

NAME: HERD, David J.

PARISH:

ENTERED SERVICE: 1835

DATES: ca. 1814-  
11 Dec. 1878

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year\*:                      Position:                      Post:                      District:                      HBCA Reference:

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

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1835	Second Mate	<i>Prince Rupert</i>	London-York Factory	C.3/14
1836-1838	First Mate	<i>Prince Rupert</i>	London-York Factory	C.3/14
1839-1849	Master	<i>Prince Rupert+</i>	London-York Factory	C.3/14;C.4/1
1850-1863	Master	<i>Prince of Wales</i>	London-York Factory	C.2/5; C.4/1
1863, Dec. -1864, Jan.	Master	<i>Ocean Nymph</i>	London-St. John's	C.1/616
1864, 24 May	Appointed Superintendent of the Company's shipping			A.1/78, p. 170
1875, 2 Nov.	Governor & Committee ordered 'that authority be given under the corporate seal to enable Captain David Herd of Norway Place Limehouse to register his name as the person to whom the management of the Hudson's Bay Company's vessels is entrusted by and on behalf of the Company, in conformity with the Merchant Shipping Act 1875.'			A.1/150, p. 69
1878, 11 Dec.	From press cutting: "On the 11 <sup>th</sup> inst., at Norway House [ <i>sic</i> ] Limehouse, E., and of Broomfield Hall, Herne Bay, Kent, Captain DAVID HERD, H.H.B.Co.'s Service, æt.64"			A.64/38, fo. 23d.

+ Two vessels of the same name; the newer was launched in 1841.

Logs kept by: *Prince Rupert*, C.1/934, 938, 942, 946, 949, 952, 955, 958 [only 934 signed]  
*Prince of Wales*, C.1/836, 839, 841, 843, 846, 848, 849, 852 [855-not signed]

Letters to and from: Series A.5 and A.10

Herd was master of the *Prince Rupert* when R.M. Ballantyne sailed to York Factory in 1841. There are several passages in Ballantyne's *Hudson Bay* describing him, e.g. '...thin, middle-sized, off-hand man; thoroughly acquainted with his profession; good-humoured and gruff by turns; and he always spoke with the air of an oracle.' (p.20) Ballantyne records Herd as having said he had been at sea "these fifteen years" (p.22). At one time he had been in the Mediterranean "in Lord P\_\_\_\_'s yacht" (p.22) This may have been Algernon Percy, Lord Prudhoe (1792-1865), later the Duke of Northumberland. He was a naval officer and also an amateur Egyptologist of some note. *DNB*, Vol. XV

