

# PEOPLE

## Hudson's Bay Company

**Dr. Benson.** Alfred Robson Benson (c.1815-c.1900) served as a physician at several Company posts, including Nanaimo, Victoria, and Vancouver. He first arrived at Fort Victoria in 1849, and worked there and at Fort Vancouver until 1855, when he sailed to England. He returned to the Nanaimo in 1857, and worked there for the Company until his discharge in 1862; he continued on under the new coal company. He eventually returned to England where he died (Watson 2010:211-2)

**Judge Cameron.** David Cameron (1804-1872) was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Colony of Vancouver Island. He was married to James Douglas' sister Cecilia Eliza Douglas Cowan, and also an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company.

**Carly.** Unknown.

**Clough.** Unknown.

**Dallas.** Alexander Grant Dallas (1816-1882) was a Governor of the Company west of the Rockies as well as James Douglas' son-in-law. He arrived in Victoria in 1857, taking over Douglas' duties when the latter became Governor of the Colony. In 1864 he left the West Coast to become Governor of Rupert's land in Fort Garry. He eventually returned to England where he died in 1882 (Watson 2010:325)

**Douglas.** Sir James Douglas (1803-1877) joined the fur trade in 1819, in 1849 came to Fort Victoria, and two years later became Governor of the Colony of Vancouver Island. He then served as Governor of the newly-formed Colony of British Columbia (including Vancouver Island) from 1858-1863. Upon his retirement he was knighted, and eventually died in Victoria in 1877 (Watson 2010:358)

**Finlayson.** Roderick Finlayson (1818-1892) joined the Company in 1837, was in charge of Fort Victoria from 1844 until Douglas' arrival in 1849, and eventually became Chief Factor. He left the service in 1872, and in 1878 became Mayor of Victoria. Mt. Finlayson on San Juan Island was named after him (Watson 2010:395)

**Fraser.** Donald Fraser (ca.1810-1897), a friend and confidant of James Douglas, was appointed by him to the Council of Vancouver Island in

1858, a position he held for four years. He later served on the Legislative Council from 1864-66.

**Frenson(?)**. Unknown.

**Gifford**. Unknown.

**Golledge**. Born in England, Richard Golledge (c. 1832-1887) came to Fort Victoria in 1851 and served as private secretary to James Douglas until 1859. After sailing to England, he returned to Victoria but eventually succumbed to alcoholism and died in penury (Watson 2010:429-430)

**Hawkins**. Could be Thomas Hawkins, who worked for the PSAC in 1859 (Watson 2010:465-6).

**Dr. Helmcken**. Dr. John Sebastian Helmcken (1824-1920) was born in England, where he trained as a druggist and surgeon. He joined the Company in 1849 and arrived in Victoria the next year; three years later he married Cecilia, daughter of James Douglas. He was elected to the first Legislative Assembly of the Province (Watson 2010:469)

**Hills**. Unknown.

**Henry McNeill**. Unknown.

**William McNeil**. Unknown.

**McTavish**. Unknown.

**Miles**. Possibly John Miles (c.1826-1861), who began work with the British Columbia Land and Works Department in 1858.

**Moore**. Unknown.

**Olney**. Unknown.

**Peltier**. Unknown.

**Ross**. Unknown.

**Captain Sangster**. James Sangster (?-1858) joined the HBC as a ship's boy in 1827 and worked his way up to become a ships' commander. When he retired from the Company in 1851 he became Her Majesty's Collector of Customs for Vancouver Island, as well as harbormaster and postmaster for Victoria (Watson 2010:868)

**Tod.** John Tod (1794-1882) joined the HBC in 1811 and eventually became the chief trader for Fort Vancouver, Cowlitz Farm, Fort Alexandria, Thompson River, and Fort Nisqually. He retired from the Company in 1850 and lived in Victoria (Watson 2010:947)

**Dr. Tolmie.** Dr. William Fraser Tolmie (1812-1886) was a Chief Factor as well as one of the founders of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, having managed that Company's farm at Nisqually.

**Louis Trudelle.** Louis Trudelle (ca. 1821-?), a Company employee, worked in a variety of Company locations, including Forts Langley, Nisqually, Vancouver, and Victoria; in the 1850s he bought a city lot in Victoria. After retiring in 1852, he farmed on Vancouver Island and then moved to the San Juans; he may be the Louis Trudelle that is listed in the 1870 as living on Orcas Island with his wife and two stepchildren (Watson 2010:960)

**Work.** Originally at York Station, John Work (1792-1861), an Irishman, served the Company at a number of posts throughout the Northwest. He retired in 1852 and settled in Victoria, where he was a member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Vancouver Island.

