

NAME: BIRSTON, Magnus

PARISH: Ronaldshay, Orkney

ENTERED SERVICE: 1790

DATES: b. ca. 1769
d. 20 May 1837

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA References
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May.</i>				
1790-1791	Labourer	York Factory	York Factory	A.30/5
1791-1792	Middleman		York Inland	A.30/5; A.16/33 fo. 142
1792-1795	Bowsman	Engaged for the Northward Expedition		A.30/5,6
1795-1796	Canoeman		York Inland	A.30/7
1796-1811	Steersman	YF-Oxford in 1802	York Inland	A.16/34 fo.66; A.16/35 fo. 5; A.32/8 fo. 46; A.30/7-10; B.239/f/9
1811-1812	Steersman		Winnipeg	A.30/11; A.16/25 fo.3
1812-1814	Steersman & Pilot		West Winnipeg	A.30/12,13; A.16/26 fo. 11
1814-1819	Outpost Master	Oxford House		A.16/37 fo. 19
1819-1821	Assistant Trader	Island Lake		A.16/37 fo.19
1821, 24 Aug.	Retired to Lower Rapids	Red River		B.239/g/1; A.16/37 fo. 19; A.16/42 fo. 12
1821-1837	Red River Colony (3 sons under 16, 1 daughter over 15, 1 daughter under 15)			E.5/1-8
1837, 20 May	Died			Will 27 Sept. 1834; A.36/4; Buried 23 May 1837, E.4/1

Brother: Alexander BIRSTON

Wife: An Indian woman b. 1775 (E.4/1 fo. 50; Sprague and Fyre, *The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation*)

Children: **Catherine, James and Alexander** (baptised 30 July 1824 by Rev. John West, E.4/1 fo. 50)

William (baptised 8 Dec. 1826, E.4/1 fo. 62d)

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