

NAME: SPENCE, JOHN (C)* **PARISH:** Stromness, Orkney **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1820, 6 June (A.32/54 folio 294) **DATES:** b. ca.1798
 1838, 24 October (A.32/54 fo. 300) d.1865/09/29

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1820-1821	Boatbuilder	General Charges	Northern Dept.	B.239/g/1
1821-1825	Boatbuilder	Cumberland	Saskatchewan	B.239/g/2-4
1825-1833	Boatbuilder	Fts. Vancouver, Ft. Simpson	Columbia	B.239/g/5-12; B.223/g/1; B.223/d/19 fo.3; B.223/d/28 fo.9d; B.223/d/39 fo.14d; B.223/d/47 fo.17d; B.223/d/105a fo. 236
1833-1834	retired to Europe across country, wintered at Churchill and York Factory			B.239/g/13-14
1835, 11 May-9 Nov.	Carpenter	<i>Prince Rupert</i>	Stromness-York Factory	C.3/14 fo. 26d
1836, 30 May-26 Nov.	Carpenter	<i>Prince Rupert</i>	Stromness-York Factory	C.3/14 fo. 35d
1837, 29 May-18 Nov.	Carpenter	<i>Prince Rupert</i>	Stromness-York Factory	C.3/14 fo. 54
1838, 28 May-22 Oct..	Carpenter	<i>Prince Rupert</i>	Stromness-York Factory	C.3/14 fo. 58
1838, 29 Oct.-1839, 30 Sept.	Carpenter	<i>Vancouver II</i>	London-Columbia River	C.7/164 fo. 12; C.3/14 fo. 76
1839-1840	Carpenter	<i>Cadboro</i>	Columbia	A.10/11 fo.77; B.239/g/19
1840-1842	Boatbuilder and Carpenter	Fort Vancouver	Columbia	B.239/g/20-21
1842-1843	Carpenter	<i>Cadboro</i>	Columbia	B.239/g/22; E.31/2/1 fos. 280-284d
1843, 1 Nov.-1844, 12 June	Home as Carpenter	<i>Vancouver</i>	Columbia-London	B.239/g/23; C.3/15 fo. 4
1844, July	Arrived in Stromness from Columbia			A.10/22 fo.79
1844, 26 Aug.-1845, 31 Oct.	Carpenter	<i>Vancouver</i>	London-Ft. Victoria	C.3/15 fo. 21; A.10/22 fo.79
1845-1847	Carpenter	<i>Vancouver</i>	Columbia	B.239/g/25-26; B.226/d/3 fo. 521
1847-1852	Carpenter	<i>Beaver</i>	Columbia	B.239/g/27-31; B.226/d/3 fo. 521
1852-1853	Labourer	General Charges, <i>Beaver</i>	Columbia	B.239/g/32; B.226/d/3 fo. 521
1853-1861+	Carpenter	<i>Beaver</i>	Western	B.226/g/1-8
1861-1863	Pensioner	Victoria		B.226/g/9-10
1863-1865	On sundry accounts			B.226/g/11-12
1865, 29 Sept.	Died in Victoria, funeral at his home on Superior St.			BCARS/AA/30.1/1
1865, 2 Oct.	Buried in Naval corner of Quadra Cemetery			<i>The Victoria Colonist</i> , 30 Sept. 1865 p. 3



* From 1820-1835 he was designated as John Spence (C). From 1835-1853, when on the ships and at Vancouver, he had no letter designation and his years of service were shown from the time he went back to the Columbia, however, his sister continued to address him as John Spence (C). After 1853, in the Western Department books, he was indicated as John Spence (A).
 + Began buying property in 1854 (BCARS/AA30.7/2)

Letters: HBH to John Spence addressed to Mrs. Linklater, 4 Meeting House Alley, Johnson Street near London Docks re remuneration for repairing Prince of Wales (A.5/10 p. 280, 1834); HBH to John Spence re. Bill of £50 to uncle John Spence, satisfaction with his work, want him in London in early May (A.5/, 1835); John to Joseph Spence, a friend (E.31/2/1 fos. 285-286d,); from his sister Betsy Clouston, Grocer, Plain Stones, Stromness, Orkney (A.10/11 fo.77, 1840; A.10/13 fo. 198, Aug. 1841; A.10/15 fo.425, 2 Dec. 1842; E.31/2/1 fos. 280-282d, 18 June 1843; A.10/22 fo. 79, 175, 26 July 1846 and 17 August 1846; A10/23 fo. 703, 27 September 1847; A.10/35 fo.85, 14 Feb. 1854); from his friend John Rendall, London (E.31/2/1 fos. 283-284d, 29 September 1843).

Sister: Betsy Clouston (Mrs. Thomas)

Sister's children: Christina or Christian b. 1830 m. Robert Eunson (d. 1871) Children: Elizabeth (b. c1853), Robert (b. 1863)

Janet or Janette (1827-1890) m. John Rae, Bookseller in Stromness

Children: John (1852-1925) m. Janet Sinclair; Thomas (1853-), in B.C. in 1925; Elizabeth (1856-) m. John Robertson; William Robert (1858-); James (1860-); Maria Christina (1862-); Alexander (1865-); Janet (1868-)

Wife: Maria Robinson of Nanaimo (b. 27 October 1818, m. 17 February 1863, d. 16 October 1896) (see Copy of Will dated 26 September 1865, which had been indicated with an "A" in the affidavit of George Robinson, sworn before Acting Registrar Richard Woods, 2 May 1866, from BC Provincial Archives, on Search File, "Spence, John (C)", and E.196 pp. 120-126 for account of Maria Robinson, sister of George Robinson)

Land: Part of lot 1772, Victoria, Subdivisions 1, 5, and 6.

Church: He left bequests of \$50.00 each to the United Presbyterian Church in Stromness and to the Pandora Street Society of Wesleyan Methodists in Victoria.

