John Hope, a native of Rupert's Land, joined the Hudson's Bay Company in 1862 in Saskatchewan District as a middleman (i.e., an oarsman on a freight canoe or York Boat). He continued to serve there as a labourer, sawyer and trader until his death on October 3, 1870. (HBC Archives B.239/g/42, fos.19, 267; B.239/g/46, fo.20; B239/g/47, fo.19d)