

## DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT SLIMMON & HELEN LINDSAY

### John Slimmon (1854 - 1922) & Sarah Susan Armstrong (1865 - 1944)



John Slimmon was born on 22 Oct 1854 in a log cabin in Peel Township, Wellington County, ON.

When he was a lad of fifteen John Slimmon went to live with his Watson grandparents and his uncle, John Watson, to help work on their farm. This farm was on the east half of concession 6, lot 12 and contained 100 acres. It was about one mile north of his dad's 200 acre farm. When James Watson and his wife Jean Tweedie moved to Peel Township from Darlington Township, they purchased the 200 acres on concession 6, lot 12. The 1877 and 1906 Historical Atlases shown John and William Watson as each owning 100 acres.

For this work, John received his room and board and \$100 a year. All this money went to his parents, John and Grace Slimmon. John Watson was a bachelor who lived with his sister Elizabeth. In 1882 a new farmhouse was built and soon after a new hired girl, Sarah Susan Armstrong (born 19 Aug 1865), came to look after the cooking and cleaning.

The red headed John Slimmon did not even have to leave the house to find his wife as love blossomed between John and Susan and they wished to be married. However, the Watsons were not in favour of this marriage; a hired girl was not quite good enough for their nephew John. As Susan had an uncle living in California, they thought they might go there to live. In March of 1888 John took the train to California. Here he worked at various jobs. About three months later he received a letter from his Uncle John Watson

**ROBERT SLIMMON (~ 1790)**

➤ **JOHN SLIMMON (1818)**

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saying, "Come home and marry Susan. Work the farm with me and when I am gone, the farm will be yours." It seems that Uncle John Watson missed his nephew, John Slimmon, very much and thinking of him as a son, could not bear to have him living far away in California. On 2 Sep 1888 John and Susan were married in Guelph, ON. The witnesses were John's brother David and Susan's sister Maggie. John continued to work the farm with his uncle John and shared the profits.

John and his wife Susie, as she was known, were complete opposites in appearance. John was tall and thin whereas Susie was short and stout. John and Susie started their family shortly after they were married. All the children were born on the farm on the sixth of Peel except Margaret, who was born in Hollen, ON. Jean was born on 9 Jun 1889, John Watson on 3 Jul 1890, James Wellington on 16 Sep 1892, Margaret Elizabeth on 24 Apr 1895, Francis Tweedie on 6 Jan 1897, Gladys Anna on 14 Aug 1898, Mary Alma on 13 Jun 1900, Agnes Amelia on 28 Oct 1902, and Kenneth Armstrong on 14 Dec 1904. Margaret was born at Hollen the day her maternal grandfather was buried there.

John and Susie were well respected in the community. Agnes and Gladys, two of John's sisters, recalled people saying that their father was looked up to, but their mother was too short to look up to. John liked to spend his extra time playing baseball and horseshoes.

Around 1890, John's Uncle James Slimmon (his father's brother) moved in with him and Susie, their family, and John Watson. John and Susie looked after James until he died in 1892. James was never married.

When John Slimmon's dad passed away in 1895, John Jr. received \$1900; the amount he had given to his mum and dad while working for his Uncle John Watson. When John Watson passed away on 11 Oct 1913, he left his farm of 100 acres to his nephew John Slimmon. John Slimmon had worked for his Uncle John for 19 years and then they farmed as partners for another 25 years. Aunt Elizabeth Watson was apparently not happy about this inheritance. However, the will did provide for her – she was to get some money from the farm and would be able to live at the farm.

In early 1922, John sold the farm to his son Frank. John continued to live at the farm until cancer and a heart condition combined to take his life on 22 July 1922 at age 67. Agnes remembered that her dad had cancer on his temple and his lip. A German lady in Elmira put a plaster on his temple to "draw the cancer out". This was very painful, so John did not want his lip done. His daughter Mary nursed him throughout his second bout with cancer until he died. She was a very devoted nurse. Susie continued to live on the farm until Frank got married in 1926. She then bought a house in Elora, ON where she lived until she passed away in Fergus, ON on 28 Oct 1944 at age 79. Both John and Susie are buried in the Hollen, ON cemetery.

**Children of John Slimmon & Sarah Armstrong:**

**1.2.3.1 Jean Slimmon**

- Born 9 Jun 1889 in Peel, ON.
- Married Wallace Archibald Scott 22 Dec 1915.
- Died on 25 Sep 1966 at age 77.

**1.2.3.2 John Watson Slimmon**

- Born Jul 1890 in Peel Twp, ON.
- Died Jun 1955 in Toronto, ON at age 64.
- Buried in Hollen Cemetery, Wellington County, ON.

**1.2.3.3 James Wellington Slimmon**

- Born 16 Sep 1892 in Peel, ON.
- Married Elsie Hannah Jane Stickney 28 Feb 1917.
- Died 19 Jul 1967 at age 74.

**1.2.3.4 Margaret Elizabeth Slimmon**

- Born 24 Apr 1895 in Peel, ON.
- Married Albert Henry Mighton 29 Dec 1915.
- Died 17 Mar 1955 at age 59.

**1.2.3.5 Francis Tweedie Slimmon**

- Born 6 Jan 1897 in Peel, ON.
- Married Elizabeth Stickney 17 Nov 1926.
- Died 22 Dec 1960 at age 63.

**1.2.3.6 Gladys Anna Slimmon**

- Born 14 Aug 1898 in Peel, ON.
- Married William R. Cromar 10 Sep 1930.
- Died on 17 Oct 1986 at age 88.

**1.2.3.7 Mary Alma Slimmon**

- Born 13 Jun 1900 in Peel, ON.
- Married Gordon Bennet Myers between 1930 and 1937.
- Died 1 Jul 1980 at age 80.

**1.2.3.8 Agnes Amelia Slimmon**

- Born 28 Oct 1902 in Peel, ON.
- Married Robert M. Morrison 14 Aug 1930.
- Died on 4 Dec 1996 at age 94.

**1.2.3.9 Kenneth Armstrong Slimmon**

- Born on 14 Dec 1904 in Peel, ON.
- Married Gertrude Mary Paton.
- Died 20 Nov 1959 in Revelstoke. BC at age 54.

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**The Nine Slimmon Siblings**

**Ken, Agnes, Mary, Gladys, Frank, Margaret, James W. "Jim", John W. "Jack", Jean**

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