

SERVANTS OF THE COMPANY

(Names are listed in **bold** as they appear in *Post Journals*, followed by ethnicity, citations, and then biography where known. If they come from another source—primarily Barman and Watson [2006], they appear in *italicized bold*.)

Aleck: [Alexander?] McDonald. Scot (Barras, Isle of Lewis). Son of Angus McDonald? First mentioned 1/13/1858, contract expired 4/23/1859, returned 4/27/1859, discharged for habitual drunkenness and general bad conduct 10/21/1860, re-engaged 1/22/1861. *Alexander McDonald* (1827-?) signed up in Stornoway in 1850 and worked in the interior for several years before joining Belle Vue Sheep Farm in 1857. Apparently the death of his wife on October 12, 1859 led to his drinking problems (Watson 2010:655)

Alexis. Arrived 12/6/1854.

Angus McDonald. Scot (Markethill, Stornoway, Ross). Married, arrived 1/6/1854, appointed head shepherd 3/31/1859, contract expired 4/23/1859, return 4/27/1859. *Angus McDonald* (1828-?) was engaged in Stornoway in 1849 and worked in the interior for several years, before returning into Scotland. He then reenlisted and came to Belle Vue Sheep Farm as a shepherd in 1854, taking over from William Page as head shepherd in 1859 (Watson 2010:657)

Antoine Banne. French Canadian. First mentioned 4/1/1854, left 4/14/1858?

Baptiste Bohn? French Canadian (La Prairie, Lower Canada). First mentioned 4/29/54, engaged 8/29/1854 for one year. This may have been *Jean Baptiste Bolne* (or *Bone*), a middleman who worked at Fort Simpson from 1844-1849. He married a Marie in Nanaimo on May 25, 1855 (Watson 2010:226)

Cale. Engaged 4/10/1858.

Chapuis. First mentioned 10/19/1858.

Charboneau, Joseph? Mixed, Saulteau? First mentioned 4/13/1858. A *Joseph Charbonneau* (c.1820-1854) worked for the Company on the *Beaver* from 1841 to 1855. He was married to Genevieve, a Tongass (Watson 2010:279)

Cura. First mentioned 10/18/1858.

Faito, George. Kanaka. *George Faito* joined the HBC in Hawaii in 1830, and worked at a number of posts, including Forts Vancouver, Simpson, and Victoria, before being a laborer at Belle Vue Sheep Farm in 1860 (Barman and Watson 2006:245).

Francois. First mentioned 5/30/1859.

Friday, Peter (Pierre). Kanaka. First mentioned 2/16/1858, contract expired 5/3/1858, engaged for one year 5/5/1858, contract expired 4/23/1859, engaged for one year 4/30/1859 as shepherd, contract expired 5/8/1860, "left for good" 5/14/1860. Also known as Poalima or Polaie, *Peter Friday* (?-1894) joined the HBC in 1841, working in the Columbia Department at Cowlitz and Fort Victoria. After returning to Hawaii twice in the 1840s, he worked at Belle Vue Sheep Farm from 1857-1860; it was his house at the Company's winter station that generated the name Friday Harbor. In addition to his son Joseph (Joe) by an unknown Northeast Indian woman, Friday married Mary (ca. 1834-1926), a Songhee, in Victoria December 19, 1870 (at which time he may have been baptized with the name Pierre (Peter); they produced four children: Mary (1860-1912); Lazare (1866-1883); John (1872-1902), and Emma (1875-1906). They were listed among the household of his son Joe's San Juan homestead in the 1880 Census. Peter and Mary were both buried at the ?? cemetery in Victoria (Barman and Watson 2006:247-8).

Friday's son, Joseph (Joe). Mixed Kanaka/NW Indian. Engaged for one year 5/5/1858, engaged for one year 4/30/1859 as shepherd, contract expired 5/8/1860. Joe Friday (ca.1844-1895?) was the son of Peter Friday and an unknown Indian woman. He moved to San Juan with his father in 1858, working as a shepherd, apparently leaving in 1860, but returned to settle ca. 1864 and eventually homesteaded on San Juan in the 1870s. He presumably died while working as a cook on a sealing schooner in Alaska (Barman and Watson 2006:246-7).

George Berishe[?]. French Canadian. First mentioned 1/13/1858, contract expires 6/7/1859, turned away for drunkenness 9/12/1859.

Holland, Thomas. British. First mentioned 1/3/1854, drowned 7/13/1854. A *Thomas Holland* was a HBC servant from 1837-1840, serving on variously Company ships, but was discharged in London in 1840 (Watson 2010:478)

Ignace. French Canadian? Engaged 4/18/1859 for one year, discharged for habitual drunkenness 1/24/1860.

Jacob. First mentioned 4/1/1854, hired for one year 9/11/1854, engaged for one year 1/24/1859, discharged for drunkenness 6/28/1859.

Jess. First mentioned 7/14/1859.

