended to him by Mr. Erlandson, - the same as to the other men - and in the customary manner.”

B.186/e/10, fo.12d.-13

Chief Factor Joseph Beioley, 22 Aug. 1827:
“a good workman - sober & diligent - and ready at all Hours when required for the performance of any Duty as a Servant of the Company.”

B.186/e/11, fo. 11d.

Filename: Dickson, James (1787-1861) (fl. 1825-1843) ; jhb 02/96 (rev. 1997/11; 1998/07 ; rev. AM, 1998/11; JHB 1999/01; 2000/05) ; June/99/mhd

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Parents: Robert (d. before 1816) and Christian Firth, m. 1786

Siblings: Margaret (b. 1793) m. William Corrigal of Vola, Harray:
  ch. William (b. 1818) m. Helen Isbister: ch. Mary (b. 1852), William (b. 1854), James, Thomas;
    Mary (b. 1828, not in 1861 Census);
    Margaret (b. 1830) m. Wm. Isbister of Northhouse Harray:
      ch. Ann, James, William, Alex., Margaret, Thomas, John, Jemima, Edward, Elizabeth, Mary, Charles

Christian (b. 1796) m. Thomas Isbister
cared for James, son of James Dickson

William (b. 1798) m. Christian Clouston:
  ch. James, William (ca. 1847); Margaret

Helen [Nelly] (b. 1805) m. James Robertson, Doehouse, Sandwick:
  ch. Helen (ca. 1831); Jane (ca. 1832); James (ca. 1833);
    Robina (ca. 1837);
    Mary (ca. 1840) m. James Merriman; Jemima (ca. 1842)
    Roseanna (ca. 1848)

Robert (b. 1807) m. Cecelia Firth, in Sandwick 1851 Census:
  ch. Margaret (ca. 1837) m. Hugh Folster;
    Mary (ca. 1839) m. William Smith;
    Jane (ca. 1841) m. Wm. Sinclair;
    Betsy (ca. 1842); Robert (ca. 1844);
    Isabella (ca. 1846);
    Helen (1850)

1843, 6-19 June Letters from William Corrigal, Thomas and Christian Isbister and James and Helen Robertson  (E.31/2/1 fos. 83-89).