

NAME: BIRSTON, Alexander

PARISH: Ronaldshay, Orkney

ENTERED SERVICE: 31 May 1793

DATES: b. ca.1774

(A.32/5, fo.32)

d. 11 July 1829

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA References
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May.</i>				
1793-1794	Labourer		York Factory Inland	A.30/6.
1794-1796	Canoemen		York Factory Inland	A.30/6, 7
1796-1797	Steersman "A volunteer for Athapascau"		York Factory Inland	A.30/7
1797-1798	Bowsman		York Factory Inland	A.30/8
1798-1800	Steersman		York Factory Inland	A.30/9,10
1803-1811	Labourer, Steersman			A.16/34, fo.112
1811-1814	Steersman & Pilot		West Winnipeg	A.30/11-13; A.16/25 fo.2; A.16/26 fo.10.
1814-1816	Steersman & Pilot	Cumberland House		A.30/14,15
1816, 8 June	free			A.30/15
1816-1818		Jack River	York Factory	A.16/26, fo.10
1818-1821	Steersman, Fisherman	Norway House		A.30/16; A.16/37 fo.18
ca.1821	Retired to Lower Rapids	Red River		B.239/g/1
1822-1828	In Red River Colony (farmer, 3 sons over 16, one daughter over 15, on Lot 9)			A.16/42 fo.11; E.5/1-3
1829, 11 July	Died			B.235/a/12, 12 July 1829; A.16/44, fo.11; Will 26 Nov. 1828; A.36/1 pp.8-9; A.44/2, p.41; Buried 13 July 1829; E.4/1

Brother: Magnus BIRSTON

Wife: An Indian woman, deceased by 12 Aug. 1821 when the children were baptised by Rev. John West (E.4/1 fos. 34d-35)

Children: **Alexander (ca. 1805-1869):** m.7 April 1831 (1) Sally Budd (1806-1833) **Children:** Jane (bapt. 28 Feb.1832); James (bapt. 1 June 1833) E.4/1 m.31 Dec. 1835; (2) Bets[e]y Atkinson (bapt. 12 May 1838, buried 26 Dec.1839) **Children:** Alexander (bapt. 27 Dec.1836); Betsy (bapt. 12 May 1828) E.4/1. Occupied his father's land, Lot 53 (paid 1834) and lot 469 (paid 1854) (E.6/2); Appears in Red River Census 1830-1843 (E.5); Share of father's estate administered by HBC 1831-1837 (A.16/44, fo. 161); Went to Oregon in 1841. (See Sprague and Frye, ...*The First Metis Nation*)

Nancy (1806-1887): b. 1806 m. James Waller (Vollar) 18 March 1830 (E.4/1); Child: Eliza b1849, m. Robert Alexander Taylor 27 June 1867 at St. Andrews (A.16/44 fo.160).

William (ca 1808-1888): m. 31 Dec. 1833 Mary Kirkness (ca 1818-) daughter of William Kirkness (PAM St. Andrews #168; E.4/1 #265); daughter Margaret (b. 11 June 1838) married James FLETT (In Sprague and Frye Table 1) .

Magnus (ca. 1811-1875): m. 3 March 1830 Nancy Lyons (1811-1893) daughter of John Lyons and Margaret Kipling (Sprague and Frye Table 1); daughter Nancy bapt. 26 March 1833 (E.4/1 #195, #488) (In Sprague and Frye, Magnus who married Nancy Lyons was listed as born 1815)

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