

Horatio Nelson Calder. (1806-1885)

Horatio Calder, his wife Nancy (Budd), and their seven children, were members of the James Sinclair-led group of Red River Half-Breed and Metis emigrants for the Columbia who made a 1700-mile trip from White Horse Plains to Fort Vancouver and finally Fort Nisqually. Jemmy Jock Bird acted as their guide for the part of the journey that crossed Blackfoot territory. On October 12, 1841, after a 130 day journey the group reached Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River.

Calder was the son of HBC surgeon John Calder and Sarah Humphrey, a Métisse. He was born at Painted Cree near Edmonton. At 15 he began working for the HBC and served at Beren's River, Cumberland House and York Factory between 1821 and 1824. He was laid-off in the last round of staff reductions after the amalgamation of the NWC and HBC. Horatio and Nancy were married on November 1, 1830 at St. John's Red River. After moving to the Oregon Territory he became a gold miner.

Calder's (second) wife, Nancy Budd, was the daughter of, Wash-e-soo-esquew (Agathus or Mary Budd) and her father was a Metis by the name of Budd who died circa 1811. Nancy's mother was the Metis daughter of Matthew Cocking a HBC factor and Ke-che-cho-wick, a northern Cree woman (Cocking's second wife). Her brother was the Reverend Henry Budd.

Nancy Calder wrote to her missionary brother on March 14, 1848 that she had already lost four of their children and now feared for the son who was off to the gold mines with Horatio. Later the Calder family relocated to Pierce County, Washington Territory where Horatio died in 1885 and Nancy a year later.



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Shown below are Calder's HBC records.

NAME: CALDER, Horatio Nelson **PARISH:** Rupert's Land **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1821

DATES: b. ca. 1807
d. 1885

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
1820-1821	Apprentice	Berens River		A.16/37 fo. 33
1821-1823	Apprentice		Cumberland	A.16/40 fo. 64; B.239/g/61-62
1823	Freeman, to Red River Settlement			A.16/40 fo. 64; B.239/g/63

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

Parents: John Calder, surgeon at York Factory, and an Indian woman (E.4/1a fo. 50)
Wife: Nancy Rein m. 1 Nov. 1830 (E.4/1a fo. 229)
Children: Sarah bapt. 12 Oct. 1831 (E.4/1a fo. 86)
Letitia bapt. 1 Dec. 1833 (E.4/1a fo. 105d); buried 30 May 1836 (E.4/1b fo. 302d)
John bapt. 5 Jan. 1836 (E.4/1a fo. 126d)
Sophia bapt. 8 Feb. 1838 (E.4/1a fo. 149d)
Nelson bapt. 17 March 1840 (E.4/1a fo. 165d)

