

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1874-1879	Labourer/Horsekeeper		Athabasca	A.32/40:169 & 175; B.235/g/15
1880-1882	Cattlekeeper		Athabasca	B.239/u/3:238d-239, #1423
1884	General		Athabasca	B.235/g/23
1885-1889	Interpreter "with postmaster allowance"		Athabasca	B.235/g/24-28; B.239/u/3
1889, 20 July	Dismissed			B.239/u/3

The 1889 inspection report for Fort McMurray describes him as "Interpreter, talks English & Cree. 14 years service; wife and 7 children; in charge of outpost in winter"

D.25/9, fo.26

The records do not make clear which Post he was at. His contracts were signed at Fort McMurray (1877), Fort Vermilion (1880), Winnipeg (1885) and Fort Chipewyan (1886).

A.32/40; B.239/u/3

Is sometimes confused in the records with another John McDonald 'K' of Stornoway, a Labourer in the Athabasca District, 1874-1883.

B.235/g/13-22

Probably the same as the John McDonald of St. Andrew's who was baptized on 19 March 1854, the son of Duncan McDonald and Elizabeth Tait. In the 1870 Red River Census the family of Duncan McDonald (46, English halfbreed, son of Donald McDonald) is described as Marianne, 19, John, 16, Donald, 15, Hannah, 13, Martha, 11, Sarah, 9, Margaret, 7, Elizabeth J., 5, Catherine, 3.

PAM, Red River Census Index; Anglican Parish Registers Index

