

NAME: MANNAL, John
(Mannall, Mannel)

PARISH: Kelsale, Suffolk
(after 1797 Stockton, Norfolk)

ENTERED SERVICE: 1786

DATES:

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1786 - 1788	Writer	Moose Fort	Moose	A.30/3, fo. 74d-75; A.30/4, fo. 7d-8
1788 - 1792	Writer	Brunswick House	Moose	A.30/4, fo. 34d-35, 63d-64; A.30/5, fo. 8d-9, 35d-36
1792 - 1794	Writer & Master	Frederick House (F.H.)	Moose	A.30/5, fo. 60d-61
1794 - 1795	Master	Frederick House (F.H.)	Moose	A.16/16, fo. 25d-26; A.30/6, fo. 17d-18, 62d-63
1795 - 1797	Master	Kenogamissi Lake (K.L.)	Moose	A.16/16, fo. 25d-26; A.30/7, fo. 17d-18, 62d-63; A30/8, fo. 17d-18, 60d-61
1797, 22 September	home			A.16/16, fo. 25d-26; A.30/8, fo. 60d-61
1798, 23 May	back			A.16/16, fo. 61d-62
1798 - 1799	Trader, Second		Moose	A.30/9, fo. 16d-17
1799 - 1803	Inland Master	Kenogamissi Lake	Moose	A.30/10, fo. 16d-17
1803 - 1812	Inland Master & Second		Eastmain	A.16/13, fo. 102d-103; A.16/16, fo. 61d-62, 100d-101, 152d-153
1812 - 1813	Second		Moose	A.30/11, fo. 13d-14
1813 - 1814	District Master		Moose	A.30/12, fo. 9d-10; A.30/13, fo. 14d-15
1814	retired			

"52 A Map of the Interior from Moose Fort containing some new discoveries. John Mannal." (HBCA, A.64/45, p. 131)

Letter from Cordelia Mannall, John's wife, to Hudson's Bay Company, London, dated Beccles, 17 August 1837 (HBCA, A.10/5, fo. 76)

This letter is a request for support from the Company. Mrs. Mannall mentions that her husband served 28 years with the Company and left 8 children. Two of Mannall's sons, one 16, the other 13, have taken employment on coasting vessels from Beccles to London. Mrs. Mannall asks that they be considered for employment with the Company.



MOOSE FACTORY MISSION CHURCH RECORDS

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Register of Births, Christenings, Deaths and
other occurrences at Moose Factory on Hudson's Bay
and its inland dependencies belonging to the Hon^{ble}
Hudson's Bay Company.

John Thomas son: declares that he has the following Children
Eleanor Thomas born at Brunswick House the 22^d Nov: 1700
Christened the now Married to William Richards
of this Factory.

John Thomas born at this Factory 26th Sept: 1702 Christened
the now resident at Hennegouese House

Margaret Thomas Born at this Factory 25th Sept: 1704
Christened in England she is now resident

Elizabeth Thomas Born at this Factory July 1706
(sister of the late Richard Story Robins) now Married to Jas:
Ruppell of this Factory, Christened the

Charlotte Thomas born June 2^d 1700 at this Factory Christened
the now Married to Peter Spence of this Factory

Charles Thomas born at this Factory 9th Sept: 1793
Baptized in St. Benedicts Church, Fenchurch Street
15th Dec: 1800, his Father John Thomas & Alex: Leary God-
father Mrs: Sean Godmother, now resident at this
Factory

Ann Thomas born at this Factory the 29th Dec: 1795
Christened the now Married to Thomas Hodgson
of Albany Factory

Frances Thomas born at this Factory 17th Dec: 1798
Christened the

Henry Thomas born at this Factory 20th June 1807
Christened the 5th July 1807

Thomas Richards Senr. declares that he has the fol-
lowing Children

Thomas Richards Born at Albany Factory
Christened the now resident at this
Factory

Emma Richards Born at this Factory the 16th Sep^r 1004
Christened at this Factory the 13th January 1005 To the Sponsor

Late Thomas Thought Family
Thomas Knight Born at
Christened the now resident at

John Knight Born at
Christened the now resident at

Mary Knight Born at Castmain Factory
Christened the

George Moore declares that he has the following Children
George Moore Born at New Brunswick the 13th June 1796
Christened at the 27th Jan^y 1005 now resident at this
Factory

Margaret Moore Born at this Factory the 6th July 1799
Christened the now resident at Castmain Factory

Mary Moore Born at this Factory the 29th Dec^r 1002
Christened the now resident at this Factory

John Mannall declares that he has the following Children
Hannah S. Borer at Henocoguessee August 1798
Christened the now resident at

Mary Mannall Born at Moose Factory Oct^r 1797
Christened the now resident at

Thomas Thomas's Family now resides in England
Henry Thomas Born at this Factory

Christened the now resident at this Factory

Ruband Thomas Born at this Factory
Christened the now resident at this Factory

Catherine Thomas Born at this Factory
Christened the now resident at this Factory

Elizabeth Patten Thomas born at this Factory
Christened the _____ now resident at this Factory

Richard Godd declares that he has the following Child
Emma Godd born at Menagoguessee Apr 22th 1802
Christened the 25th Dec 1802 now resident at

Late Richards Story Robins Family
Richards Robins born at this Factory the 28th July 1805
Christened the 30th March 1805 now resident at this Factory
Joseph Brown Sponsor.