**Young.** William A. G. Young (ca.1827-1885) was appointed Colonial Secretary of Colony of Vancouver Island by Governor James Douglas in 1859. He was married to Douglas' niece.

### **American Military**

**Dr. Buckley.** Unknown.

**Col. Casey.** Lieutenant Colonel Silas Casey (1807-1882) was deputy commander of the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at Camp Pickett on San Juan Island from August 10-October 18, 1859. He rose to the rank of Major General during the Civil War.

**Lieut. Casey.** The son of Silas Casey, Lt. Thomas Lincoln Casey (1831-1896) was ordered to survey the U.S. military reservation on San Juan island ; this resulted in a map of the south end of the island that includes both American Camp and Belle Vue Farm structures and fields. As head of Office of Public Buildings and Grounds he oversaw the completion of the Washington Monument and the beginning of the Library of Congress.

**Doctor Craig.** Unknown.

**Capt. English.** Captain Tom English of Company H, Ninth Infantry, with two officers and 49 men, relieved Pickett at American Camp on July 23, 1860.

**Major Haller.** Major Granville O. Haller (1819-1897) was commander of Company I, Fourth Infantry, based at Fort Townsend. After serving in the Civil War, he eventually received the title of Colonel and moved to Seattle, where he was prominent in business.

**Gen. Harney.** General William Selby Harney (1800-1899) was commander of the US Army's Department of Oregon. Following the Civil War, he was brevetted to major General.

**Capt. Hunt.** Captain Lewis Cass Hunt, Company C, Fourth Infantry, later assumed command of American Camp in November, 1859.

**Capt. Pickett.** Captain George Edward Pickett (1825-1875), in command of Company D, 9<sup>th</sup> US Infantry, was dispatched to San Juan Island during the Pig War crisis. He later joined the Confederate Army during the Civil War, to gain infamy for Pickett's Charge.

**Gen. Scott.** General Winfield Scott (1786-1866), known as the "Great Pacificator" for his earlier efforts to resolve Canadian border disputes with the British, was sent by President James Buchanan to quell the San Juan situation.

**Lt. Shaaff.** Unknown.

### **British Military**

**Major Alvord.** Unknown.

**Capt. Bazalgette.** George Bazalgette (ca.1828-1885) was born in Canada and had served in the Royal Marines for 12 years—several of them in China--before assuming command of English Camp (1860-1867). After his seven-year duty on San Juan, he returned to England and retired with the honorary rank of Major.

**Lt. Bedwell(?).** Unknown.

**Blunden.** Unknown.

**Lt. Cooper.** Henry T.M. Cooper was First Lieutenant under Captain Bazalgette. He served in China and then volunteered for Vancouver Island. After his service on San Juan, he became an aide de camp to the governor of British Columbia, and later collector of customs in Gambia, where he died at age 38.

**Capt. D'Courcy.** Michael De Courcy, Captain of the *HMS Pylades* (and a distant cousin of Magistrate John deCourcy [see below]), was senior officer in command in the absence of Rear Admiral Baynes.

**DeCourcy.** John Fitzroy de Courcy was appointed “a Justice of the Peace and a Stipendary Magistrate for the District of San Juan” by Governor Douglas on July 23, 1859.

**Capt. Henniss(?)**. Unknown.

**Capt. Henry.** Unknown.

**Capt. Hunt(?)**. Unknown.

**Lt. Mayne.** Lieutenant Richard Charles Mayne (1835-1892) served under Captain George H. Richards on the *HMS Plumper*, which, along with two boats (*Shark* and *Whale*), was assigned the task of surveying the coastal waters in the region (1857-1862). Mayne Island in the Gulf Islands (Canadian San Juans) was named after him.

**Mine** (surveyor?). Unknown.

**Lt. Peile.** Peile, First Lieutenant of the *Satellite*??

**Pender.** Staff Commander (later Captain) Daniel Pender served under Captain George H. Richards on the *HMS Plumper*, which, along with two boats (*Shark* and *Whale*), was assigned the task of surveying the coastal waters in the region (1857-1862). North and South Pender islands, in the Gulf Islands (Canadian San Juans), were named after him.

**Capt. Prevost.** James Prevost (1810-1891) was captain of the *HMS Satellite* as well as commanding officer for the Northwest Boundary Survey. He later became an admiral.

