James Smith signed an agreement with the Hudson’s Bay Company on August 13, 1881 at Fort Chipewyan in the Athabasca District to be an apprentice interpreter and general servant for three years at the sum of twenty-five (25) pounds per annum. He continued in the capacity of interpreter in the Athabasca District until his contract expired in 1889, completing eight years of service with the Company. The last reference traced to him appears in the accounts book for 1889 wherein he is listed as a freeman.

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