

DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT SLIMMON & HELEN LINDSAY

Elizabeth Slimmon (~1834 - 1888) & William Moffat (~1827 - ?)

Elizabeth, the youngest known child of Robert and Helen did not appear in previous editions of the Slimmon family history books. However, according to oral family history passed on by Tom Slimmon of Calgary, John Slimmon (1818) had at least one sister who came to Canada. Tom provided two photos, one of which was identified as “Mrs. William Moffat.”

More recent research shows seven year old “Elisabeth” living with her father in Quothquan at the time of the 1841 census.

While searching the 1861 census of Scotland, Elizabeth was found living with her brother William in Townhead, Libberton, Lanarkshire. The census record indicates that she was working as a “domestic servant”—probably working for her brother on the farm. No birth record has yet been found for Elizabeth so her precise date of birth cannot be confirmed.

Sometime between 1861 and 1871, Elizabeth immigrated to Canada. It seems likely that she would have travelled with her brother William.

By the time of the 1871 census of Ontario, Elizabeth was living with her brother John (see section 1.2) in Peel Twp. Her marital status was recorded as a “spinster”.

On March 26, 1878, Elizabeth married widower William Moffat who was seven years her senior and who had been born in Scotland to a James Moffat and Elizabeth Watson. William was a resident of Turnbury, ON at the time of his marriage to Elizabeth Slimmon.

Neither Elizabeth nor William have be found in the 1881 census of Ontario.

The next record for Elizabeth was probably her death registration. An Elizabeth Moffat, age 55 who had been born in Scotland, died on December 1, 1888 in Turnbury, Ontario. The cause of death was recorded as heart disease. That this was ‘our’ Elizabeth is further supported by the fact that, in the 1891 census, a William Moffat of Turnbury, born ~1827, again appears as a widower.

There is no record of Elizabeth having had any children.



Elizabeth Slimmon & William Moffat

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