


NAME: WILLIAMS, Jabez

PARISH: New Buckingham,
Norfolk, ENGLANDENTERED SERVICE: June 1881
(A.32/59, f. 53)DATES: b. 29 July 1858
d. 9 Nov. 1923

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May				
1881, June -1883	Assistant	Rat Portage	Lac la Pluie	RG3/40A/2; A.32/59, f. 53
1883-1885	Postmaster	Northwest Angle	Lac la Pluie	RG3/40A/2
1885-1889	Clerk-in-charge	White Dog	Lac la Pluie	RG3/40A/2; D.24/39
1889-1894	Clerk-in-charge	Fort Frances	Lac la Pluie	RG3/40A/2; D.24/39; D.38/23; D.38/24
1894-1898	Clerk-in-charge	Lac Seul	Lac la Pluie	RG3/40A/2; RG3/11A/1 fo. 127; B.105/e/17 fo. 7; D.24/39; D.38/23
1898-1900	Clerk-in-charge	Michipicoten	Lake Superior	D.24/35; B.129/e/18
1900-1901	Post Manager	Marten's Falls	Albany/James Bay	SF: "Williams, Jabez"
1901-1916	Post Manager/Postmaster	Osnaburgh	Lake Superior	RG3/40A/2; B.155/b/2-5; A12/FT 322/3; D.38/24; A.32/59, f. 53
1916-1920	Post Manager/Postmaster	Lac Seul	Lake Superior	RG3/40A/2; A.74/45-49; A.92/19/11
1920, May	Awarded Gold Medal and one Bar for Long Service			RG3/40B/1, f. 285; RG3/40A/2, f. 651
1920-1923	Post Manager	Fort Hope	Lake Superior	RG3/40A/2; A.74/50-53
1921, May	Awarded Gold Bar for Long Service			RG3/40B/1, f. 285; RG3/40.A/2, f. 651
1921, 18 October	Pension granted (but continued to work)		Lake Superior	A.1/165, 1921-1922, p. 130 (Committee Minutes)
1923, 9 November	Died from heart failure at Fort Hope at age 65 after nearly 43 years' service; Interred at Fort Hope.			RG3/40A/2; SF: "Williams, Jabez";
Dates unknown	Williams's obituary in <i>The Beaver</i> notes that he served at Montizambert post.			<i>The Beaver</i> , Jan. 1924, p. 160
PHOTOGRAPHS:	1987/14/42 (portrait, ca. 1910); A.92/19/11 fo. 24 (1920, in textual report by Louis A. Romanet)			
BIBLIOGRAPHY:	Kiebusinski, Rae. <i>Yesterday the River: A History of the Ear Falls District</i> . Altona, MB: D.W. Friesen (1973). Williams, Graeme D. <i>Jabez Williams: "An Indefatigable Little Fellow"</i> . The Author: Perth ON, 2003			
Wife (1):	Married Anne (Nancy) Mackenzie Sep. 9, 1885 at Rat Portage (b. May 5, 1862, daughter of James B. Mackenzie of HBC, d. 1899 at Michipicoten in childbirth, buried at Lake of the Woods Cemetery, Kenora).			B.129/e/18; SF: "Williams, Jabez"
8 Children:	Herbert Bruce b. June 10, 1886 at White Dog, Ontario; Clerk at Dinorwic, Post Manager at Bucke; d. June 1, 1926. Lawrence Joseph (Larry) b. July 31, 1888 at Bird's Hill, Manitoba; Post Manager at Dinorwic and Graham; d. June 21, 1922 by drowning at Sioux Lookout.			RG3/40A/2, p. 649; A.92/19.7, p. 111 <i>The Beaver</i> , Aug. 1922, p. 9 A.92/19/7, fos. 75-76; <i>The Beaver</i> , Aug. 1922, p. 9; RG3/40A/2, f. 652

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James Percy b. 1890, January 4 at Fort Frances, Ontario; d. Feb. 24, 1956 at Kenora, Ontario.

Ethel Ellen Elizabeth b. Dec. 16, 1891 at Fort Frances, Ontario; d. 1969 in Huntsville, Ontario

Rupert John Duncan b. Sep 23, 1893 at Fort Frances, Ontario; d. 1973 at Saskatoon.

Lucy Caroline Margaret Anne b. Jan. 28, 1895 at Lac Seul; d. Oct. 28, 1974 at Thunder Bay

Stanley b. Jan. 28, 1897 at Lac Seul; d. July 11, 1911 at Fort William (Thunder Bay)

Wife (2): Married Clara Fanny June 11, 1907 at Osnaburgh House (d. Jan. 4, 1964 at Kenora, Ont., buried at Red Lake, Ont.)

10 Children: Christopher (b. Jan. 5, 1903 at Osnaburgh House, d. Aug. 29, 2002), Charlotte (b. Nov. 17, 1904 at Osnaburgh House), Victoria (b. Dec. 24, 1906), Arthur George (Jan. 17, 1909 – Dec. 10, 2000), George (Mar. 21, 1911-Dec. 25, 1958), Frank (Mar. 11, 1913-Dec. 2, 1962), Charles (July 15, 1915-Nov. 12, 1979), Hazel Dorothy (Dec. 11, 1917-May 22, 1924), Katie Emma (Apr. 22, 1920), and Flora Esther (Jan. 28, 1923-Sep. 19, 1923).

Parents: Rev. Joseph Williams 11 (1826-1882) and Elizabeth Wells (1825-1873).

Brother: Herbert Williams, employee of the Hudson's Bay Company at Rat Portage and Fort Frances (1885-1888, 1894-1897), and later Mayor of Fort Frances.



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Among Lac La Pluie District/Lake Superior District managers' reports and correspondence as to the work and character of Jabez Williams, see D.38/23 (Staff Records, 1873-1900) and D.38/24 (Staff Records, 1881-1909).

Excerpt from a "brief report on the character and capacity of the Officers and clerks" in the Lac La Pluie District by Alexander Matheson at Rat Portage, Ontario, August 26, 1887 (D.38/23, pp. 20-21):

"Jabez Williams, clerk in charge of White Dog, is an indefatigable little fellow who has always been successful in coming out ahead at all posts he has been in charge of. He is hard working and ambitious."

Correspondence (1894-1895) regarding request to appoint Jabez Williams as Justice of the Peace for Lac Seul Dist. SF: Williams, Jabez

For additional details, consult HBCA Search File, "Williams, Jabez" (which contains a 2003 biography of Jabez Williams by great-nephew Graeme Williams), as well as the Beaver Library Search File, "Employees: HBC – Williams, Jabez," and journals written at posts he served (ie: Osnaburgh House, 1M1017)