

**NAME:** MCKAY, William 'a'  
(Pickerel Face)

**PARISH:** Native

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1809

**DATES:** 1793 or 1795 \*-  
13 Jan 1887

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
1809			Winnipeg River?	A.16/35 fo.40
1810			York	A.16/35 fo.40; B.239/d/151 fo.50a-51a
1811	Likely returned to Scotland			Search File: McKay, William 'a'
1817	Re-entered service	Jack River	York	A.32/19 fo.117; B.239/d/195 fo.9b-10a
1818-1821	Labourer	Berens River	York	A.16/39 p. 247
1821-1823		Norway House	Norway House	B.239/g/61-63
1824-1825	Guide		Winnipeg	B.239/g/64
1825-1828	Guide		Lac La Pluie	B.239/g/65-67
1828-1829	Postmaster		Island Lake	B.239/g/68
1829-1833	Postmaster	Windy Lake	Island Lake	B.239/g/69-72; B.239/k/1 p. 268, 290, 313; B.239/k/2 p.14
1833-1843	Postmaster	Island Lake	Island Lake	B.239/g/73-82; B.239/k/2 p.40, 70, 93, 137, 161, 184, 205, 227, 256
1843-1856	Postmaster	Trout Lake	Severn	B.239/g/83-95; B.239/k/2 p. 279, 329, 359, 289, 409, 434, 462, 485; B.239/k/3 p. 12, 36, 57, 82, 109
1856-1859	Postmaster	Berens River	Norway House	B.239/g/96-99; B.239/k/3 p. 150, 171, 191
1860-1862	Freeman, Red River Settlement			B.239/g/100,101
1862-1865	Postmaster	Berens River	Norway House	B.239/g/102-4; B.239/k/3 p.275, 296, 318
1865-1871	Clerk	Berens River	Norway House	B.239/g/105-111; B.239/k/3 p.339, 387, 417, 443
1871-1872	Freeman			B.239/g/112

\*Age is given as 23 in Contract signed 1817 (A.32/19 fo.117), but in application for scrip, birthdate is given as 27 March 1795 (Search File)

Journals written by William McKay: 1839-1840 Island Lake (B.93/a/6), 1863-1866 Berens River (B.16/a/5,6)

Parents: "Mad" Donald McKay (see Biog) and Hannah Sutherland (daughter of James Sutherland +)

Brother: Donald (ca.1791-1884)

Wife: Julia Chalifoux (Anglican Church Records); Janet Jordon Matheson, b.1817, Rupert's Land (Sinclair, E.235/120 pp 2297)

Children: Will dated 22 July 1851 mentions sons William, John Dugald, Joseph (1832?-1862) and daughters Mary and Anne (A.36/9)

+ DCB V. VI; Warren Sinclair's Métis Genealogies (E.235/121 p. 2560)

Search Files: McKay, William 'a'; McKay, William 'e'

M'Kay, William 'a' (ca. 1793-1887) (fl.1809-1871); CAW; 2000/ February; (rev. JHB 2000/05; rev. 2003/05 YSN

