

John Finlayson (fl.1795-1796)¹

JOHN FINLAYSON

BORN: ? (Scottish)²

The children of John Finlayson

1. Nicholas Finlayson

Born: 1795 Loch Alsh, Ross-shire, Scotland³

Married: To Nancy Davis, born 30 July 1816 Rupert's Land and the metis daughter of John Davis (English) and Nancy ? (metis)⁴

A second time 10 Aug. 1829 Moose Factory, Rupert's Land to Elizabeth Kennedy, the metis daughter of Alexander Kennedy⁵

A third time before 1838 to Sarah Thomas, the metis daughter of Thomas Thomas (English) and Sarah ? (Cree native)⁶

Died: 17 May 1877 Nairn, Scotland⁷

Children (with Nancy Davis):

They had four sons and a daughter⁸

1. Hector Finlayson

Born: 1828⁹

¹Completed 3 Feb. 1998, and revised 31 May 1999.

²W. Stewart Wallace, ed., Documents Relating to the North West Company (Toronto: The Champlain Society, 1934), 441.

³Alice M. Johnson, "Finlayson, Nicol", Dictionary of Canadian Biography Volume X 1871 To 1880 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1972), 284.

⁴NAC, Department of the Interior Affidavits 1870 to 1885, RG 15, microfilm reel C-14926 (Nancy Davis).

⁵Ibid., 441.

⁶NAC, Kipling Collection, MG 25 G 62, Red River Genealogies, fol. 1042.

⁷Johnson, 284.

⁸Ibid.

⁹NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 314.

Baptized: 29 May 1831 St. John's, Assiniboia¹⁰
 Married: To Lisette ?, born 1830 (metis)¹¹

Children:

1. Nancy Finlayson
 Born: 11 Apr. 1847 Red River Settlement, Assiniboia¹²
 Married: To Eugene Smith,¹³ born 1846¹⁴

2. Eliza Finlayson
 Born: 1848 Rupert's Land¹⁵
 Married: To James Bird,¹⁶ born 28 Jan. 1848 St. Peter's, Assiniboia and the
 metis son of James Bird and Mary Ermatinger¹⁷

Children (Nicholas Finlayson and Elizabeth Kennedy):

They had two sons and a daughter who survived childhood¹⁸

1. John Finlayson: baptized 29 May 1831 St. John's, Assiniboia¹⁹

2. Benjamin Finlayson
 Baptized: 29 Apr. 1835 St. John's, Assiniboia²⁰
 Buried: 11 May 1835 St. John's, Assiniboia²¹

¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹D.N. Sprague and R.P. Frye, comps., The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation (Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 1983), table 1 no. 1562.

¹²NAC, reel C-14933 (Nancy Smith).

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¹⁴Sprague and Frye, table 1 no. 4415.

¹⁵NAC, reel C-14925 (Eliza Bird).

¹⁶Ibid.

¹⁷Ibid. (James Bird).

¹⁸Johnson, 284.

¹⁹NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 314.

²⁰Ibid.

²¹Ibid.

3. Joseph Finlayson

Baptized: 28 Dec. 1835 St. John's, Assiniboia²²

Married: To Flora ?²³

Children:

1. Ann Harriet Louise Finlayson: born 7 June 1857 Rupert's Land²⁴

2. Christine Catherine Finlayson: baptized 25 May 1871 St. Andrew's, Assiniboia²⁵

2. Duncan Finlayson

Born: 1796 Dingwall, Scotland²⁶

Married: 10 Nov. 1838 Bromley-by-Bow, Middlesex, England to Isobel Graham Simpson,²⁷ born 20 Jan. 1811 London, England and the daughter of Geddes Mackenzie Simpson and Frances Hume Hawkins.²⁸ She died 22 Aug. 1890 London, England²⁹

Died: 25 July 1862 London, England³⁰

²²Ibid.

²³Ibid.

²⁴NAC, reel C-14927 (Ann Harriet Louise Finlayson).

²⁵NAC, Kipling Collection, fol. 314.

²⁶Gerald Friesen, "Finlayson, Duncan", Dictionary of Canadian Biography Volume IX 1861 To 1870 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1976), 260.

²⁷Ibid.

²⁸Sylvia Van Kirk, "Simpson, Isobel Graham (Finlayson)", Dictionary of Canadian Biography Volume XI 1881 To 1890 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1982), 824.

²⁹Ibid.

³⁰Friesen, 260.