

## **Ogden, Peter Skene. Jr.** (1817- 1870)

Peter was born on January 18, 1817 in Ile-a-la-Crosse, the son of HBC Chief Factor, Peter Skene Ogden and Marie Comtois (Comtois de Montigny, b. 1797). Peter was hired as an apprentice in 1835 and was promoted to Chief Trader in 1854. In 1843 he married Phrisine Brabant (b. 1827) and they had eleven children including seven daughters. One daughter, Sarah Ogden, married James Marsden Lindsay Alexander, a Scot and Chief Factor of the HBC.

Peter Skene Ogden Jr. died of influenza on October 9, 1870 at Fort St. James along with his son Peter Ogden III. His daughters survived and married different fur traders who came to the district from outside the region. Margaret (b. 1849) married Scottish-born Gavin Hamilton and the couple appear in the 1881 Census living with their thirteen children and Margaret's mother, Francine, and sister, Mary (b. 1859). Sarah (b. 1852) married Scottish-born, HBC employee James M. L. Alexander and they appear in the 1881 Census with their five children. Rachel (b. 1853) married HBC clerk Robert Hanley Hall in 1876.

### Children:

- Peter Skene Ogden III b: 1844 in Northwest Canada.
- Margaret Julia Ogden, b. 17 July 1845 in Fraser's Lake, Lewis Co., Oregon Territory (now British Columbia).
- Adelaide Victoria Ogden, b: June 1849 in New Caledonia (now British Columbia).
- Charles Griffin Ogden, b: 1851 in New Caledonia (1846-1858) (now British Columbia).
- Sarah Julia Ogden b: c. 1853 in Stuart's Lake, New Caledonia (now British Columbia).
- Rachel Sarah Ogden, b: 30 August 1855 in Stuart's Lake, New Caledonia (now British Columbia).
- Christine Ogden, b: 15 October 1856 in Stuart's Lake, New Caledonia (now British Columbia).
- Mary Elizabeth Ogden, b: 13 June 1858 in British Columbia.
- Elizabeth Martha Ogden, b: 1861 in Fort St. James, British Columbia.
- Isaac Ogden, b: 13 April 1862 in Fort St. James, British Columbia.
- Henry Ogden, b: 30 May 1864 in Fort St. James, British Columbia.

NAME: OGDEN, PETER, JUNIOR

PARISH: British North America

ENTERED SERVICE: 1835

DATES: b.18 Jan1817  
d. 9 Oct 1870

## Appointments &amp; Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May				
1835-1839	Apprentice		Saskatchewan	B.239/u/2 # 1528; B.239/g/76-78
1839-1841	Apprentice Post Master	Fort Pitt	Saskatchewan	B.239/k/2, pp. 178,199
1841-1842	Clerk	Disposale	Columbia	B.239/k/2,p.229
1842-1844	Clerk	Edmonton	Saskatchewan	B.239/k/2,p.251,273
1844-1845	Clerk	Fraser Lake	Columbia	B.239/k/2,p.333
1845-1846	Clerk in charge	Fort George	New Caledonia	B.239/k/2,p.362
1846-1847	Clerk in charge	Flathead	Columbia	B.239/k/2,p.391
1847-1848	Clerk in charge	Fraser Lake	New Caledonia	B.239/k/2,p.413
1848-1850	Clerk in charge	Fort George	New Caledonia	B.239/k/2,p.439,464
1850-1853	Clerk in charge	McLeod Lake	New Caledonia	B.239/k/2,p.487; B.239/k/3,pp.15,39
1853-1854	Clerk in charge	Babines	New Caledonia	B.239/k/3,p.59
1854-1859	Chief Trader	Babines	Western Department	B.226/g/2-6; D.4/74,p.162; B.239/k/3,p.84
1859-1860	Chief Trader	Fort St. James	New Caledonia	B.226/b/17,p.143
1860-1861	Chief Trader, I/c district	Fort St. James	New Caledonia	B.226/b/18, fo.86
1861-1868	Chief Trader	Fort St. James	New Caledonia	B.226/b/22,pp.76,327; B.226/b/27, pp.38,137,305; B.226/b/34,pp.43,153
1868-1870	Chief Trader, I/c district	Fort St. James	New Caledonia	B.226/b/35, p.962; B.226/b/44,p.348; B.226/b/44, p.384
1870, 9 Oct.	died at Fort St. James in October 1870 from influenza			B.226/b/43, fo.59A



Grandparents: Isaac Ogden (judge of the Admiralty Court in Quebec) and Sarah Hanson (his second wife) (HBR vol. XIII p. xii)

Father: Peter Skene Ogden (c1794-1854) (see HBR Vol. XIII pp. xii-lxxviii; DCB Vol.VIII)

Mother: Cree Woman (Cline, p. 26)

Half Sisters: Annie; Cecelia; Eurette; Sarah Julia, married Archibald McKinlay (DCB VIII; Cline p. 214)

Half Brothers: Charles; David; Isaac; Michael (Cline)

Son: Peter Skene Ogden (clerk), b. c1844, died of influenza at Fraser's Lake 3 Oct. 1870 (B.226/b/43, fo.59)

## References:

Gloria Griffen Cline, *Peter Skene Ogden and the Hudson's Bay Company [1790-1854]* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1974)

Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Volume VIII "Peter Skene Ogden"

*Peter Skene Ogden's Snake Country Journals*, Hudson's Bay Record Society Volumes XIII, XXIII, XXVIII

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Peter Skene Ogden Sr. was born in Quebec, 1790 to American Loyalists Isaac and Sarah Ogden. Isaac Ogden was a Judge. Peter Sr. joined the Northwest Company. In his travels he married Marie Comtois a Cree woman, "*à la façon du pays*" according to the custom of the country in Ile-à-la Crosse, Saskatchewan in 1818. Marie had two sons and died. Peter Skene Ogden was transferred to the Columbia Department. In 1845, he became one of a triumvirate of Chief Factors of the HBC managing the Forts with James Douglas and John McLoughlin. He served on the board of governance of Fort Victoria. He died on September 27, 1854 in the Oregon Territory.

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