Margaret Robins born at this Factory the 1st July 1807
John Thomas Junr declares that he has the following Child
Eleanor Thomas born at this Factory the 5th Sept 1806
Christened the 7th Sept 1806.

Robert Gill declares that he has the following Child
Robert Gill born at _____ the 22nd Nov 1806
Christened the 25th Dec 1807, now resident at this Factory

Samuel son of George and Mary Moore born at Kernal Bay on the
25th Oct 1805 was this day baptizd at this Factory by Wm Harper

1810.
June - 11th - Jane, Daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Southwicks born at Nipisichangany on
the 25th Feb^y last, was this day baptizd at this Factory - by Rev. Amos A. Phelps
July - 18th - John, Son of George and Mary Dodge was born during a journey down from the
the 4th Jan^y and was this day baptizd at this Factory - by Rev. Amos A. Phelps

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Apr 1804
Sponsor
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Helen
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Factory

Daughter of W^m Swanson & Elizabeth Nancy Brown, born 10th Aug^r 1816

When Christened	Child's Name	Parents' Names	By whom Baptized	When born	Sponsors
1817 April 6 th Easter Sunday	Mary Fletcher	Joseph Biscley Isabella, Daughter of the late W ^m & Ann H. May of Ill	Geo. Gladman Pastor	Feb ^r 2, 1817 Sunday 7 am.	Miss Christie Mary Gladman Harriet Brown
Aug ^r 24 th	Nancy	Thomas Fishback & Margaret Moore	Geo. Gladman Pastor	July 31. 1816	the Father & Mother
		John East - and Jane - Daughter of Paul & Ann Smith		Jan ^y 24 1817 - 4 am.	
		W ^m Swanson & Nancy Brown		March 19 th 1817 - 1 am.	
1818 July 15 th	Sophia	W ^m Harper, and Mary Harper	Joseph Biscley	July 16 th 1818 am. 2 nd of afternoon	Will & Esther Aug ^r 1 st Sophia W ^m & Ann Harper
1818	Isabella	Jacob Southwaite & Elizabeth Vincent	Joseph Biscley	April 8 th 1818	Geo. Vincent Jane Vincent Isabella W ^m & Mary
December 6 th	Harriet	David P. Stewart & Harriet Vincent	Joseph Biscley	Nov. 29. 1818 7.45 am	Rich ^d Wood Isabella W ^m & Mary Vincent
1818	Joseph	George Moore & Mary Southwaite	Joseph Biscley	Aug ^r 15 th 1818	Joseph Moore Geo. Moore Mary Southwaite
1819 May 19 th	Mary	Joseph Gladman & Mary Moore	Joseph Biscley	May 17 th 1819	Joseph Gladman Isabella W ^m & Mary

When born
1817-
1818-2
1820

When Christened	Child's Name	Parents Names, By whom baptized	When Borne
1817- ²	Novemb ^r - John	Wm ^d St. Bernard Thomas Vincent	27 Septemb ^r
		Charlotte Lutterbald	1817
1818- ²²	March Charlotte	Charles Pradt Thomas Vincent	17 Decemb ^r
1020		Eleonor Lawson	1817
Jan ^y 9 th	Mary Fletcher	Joseph Beasley Thomas Vincent	Jan ^y about 12 th 1817
		Isabella McWay	21 st Dec ^r 1817
March 19 th	Helen	Mark Prince Thomas Vincent	1817
		John's first wife	
Apr 19 th	Hannah	Richard Hardisty Thomas Vincent	Apr 1820
		Margaret Lutterbald	John's first wife
May 28 th	George	Joseph Gladman Thomas Vincent	May 1820
		Mary Moore	John's first wife
June 18 th	Louis	Antoine Robbillaud Thomas Vincent	1820
	Thomas	Elizabeth's first husband Thomas	1820
		Jacob Schwart	Thomas Vincent's March 1820
	Thomas	Elizabeth Vincent	John's first wife 1820
		Thomas Richards	Thomas Vincent's June 1820
		Margaret Moore	John's first wife 1820
July 16 th	Elizabeth	William Swanson Thomas Vincent	Aug 1820
		Anne Brown	John's first wife 1816
	Anne	William Swanson Thomas Vincent	Aug 19 th 1817
		Anne Brown	John's first wife
	William	William Swanson Thomas Vincent	Sept 1820
		Anne Brown	John's first wife 1819
	Anne	Richard Good Thomas Vincent	18 th April 1820
		Sarah Good	John's first wife 1815
	James	James Hellaeh Thomas Vincent	Jan 1820
		Elizabeth Hellaeh	John's first wife 1820
	Sarah	George Meunier Thomas Vincent	May 22 nd 1820
		Emma Good	John's first wife 1820

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Gladman
Lutterbald

Charles
John
McWay

Thomas
Vincent
McWay

Good
McWay
Lutterbald

Thomas
Brown
Lutterbald

Thomas
McWay

Child's Name Parents Name By whom baptized When Born
 Sept. 17th Charlotte - W. Lion^r Thomas Thomas Vincent Aug. 15th
 Catharine Thomas See 2nd from left 1807
 Matilda - Catharine Thomas Thomas Vincent Oct. 2nd
 Catharine - William Thomas Thomas Vincent April 15th
 Catharine Thomas See 2nd from left 1815
 Anne - W. Lion^r Thomas Thomas Vincent Oct. 4th
 Catharine Thomas See 2nd from left 1818
 1821 - May 6th Jacob Henry - George Moore Thomas Vincent April 13th
 Mary Moore - See 2nd from left 1821

