

NAME: WILSON, Francis David **PARISH:** Bowmanville, ON **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1 June 1878 **DATES:** 22 Aug. 1856-2 Nov. 1925

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1878-1890	Clerk in Charge	Edmonton Saleshop		A.12/FT 334/1c, fo.127
1890-1913	Clerk in Charge	Fort Vermilion		A.12/FT 334/1c, fo.127
1913-1918	District Manager		James Bay	RG3/40A/2
1918, Fall	Retired			RG3/40A/2
1919, 1 Nov.	Granted pension; lived in Edmonton			RG3/40A/2; D.38/50, fo.51
1925, 2 Nov.	Died			RG3/40A/2

According to his own accounts of his career (A.12/FT 334/1c, fo.127) Wilson had five years of business training before joining the HBC. He mentions serving only at Edmonton and Fort Vermilion before going to James Bay, yet according to one record he was in charge of Fort Victoria (Alberta), 1889-1890 (A.12 FT 334/1c, fo.130) and according to another, in charge of Fort Chipewyan, 1895-1898 (A.12/FT 3240/5 (Misc.), fo.38)

After his retirement, he purchased items for the HBC Museum Collection. The Beaver, June/July 1994, p.14

He was married with 3 children, one of whom was killed on active service. A.12/FT 334/1c, fo.130

In recommending his promotion to District Manager, Fur Trade Commissioner, R.H. Hall wrote:

Mr. Wilson is an experienced officer of ability and strong personality. He has also shown that he can control those under him and hold their respect....He is not only a good accountant and capable man of affairs, but his mechanical genius will be of great service in respect to repairs or construction of steamers or other vessels...
A.12/FT 340/5(Misc.) , fo.36

Photograph: HBCA Photo Coll., 1987/14/19

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