

**NAME:** HEDDLE, William    **PARISH:** Shappinsha, Orkney Islands    **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1 June 1816    **DATES:** b. ca. 1785  
(C.1/785, fo. 2d)    d. 11 Dec. 1847

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1816, June/Sept.	Sailed from Stromness to York Factory aboard <i>Prince of Wales</i>			C.1/785
1816-1836	Labourer		Cumberland	A.30/15&16; B.239/g/2-15; B.239/u/1, #919
1836-1841	Labourer & Interpreter		Cumberland	B.239/g/16-20; B.239/u/1, #919
1841-1847	Interpreter		Cumberland	B.239/g/21-27
1847, 11 Dec.	"Accidentally killed"			B.239/g/27, fo. 16

In 1819, when his winter residence was Red Deer River, he was described as 5'9" with red hair and a fair complexion and as "Obedient, honest and an able servant."

A.30/16

Most of his career seems to have been spent at Cumberland House.

B.239/u/1,#919; B.239/k/2, p. 273

His death is described in a letter from John Bell to Sir George Simpson, dated Cumberland House, 11 Dec. 1847:

Having closed my letter last night, I write this note to mention a most lamentable occurrence which happened this morning the 11th, by which Mr. Heddle lost his life. The Expedtn. Blacksmith in examining a Gun belonging to the deceased, which was in want of some repair, and not being as he affirms, aware of its being loaded it went off and melancholy to say, shot the man through the head. He expired on the spot. This unfortunate accident has caused a universal regret for his death. He was a very worthy honest Man, and one of the most interested that I have seen in the Coys. service. In him Mr Desch[ambeault] has lost a valuable servant.

D.5/20, fo. 626-626d.

The administration of his estate, which was valued at approximately £150, was granted to his widow, Christian Heddle. (A.44/3, p. 54; A.16/46, fo. 236d.)

