

**POST MARK:** N 9 (1930-1961, 1964-1965), 3209 (1965-1971), 2809 (1971-1985)

**POST: CHESTERFIELD INLET (NT)**  
CHESTERFIELD  
Named after Philip Stanhope, 4th Earl of  
Chesterfield, Secretary of State 1746-1748  
BOWDEN'S INLET

**DISTRICT:** NELSON RIVER (ca.1914-1923)  
ST.LAWRENCE-LABRADOR (1923-1929)  
NELSON RIVER (1929-1945)  
SECTION 9 (1945-1946)  
NELSON RIVER (1946-1951)  
CENTRAL ARCTIC (1951-1961)  
KEEWATIN (1971-1985)

Outpost: Baker Lake, 1916-1918

**ADMIN:** RG3 FUR TRADE DEPT.  
RG7 NORTHERN STORES



**LOCATION:**

1911 Ewen, Carpenter at Churchill, built the post on South side of Inlet (SF: "BARRENS")  
1914 New buildings erected between a freshwater lake and Spurrell Harbour (SF: "BARRENS", 1915)  
1932 In Spurrell Harbour at the mouth of Chesterfield Inlet, about 300 miles N. Churchill (RG7/7A/308)

**MAPS AND PLANS:**

1922, 1932 Plan, Description (G.7/5(13); G.7/9(2))  
1923 Description  
1927-1929 Plan, Description  
1931 Description (G.7/9(2))

**HISTORY:**

1747 Inlet entered by *Dobbs Gallery* and *California* in search for NW Passage\*  
1761-1762 Capt. Christopher explored inlet (B.42/a/57, 58)  
1853 Eden Colvile suggested the establishment of a post for whalefishery\*  
1886, 1891 Proposals made for settlement\*  
1911 Post established by the *Pelican* (SF: 'Chesterfield Inlet; 'Barrens')  
1928 Old buildings torn down and used for new (G.7/9(2))  
1930 Temporary residence and food warehouse built for Fox Farm (G.7/9(2))  
1961, 31 July Post closed because the Eskimo population had moved south to Rankin Inlet (*Bay News*, April 1964)  
1964, 9 March Reopened when the Rankin Inlet Mine closed and the Eskimos returned to Chesterfield (*Bay News* April 1964; *Moccasin Telegraph*, Su. 1964)

**POST MANAGERS:**

1911-1919	Solomon R. Ford	A.74/49, fo. 82-83; <i>Bay News</i> , April 1964
1919-ca. 1923	W.S. Phillips	D.74/49, fo. 83
ca. 1923-1925	W.O. Douglas	SF: 'Barrens'
1925-1930	L.A. Learmonth	SF: 'Barrens'
1931-1938	S.J. Stewart	RG3/35/1
1938-1941	J. L. Ford	RG3/35/1
1941-1945	A. R. Scott	RG3/35/5
1945-1949	D. Drysdale	RG3/35/5
1949-1950	W. C. Brownie	RG3/35/5
1964-1965	Gordon T. Harkness	<i>Moccasin Telegraph</i>

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