



# **Gutcher - A Case Study** **Where People and Place Collide**

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## Hudson's Bay Company Archives

Hudson's Bay Company Archives (HBCA), home to the archival records of Hudson's Bay Company (HBC), is part of the Archives of Manitoba operating under [The Archives and Recordkeeping Act](#) and 1994 gift agreement between HBC and the Government of Manitoba. HBCA operations are supported in part through the ongoing financial support of the [Hudson's Bay Company History Foundation](#).

HBCA acquires and preserves archival records of HBC and other records related to HBC history, such as private records of individuals and subsidiary companies (including the North West Company), and encourages the use and understanding of these records.

## HBCA Research

- A variety of search tools are available in the [Search](#) section of this website to help you find what you need. Our main search tool is the [Keystone Archives Descriptive Database](#).
- Other resources for HBCA research include [Biographical Information Sheets](#), [Post Maps](#), [Name Indexes](#), [Ships' Histories](#), guidance for [Common Research Topics](#), [Glossaries](#) and the [HBCA Library](#).
- If clients are not able to visit the Archives in person, they are encouraged to pursue their research



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## Search

- Search the [Keystone Archives Descriptive Database](#) online guide to the archival [holdings](#) of all media of the Archives of Manitoba, including the Hudson's Bay Company Archives. The database is being added to continually, but does not yet contain descriptions of all Archives of Manitoba holdings. Consult the [Keystone Orientation](#) for instruction on how to use the database.
- Archival records, descriptions and listings can contain outdated, offensive and/or harmful language and content that reflects the time in which they were created. Read our [statement on language and content](#) for information about work that we are doing to improve our descriptions.
- Consult our [Guide to find a will / estate file](#) for information on how to find wills and estate files that have been filed in the Province of Manitoba.
- The Archives of Manitoba is commemorating the centenary of the First World War through a variety of projects and initiatives. Search the [Partial Index of Manitoba soldiers killed in the First World War](#) or see other resources related to the [First World War](#).
- Consult additional [Hudson's Bay Company Archives resources](#) such as biographical sheets, fur trade post maps, name indexes, and the HBCA Library catalogue. Find information on some common research topics as well as glossaries of terms relating to HBC records.

## Other Relevant Government Agencies

There are some Manitoba records for which access is provided by other agencies.

- Contact [Vital Statistics](#) for records of births, marriages and deaths.
- Contact [Land Titles](#) for land titles and survey plans.
- Visit the [Manitoba Legislative Library](#) for Manitoba publications, including government publications, community histories and newspapers.





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# Hudson's Bay Company Archives – Name Indexes

Names of employees and other individuals are documented in many Hudson's Bay Company Archives records. The following indexes contain information taken directly from archival records in our holdings that are commonly used when looking for specific individuals.

For examples of non-indexed records relating to employees and individuals and for a list of books and other resources relating to genealogy research, consult our [Common Research Topics](#). Our [Biographical Information Sheets](#) are another source of information for some employees.

Use the index titles below to search [Keystone](#) to learn more about the records and to find location codes and microfilm numbers.

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## Indexes for Hudson's Bay Company records

- **[Servants' contracts \(1776-ca. 1926\)](#)**

- **Index includes** information taken from contracts and related records of Hudson's Bay Company employees, including: employee names, parish/post names, ages, contract lengths, terms of service, positions to be held, and wages.
- **Not included in the index** but sometimes found in servants' contracts (mostly contracts from the 1900s): letters of application, letters of recommendation, photographs and academic certificates.
- For more detailed information, please see our guide to [Understanding the Index to HBC Servants' Contracts](#).

