

**NAME:** ISBISTER, JAMES "F" **Place of Birth:** Oxford House **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1853, Aug 4.

**DATES:** b. Nov. 29, 1833  
d. Oct. 16, 1915

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1853-1856	Labourer			B239/u/2 #938, B239/g/33-35
		August 4, 1853, signed a three year contract as a labourer at Norway House		
1857-1859	Interpreter			B239/u/2 #938, A32/34, B239/g/36-37
		June 27, 1856 signed a two year contract as an interpreter at Norway House		
1859	Free			B239/u/2 #938
1859	Post Master	Jackfish Falls	Saskatchewan	B239/k/3 fo. 185, B239/g/38-42
1860	Post Master	Carlton	Saskatchewan	B239/k/3 fo. 224-225
1862	Freeman			B239/g/42-43
1864-1867	Post Master	Moose Woods	Cumberland	B239/u/2 #938, B239/k/3 fo. 291 B239/g/44-45, 107
1865	disposable		Cumberland	B239/k/3 fo. 313
1867-1868	Freeman			B239/u/2 #938, B239/g/108
1868-1870	Clerk		Cumberland	B239/k/3 fo. 381, fo. 411, fo. 431 B239/g/109-111
1871	Freeman			B239/g/112

Vital/Genealogical: James Isbister was likely born November 29, 1833 at Oxford House to John Isbister and Frances Sinclair. In 1859 he married Margaret Bear at Nepowewin Station (Nipawin). They had at least 16 children. Upon his death October 16, 1915 nine children were still surviving.

In 1871 Isbister retired permanently from HBC service to farm on the North Saskatchewan River. He worked with the Settler's Union in Prince Albert in 1883 and was involved in the move to bring Louis Riel back to Canada. He did not support Riel in his actions in 1885. (Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Vol. XIV, pp. 523-525)

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