

NAME: McDONALD, Archibald PARISH: Argyllshire
SCOTLAND

ENTERED SERVICE: 1820

DATES: b. 3 Feb 1790
d. 15 Jan 1853

Appointments & Service

| Outfit Year* | Position | Post | District | HBCA Reference |
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| <i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i> | | | | |
| 1812-1813 | employed to recruit for the Lord Selkirk in Scotland | | | DCB Vol. VIII |
| 1813, June | sailed in <i>Prince of Wales</i> to Churchill with Settlers | | | DCB Vol. VIII, B42/a/148 |
| 1813-1820 | mainly in Red River Settlement | | | DCB Vol. VIII |
| 1820-1821 | Clerk | Ile a la Crosse | Saskatchewan | A16/38 p.312 |
| 1821-1826 | Accountant & Clerk | Fort George | Columbia | A34/2 p.62; B239/k/1, p.59, 92 |
| 1826-1828 | Clerk in charge | Thompson's River | Columbia | B239/k/1, p. 128, 177, 215 |
| 1828-1833 | Chief Trader in charge | Fort Langley | Columbia R | B239/k/1, p.250, 271, 292, 316; B239/k/2, p.16, 43 |
| 1833-1834 | Chief Trader in charge | Fort Nisqually | Columbia R | DCB Vol. VIII; |
| 1834-1835 | on furlough | | | B239/k/2,p.60 |
| 1835-1841 | Chief Trader in charge | Fort Colville | Columbia R | B239/k/2,p.95, 138, 163, 186, 206 |
| 1841-1844 | Chief Factor in charge | Fort Colville | Columbia R | B239/k/2,p.229, 258, 280 |
| 1844-1845 | leave of absence for benefit of health | | | B239/k/2,p.316 |
| 1845-1848 | on furlough | | | B239/k/2,p 345, 380, 399 |
| 1848, 1 June | retired to "Glencoe House", St. Andrews,Quebec, Ottawa River | | | DCB Vol. VIII |
| 1853, 15 Jan. | died | | | DCB Vol. VIII |

Wife: (1) Princess Raven, daughter of Chief Comcomly m. 1823, d. 1824.

Son: Ranald b. 3 Feb 1824, d. 5 Aug. 1894

Wife: (2) Jane Klyne, Daughter of Michel Klyne, b. 23 Aug. 1810; m. 1825, 1 Sept confirmed by Christian rite 9 June 1835, d. 15 Dec. 1879 (Search File: McDONALD, ARCHIBALD')

Children: Angus, b. 1 Aug 1826, d. 14 Apr.1843

Archibald b. 3 Feb 1828, d. 10 Feb 1868

Alexander b. 28 Oct 1830, d. 7 July 1875

Allen b. 19 May 1832, d. 28 Nov.1891

Mary Ann, b. 3 Feb 1834, d. 16 Mar.1860

John b. 19 April 1836, d. 26 April 1836; John b. 3 May 1837, d. 20 Dec. 1861

Donald and James b. 23 July 1839, d. 18 May 1845

Samuel b. 28 Sept 1841, d. 3 April 1891

Joseph b. 14 March 1843, d. 20 May 1845

Benjamin b. 23 Nov. 1844, d. 20 May 1845

Angus Michel b. 27 Nov 1846, d. 27 Aug 1867



Books and Articles: Jean Murray Cole, Exile in the Wilderness the biography of Chief Factor Archibald McDonald 1790-1853, Don Mills, 1979
Jean Murray Cole, "Exile in the Wilderness: Archibald McDonald's ten years at Fort Colvile", The Beaver, Summer 1972, pp.7-14
(includes portraits of McDonald and wife)
Jean Murray Cole, ed., *This Blessed Wilderness: Archibald McDonald's Letters from the Columbia, 1822-44*, University of British Columbia Press: Vancouver, 2001
Olive & Harold Knox "Chief Factor Archibald McDonald", The Beaver, March 1944, pp.42-46
Archibald McDonald, Narrative on the destruction of the Earl of Selkirk's Settlement Upon Red River in the year 1815
Archibald McDonald, Peace River: A Canoe Voyage from Hudson's Bay to the Pacific, Edmonton: Hurtig, 1971,
(accompanied Gov. Simpson York Factory to Fort Langley 1828).

See: Biog DCB Vol. VIII.



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