

**NAME: McBean, John**

**PARISH:**

**ENTERED SERVICE: 1804**

**DATES: ca. 1778-1854**

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NOTES:

John McBean was born about 1778 and was a clerk and interpreter in the service of the North West Company (NWC) at Fond du Lac in 1804. He became a partner of the N.W.C. at Fort William in 1816.

After the amalgamation of the HBC and NWC in 1821, he was made a Chief Factor appointed to the charge of Lake Huron district, with headquarters at La Cloche, where he remained until he retired on June 1, 1837.

He settled at Berthier, Lower Canada, in a house called "North West Hall".

John McBean died at Berthier about 1854.

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Vital/Genealogical:

Married first: a country wife with at least three children; William, Charles and a daughter.

Married second: Isabella MacKenzie (nee Latour), widow of Alexander MacKenzie, by whom he had two children.

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