

NAME: McCAULEY, Isaiah Wesley PLACE OF BIRTH: Orangeville, Ontario ENTERED SERVICE: 1 June 1918 DATES: b. 28 March 1876
 Re-entered Service: 1 August 1925 d. 6 July 1954

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1912	Temporary Labourer	See August 28, 1934 letter from Fur Trade Commissioner		RG2/37/121
1918, 1 June-1922	Assistant Manager	Lac Seul	Lake Superior	RG3/40C/1; A.92/19/11, p. 25
1922, 1 June-1924	Outpost Manager	Pine Ridge*	Lake Superior	RG3/40C/1
1924, 31 October	Resigned			RG3/40C/1
1925, 1 August-1928	Outpost Manager	Pine Ridge*	Lake Superior	RG3/40C/1
1928, 1 June-1941	Outpost Manager	Cat Lake	Superior-Huron	RG3/40C/1
1937, August	Awarded Silver Medal (Long Service Award)			RG2/37/121
1939, September 22	Belated presentation of first bar to Silver Medal			RG2/37/121
1941, 31 May	Retired on life grant**			RG2/37/121
1942, September 9-1943	Re-engaged as Post Manager	Osnaburgh	Superior-Huron	RG2/37/121
1943, June 21-1947	Post Manager	Nipigon House	Superior-Huron	RG2/37/121; <i>Moccasin Telegraph</i> , Summer 1944, p.12
1947, September 30	Retired to a small farm on the Sturgeon River, approx. four miles from Sioux Lookout			RG2/37/121
1954, July 6	Died in Sioux Lookout General Hospital at age 78, interment at Sioux Lookout			RG2/37/121

*During his tenure at Pine Ridge, Isaiah W. McCauley was relief outpost manager at Red Lake (1922-1925). A.74/51, p. 117

For additional information on McCauley's tenure at the Red Lake outpost (located at Post Narrows near Red Lake consult Donald F. Parrott, *The Red Lake Gold Rush* (Steinbach, MB: Derksen Printers, 1964, rev. 1976), and Rae Kiebusinski, *Yesterday the River: A History of the Ear Falls District* (Altona, MB: D.W. Friesen & Sons, Ltd., ca. 1973).

**An extensive article on "Cat Lake McCauley" or "Poo-taw-che" appeared (with photograph) in the *Moccasin Telegraph* magazine (August 1941) on the occasion of his 1941 retirement. He and his family is mentioned in the Sioux Lookout post journal on August 6, 1932 (p. 88) and August 16, 1932 (p. 90) (B.480/a/1). Further mention of McCauley is in the *Moccasin Telegraph*, Winter 1950, p. 24

PHOTOGRAPHS: 1987/363-E-700-Mc/21 (I. W. McCauley at age 60, ca. 1936), *Moccasin Telegraph*, August 1941 ("I. W. McCauley and friends at Cat Lake Post"), and 1987/363-C-17 (Photographs of Cat Lake Post supplied by McCauley to *The Beaver*.)



Excerpt from Lac Seul section of report by District Manager Louis Romanet to the Fur Trade Commissioner, Winnipeg, March 1, 1920 (A.92/19/11, p. 25): “Assistant. I. McCauley. Age 40. Years of service 2. Wages \$50.00 and all found. Knows the country well. Talks a little Indian. His ambition is to take charge of an inland Post. He is no bookkeeper. Was proposed to go to a new outpost, Trout Lake.”

Excerpt from letter by Fur Trade Commissioner, August 28, 1934: “Mr. McCauley is a very good Indian trader and manages his post most economically, with profitable results...” RG2/37/121

Excerpt from Fur Trade Department Staff Report on Post Managers: May 5, 1936 – “A good Indian trader of the old school. Education very limited, rough and ready manner, but understands the natives and is keen and aggressive.” RG2/37/120
August 28, 1936 – “Excellent knowledge of trade requirements, and is very careful in ordering supplies...First-class store keeper and an excellent Indian trader...Good knowledge of grading furs...Loyalty unquestioned...Alert and humorous...He understands Indians and is liked and respected by them.” October 21, 1936 - “Rough type but has a very pleasing personality and is a shrewd trader. Loyal and enthusiastic. Has a large native family.”



Excerpt from Fur Trade Department Staff Report on Post Managers, November 24, 1939: [I. W. McCauley] RG2/37/120
“Limited education, but a very keen and aggressive trader. Intensely loyal. His able and aggressive management of Cat Lake Post has very effectively kept competitors away from this point.”

1918 Annual Report for Lake Superior lists I.W. McCauley as married, with seven children (RG3/40C/1)
Wife: Sophia (nee Brisket)

Marriage record at
Archives of Anglican Diocese
of Keewatin

Children: Albert, Mary (Mrs. Bannatyne), Lucy (Mrs. Robert Harris), Lulu (Mrs. Lyons), Ellen, Elsie, Victoria, and Annie. His obituary in the *Fort William Times-Journal*, July 15, 1954, states that at the time of Mr. McCauley's death, “a son [George ?] had very recently lost his life in a drowning accident a short distance east of Sioux Lookout.” (RG2/37/121)

Son George McCauley and other family members were occasionally engaged as relief held when McCauley was away from the posts on business. RG2/37/120

For further information such as correspondence from and regarding I. W. McCauley, his employment records, pension and life grant, obituaries, etc., see RG2/37/120 and RG2/37/121.

Mentioned in “Superior-Huron District” in *The Beaver*, Dec. 1929, p. 347; Dec. 1932, p. 175; “Personals” column in *Moccasin Telegraph*, Summer 1944, p. 12