Historical Manitoba

The first recorded visit of the country which is now a portion of the Province, is that of Captain Thomas Button who in 1612 sailed along the western shore of Hudson Bay and discovered the Nelson River at which place he spent the winter. Subsequently many others followed in the footsteps of Pierre Radisson to the wealth to be obtained from the fur trade, Charles II issued a charter to a Company which afterward became known as the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1688 the Company built their first Fort, Prince of Wales fort on the Churchill River. In 1689 Henry Kelsey entered western Canada, in 1690 he discovered the Saskatchewan River, in 1724 he sailed as far as the Saskatchewan River, in 1754 he sailed up the Hayes and Nelson Rivers, in 1760 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Grass River, in 1770 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Shamattawa River, in 1774 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Gods River, in 1776 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Bloodvein River, in 1778 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Berens River, in 1779 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Poplar River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Cedar Lake, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Playgreen Lake, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Dauphin River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Grand Rapids, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Saskatchewan River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Pasquia River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Carrot River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Red Deer River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Beaver River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Athabasca River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Slave River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Great Slave Lake, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Great Bear Lake, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Coppermine River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Great Fish River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Back River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Churchill River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Reindeer River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Cochrane River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Churchill River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Grass River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Nelson River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Burntwood River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Rat River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Hayes River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Fox River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Severn River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Winnipeg River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Red River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Assiniboine River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Souris River, in 1780 he sailed up the Hayes River and discovered the Qu'Appelle River