

NAME: BOURKE, John Palmer **PARISH:** Sligo, IRELAND
[also BURKE] (10 years service in 1822)

ENTERED SERVICE: 1812

DATES: b. ca. 1791
d. ca. 1851+

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
1812-1813	came with Red River Settlers, wintered at York Factory			B.239/a/120
1813-1816	settled in Red River Settlement			+
1816	taken as prisoner to Montreal			+
1818	stood trial with Colin Robertson and was acquitted			+
1819	returned to Red River Settlement			+
1819-1821	clerk in charge	Lac Travers	Upper Red River	A.16/53, fo. 215; B.239/a/126, 14Jul. 1819; B.239/a/27, 26 July 1820; List of HBC & NWC posts, fo. 13.
1821-1822	Clerk		Lower Red River	B.239/f/12, fo. 6; A.16/37, fo. 37; A.16/40, fo. 39
1822-1823	Clerk in charge	Pembina	Upper Red River	B.239/k/1, pp. 39-40; A.34/1, fo. 33
1823	Retired from HBC service			B.239/k/1, p. 94
1824-ca. 1829	Principal Clerk to Governor of Assiniboia, later at Pembina for Colony			D.4/3, fo. 48d; B.235/a/7, fo. 25; B.235/d/12, 15; A.16/42, fo. 136 A.16/44, fo. 33, Colony 1831 p
1832-1833	led an expedition to Kentucky to purchase sheep			+
1835	purchased HBC Experimental farm in St. James			+
1845, 1 Sept.-1846	in charge	Pembina		D.5/15, fo. 96d; D.5/15, fo. 626d, D.5/17, fo. 188d; D.4/68, fo. 147d
1846, Nov.	when recovered from illness to be employed "on the outlook after Indians or others who may be inclined to interfere with the trade"			D.5/15, fos. 334, 335
1851	died			



Parents: Ailsha and William Bourke of Lightfoot near Castlebar, co. Mayo, Ireland

Wife: Nancy Campbell of St. Mary's Falls (m. 11 June 1821 by John West, d. 8 July 1887)

PAM, St. James Burials; E.4/lb, entry #24

Son John (1823-1887) married Elizabeth Fidler (1830-)

Children: Ann (bapt. 1856); Ellen (bapt. 1858); Harriet (bapt. 1861); Edwin (bapt. 1863); William (bapt. 1864); Victoria (bapt. 1885); Isabella (bapt. 1868); Maria (bapt. 1870)

PAM, St. James Registers.

Witnesses at marriages at the Upper Church, Red River Settlement, 1847, 1849

E.4/2, fo. 108, 113.

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