

NAME: VEZINA, Jean Baptiste, Sr.

PARISH:

ENTERED SERVICE:

DATES:

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*: Position: Post: District: HBCA Reference:

**An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

1812-1818		Fort William	North West Company	F.4/32, pp. 1057, 1063
1818-1820	Fisherman	Point Meuron	Hudson's Bay Company	B.231/d/4, 9 & 10
1821	Fisherman	Fort William	North West Company	F.4/32,p.1070

First entry in records of Hudson's Bay Company appears to be 25 Dec. 1817. Described as "a Meuron to be forwarded to Red River but missed his passage with Capt. Matthey's Brigade." (B.231/d/9,fo. 10) In the account book for 1818-1819; "This man still remains here having met with an accident which prevents him going in." (B.231/d/10, fo.9d.) In the account book for 1820-1821: "This man deserted about the beginning of February {1821} from a fishing place." (B.231/d/15, fo.8; see also B.231/a/6, fo.18) He then re-appears in the North West Company accounts, still as a fisherman, as there is an entry of payment for "making of nets." (F.4/32, p.1070) In the summer of 1820 he was living at Point Meuron with his family "consisting of two women and three children", employed as a "fisherman, procurer of Bark, and sugar maker." B.231/a/6, fo. 3-3d. On 28 Sept. 1820, he was seized by the NWCo on account of his debt. When he returned to Point Meuron on 28 Oct., he explained that he had been thrown "without much ceremony" into a light canoe and "hurried off.... To Fort William where he was shown a paper to which they obliged him to sign though at the same time he denied owing them any debt, upon which Mr. Mctavish then observed that as to the debt, they did not value it, to prove which as soon as he (Vesinat) abandoned his post they would burn the note of hand in his presence. He remained that night, got plenty to eat and drink, and next morning was made a present of a bottle of spirits and liberated on his promise of joining them next spring."B.231/a/6, fo.13-13d. He was the father of Jean Baptiste,Vezina, Jr. F.4/32, pp.1066 & 1070 He (or his son?) is recorded as maintained at Fr. William with wife & 3 children, 1828/9 B.231/3/6, fo.1d. His name is spelled Visinette, Vesinette, Vesinat, Visina and Visinait.

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