- **[Northern Department servants' engagement registers \(1823-1895\)](#)**

- **Index includes** information taken from engagement registers for employees of the Northern Department, including: employee names, contract numbers, dates, parish/post names, positions to be held.
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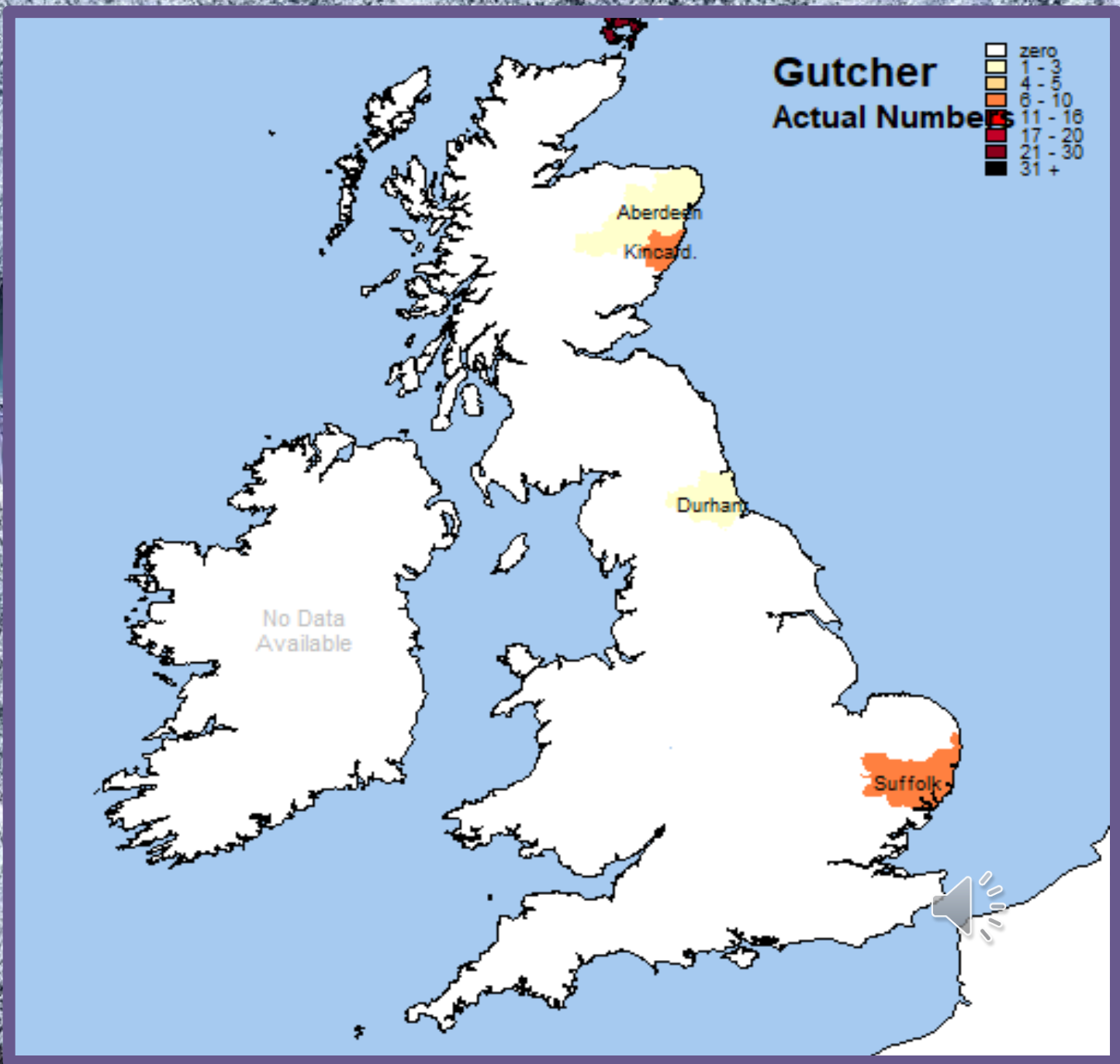
