

**NAME:** WEGG, Samuel

**PARISH:**Cochester, Essex

**ENTERED SERVICE:**1746

**DATES:**b. 1723 d. 1802

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Appointments & Service

Outfit Year\*:

Position:

Post:

District:

HBCA Reference:

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*\*An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

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Wegg, Samuel, Governor, Hudson's Bay Company, 1782-1799

Samuel Wegg was the second son of George Wegg of Cochester, Essex, a merchant tailor, born on 17 November 1723. His mother was Anna Maria Cowper, daughter of John Cowper of Cornhill, London; she was the third wife of George Wegg. He attended schools at Colchester and Bury St. Edmunds before being admitted to St. John's, Cambridge. He was admitted to Gray's Inn in 1741 and admitted to the Bar in 1746. Samuel Wegg received his first stock in the Company at the age of 25, on the death of his father in 1748. He was elected a member of the Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1760; and served as Governor from 1782-1799. Wegg was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1753 and played an important role in the relationship between the Society and the Company. He died at his own in Action in December 1802.

(This brief biographical note is taken from 'Governor Samuel Wegg "The Winds of Change"' by Richard Ruggles, The Beaver, Autumn, 1976, pp.10-20).

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