

**NAME:** WALKER, Courtney Meade

**PARISH:** Kentucky

**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1836

**DATES:** 1812-1887

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year\*:

Position:

Post:

District:

HBCA Reference:

*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

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Pre-HBC

Came West in 1834 with the Methodist missionary, Rev. Jason Lee.\* He then worked for the American trader, Nathaniel J. Wyeth, at Fort William. In Outfit 1835 he is listed in Fort Vancouver Accounts as a trapper.

B.239/1/6, fo. 50

HBC

1836, 1 July

Engaged as a clerk

Fort Vancouver General Charges

B.239/1/7; B.239/g/76

1837

Clerk/Postmaster in Snake Party under Thomas McKay

Columbia

B.239/1/8; B.239/g/77

1838-1840

Clerk in Snake Party under Francis Ermatinger+

Columbia

B.239/1/9-11; B.239/g/78-80

1840, May

Wished to retire from HBC

B.223/b/27, fo. 9

+Minutes of Council indicate that he was appointed clerk at Fort McLoughlin in June 1839 (B.239/k/2, p. 186) but he appears not to have gone there. HBC correspondence, quoted in Search File 'Walker, C.M.', places him at Fort Hall and later Fort Boise. The same correspondence contains instructions for him to travel to the 'Youta' [Ute] country.

Family

He married Margaret, the daughter of John George McTavish and Nancy McKenzie.

A.36/8, fo.220

In a letter of 26 February 1839 Francis Ermatinger refers to 'a love affair ...between a young buck who goes to the Snake country and the lame daughter of Mr. McTavish...' (Lois Halliday McDonald, ed., *Fur Trade Letters of Francis Ermatinger*, p.216) The Walkers settled in the Tualatin Valley and raised six children.

\* Source for family, etc. information is [www.endoftheoregontrail.org/piofam/walker.html](http://www.endoftheoregontrail.org/piofam/walker.html)

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