**Puder** (surveyor?). Unknown.

**Reed.** Unknown.

**Capt. Richards.** George H. Richards (1820-1896) was captain of the *HMS Plumper* which, along with two boats (*Shark* and *Whale*), was assigned the task of surveying the coastal waters in the region (1857-1862). He was later knighted and became an admiral.

**Lt. Sparshott RMLI.** Lieutenant Sparshott, Royal Marine Light Infantry, was Bazalgette's second lieutenant at English Camp. He had served in China and India prior to volunteering for service at Vancouver Island. Along with Bazalgette, he departed the island for England in 1867, but died en route at the age of 33.

### **English(?)**

**Fox(?)**. Unknown.

**Capt. Henniss(?)**. Unknown.

**Hepburn(?)**. Unknown.

**Father Risle(?)**. Unknown.

### **English or American?**

**Capt. Anthony.** Unknown.

**Denman.** C.L. Denman, who Griffin stated in a February 20, 1859 letter to Douglas was "formerly in Mr Pemberton's [the Surveyor of Vancouver Island] office", along with E.C. Gillette had apparently arrived on San Juan at that time to survey the island for the purposes of preemption by Americans.

**Gillette.** E.C. Gillette, who surveyed the island with C.L. Denman, later was involved in both San Juan Town and the development of the limestone quarries on the west side of the San Juan Island.

**Judge Lander.** Unknown.

**McKay** (from Victoria). Unknown.

**Mr. Moore.** William Moore, if this be he, is an interesting case. Apparently he was specifically accused of selling some liquor to Powell on September 16, 1859, and arrested by US Army officials, but pleaded British citizenship, and eventually was released. In the official correspondence over the case, it was revealed that he was a native of

Sligo, Ireland, but claimed American citizenship and that in early 1859 he had been sick and destitute and a ward of Whatcom County (to the tune of \$300), and had later relayed intelligence to the Americans in the Pig War. The Anglican Colonial Bishop George Hills in his 1860 diary notes a February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with a man named Moore who had come from England and done a variety of jobs including being a Special Constable during the 1859 Fraser River gold rush, a policeman in Victoria, and a “labourer on a farm [at San Juan] at 3 L a month & board, wages which no working man would take” (Bayshaw 1996:65). Apparently he had obtained a note from a Company agent to reemploy him, and was about to return, which explains his discharge on January 25, and reappearance on February 8<sup>th</sup> in the 1860 Journal.

**Major Sewell.** Unknown.

**Strafford.** Unknown.

### **American**

**Barnes.** Ellis Barnes (d.1858) was sheriff of Whatcom County from 1854-1856.

**Mr. Crosby.** Unknown.

**Davis (with Rev. Cutter).** Unknown.

**Ebey.** Isaac N. Ebey (1818-1857) was Collector of the Customs for the District of Puget Sound as well as Inspector of the Revenue for the Port of Olympia. He was bestowed the title “Colonel” for his involvement in the Indian Wars of 1855-1856. Ebey was murdered at his Whidbey Island homestead by a party of Indians seeking vengeance for the death of their chief.

**Fitch.** Unknown.

**Judge Fitzhugh.** Whatcom County Judge Edmund Fitzhugh was one of Sheriff Barnes’ party who raided the Company’s sheep in 1855; he was also manager of the Bellingham Bay Coal Company.

**Foster** (Inspector of Customs). Unknown.

**Machie.** Unknown.

**Pro tem. Governor Mason.** Charles H. Mason (1830-1859), Secretary of Washington Territory, was Acting Governor for two-and-a-half years while Stevens was conducting railroad surveys and negotiating peace treaties with various Northwest Indian groups.

**McKay.** Possibly John Hunter McKay, an American, who appears in the late 1850s and early 1860 documents as a farmer on the island.

**Morris.** Unknown.

**Capt. Pease.** Unknown.

**Sewell.** Unknown.

**Capt. Slater.** Unknown.

**Ex Governor Stevens.** Richard D. Gholson had been appointed Governor of Washington Territory on March 5, 1859, but did not arrive to assume his duties until July 10<sup>th</sup>; hence the former Governor, Isaac I. Stevens (1818-1862), acted in his stead during the Pig War crisis.

**Wallace** (Lummi). Unknown.

**Warbass.** Ed Warbass was one of the post sutlers at American Camp; he later established a homestead on the island and was one of the founders of Friday Harbor.

**Henry Webber.** Henry Webber was appointed by Ebey US Inspector of Customs on San Juan Island.

**John Witty.** John Witty or Wittey was one of the American petitioners for American troops in 1859; he is also listed in the 1864 'census' of American settlers enumerated by the American Camp commander in 1864.