

NAME: SWAIN, James Sr.

PARISH: London

ENTERED SERVICE: ca.1791 (A.30/11)

DATES: b.c.1775

St. Andrews

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May				
1791	Sailed on <i>Seahorse</i>			C.1/1054 fo.1
1791 - 1794	Writer	York Factory	York	A.30/5,fo.48,80;A.30/6,fo.40
1794 - 1795	Writer	Inland	York	A.30/6,fo.79
1795 - 1796	Writer	Buckingham House	York	A.30/7,fo.38;B.24/a/3
1796 - 1797	no entry			B.239/a/99
1797 - 1805	Writer	Severn	York	A.16/34,fo.108;A.30/8,fo.42;A.30/9,fo.43;A.30/10fo.41
1805, 6 Sept.	home			A.16/34,fo.108
1806 - 1808	Writer	Beaver Lodge, Trout Lake	Severn	A.16/34,fo.117;B.220/a/1
1808 - 1809	Writer	Beaver Lake House	Severn	B.250/a/1
1809 - 1810	Writer	Beaver Lodge, Trout Lake	Severn	B.220/a/2
1810 - 1813	Trader, Master	Severn	York	A.16/35,fo.44;A.30/11,fo.28; A.30/12,fo.27
1813 - 1814	Inland Master		York	A.3/13,fo.27
1814 - 1815	Master	Severn House	York	A.30/14,fo.4;A.16/36,fo.51;B.198/a/57
1815 - 1816	Master	York House	York	A.30/15;A.16/36,fo.51;B.239/a/123
1817 - 1819	Trader	York Factory	York	A.30/16,fo.36;A.16/36,fo.60;B.239/a/126
1819	home by <i>Prince of Wales</i> with son			A.16/39,fo.411; C.1/788 fo.2d
to 1829	paid dividends			A.16/43,fo.278; A.16/45,fo.253



References: Alice M. Johnson, *Saskatchewan Journals and Correspondence: Edmonton House, 1795-1800; Chesterfield House 1800-1802*, London: Hudson's Bay Records Society, 1967 vol.XXVI (see index).

Journals written by James Swain:

Buckingham House, 1795-1796	(B.24/a/3)
Trout Lake, 1807-1810	(B.220/a/1,2)
Beaver Lake House, 1808-1809	(B.250/a/1)
Severn, 1814-1815 (not signed)	(B.198/a/57)
York Factory, 1815-1819	(B.239/a/123,126)

FAMILY:

Brother: Thomas Swain, Clerk 1793 (A.5/3 p.200)
Wife: A native woman (E.4/1a)
Children:
Charlotte, sailed on *Prince of Wales* in 1816, and continued on from Moose on 22 August 1817 "after being detained in the country since 21 October last"
(C.1/785); 30 Dec. 1817 passage paid to Capt. Hanwell (A.16/36)
James Swain Jr., born c1800; baptized 8 June 1823 (E.4/1a fo.44)
m. Margaret Racette 3 Oct. 1826 (E.4/1b fo. 218d; PAM St. John's Register)
Mary Anne, baptized 12 July 1825 (E.4/1a fo.56)
m. William Robert Smith 12 July 1825 (E.4/1b fo.213; daughter baptized at same time)
Sarah, baptized 12 July 1825 (E.4/1a fo.56)
m. John Macdonald 12 July 1825 (E.4/1b fo. 213; two daughters baptized at same time)
Margaret, baptized 17 January 1826 (E.4/1a fo.59)
m. Donald Gunn 17 Jan. 1826 (E.4/1b fo.215d)
Brigitte, born c1814; baptized 25 September 1827 (E.4/1a fo.66); buried 13 Dec. 1844, aged 30 (E.4/2 fo.137d)
John, baptized 25 September 1827 (E.4/1a fo.66)
m. Mary Alarie 18 Jan. 1837 (E.4/2 fo.250)
Elizabeth, baptized 25 September 1827 (E.4/1a fo.66)
m. John McLeod 8 Sept. 1829 (E.4/1b fo.224)



N.B.

On 9 Feb. 1834 three adult children of James Swain and a native woman, Robert, James, and John, were baptized (E.4/1a fo.106d)
On 5 May 1836 an adult "Halfbreed", James Swain, was baptized. (E.4/1a fo.128)
On 10 Jan. 1841 an adult, James Swain, and his wife Suzette, were baptized. (E.4/1a fo.169)
On 21 August 1843 an adult, Isabella Swain, was baptized. (E.4/2 fo.13)

It is not clear how or if these people were related to James Swain Senior.

Payments were made from Swain's account to Sarah Swain (1804, A.16/34 fo.108); Robert Swain (1810-1815, A.16/35 fo.36); Thomas (1812, A.16/36)

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