Names	Parents	Sponsors	By whom baptized	When Baptized	When Born
Fletcher Robert	Joseph Bailey Abella do	Angus Bathum M ^r St. Christ M ^r Sam Vincent	Thomas Vincent	February 19 th 1822	January 22 nd 1822
Same	James Nathaniel Nathaniel Nathaniel	M ^r Charles Day Sophia Nathaniel Louisa Pothum	M ^r Bailey	February 24 th 1822	February 17 th 1792
Phia	James Nathaniel Nathaniel Nathaniel	Thomas Vincent Jane Vincent Louisa Pothum	M ^r Bailey	February 24 th 1822	
Joseph	William Jansen Nancy - do	Rich. Good William Jansen Louisa Pothum	Thos. Vincent	Jan ^{ry} 13 th 1822	October 18 th 1821
Catharine	James Kellock Betsey - do	Rich. Good Sarah Good Betsey Kellock	Thos. Vincent	June 30 th 1822	Dec ^{er} 13 th 1821

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 No
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- 4 Decr 1800 Christened William Richards, son of W^m Richards ^{Factory} born at
 26th Nov. 1800 Father Sponsor.
- 5th Sept 1809 Christened W^m Clarke, son of the late W^m Clarke born at B.
 19th Decr 1806
- 10 Sept 1809 Christened Jacob Moore son of George Moore born at Swan Bay
 6th June 1809 the Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept 1809 Christened Harriet, Elizabeth, and Jane Vincent Daughters
 of Thomas Vincent of Albany Factory, born at Albany
 Inland establishments the
 David Robertson Sponsor for the 5th of Good 2^d & Joe Turnor for the 3^d.
- " " Christened Susannah Richards Daughter of Tho^s Rich^d Jun^r born
 7th May 1807 at this Factory Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept 1809 Christened Jane Richards Daughter of Tho^s Richards Sen^r born
 2^d Decr 1806 at this Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 17 Sept 1809 Christened Charles Richards son of Tho^s Richards Sen^r born
 14th Apr 1809 at this Factory Joseph Turnor Sponsor.
- 17 Sept " Christened Anne Turnor Daughter of Joseph Turnor, born
 27th Decr 1806 at Fredauk House, Father Sponsor.
- 19th Nov. 1809 Christened Isabela Spence, Daughter of Peter Spence born the
 26th Oct " at Moose Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 22^d Apr 1810 Christened John Richards son of Tho^s Richards Sen^r born the
 Sept 25 1809 at Albany, Father Sponsor.
- 18th Feb 1810 Christened Tho^s Vincent son of Thomas Vincent of B. born
 18th Jan " at this Factory James Russell Sponsor.

- 4 Dec: 1800 Christened William Richards, son of W^m Richards ^{factory} Corneth
- 25th Nov: 1800 Father Sponsor.
- 3rd Sept 1809 Christened W^m Clarke, son of the late W^m Clarke Born at B.
- 19th Dec: 1806. ~
- 10 Sept: 1809 Christened Jacob Moore Son of George Moore Born at Hunt Bay
- 6th June 1809 the Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept: 1809 Christened Harriot, Elizabeth, and Jane Vincent Daughters
of Thomas Vincent of Albany Factory, Born at Albany
Inland establishments the
David Robertson Sponsor for the 5th of God 2nd of Soc Turnor for the 3rd.
- " " Christened Susannah Richards Daughter of Tho: Rich: Sen: Born
- 7th May 1807 at this Factory Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept: 1809 Christened Jane Richards Daughter of Tho: Richards Sen: Born
- 2nd Dec: 1806 at this Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 17 Sept: 1809 Christened Charles Richards Son of Tho: Richards Sen: Born
- 14th Apr: 1809 at this Factory Joseph Turnor Sponsor.
- 17 Sept " Christened Anne Turnor Daughter of Joseph Turnor, Born
- 27th Dec: 1806 at Fredrick House, Father Sponsor.
- 19th Nov: 1809 Christened Isabela Spence, Daughter of Peter Spence Born the
- 26th Oct " at Moose Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 22nd Apr: 1810 Christened John Richards son of Tho: Richards Sen: Born the
- Sept 25 1809 at Albany, Father Sponsor.
- 10th Feb: 1810 Christened Tho: Vincent, Son of Thomas Vincent of B Born
- 10th Jan " at this Factory James Russell Sponsor.

- 4 Decr 1800 Christened William Richards, son of W^m Richards ^{Factory} ~~Cornthwaite~~
- 26th Novr 1800 Father Sponsor.
- 8th Sept 1809 Christened W^m Clarke, son of the late W^m Clarke born at B^r
- 19th Decr 1806
- 10 Sept 1809 Christened Jacob Moore son of George Moore born at Swan Bay
- 8th June 1809 the Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept 1809 Christened Harriot, Elizabeth, and Jane Vincent Daughters
of Thomas Vincent of Albany Factory, born at Albany
Inland establishments the
- David Robertson Sponsor for the 5th of God 2^d of Joe Turnor for the 3^d.
- " " Christened Susannah Richards Daughter of Tho^s Rich^d Senr. born
- 7th May 1807 at this Factory Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept 1809 Christened Jane Richards Daughter of Tho^s Richards Senr. born
- 2^d Decr 1806 at this Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 17 Sept 1809 Christened Charles Richards son of Tho^s Richards Senr. born
- 14th Apr 1809 at this Factory Joseph Turnor Sponsor.
- 17 Sept " Christened Anne Turnor Daughter of Joseph Turnor, born
- 27th Oct 1806 at Fredrick House, Father Sponsor.
- 19th Novr 1809 Christened Isabella Spence, Daughter of Peter Spence born the
- 26th Decr " at Moose Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 22^d Apr 1810 Christened John Richards son of Tho^s Richards Senr. born the
- Sept 25 1809 at Albany, Father Sponsor.
- 10th Feb 1810 Christened Tho^s Vincent son of Thomas Vincent of B^r born
- 10th July " at this Factory James Russell Sponsor.

