

NAME: SINCLAIR, William 1st PARISH: Harray, Orkney ENTERED SERVICE: 1782 (paid from 14 Sept. 1783)
 [Estaquoy]

DATES: b. ca. 1766
 d.20 April 1818

Appointments & Service Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1782, 5 July	sailed on <i>King George</i> as servant to Humphrey Marten destined for York			B.239/a/81,fo.2
1782, 10 Sept.-15 Oct.	taken prisoner by the French at Sea, transferred to <i>Severn</i> which sailed for Stromness.			B.239/a/81;C.1/386;E.2/12
1783-1790	Mr. Marten's Servant	York Factory	York	A.11/116; A.30/3, fo.14, 36, 58, 90; A.30/4, fo.21, 49, 77
1790-1791	returned home on <i>Seahorse</i> due to ill health			A.11/116
1791	returned to York on <i>Seahorse</i>			C.1/1055
1792-1794	Writer	York Factory		A.11/117;A.32/17; A.30/6 fo. 40
1794-1796	Writer	York House, Wegg's House	York Inland	B.66/a/1; B.228/a/1; B.239/a/96-97; B.239/b/58; A.30/6 fo.78
1796-1797	Master, Trader	Hulse or Split Lake House	York Inland	B.88/a/1; B.239/b/58
1797-1798	Trader	traveled Nelson River	York Inland	B.239/a/100-101; B.239/b/66; A.30/7 fo. 37, 81
1798-1810	Trader	Oxford House	York Inland	B.156/a/1-5; B.239/a/101; B.239/b/66; A.16/35 fo.5; A.30/9 fo.38; A.30/10 fo.36
1810-1811	Trader	Oxford House	Winnipeg Factory	A.6/18 p.24; A.16/25 fo.33
1811-1812	Chief	Oxford House	W. Winnipeg Factory	A.6/18 p.25; A.16/26fo.9; A.30/11 fo.34
1812-1814	In charge	Jack River House	W. Winnipeg Factory	B.154/a/5; B.154/d/1-2a; A.30/12 fo.35; A.30/13 fo.29; A.16/26 fo.9 C.1/781
1814-1815	returned to Scotland on <i>Prince of Wales</i>			
1815-1816	Chief	Knee Lake	York	B.101/a/1; A.30/14 fo.49
1816-1817	Chief	Oxford House	York	B.239/d/175,188
1817-1818	returned to York Factory			B.22/a/20;B .239/b/86b
1818, 20 April	died of dropsy [edema], buried at York Factory			A.16/26 fo.9



Described as "belov'd of the Indians" (A.30/7 fo.81)

Siblings: Thomas, Ann and Mary (Will on Search File)
 Wife: Margaret [Nahoway], Cree or part-Cree (see Sylvia Van Kirk, "*Many Tender Ties*": *Women in Fur-Trade Society, 1670-1870*, Winnipeg: 1980, p. 87,115)
 Children: **Phoebe** (ca. 1792-1848) m. Thomas Bunn (1765-1853); **William** (1794-1868) m. Mary Wadin McKay (1804-1893); **Anne** (1796-1861) m. John Spencer (1790-1880); **Catherine** (ca. 1798-1881) m. Joseph Cook (1792-1848); **Jane** (ca. 1801-1861) m. James Kirkness (ca. 1774-1843); **Mary** (1804-1892) m. John Inkster (1799-1874); **?Elizabeth [Betsy]** (ca. 1805-1878) m. (1) George Simpson, (2) Robert Seaborn Miles (1795-1870); **James** (ca. 1806 -1856) m. (1) Elizabeth Bird (1811-1845), (2) Mary Campbell (1826-); **John** (b. ca. 1807) m. Eliza; **Thomas** (1810-1870) m. (1) Hannah Cummings (1812-1846), (2) Caroline Pruden (1830-1908); **Colin Robertson** (1816-1901); **?Fanny** (b. 1818) (A.44/2; Sinclair Family newsletter *Children of the Country* edited by Neil Ray).

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