

NAME: ISHAM, James **PARISH:** St. Andrew's, Holborn, London **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1732 **DATES:** b. 1716; d. 13 April 1761

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1732	Travelled to Hudson Bay on <i>Mary III</i>			
1732-37	Writer & bookkeeper	York Factory		A.11/114, fos. 65, 69; B.239/a/14-19
1737-41	Chief factor	York Factory		A.11/114, fo. 81; B.239/a/20-22
1741-45	Chief factor	Fort Prince of Wales	Churchill	A.11/13, fos. 70-87; A.11/114, fo. 104; B.42/a/23-25 E.2/1-2
1743	Compiled his notes into 'Observations on Hudson's Bay'			
1745	Returned to London			A.1/36
1746	Returned to Hudson Bay			A.11/114, fo.123
1746-48	Chief factor	York Factory		B.239/a/28
1748-50	Returned to London; testified before Parliament			E.18/1 fos. 195-199
1750	Returned to Hudson Bay			A.1/38
1750-58	Chief factor	York Factory		A.11/114, fo. 160; B.239/a/34-43
1754	Sent Anthony Henday inland to bring distant tribes to the fort			B.239/a/37 (entry 25 June 1754)
1758	On furlough in London			A.11/114, fo. 192
1759-61	Chief factor	York Factory		B.239/a/47-48
1761	Died of kidney failure following years of gout and kidney stones			A.11/115, fo.60; B.239/a/48

Vital/Genealogical:

Parents: Whitby Isham and Ann Skrimshire (DCB, vol. 3)
Siblings: Thomas Isham, Ann Isham
Wife: Catharine Mindham, m. 1748 in London (DCB, vol. 3)
Children: Mary Lillys, christened 17 Sept. 1750 at St. Martin in the Field, Westminster, London England
Wife: Unknown Cree woman
Children: Charles Thomas Isham, b.1754 at York Factory; d.1814 at London (named in will of James Isham, Public Records Office, The National Archives of England, Prob. 11/884)



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