

**NAME:** GODSELL, Philip Henry

**PARISH:** Wolverhampton,  
ENGLAND

**ENTERED SERVICE:** (1) May 1906

**DATES:** b. 1 July 1889

(2) March 1913, in London d. 8 Oct. 1961

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1906-1911	Apprentice Clerk	Sundry Posts	Keewatin	D.38/57, #898: RG3/41A/2;
1911, May	left HBC Service because of ill health			RG3/40A/1, fo. 219-220
1923-1924	Special Inspector	Herschel Island	FT Commissioner's Office	RG2/7/154-155
to report on Western Arctic				
1924-1925	Inspector		Saskatchewan	RG2/7/154-155
1925-1927	Inspector		Athabasca	RG2/7/154-155
1927-1929	to reorganize Fort Fitzgerald, Fort Smith, Fort Rae, Fort Resolution, Hay River			RG2/7/154-155
1959	living in Calgary			
1961, 8 October	Died			E.133

Report on inspection of Western Arctic posts, 1923

A.102/1041

Map accompanying report, which shows location of Eskimo families, in HBCA Map Collection

A.102/1041, fo. 21

Some books and articles:

P.H.Godsell, "Warriors of the Plains", *The Beaver*, June 1952, pp.3-7

P.H.Godsell, *Arctic Trader: An Account of Twenty Years with the Hudson's Bay Company*, London: Putnam 1935

P.H.Godsell, *The Vanishing Frontier: A Saga of Traders, Mounties and Men of the Last North West*, London: Robert Hale, 1939

Jean W. Godsell, *I was no Lady...I followed the Call of the Wild: The Autobiography of a Fur Trader's Wife*, Toronto: Ryerson, 1959

Peter G. Geller, "Constructing a Company History in 1920: Sir William Schooling's "Anniversary Brochure" and The Red River

Pageant in Album", in *Constructing Corporate Images of the Fur Trade: The Hudson's Bay Company, Public Relations and*

*The Beaver Magazine, 1920-1945*, M.A. Thesis (History), University of Winnipeg, 1990

See also: Obituary in *Alberta History*, c. 1961; Search File, "Godsell, P.H."

