

Former Hudson's Bay Company employee Scotty Gall being interviewed by NWT Archivist Richard Valpy. NWT Archives/ N-1988-040.

Scotty Gall: That year I got this little boat. My first command [laughing]. This little boat. This Emma Jane. And I had to take 8 tons of coal, I remember, and a few deer skins – deer skins was an important thing and enough food - to King William Land. I knew that King William Land was so many miles to the East that is all I knew about it. The charts of course we had. The charts don't tell you very much about the depth of the water. So we started out there – I went there. The Hudson's Bay in the meantime had bought the Bay Maud by that time. I don't know why they bought it. It was no good for freight. It was just a criss-cross, criss-cross inside. Big beams. But anyway we established that year. We established Ellice River, Perry River and then I was to go on after I'd done the light run – we were using this smaller vessel to do the light run – we were to carry on to King.