

NAME: TAIT, William 'A'
(TATE)

PARISH: Hudson's Bay

ENTERED SERVICE: 1806 (A.16/35, fo.40)

DATES: b. ca.1790

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
1806-1812+	Apprentice		Winnipeg	A.16/35,fo.40;A.30/11,fo.41
1815-1817	Interpreter		Cumberland	A.16/36,fo.117
1817-1819	Assistant Trader		Cumberland	A.30/15,fo.52
1819-1822	Trader		Cumberland	A.30/16,fo.37
1822	Freeman, to Red River Settlement			B.239/g/1 & 2; A.16/39,fo.418

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

Described in 1819 as "Useful as a runner but of a sullen, discontented disposition"

A.30/16, fo.37

* A William Tait of Rupert's Land is said to have been 43 in 1832-1833 (PAM, Red River Census, 1832-1833). He may have been the William Tait who married Mary Auld, York Factory, on 10 July 1823. Mary Auld was baptised the same day (PAM, St. John's Marriages, 1820-1835; St. John's Baptisms, 1813-1828). Their son, William Auld Tait, was baptised 31 December 1826 (PAM, St. John's Baptisms, 1813-1828).

William Tait may have been the son of James Tait (ca.1758-1834)

Biog.; A.36/13, fos.1-2

+ The William Tait who served 1806-1812 appears to be the same as the one who served 1815-1822. A William Tait of Hudson's Bay may have signed a contract at Stromness in 1814, possibly having accompanied James Tait on a visit to the Orkneys (A.16/36,fo.117).