- 4 Dec^r 1800 Christened William Richards, son of W^m Richards ^{Factory} Cornette
- 26th Nov^r 1800 Father Sponsor.
- 5th Sept^r 1809 Christened W^m Clarke, son of the late W^m Clarke Born at R^B
- 19th Dec^r 1804.
- 10 Sept^r 1809 Christened Jacob Moore Son of George Moore. Born at Swan Bay
- 8th June 1804 the Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept^r 1809 Christened Harriot, Elizabeth, and Jane Vincent Daughters
of Thomas Vincent of Albany Factory, Born at Albany
Inland establishments the
- David Robertson Sponsor for the 5th of good 2^d J. J. Turner for the B.
- " " Christened Susannah Richards Daughter of Tho^s Rich^d Jun^r Born
- 7th May 1807 at this Factory Father Sponsor.
- 17th Sept^r 1809 Christened Jane Richards Daughter of Tho^s Richards Sen^r Born
- 2^d Dec^r 1806 at this Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 17 Sept^r 1809 Christened Charles Richards Son of Tho^s Richards Sen^r Born
- 14th Apr^l 1809 at this Factory Joseph Turner Sponsor.
- 17 Sept^r " Christened Anne Turner Daughter of Joseph Turner, Born
- 27th Oct^r 1806 at Fredrick House, Father Sponsor.
- 19th Nov^r 1809 Christened Isabela Spence, Daughter of Peter Spence Born the
- 26th Oct^r " at Moose Factory, Father Sponsor.
- 22^d Apr^l 1810 Christened John Richards son of Tho^s Richards Sen^r Born the
- Sept^r 25 1809 at Albany, Father Sponsor.
- 10th July 1810 Christened Tho^s Vincent Son of Thomas Vincent of R^B Born
- 10th Jan^y " at this Factory James Russell Sponsor.

- 10th July 1810 Christened Robert Gill son of Robert Gill born the
 at this Factory The Father Sponsor
- 17th March 1811 Christened James Richards son of W. Richards born
 the Father sponsor (at this Factory)
- 19th Jan. 1811 Christened John Spence son of Peter Spence born
 at this Factory the Father sponsor
- 8th Oct. 1811 Christened John Thomas son of Mr. Thomas jun^r born the
 at this Factory Thomas Hodgson Sponsor
- 29th Nov. 1812 Christened James Flett, son of John Flett born the
 at this Factory James Russell Sponsor
- 10th Oct. 1812 Christened Elizabeth Thomas Daughter of Chas Thomas born
 at New Brunswicks house James Russell Sponsor
- 26th April 1814 Christened Anne Spence Daughter of Peter Spence born
 at this Factory Charles Thomas Sponsor
- 13th Dec. 1813 Christened Charlotta Good Daughter of Richard Good born
 at Abbitibi Joseph Guin Sponsor
- 24th April 1814 Christened John Larlea son of John Larlea born the
 at this Factory Peter Spence Sponsor
- 23rd Mar 1814

Deaths and Burials

- th
 July 9, 1811 Died William Richards at this Factory, buried the
th
 " 15 " a useful servant & remarkable for his genius in drawing
 Feb. 7th 1812 Died suddenly Tho^s. Richards son, at Canoe
 River between the evening of this date & the morn-
 -ing of the 11th, when he was found dead, buried
th
 the 12 " at Albany Factory, leaving a Widow & 4 son. th Children
 Nov. 24, 1812 Died Susannah Richards wasted to a Ske-
 -leton her disorder was the Scurvy - buried the
th
 25 " she was the Daughter of Tho^s. Richards jun^r.
th
 May 4, 1813 Died the son of John Thomas jun^r, buried the
th
 " 5 " his s^{er}vice & belongings
 Dec. 31 1813 Died of the Gout in his Stomach, M^{rs}. Margaret Thomas
 at this Factory leaving a disconsolate Husband
 & a large family of Children & grand Children to
 lament her loss, viz, Three sons & Five Daughters
 & six grandsons & six grand daughters, in this
 Country, besides her Daughter Margaret
 in England. - Short before her departure
 she expressed strong hopes of Immortality, She
th
 3 Jan 1814 she was buried with every respect paid to her remain

1822

October 27th Jacob Henry Son of George & Mary Moore born
13th April 1821 buried the following Day

Dec. 25th Margaret Daughter of Charles & Eleanor Beads
born buried 27th Dec^r 1822

