

NAME: McCARGO, Robert  
[M'Cargo, MacCargo]

PARISH:

ENTERED SERVICE:

DATES:

### Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
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*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

#### North West Company:

pre-1812				F.4/32 p.739
1813-1821	Captain	NWC schooner	Lake Superior	B.231/a/6 fo. 4,15
1813	Captain	<i>Recovery</i>	Lake Superior	Cuthbertson 1934:29
1814	Captain	<i>Perseverance</i>	Lake Superior	Lamb 1969:183

#### Hudson's Bay Company:

1821-1823	Captain	<i>Recovery</i>	Lake Superior	B.135/g/2, fo. 22; B.135/g/3, fo. 20
1823-1827	discharged at Lake Superior before 1824, but carried on the books			B.135/g/4, fo. 21; B.135/g/8
1848	Wm. Sinclair, brother-in-law of Widow McCargo, wrote to G. Simpson (Letter dated 17 June 1848) regarding a loan to prevent the loss of her farm.			D.5/22 fo. 307-308

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#### NOTES:

Biography may be subject to revision as more information becomes available.  
During War of 1812, McCargo hid NWC vessel *Recovery* at McCargo Cove, Isle Royale (Nute 1944:119; Cuthbertson 1934:29).  
McCargo escaped American sack of Sault Ste. Marie, 1814; abandoned & set fire to NWC schooner Perseverance (Lamb 1969:183; Cuthbertson 1934:30; Masson 1890, Vol. 2:53-54)  
McCargo was still sailing the HBC schooner *Recovery* July 28, 1824 (perhaps employed on Bayfield survey? - see E.116/2).



Filename: M'Cargo, Robert (fl. NWC, HBC 1812-1848) JHB 04/91; rev. DA 8/08/91 ; April/99/mhd