

NAME: HOURSTON, Joseph

PARISH: Evie, Orkney

ENTERED SERVICE: 29 Dec. 1868

DATES:

(A.32/32, fo. 63)

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
1869-1874	Labourer		Cumberland	A.32/32,fo.163; B.239/g/46-49
1874-1876	Interpreter	Grand Rapids	Cumberland	B.239/k/4,fo.4,13d; D.38/15,fo.3d
1876-1877	Postmaster	Grand Rapids	Cumberland	B.239/k/4,fo.22d
1877-1878	Postmaster	Cedar Lake, Moose Lake	Grand Rapids	B.239/k/4,fo.34; D.38/15,fo.5d
1878-1879	Postmaster	Disposable	Grand Rapids	B.239/k/4,fo.42d
1879-1882	Postmaster	Cumberland House	Cumberland	B.239/k/4,fo.58,71,83
1882-1883	Clerk	Cumberland	Cumberland	B.239/k/4,fo.93
1883-1884	Clerk	The Pas	Cumberland	B.239/k/4,fo.103
1884-1888	Clerk	Cumberland House	Cumberland	D.38/3,fo.44-45,60-61,70-71
1888-1891	Clerk	Lac du Brochet	Cumberland	D.38/7
1891-1894	Clerk	The Pas	Cumberland	D.38/7
1894	Freeman			D.33/2,fo.6

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

6 Jan. 1885 H. Belanger made the following report from Cumberland House:

Joseph Hourston, Clerk, entered the service some 13 years ago as labourer and remained in this district all the time. Finding he was a very intelligent man I had him promoted at the end of his first contract to the position of Postman. During these 13 years he has been one of the most useful men in my district. He had evidently received a fair education which he kept up and improved and also learned the Cree language and is now capable of taking charge of any of the outposts in the district & when necessary I have frequently sent him in temporary charge. I would willingly have him in charge of a post now but for the fact that he is much more useful here. Apart from his duties as shopman, he willingly performed any work required either as a carpenter, Boatbuilder, Blacksmith or in fact any thing he can do (he is very ingenious) thus saving the expense of keeping tradesmen ...
D.38/15,fo.15.