March 6th James Comartie half Breed Labourer Son of
born buried 7th March

1823

Indigenous Women in the Fur Trade – Lynn Hanley

The use and often exploitation of indigenous women in the fur trade is well established as the HBC who originally frowned on relationships between their male employees at the fur trade posts and the local indigenous women but when it became apparent that those of particular lineage had value the relationships changed. John Mannall is a perfect example having been at Moose Factory for some 9 years before there was any record of children. There was no one to choose from and Moose Factory was already well established in the fur trade but being assigned to Frederick House took him to an opportunity to take on a “country wife” in a new community which in this case was Abitibi Algonquin and thus gain success in more fur trading and harvesting partners. Indeed on September 24, 1794 Chief of Moose Factory John Thomas wrote to John Mannall to say “The Honourable Board have agreed to your terms and appointed you to one of the Council” (HBC archives). This seems to indicate a recognition and award for his service and as time goes by we see him moved around and posted at various sites where he took his wife and daughters to work harvesting furs and fish. At the end of his HBC career he promptly left Canada, returned to England and took on a new wife named Cordelia Haxell. He left his “country wife” and 2 daughters in Moose Factory. These women were chattels and any love for them was likely just not there. They served a purpose which was to make inroads into the Abitibi Algonquin trade area. Indeed after the birth of his 2 daughters, some 2 years apart there is no record of any other children. At one point there were some indications that he had a son but no record has been found about that.

The account below from the Canadian Geographic clearly shows the history of the lot of these hard working but exploited indigenous women, Hannah and her mother and sister being 3 of them.

The untold story of the Hudson's Bay Company – Canadian Geographic – May 2, 2020

“According to one official, the presence of Indigenous women at HBC factories was “very prejudicial to the Companies affaires” because it gave HBC men a means of “debauching themselves,” “embezzling our goods and very much exhausting our Provisions.” In other words, it just wasn’t what British gentlemen did, and it could cut into profits.

Enforcing the ban, however, proved difficult. Soon, local officers and governors, who were some of the first to “take” Indigenous wives, turned a blind eye when their employees did the same. With little control over what happened across the ocean, the company eventually relaxed its restrictions. Officials came to realize that forming kinship ties with Indigenous communities would boost men’s morale and enhance business.

By the end of the 18th century, the practice of HBC employees marrying Indigenous women was widespread. Often, these unions were formed in what was known as the “custom of the country.” Rather than strictly following European marriage customs, the relationships incorporated the woman’s Indigenous culture. They were a unique product of fur trade society, a blend of European and Indigenous cultures and, in some cases, the beginnings of a distinct Métis culture.

Some HBC men, however, seemed to believe that because these relationships weren’t solemnized with British rituals, they could abuse them. One of the most notorious examples of this was 19th-century governor George Simpson, who ruled Rupert’s Land with an iron fist. Simpson was ruthless in his “taking” and treatment of Indigenous women. From 1820 to 1830, he fathered five children with four different women, whom he often passed off to someone else, sometimes with detailed instructions. “If you can dispose of the Lady it will be satisfactory as she is an unnecessary and expensive appendage,” he wrote to one friend. “I see no fun in keeping a Woman, without enjoying her charms ... but if she is unmarketable I have no wish that she should be a general accommodation shop to all the young bucks at the Factory and in addition to her own chastity a padlock may be useful.”

Other men demonstrated respect for their wives and families. Master canoeman William Flett ensured that upon his death, all his money went to “the sole use and benefit” of his “reputed wife, Saskatchewan.” Van Kirk relates the story of a Cree woman known as “Pawpitch, Daughter to the Captain of the Goose Hunters,” who fell ill in early 1771. Her husband, Humphrey Marten, recorded her passing at 2:50 a.m. on the morning of January 24. With her death, “my poor Child becomes Motherless,” Marten mourned.

These women, whose names rarely appear in the written record, and whose feelings about their marriages are impossible to know, were critical in the HBC’s development. Traders and officials relied on them to strengthen ties with male relatives who could provide furs and speak with trappers in Indigenous languages, not to mention cook, clean, care for their children and treat the furs they received.

Still, their labour was rarely rewarded by officials, whose attitudes toward Indigenous women became clear when their husband retired from the company or died. Until the early 19th century and the founding of Manitoba’s Red River Colony, HBC policy banned its contract employees, called “servants,” from settling in Rupert’s Land after they stopped working for the company. As a result, most men returned to Britain. But the company also banned employees from taking Indigenous wives or children with them.”

By the time Hannah reached age 12 and her sister Mary born 2 years later reached the same age they were put to work with their mother harvesting furs and fish. Here is a clear record of John Mannall’s continual reference to them at those ages and then promptly in 1814 it was all over as he left them and returned to England. The following are passages from journals of the HBC. From December of 1803 he continually mentioned them in their harvesting work but never had the courtesy or kindness to even mention their names even though we know they were both recorded in the Moose Fort records of births and deaths written by his boss John Thomas, father of Charles who was husband to Hannah in later life.

Below : Excerpts from HBC Archives Journals showing the pattern of Mannall's wife and children as mere workers in the fur trade. It all ends in 1814 when he retires to England and leaves them. (See his Bio sheet)

Mannall left Kenogamissi Lake and headed to "the Fort."

Writing at Moose Factory, "Mr. Mannall too returned now having left Philip Good in charge of KL."

23 June 20, 1796

Writing at Moose Factory, "Mr. Mannall self and servant with some Indian Lads sought again for the Heifer intended for Albany but we returned again unsuccessful."

26 July 19, 1796

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Factory.

At KL Philip Good wrote: "At 4 PM Mr. John Mannall, Peter Folster, Geo Taylor, John Clouston, James Wishart, and 2 Indians arrived in two large Canoes from the Fort in 21 days."

7 October 12, 1796

At KL Mannall wrote: "about 9 AM set off for the Factory with Jno Flett and three Indians in two small Canoes, leaving, Mr. Philip Good in Charger, with three Labourers viz. Jno Wishart, Geo Flett and Willm Spence."

