

**NAME:** BEST, John

**PARISH:** Scotland

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1773

**DATES:**

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1773	sailed for Hudson Bay in HBC ship <i>Seahorse</i>			A.11/3, fo. 189-194d
1773-1774	Carpenter	Albany	Albany	A.30/1, fo. 2
1773-1784	Carpenter	Henley House	Albany	A.11/4, fo. 14; A.30/1, fo. 14, 26, 39, 52, 69; A.30/2, fo. 20, 40, 63; A.30/3, fo. 2, 24, 45; A.16/4, fo. 99, fo. 147; A.16/5
1781-ca. 1785	Carpenter	Gloucester House	Albany	A.11/4, fos. 152-3
1785-1787	Inland Trader, Master	Pashcocoggan[Osnaburgh]	Albany	A.30/3,fo. 69; B.155/a/1; A.16/5, fo. 85;. A.11/3, fo. 21; B.135/b/16
1787-1788	on trading journey	Muscuty or Fire Country	Albany	A.30/4, fo. 2; A.11/5, fo. 77
1788-1791	Inland Trader, Master	Cat Lake	Albany	B.30/a/1-3; A.30/4,fo.28,55; A.30/5,fo.2; A.16/5,fo.85
1791-1794	Inland Trader, Master	Red Lake	Albany	A.30/5, fo. 28, 52; A.30/6, fo. 2, 46; A.16/6, fo.37
1794-1795	Inland Trader, Master	Blood River	Albany	B.254/a/1
1795-1796	Inland Trader, Master	Dauphin		B.51/a/1
1796-1797	Inland Trader, Master	Osnaburgh House	Albany	B.155/a/12; A.16/6, fo. 118
1797-1803	Master	Red Lake,Martin Falls	Albany	A.16/6, fo. 37, 118, 141; B.3/a/105
1803, 28 Aug.	Retired home to Stockton			A.30/10, fo. 3; A.16/6, fo. 141; B.3/a/105, fo. 35

Gravestone near Edinburgh reads "In Memory of John Best who resided 32 years at Hudson Bay whereby his strict integrity, zeal, personal strength, courage and humanity he gained the confidence of his employees the affection of the inhabitants and \_\_\_\_\_country"

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