

**NAME:** SPENCER, James Stewart **PARISH:** Native+ **ENTERED SERVICE:** 8 Oct. 1872  
(A.32/54, fo. 362)

**DATES:**b. 19 Sept. 1854

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1872-1877	Apprentice Clerk		Athabasca	A.34/8, fo. 223
1877-1897	Clerk		Athabasca	A.34/8, fo. 223
1897-1901	Clerk & Transport Officer		Athabasca/Edmonton	A.34/8, fo. 223; D.38/9 & 15
1901-1911	Clerk		Athabasca	A.12/FT 334/1b, fo. 18
1911, 1 Dec.	Retired on pension			D.38/50
1921	Awarded gold medal and bar			RG3/40A/2

+ His place of origin is given as Manitoba (A.32/54, fo. 362; D.38/56, fo.442) and Saskatchewan (A.12 FT/3341b, fo. 18). He is not listed in the 1870 Red River Census.

Stationed at:

**Fort Chipewyan**, 1889-1892, **Fort McMurray**, 1892-1896, **Edmonton**, 1896-1900, **Lac la Biche**, 1900-1911 A.12/FT 334/1b, fo. 18

Contracts signed:

1873, 8 Oct., at <b>Fort Chipewyan</b> , Apprentice Clerk [Apprentice Labourer]	B.239/u/3, fo. 370
1874, 1 June, Apprentice Clerk, 1877, 1 June, Clerk, 1880, 1 June, Clerk [posts not given]	B.239/u/4, fo. 71
1885, 24 Mar., at <b>Fort Vermilion</b> , Clerk; 1888, 16 July, at <b>Fort Chipewyan</b> , Clerk;	
1891, 3 Aug., at <b>Fort McMurray</b> , Clerk; 1892, 9 Mar., at <b>Fort Chipewyan</b> , Clerk	B.239/u/5, fo. 69
1895, 6 Mar., at <b>Fort Chipewyan</b> , Clerk; 1896, 10 Mar., at <b>Fort McMurray</b> , Clerk;	
1897, 12 Nov., at <b>Edmonton</b> , Clerk; 1900, 10 Sept., at <b>Edmonton</b> , Clerk;	
1903, 22 Oct., at <b>Lac la Biche</b> , Clerk	D.38/56, fo. 442
1906, 1 June, at <b>Lac la Biche</b> , Clerk	D.38/57, fo. 399



J. McDougall, in his report on Fort McMurray, Dec. 1892, describes Spencer as:

“A Native of the Country, speaks Cree well, a fair Trader and Post-Manager. Has for the last three years had charge of the freighting of Northern Outfits, by open Boat between Grand Rapid and McMurray, has performed the work well and given satisfaction.”

B.307/e/1, fo. 11

In 1892 described as married with 3 children, in 1911 as married with a family of four.

B.307/e/1, fo. 11; A.12/FT 334/1b, fo. 18