

NAME: SAHYS, Jean Baptiste **PARISH:** Red River **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1848 **DATES:**

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1848-1853	Midman [middle position in canoe]		Cumberland	B.239/g/29-33
1853, July	Signed contract as bowsman		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #1939
1856, June	Signed contract as bowsman at York Factory		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #1939
1858, Feb.	Signed contract as steersman		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #1939
1860, Apr.	Signed contract as guide at Cumberland		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #1939
1862, May	Signed contract as guide at Cumberland		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #1939
1864, June	Contract as guide & interpreter at Cumberland		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #1939
1865, June	Contract as interpreter & carpenter at Cumberland		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #2068
1867, June	Contract as interpreter & carpenter at Cumberland		Cumberland	B.239/u/2, #2068
1868-1878	Postmaster i/c outposts such as Sturgeon River		Cumberland	B.239/g/45-49; B.235/g/1-5
1878, Summer	Retired			D.38/13, fo. 7
1886, 31 May	May be the Baptiste Sahys listed under Customers' Outstanding Balances, Cumberland House			B.49/e/12, fo. 20

He was described by Chief Factor Horace Belanger as " a good Indian trader and a hard working man" (1874), "a good faithful old servant" (1875), and "a zealous person [who] has rendered the Company good service" (1878).

D.38/6b, fo. 151; D.38/13, fo. 7

He was probably the son of François Sahys, a Swiss soldier in the de Meurons regiment who came to Red River in 1817 and is listed in the 1849 Red River Census, aged 70. (E.H. Bovay, *Le Canada et les Suisses, 1604-1974*, 1976, p. 206; PAM, Red River Census index). The François Sahys of Red River, aged 19, who signed a contract at Fort Garry in 1841, was probably a brother of Jean Baptiste Sahys. (A.32/52, fo. 46) A François Sahys who was employed in the Cumberland District, credited with 13 years service in 1882, was presumably a different man. (B.235/g/7)

