

Thomas McKay. (b.1798)

Thomas McKay was the Half-Breed son of Alexander McKay and Marguerite Wadin. His father was a NWC employee who accompanied Alexander Mackenzie on the overland journey to the Pacific Ocean in 1793. Thomas entered the service of the Pacific Fur Company in 1810 and accompanied his father to Astoria. When Fort Astoria was captured in 1813, he took service as a clerk with the NWC, then with the HBC, after 1821. He was employed in this capacity for over 25 years. Sometime after 1836, he retired to settle on a farm in Oregon. He became a citizen of the United States and participated in the Cayuse War of 1848.



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