Joey. Engaged for one year 5/5/1858

John Bull. Kanaka. Arrived 10/24/1854, contract expired 4/23/1859, engaged for one year 4/30/1859 as shepherd. *John Bull* (ca.1823-ca.1860) signed on with the HBC in 1838, and worked at Fort Nisqually as a laborer. After returning to Hawaii in 1845, he came back to Victoria and settled on San Juan (Barman and Watson 2006:232).

John Ross. Mixed. Arrived 2/28/1854?, first mentioned 4/3/1854, bought farm and left 6/15/1854. *John Ross* (c.1822-1863) was born into the fur trade and worked as a middleman at Forts McLoughlin and Victoria. After establishing a farm near Victoria, he left for Cowlitz and farmed there. He apparently left San Juan to build a barn for his mother, and eventually died in Victoria in 1863 (Watson 2010:854)

Kahahopa. Kanaka? Engaged 4/30/1859 for one year as shepherd.

Kahaliopua. Kanaka. First mentioned 7/26/1859, contract expired 5/8/1860, contract expired 5/8/1860. (Barman and Watson 2006:265)

Kamai, Kama. Kanaka. *Kama Kama* (ca.1830-1890) joined the HBC on in Hawaii in 1844, and worked as a laborer at Fort Vancouver, New Caledonia, and Fort Victoria before coming to Belle Vue Sheep Farm in 1854. In 1855, after he accidentally blew off his left hand, he returned to Hawaii but then moved back to San Juan to farm until the boundary resolution in 1872, when he moved north to Coal Island. He had several children by several women, and died on June 19, 1890 and was buried on Salt Spring (Barman and Watson 2006:284-5).

Kamaka. Engaged 5/4/1859 for one year, contract expired 5/8/1860. *Kamaka* first engaged with the HBC in 1844 and worked as a laborer at Cowlitz, and then Fort Vancouver. After disappearing for several years, he signed up in 1859 for a one-year contact at Belle Vue Sheep Farm (Barman and Watson 2006:285).

Kanaka 1. Mentioned 6/12/1854.

Kanaka 2. Mentioned 6/12/1854.

Kanalow. Arrived 3/23/1854, drowned 7/13/1854. (Barman and Watson 2006:294)

Kane. First mentioned 12/17/1859, contract expired 11/1/1860.

Kaukana. Engaged one year 5/11/1858. See *Kauna* (below).

Kauna. Kanaka. *Kauna* possibly the same as *Kaukana* (above), worked as a shepherd at Belle Vue Sheep Farm from May 1858-July 1859 (Barman and Watson 2006:304).

Konea. Kanaka. *Konea* joined the HBC in Hawaii in 1840, and worked at a number of posts, including Forts Vancouver and Victoria and Cowlitz Farm. He was a farm laborer at Belle Vue Sheep Farm from 1859-1860, after which he moved to Fort Vancouver and then returned to Hawaii (Barman and Watson 2006:325).

La Laima. Kanaka. First mentioned 8/15/1858. This is possibly *Lahaina*, (born on Maui) who as a young boy worked at Belle Vue Sheep Farm. Apparently he deserted with some Americans, possibly for the Fraser River gold fields (Barman and Watson 2006:330).

Lamane. ? First mentioned 4/26/1859, engaged for one year 4/30/1859 as shepherd, contract expired 5/8/1860.

Leroux Montigny. French Canadian? First mentioned 4/8/1858, contract expired 5/3/1858. There were several Montignys engaged as company servants, but none with the first name Leroux (Watson 2010:715)

Lewis. First mentioned 1/18/1858, engaged 10/10/1859, discharged 4/29/1861.

L'Gamine. Kanaka. First mentioned 1/14/1858, contract expired 5/3/1858, left 9/23/1859, re-engaged 1/28/1860, contract expired 10/28/1860. *William Naukana* (ca.1813-1909), who went by a number of names including *L'Gamine* and maybe even *Jim Handy*, first joined the HBC in 1845 and worked at a number of posts, including Forts Vancouver, Caledonia, Langley, and Victoria. From 1857-1860 he worked as a laborer at Belle Vue Sheep Farm and then settled with a number of other kanakas at Kanaka Bay. After the boundary settlement in 1872, he moved to the Salt Spring Islands. He had several wives and numerous children, and died in December 1909 (Barman and Watson 2006:251,364-365).

Loma. First mentioned 1/13/1858.

Louis. First mentioned 7/18/1859.

Luis. First mentioned 7/15/1859.

McLeod, Murdoch [Sr.]. Scot (Sandwick, Lochs, Ross?). Arrived 8/17/1854. A *Murdoch McLeod* (c.1811-1859), probably from Stornoway, was hired as a servant in 1841, and worked as a farm laborer throughout the Columbia Department, mainly at Fort Vancouver. He died at Fort Nisqually in 1859 (Watson 2010:689)

McLeod, Murdoch [Jr.]. Scot? Arrived 8/17/1854. Most likely the son of Murdoch McLeod, Sr.

