James Linklater, a "Native" of Hudson Bay, entered the Company's service in 1847 as an Apprentice Blacksmith in the Moose Factory District. He remained here until 1855, when he was transferred to the Albany District to serve as Blacksmith (HBC Arch. B135/g/31, fo.13; B135/g/38, fo.10).

In 1858 he returned to Moose Factory where he remained until 1866, at which time he again returned to the Albany District (HBC Arch. B135/g/41,fo.11;  B135/g/48,fo.6).

He returned to the Moose Factory District for a year in 1869 and served in the Eastman District (on the east coast of James Bay) from 1870 to 1883 (HBC Arch. B135/g/53, fo.10;  B135/g/65-66).

From 1883-1893 he served again in the Albany District, and from 1894 to 1900 he served in the Moose Factory District, in the capacity of Steward. After 1900, he was not traced in the Company's records, (HBC Arch. D33/2,fo.17;  D33/4, fo.16 & 55).