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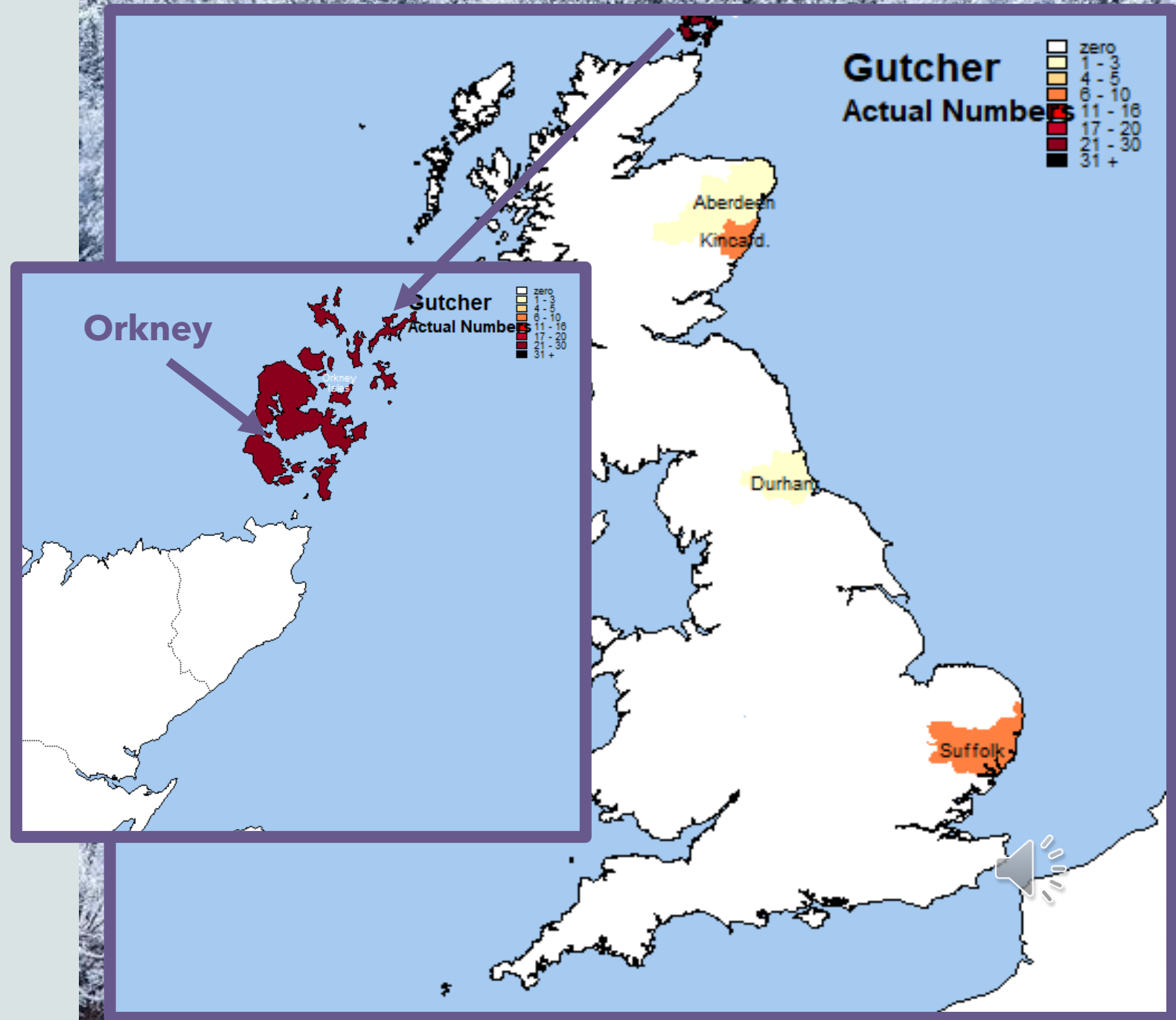
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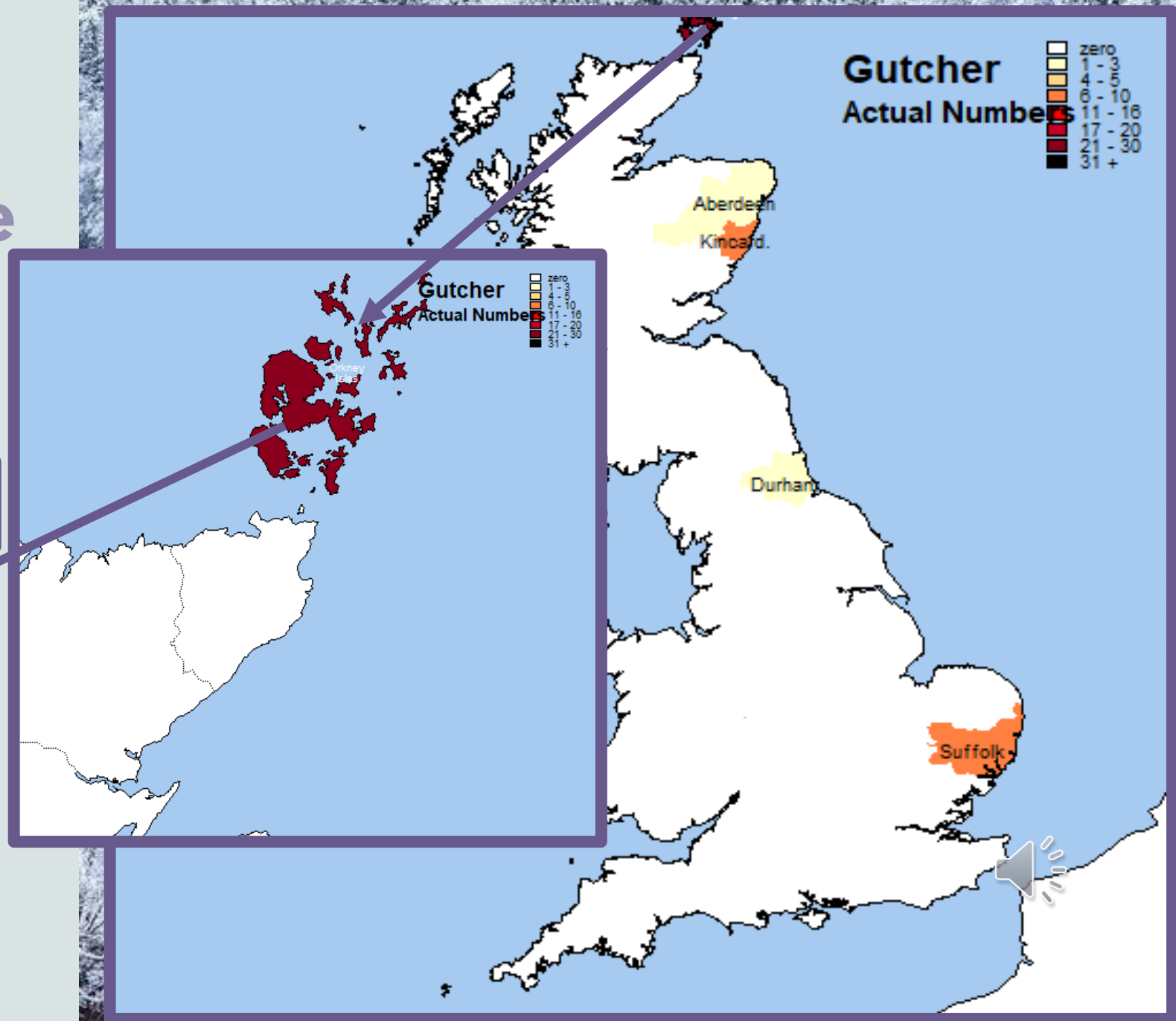




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Map based on an OS map, and published by Dumfries and Galloway Council on a tourist information leaflet



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The study of water flows on and below the Earth, including water balance, water quality, and how water storage changes over time.





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Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

The rocks in the area are important because they are like those found north of the Scottish Glen.



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