

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT SLIMMON & HELEN LINDSAY

Robert Slimmon (1818 - 1899) & Ann Gillies (1823 - 1903)



Ann Gillies (1823) & Robert Slimmon (1818)
(Photo courtesy of Carl Shiels)

Robert—twin brother to John (1818)—was born on 13 May 1818 in Libberton, Lanarkshire, Sct. He appeared in the 1841 census of Scotland as an ‘agricultural labour’ living at “Lechanbanks Stable” in the town of Lesmahagow. On 19 Nov of the same year, he married Ann “Annie” Gillies, daughter of William Gillies and Elizabeth Henderson, in Lesmahagow.

In the 1851 census for Scotland, Robert was recorded as a “farm servant” living at 4 Kapehall (farm) with his family and mother-in-law Elizabeth Gillies. His eldest son Robert was apparently visiting his grandfather at Quothquan at the time.

Sometime between the 1851 census in Scotland and 1856 when his fifth child James was born, Robert immigrated with his family to Canada. At the time of the 1861 Ontario census, he and his family were living in a single story log house in Peel Township where Robert was again recorded as a “farmer”.

At the time of the 1871 census of Ontario, Robert was farming con. 5, lot 17, Maryborough, Wellington North. In the 1881

census, he was recorded as a “labourer” and in 1896, he was living on lot 4, con. H, Peel Twp. He died on 17 Aug 1899 in Hollen, Maryborough, ON, at age 81. Notations on family photos indicate that his family had been referred to him as “Bap”.

Ann “Annie” Gillies was born at Cairnhouse Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanark Scotland on January 3, 1823. at the time of the 1901 census—by which time Robert had died—she was living with her granddaughter Annie Slimmon and her husband Harry Koskie. She was reported¹ to have been living with her daughter Elizabeth (Slimmon) Stark in Petrolia, Lambton County, ON at the time of her death on 27 Sep 1903. She was 80 years old.

¹ Information provided by Robbie Wilson, GG-Grandson of Annie’s sister Elizabeth Gillies

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Children of Robert Slimmon & Anne Gillies:

1.3.1 Robert "Winfield Bob" Slimmon

- Born 31 Oct 1842 in Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Sct.
- Married Ellen "Elsa" Waldie 23 Sep 1864 in Peel Township, ON.
- In 1867 was living on concession 7, lot 16 in Peel Township.
- Recorded as a farm labourer in the 1881 census of Ontario.
- Recorded as "working on own account" in the 1901 Ontario census.
- Died 24 Jul 1925 at age 82 and was buried in Hollen cemetery.

1.3.2 Elizabeth Slimmon

- Born 29 Jun 1845 in Kapehall Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Sct.
- Married James Stark 1 Apr 1863 in Wellington, ON.
- Had at least sixteen children.
- Died sometime after 1892 in Wallaceburg, ON.

1.3.3 William Gillies Slimmon

- Born 17 Nov 1847 in Kapehall Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Sct.
- Married Charlotte Mannell sometime prior to 1870.
- Recorded as a painter in Maryborough, ON in the 1871 census.
- Recorded as a labourer in Maryborough in the 1881 ON census.
- Recorded as "stone/brick mason" on death registry.
- Died 24 Aug 1924 at age 76.
- Buried in Hollen cemetery.

1.3.4 John Slimmon

- Born 19 May 1849 in Boghead, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, Sct.
- Married Mary Wilson on 17 Oct 1871 in Maryborough, Wellington, ON.
- Recorded as a "clarck" in Harriston, in the 1881 ON census.
- Recorded as a "general agent" (operating a boarding house), Toronto Centre, in the 1901 Ontario census.
- Homesteaded on SW-18-21-20-W2 near Craven, SK in 1904.
- Died 21 Jul 1928 at age 79.
- Buried in Longlaketon United Church Cemetery, north of Craven, SK.

1.3.5 James Slimmon

- Born 6 Mar 1856 in Peel Twp, ON.
- Married Margaret Ellen Wilson 27 Feb 1880.
- Recorded as a "carpenter" in Harriston in the 1881 census.
- Died 10 Sep 1892 in Drayton, ON, at age 36.