20 July 24, 1797

At Kenogamissi John Mannall wrote: "PM returned from FH, two Indians came in yesterday they were waiting my arrival, the Men during my absence have been felling firewood, we are Viz John Mannall in charge, Jas Wishart and Alexr Mowat Labourers."

1 July 13, 1799

At Kenogamissi John Mannall wrote: "having balanced my Accompts and delivered charge to Rich. Good, did at 2 PM set off for the Factory in company with Jno Robinson, Nebarmoon and Wife, with 22 3/4 MBeaver more of the Trade which makes 1123 1/2 Total Trade, the residents for the Summer season are, Mr. Rich. Good in charge, Thos Oman and Alexr Mowat Labourers."

16 July 6, 1800

<p>"AM Mr. Thos Wiegand, Jas Manson, Isaac Robinson and eight Indians proceeded for the Factory with the Trade, the residents now are John Mannall in Charge; Jas Foggett Carpenter, John Borwick and Willm Rowland Laborers, all went on 3lbs p man p Week of Flour, a thing very hard on we Islanders as our living is chiefly on Fish."</p>	<p>1 July 24, 1802</p>	<p>Written by John</p>
<p>At Neoskewskau John Mannall wrote: "AM took my departure for the Factory by the way of Rupert's River in Company with Isaac Robinson and an Indian, the Persons I leave behind are Jas Foggett Carpenter in Charge, Willm Rowland and Jno Isbister Labourers."</p>	<p>16 July 18, 1803</p>	
<p>At Neoskewskau Jas Foggett wrote "Mr. Mannall took his departure for E Main yesterday, we are now, Jas Foggett in Charge, Willm Rowland and John Isbister Labourers."</p>	<p>1 July 19, 1803</p>	
<p>"AM dispatched Mr. Mannall + three Indians in a large Canoe to Neequisquiseaw Settlement; Mr. Mannall is to resume his station there, and James Fogget with the Indians are to return."</p>	<p>2 September 19, 1803</p>	
<p>"PM Mr. Mannall arrived from the Factory with one Canoe in 14 days."</p>	<p>4 October 2, 1803</p>	
<p>"AM dispatched Jas Foggett and one of the Indians that came up with me for the Factory, the other Lad I have detained to go down in Winter with one of the Men, we are now John Mannall, William Rowland and John Isbister, Labourers."</p>	<p>4 October 5, 1803</p>	<p>By John Manna</p>
<p>"Men plucking partridges as my Woman is too Ill to do it."</p>	<p>8 December 15, 1803</p>	<p>By John Manna normally prepa</p>
<p>"Late Wm Rowland and an Indian arrived with a Letter from Mr. Mannall"</p>	<p>15 February 7, 1804</p>	<p>Unknown write</p>
<p>"the Men sewing Indian Coats, my Woman being so very all Winter she's not able to make them as heretofore."</p>	<p>10 February 8, 1804</p>	<p>By John Manna</p>

"the Men took up the Nets as little fish is to be caught, Partridges being very plentiful about us we must depend on them for our chief support."	7 April 10, 1804	By John Mannan
"PM three Indian lads arrived from Neequisquiscaw to assist up with the Cargo, they brought a Letter from Mr. Mannall"	23 May 24, 1804	
"about noon sent off James Fogget and Isaac Robinson and eleven Indians in five Canoes with the Supplies for Neequisquiscaw Settlement, Mr. Mannall is to return & J. Fogget is to relieve him."	24 May 28, 1804	
"about Noon took my departure for the Factory with the Trade amounting to 904 11/12 MBeaver, those left behind are Jas Foggett in Charge, Willm Rowland and John Isbister Labourers."	15 June 21, 1804	By John Mannan
Journal at Eastmain: "Mr. Mannall + the Indians arrived from Neequisquiscaw with a very poor trade."	26 June 28, 1804	
"Bought 28lbs fish from Mrs. Thomas and Daughters Mrs. Mannall brought 40lbs fish."	18 June 8, 1808	By John Mannan
"Mrs. Thomas brought 20lbs Fish, Charlotte 12 Lbs + Mrs. Mannall 48"	18 June 11, 1808	By John Mannan
"the Women brought in 67 lbs Fish in the evening"	18 June 13, 1808	Likely includes Mannall. By John Mannan
Monday Nov 21, 1808: "self and one Daughter employed about the nets, got but 8 fish from 4 nets in three nights."	5 November 21, 1808	Author is John Mannan
Monday Nov 28, 1808: "self and daughter at the nets"	5 November 28, 1808	By John Mannan
Monday Dec 5, 1808: "self and daughter at the nets 19 fish"	6 December 5, 1808	By John Mannan
Sunday Jan 5, 1809: "self and daughter at the Nets got 16 fish"	7 January 5, 1809	by John Mannan
Friday Jan 20, 1809: "my Wife and Daughter at the Nets got 16 fish"	7 January 20, 1809	by John Mannan
Sunday Jan 29, 1809: "self and daughter overhauled the Nets 19 fish"	7 January 29, 1809	by John Mannan
Saturday Feb 18, 1809: "the hunters came home brought 39 Rabbits, my Wife and Daughter brought 26 and 2 Cats"	8 February 18, 1809	by John Mannan

