Sir James Winter Lake, was a member of the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company from 1762 until 1782, Deputy Governor from 1782 until 1799, and Governor from 1799 until 1807.

He resided at 'The Firs', near Tanners End, Edmonton, County Middlesex.

Born about 1745, he succeeded to the baronetcy 28 April, 1760. He married circa 1772 Joyce, daughter of John Crowther of Bow, Middlesex. They had 13 children. He died 24 April 1807.