

NAME: TAIT, JAMES
(TATE)

PARISH: Orphir, Orkney
(A.16/33,fo.64)

ENTERED SERVICE:1778*

DATES: b. ca. 1758
d. 2 Jan. 1834

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
1778, 25 August 1778-1788	Arrived at York Factory on the <i>King George</i> Labourer		York Factory (inland)	C.1/382; B.239/a/75, fo. 61 A.30/1,fo.80d;A.30/2,fo.14d,33,54,73;A.30/3 fos.16d, 38d, 61d; A.16/32 fo.169d; A.16/33,fo.64
1788-1792	Steersman	[Manchester House]	York Factory	A.30/4-5; B.121/a/3
1792-1793	Steersman & Master	[Manchester House]	York Factory	A.30/5, fo.42d
1793-1794	Steersman & Summer			Master Manchester HouseCumberlandA.30/5,fo.7ld
1794-1812	Occasional Master, Master & Trader	Upper House	York Factory (Inland)	A.30/6-II; A.16/35,fo.23
1812, 13 Sept.	"Home"			A.16/36
1830	Resided in Stromness			A.36/13, fo.11,1ld.
1834, 2 Jan.	Died in Stromness after a week's illness			A.36/13 fos. 7-10

Although his year of entering the service is given as 1773 other evidence points to 1778.

His age is given as "about 33 years" in a contract signed 7 July 1791.

Described in 1794 as "A better servant cannot be..."

Writer of Manchester House Journal for 1788, 1789 and 1792-1793

Natural Children: Jean [or Jane] (wife of John Spence), Margaret, James and William*
at Red River
*This son may have been William Tait 'A'. (Biog.)

Brothers: Peter [deceased?], Magnus, Thomas, Nichol (deceased), William (deceased)

Sister: Cecelia (wife of Peter Sinclair of Petertown)

Nieces and Nephews: Catherine and Jean (daughters of deceased Nichol), Catherine's son James in Houton

William (son of Thomas)

James Sinclair (son of Cecelia and Peter)

James Tate (son of Peter Tate of Houton)

William, Jean and Catherine (children of William deceased)

Bequest: Betty Corston (otherwise Crear), Stromness

A.36/13 fo. 12

Reference: Alice Johnson, ed. *Saskatchewan Journals and Correspondence, 1795-1802*, Hudson's Bay Record Society, Vol. XXVI.

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