Wednesday Mar 1, 1809: "my Wife and daughter brought 24 rabbits"	8 March 1, 1809	by John Manna
Saturday Mar 4, 1809: "my Wife and daughter brought 12 Rabbits and a cat"	8 March 4, 1809	by John Manna
Monday Mar 6, 1809: "my Wife and Daughter making Indian coats"	8 March 6, 1809	by John Manna
Saturday Apr 1, 1809: "self and Daughter took up and reset nets"	9 April 1, 1809	by John Manna
Thursday June 29, 1809: "my Wife and Daughters making Nets for Fall Fishing"	12 June 29, 1809	by John Manna
Wednesday Oct 25, 1809: "my Wife and Daughters went off to the Fishing to assist Mr Good." [may say Mrs Good]	6 October 25, 1809	By John Manna
Sunday Oct 29, 1809: "my Wife and Daughters came from the Fishing place brought 2 Kegs of Fish and 100 loose"	6 October 29, 1809	by John Manna
Saturday 20 Jan, 1810: "self and one Daughter overhauled the Nets but got a poor haul"	9 January 20, 1810	by John Manna
Thursday 25 Jan, 1810: "my Wife and Daughter came home with 15 Rabbits"	9 January 25, 1810	by John Manna
Monday 29 Jan, 1810: "my Wife and one Daughter went to overhaul their Snares. self and other Daughter taking up and setting Nets."	9 January 29, 1810	by John Manna
Saturday 3 Feb, 1810: "my Wife and one Daughter brought 25 Rabbits"	9 February 3, 1810	by John Manna
Tuesday 6 Feb, 1810: "my Wife and daughters stretching Beaver Skins"	10 February 6, 1810	by John Manna
Friday 9 Feb, 1810: "my Wife and one Daughter bro[ugh]t 25 Rabbits"	10 February 9, 1810	by John Manna
Wednesday 21 Feb, 1810: "my Wife and one Daughter went to overhaul their snares"	10 February 21, 1810	by John Manna
Saturday 24 Feb, 1810: "my Wife and Daughter brought 15 Rabbits + Whole Beaver, 2 Martins and 5 Partridges"... Sunday 25 Sep, 1810: "self and one Daughter overhauled the Nets"	10 February 24, 1810	by John Manna

Wednesday 28 Feb, 1810: "my Wife and Daughters brought 14 Rabbits and 4 Partridges"	11 February 28, 1810	by John Manna
2 Mar 1810 "My Wife brought 15 Rabbits and 5 Partridges"	11 March 2, 1810	by John Manna
6 Mar 1810 "My wife brought 21 Rabbits and 6 Partridges"	11 March 6, 1810	by John Manna
30 Mar 1810 "My Wife and Daughters went to set Rabbit Snares and to look at the Beaver Traps"	12 March 30, 1810	by John Manna
31 Mar 1810 "My Wife and Daughters brought 16 Rabbits, but no Beaver they found another House."	12 March 31, 1810	by John Manna
13 Oct 1810 "Mr Jno Mannall and Family, Charles Thomas, Robt Gill, and Jno Richards arrived in one Canoe, with Fall Supplies in 18 Days from Moose Factory."	6 October 13, 1810	Last entry by PJ journal.
15 Oct 1810 "the residents are John Mannall in Charge, Philip Good Assistant, Charles Thomas Writer, Alex Johnston, John Spence + George Taylor, Labourers"	6 October 15, 1810	First entry writt
29 Nov 1810 "my wife + Daughters went off to the Indians Tent to get him to assist in taking 2 Beaver Houses"	8 November 29, 1810	by John Manna
1 Dec 1810 "my Daughters came home with a Beaver"	8 December 1, 1810	by John Manna
2 Dec 1810 "my Wife came home late in the Evening with 2 Beaver; only 2 in each House one yet remd"	8 December 2, 1810	by John Manna
8 Dec 1810 "my Wife + Daughters brot 26 Rabbits"	8 December 8, 1810	by John Manna
19 Dec 1810 "my Daugthers brot 12 Rabbits + a Beaver"	9 December 19, 1810	by John Manna
21 Dec 1810 "my Wife + one Daughter gone off to their snares"	9 December 21, 1810	by John Manna
23 Dec 1810 "my Wife and Daughter brot 12 Rabbits & a Martin"	9 December 23, 1810	by John Manna
31 Dec 1810 "C. Thomas + the Women went & took a Beaver House, in the Evening they brot 2 Beaver"	9 December 31, 1810	by John Manna
"my Wife + Daughters went off to hunt Rabbits went with 'em to beat the Track as the snow is commonly deep, one man at the Cow House the other two overhauled the nets."	9 January 8, 1811	by John Manna
"one Daughter came home brot Rabbits + a white Fox which had been caught in a Rabbit snare."	10 January 10, 1811	by John Manna
"self + Daughter at the Nets, caught a Perch weight 9 3/4 before cleaned afterwards 6 3/4."	10 January 11, 1811	by John Manna

