

**NAME:** PRUDEN, John Peter

**PARISH:** Edmonton, Middlesex  
**ENTERED SERVICE:** 1791  
**ENGLAND**

**DATES:** 1788-28 May 1868

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
<i>*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May</i>				
1791	Arrived in York Factory on the <u>Seahorse</u>			C.1/1054
1791-1794	Apprentice	York Factory	York	A.30/5,6
1795-1796	Apprentice	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	B.27/a/1; A.30/6
1796-1797	Apprentice/Writer	Buckingham H., Edmonton H.		B.24/a/3,4 ; B.60/a/1,2 ; A.30/7
1798	Writer	Buckingham H. , Setting River Edmonton H.		B.196/a/1; B.60/a/4; A.30/8
1799		Bolsover House	English River	B.20/a/1
1800	Writer	Edmonton House	Saskatchewan	B.60/a/5; A.30/10
1801-1802		Inland	York	B.239/d/125
1803-1804	Trader	Inland	York	B.239/d/128
1805-1807	In Charge	Acton House	Saskatchewan	B.239/d/131; B.60/a/6
1808	Master and Trader	Edmonton	Saskatchewan	B.239/d/141
1808	To London on <u>King George</u>			C.1/420
1809	To York Factory on <u>King George</u>			C.1/421
1810-1814	In Charge	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	B.60/a/9-12
1814-1815	Master	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	A.30/14
1815-1816	Master and Trader	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	A.30/15
1817-1820	Master and Trader	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	A.16/39
1821	Chief Trader	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	
1822-1824	Chief Trader	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	B.239/g/2,3
1824	To London on <u>Prince of Wales</u>			C.1/804,805
1825	To York Factory on <u>Prince of Wales</u>			C.1/806-808
1825-1826	Chief Trader	Norway House	Norway House	B.239/k/1; D.4/12
1826-1836	Chief Trader	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	B.239/k/1,2
1836-1837	Chief Factor	Carlton House	Saskatchewan	B.239/g/16; D.4/22
1837	Retires			
1839	Appointed to Council of Assiniboia			Oliver, "The Canadian Northwest"

Journals kept by John Peter Pruden:

Bolsover House 1799-1800 (B.20/a/1)

Carlton House 1814-1816, 1818-1824, 1832-1833 (B.27/a/4,5,8-13,19)

Norway House 1825-1826 (B.154/a/11)



Will and Estate of John Peter Pruden (A.36/1b, A/36/2)

Excerpt from George Simpson's Character Book, "... A man of good conduct and character and of respectable appearance and manner but weak minded vain &

silly without decision in or knowledge of business beyond the simple process of dealing with an Indian across the Counter. Has no command over his people and but little judgement in other respects. Over fond of good living which he makes his principal study, and a fine Beef Steak is sufficient to solace him under the most Severe afflictions. Speaks Cree, and is tolerable 'Plain Indian' Trader, but by no means bright; attached to old customs, an Enemy to all innovations, easily lead away or Cajoled, and when reminded of his own merits which is frequently the case by his colleagues ironically, very much offended that he has not been promoted; but in my opinion ought to consider himself fourtunate in having obtained his present situation." (A.34/2)

Wife: Nancy, "a Cree Indian Woman" ca.1785-1837  
Ann Armstrong 1800-1887 m. 4 December 1839

Children: from Nancy: William, b.1804; Charlotte, b.1806; Peter, b.1807; Margaret, b.1810; Maria, b.1813; Cornelious, b.1819; Arthur, b.1820; James, b. 1823, John, b.1829, Caroline, b.1831, Elizabeth

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