McLoad? Arrived 1/6/1854?, first mentioned 8/15/1854.

Miss. First mentioned 2/21/1859.

Montreal, “Old”. Engaged 9/12/1859, discharged 11/5/1859.

Moore, William. First mentioned 10/23/1859.

Moss. First mentioned 2/11/1859, deserted in a “drunken fit” 11/30/1860.

Nahouree. Kanaka. *Nahouree* was a laborer at Belle Vue Sheep farm in 1860 (Barman and Watson 2006:357).

Nahua. Kanaka. Engaged 6/23/1854 as servant, quit 10/24/1854. *Nahoua* (aka *Nahona*, *Nahowa*, *Nahua*, and *Nahor*) joined the HBC in Hawaii in 1840, and worked at Forts Stikine, Nisqually, Rupert, and Victoria before arriving at Belle Vue Sheep Farm in 1854. After being insulted over a forced search for stolen goods, he left to work at Fort Victoria until 1857. From 1859-1862, a man named Nahor, who along with his wife and daughters was living on Kanaka Row, was charged with several morality-related offences (prostitution) (Barman and Watson 2006:357-8).

Napoleon Dease. Mixed English and Salish (Flathead). Arrived 7/31/1854, left for Ft. Hope 6/17/1859. *Napoleon Dease* (c.1827-1861) was born into the fur trade and began work as a servant at Fort Vancouver in 1841. He worked as a carpenter at Forts Colville, Hope, and Langley, and continued that work on San Juan. After leaving Belle Vue Sheep Farm he moved to Fort Langley, where he died in 1861. He

was married to Marguerite, a Saanich, and they had three children (Watson 2010:336).

Norwegian 1. Arrived 7/18/1854.

Norwegian 2. Arrived 7/18/1854.

Page, William, also known as “**Old Man**”. First mentioned 4/3/1854, “Skatchet”? (6/13/1854), two-year contract expires 3/18/1859.

Pakee. Kanaka. Engaged one year 5/11/1858; first mentioned 5/13/1858; contract expired 5/20/1859. *Pakee* (ca.1819-?) first signed up for the HBC in 1840, and worked at several posts (Forts Vancouver, Nez Perces, Simpson, and Victoria), as well as on several ships (the *Vancouver*, *Mary Dare*, and *Beaver*), before his contract at Belle Vue Sheep Farm. The last record of him is a sentencing for selling liquor to Indians in Nanaimo in 1865 (Barman and Watson 2006:380).

Paris. First mentioned 10/31?/1858.

Powell, Richard K. First mentioned 10/28/1858, engaged as assistant 6/17/1859.

Robillard, Joseph? French Canadian (Ste. Elizabeth, Montreal, Lower Canada). First mentioned 1/13/1858, left 7/19/1859. *Joseph Robillard* (c.1832-?) joined the Company at St. Felix de Valois in 1841, and worked Fort Rupert (1848-1853). After leaving the company, he worked as a laborer at Belle Vue Sheep Farm while also working on a farm on the island. Robillard was apparently married twice: his first wife, Rose, a Kwakiutl, bore him four children and his second, Louise, a Tsutsalia, one (Watson 2010:843)

Scudder, Robert. British. Engaged 6/23/1854 as servant. A *Thomas Scudder* came to Fort Victoria in 1853 and worked for the company for a year. He then moved to Belle Vue Sheep Farm, where he worked as a shepherd (Watson 2010:878)

Tamaree. *Tamaree* (1840-?) worked at Belle Vue Sheep Farm from 1858-1860, after which time he went to Victoria. There are several incidents of arrest and sentencing there in 1869-1870 (Barman and Watson 2006:408-9).

Thomas Jones. British (Welsh?). Engaged 6/4/1858 as a laborer. *Thomas Jones* first came to work for the Company as a miner at Nanaimo in 1854, and continued there, with a brief stint in Bellingham, until

1857, when he came to work at Belle Vue Sheep Farm. After only a year on San Juan, he left Victoria for England in 1861 (Watson 2010:515)

Wahouree. First mentioned 10/26/1860.

Will. First mentioned 10/15/1858.

John Williams. Married, arrived 12/15/1853, first mentioned 4/29/1854, dismissed 6/21/1854. There are several John Williams on the HBC records, but none seem to be this man (Watson 2010:999)

Richard Williams. Arrived 12/15/1853, first mentioned 5/31/1854, drowned 7/13/1854.

James Williamson. Discharged 11/19/1859. A *James Williamson* from Uist, Scotland, was engaged by the Company in 1851 and worked in the Columbia Department for a year (Watson 2010:1001)

Young Page. Son of Page (“Old Man”)? First mentioned 4/11/1858, engaged for one year 5/5/1858, discharged 8/11/1858.

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