"my Wife + Daughter came home brot 29 Rabbits"	10 January 12, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + one Daughter went off to their snares"	10 January 14, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughter went away to their snares"	10 January 24, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughter came home brot only 9 Rabbits"	10 January 26, 1811	by John Mannall
"Good + Thomas set off for the head of the Lake to Hunt, my Wife + one Daughter went off to their snares"	11 January 30, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughter came home brot only 9 Rabbits again"	11 January 31, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughters went off to their Snares"	11 February 4, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughters came home brot 23 Rabbits"	11 February 9, 1811	by John Mannall
"two Men felling green Poplar for firewood against next Winter; the other Man looking for Rabbit ground as our hunters brings but little; my Wife + Daughters went off"	11 February 11, 1811	by John Mannall
"one daughter came home with 10 Rabbits"	11 February 13, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughters went off to their snares"	11 February 21, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife and Girls brought 20 Rabbits + an Old Beaver" - John Mannall	12 February 24, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + one Daughter went off to their snares the other making Indian Coats"	12 February 25, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughter came home, brot 17 Rabbits"	12 February 28, 1811	by John Mannall
"my Wife + Daughters making Nets"	12 March 11, 1811	by John Mannall
"set off for the Fact'y accom[anie]d by Mr. Chas Thomas, Alex. Johnston, Ceasar Mowat + two Fact'y Indians"	17 July 23, 1811	
"Mr Jno Mannall, Mr Charles Thomas, Geo Moore + son George arrived from the Factory in 17 Days Journey"	7 October 11, 1811	
"the residents are John Mannall Master; Charles Thomas; Assist't; Allan Clouston, John Moar, Smith, Geo Moore, John Spence + George Taylor; Labourers."	7 October 14, 1811	by John Mannall
"self Hunting found a Beaver House + brot 3 Rabbits the first this winter they seem to be so universally scarce I never remember to have seen the like before."	9 December 5, 1811	by John Mannall
"Chas Thomas & Geo Moore came home starving as no Rabbits are to be found at the head of the Lake"	10 December 12, 1811	by John Mannall

"my Wife brot a large Old Beaver"	10 December 16, 1811	by John Manna
"my Wife & Daughter set off to try their luck in Rabbit Snaring"	11 January 13, 1812	by John Manna
"my wife & daughters came home, having caught but 2 Rabbits + 2 Partridges during the week"	11 January 18, 1812	by John Manna
"my Wife brot 6 Rabbits + 2 Partridges"	11 January 22, 1812	by John Manna
"my Wife + Daughter went off last Tuesday + came home today, brot 4 Rabbits 4 Partridges and a large Old Beaver"	12 February 8, 1812	This was a Satu could mean Fel John Mannall.
"my Wife + Daughter came home brot only a small beaver"	12 February 14, 1812	by John Manna
"Early AM set off for the Factory accompanied by the 2 Indians with the remains of the Trade, then left one Mr Chas Thomas in charge. John Moar Smith, Geo Taylor + Magnus Spence Labourers."	17 July 13, 1812	by John Manna
"my Wife + daughters went to hunt Beaver"	6 November 10, 1812	by John Manna
"the hunters brot a Beaver"	6 November 11, 1812	by John Manna
"self + Daughter overhauled the Nets, a poor haul"	8 January 19, 1813	by John Manna
"self + Daughter at the Nets, got a good haul, 17 Fish from 2 Nets"	8 January 20, 1813	by John Manna
"my Wife + one Daughter went off to take a Beaver House"	10 February 17, 1813	by John Manna
"the Beaver hunters came home brot 1 Old + 2 Cub Beavers"	10 February 21, 1813	by John Manna
"Mr Mannall, Thos Richards, Thos Knight, Wm Leask, Jas Phillips + Jno Moar took their departure for the Factory in two Canoes with the Rem'd of the Firs. the residents for the Summer are Mr Chas Thomas, Master, Jno Thomas Assistant, Hugh Cooper, Canoeman, Geo I Taylor + Magnus Spence Labourers."	15 June 28, 1813	
"Mr Mannall + 5 Men took their departure for the Factory with the remained of this Year's trade,- the following are those left for the Summer Business. - Charles Thomas in Charge, John Thomas Assistant, Hugh Cooper Magnus Spence + George Taylor, Labourers."	2 June 28, 1813	
"Mr Charles Thomas having a desire to see his father wishes to go down with the men now getting ready"	10 December 31, 1813	

"Mr C Thomas and three men getting ready to go to the Factory"	10 January 3, 1814	
"some of the above Indians, having paid part of their debt to the Canadians, they got a ten gallon keg of Rum from, which occasioned my giving another one - George Taylor and John Richards returned aft their cruise saw only one Indian which belonged to the canadians he had not furs, Mr Charles Thomas from the Factory, to fetch, his wife and Daughter, whom he left here, when he went down in the winter"	19 June 9, 1814	
"started, Mr Charles Thomas, John Thomas with their familys for the Factory and two canoes with six English and two Indians to bring up a Boats cargo of goods from the first carting place"	20 June 14, 1814	
"Soon after noon the Boat that went up to the 1st Carrying Place with goods for New Brunswick returned with 16 Bundles of Furs and the following person viz Messrs John and Charles Thomas, Francis Oman and Christopher Ballenden the last two went up in winter."	15 June 20, 1814	by John Manna
"Discharged the Service the following persons, viz Mr Charles Thomas, Thomas Knight, John Knight and Peter Spence, the last person gave notice to return next ship but have changed his mind and goes with Mr Thomas to Canada."	16 June 22, 1814	by John Manna
"in the Evening the following took their departure for Canada viz Mr John Thomas Senr, Mr Charles Thomas wife and child, Peter spence wife and 3 children, Thomas Knight, John Knight, and Mary Knight, Henry Thomas, son of John Thomas, 3 grand children of the aforesaid Mr John Thomas viz Henry and Richard Thomas and Richard Robins, Mrs MacNab and a son of Mr Vincent now Chief at Albany, these last two persons went from Mr Christies."	16 June 24, 1814	by John Manna

