

NAME: QUINTAL, LAURENT

PARISH: St. Constant
[Montreal]

ENTERED SERVICE: NWC 21 Feb. 1817 (ANQ, Beek)
HBC 1821

DATES: b. ca.1799
d. 1860

Appointments & Service

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

*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May

North West Company:

1817-1821 Hivernant (McTavish, McGillivray) English River F.4/32 folio 970

Hudson's Bay Company:

1821-1823 Ile-a-la-Cosse English River B.239/g/1-2
1823-1836 Middleman Snake Country Columbia B.239/g/3-16
1836-1837 Free (working as an independent trader) B.239/g/16
1839 Described as "free man of the prairies" at his marriage and the baptism of his children

Wife: Marie Anne Nipissing, daughter of Louis Nipissing m. 9 July 1839 (*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver Vol. 1 M61*)
Children: Louis (bapt. 21 June 1839 aged 5) married Cecile Tyikwarkl, a full blood Iroquois (*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest, Vol. I B167, and p. A-69*)
Rosalie (bapt. 21 June 1839 aged 1½) (*Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver Volume 1 B168*)

References:

Alexander Ross, Journal of the Snake Country Expedition of 1824, *Oregon Historical Quarterly* Vol 14 No. 4 pp. 369. Copied by Agnes Laut from B.202/a/1.
Peter Skene Ogden, *Ogden's Snake Country Journal, 1824-1826*, Hudson's Bay Record Society Vol. XIII, pp. 3, 52, 234.
Peter Skene Ogden, *Ogden's Snake Country Journals, 1827-1829*, Hudson's Bay Record Society Vol. XVIII, pp. 2, 96.
Harriet Duncan Munnick, *Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver Volumes I and II and Stellamaris Mission*, French Prairie Press, 1972,
"The name Quintal occurs also as Coutrell, Cantrel and Kantal. Laurent Quintal was 'that sly dog, Laurent, to his leader Alexander Ross on the Snake River in 1824 [this was actually an Iroquois named Laurent [Karatohon], who deserted with Lazard [Kayenquaretcha], mistakenly attributed to Laurent Quintal (see list of Freemen and servants, 1824-1825 in HBRV Volume XIII p. 2-3), ...The neighbour Handsaker wrote many years later, "Our neighbours were not very numerous at that time, there being only a few white people. Farther up Calapooia Creek were a number of mixed breeds, the old man, a Frenchman named Louis Coutrell who had a Siwash Kloochoon. He had not only a numerous family of his own but a generous number of grand children as well. The Indians would frequently visit them, and it was a common occurrence for us to be awakened from our slumber, as in their drunken sprees they would pass the door of our cabin, but they never molested us. The old man had a presentiment one morning in harvest that he would never see the sun rise again, and he did not, for when binding wheat in his field he was bitten by a rattlesnake and died in a few hours" (Samuel Handsaker, Pioneer Life)

